

COVID-19 Update

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Dear Colleagues:

In order to provide updates on the evolving response and best practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic, AHP will be delivering brief, critical updates on an ongoing basis addressing important highlights and frequently asked questions.

State-Run Hawkeye Site Now Open to All Eligible Residents of Monroe County

News from the Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub: Effective today, March 3rd, the site located at the former Kodak Hawkeye plant at 1345 St. Paul St is now open to any eligible resident of Monroe County. Scheduling for the site is available through the [NYS website](#) or via the New York State COVID-19 Hotline: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). Eligible City of Rochester residents may also call 311 for assistance in making an appointment. Additional assistance is available through [city branch libraries and R-Centers](#).

Questions about the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine?

If you have patients with questions about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, [this article](#) may prove helpful. In it, UR Medicine experts compare the currently available vaccines and make the case for getting whichever one becomes available to a patient first.

MVP FastFax: Utilization Management

Effective March 1st, MVP will resume all utilization management prior authorization and concurrent review programs that had been suspended due to the pandemic. Click [here](#) to view the MVP communication that was issued on February 26th.

Next COVID Response Call: Wednesday, March 10th

Due to the relative stability in the course of the outbreak in our community and the slower influx of information related to it, AHP's COVID-19 response calls will now be held at 12:15 pm every Wednesday. **Our next COVID-19 Response teleconference will be held at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, March 10th.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

Next Behavioral Health Call - Tuesday, March 9th, 12:15 to 1:00 pm

Join the AHP Behavioral Health team as well as members from our pharmacy, care management and social work teams every Tuesday from 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm via Zoom and/or phone for just in-time, virtual consultation support for the behavioral health needs of both your pediatric and adult patients.

Users have two options for participation:

- Phone only: Dial 1 (646) 876-9923, enter Meeting ID 92843450755 and Password 702578
- Computer: Click the link below which has the password embedded <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/92843450755pwd=c2UxS0FJM3ISUXRVRXE5bTIBNmV5dz09>

COVID Vaccination for Patients: What We Know Today

Patients ages 18 and over with underlying health conditions

Effective February 15th, patients age 18 and over with specific comorbidities or underlying conditions (click [here](#) for the list) are eligible to be vaccinated. These patients should be directed to their county's Department of Health to schedule at a county-run mass vaccination site or to a state-run site like the Dome Arena. Patients in the nine Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub counties can find information on the Hub's website located [here](#). Patients in this category who live within a Finger

Lakes Hub county need only sign an attestation of their eligibility; **they will not need to provide proof of their condition.**

NEW: Patients ages 16 and 17 with underlying health conditions

As for adults located in the Finger Lakes hub, these patients need only attest to their qualifying health conditions in order to be vaccinated. A physician's note is not needed. These patients should be directed to a state-run site like the Dome Arena or Hawkeye location where they can be administered the Pfizer vaccine that is indicated for these ages.

Patients age 65+

While UR Medicine continues to make outbound calls to schedule vaccination for patients age 65 and over, the supply of vaccine available for this purpose is limited to what is left over from their 1A healthcare worker supply. For this reason, **we are now directing practices to advise patients that they should plan to schedule vaccination on their own at a state-run site or pharmacy.** The links below direct users directly to the scheduling site of each pharmacy:

- [Kinney Drugs](#)
- [Rite-Aid](#)
- [TOPS Friendly Markets](#)
- [Wegmans](#)

Patients may also be directed to the [Finger Lakes Region Vaccine Hub](#) for information about state-run mass vaccination sites.

1B Essential Workers

The list of eligible essential workers can be viewed [here](#). These patients should be directed to the [Finger Lakes Region Vaccine Hub](#) website and advised to schedule vaccination on their own at a state- or county-run mass vaccination site.

1A Healthcare Workers

While we believe that the vast majority of 1A eligible healthcare workers in AHP who wish to be vaccinated already have been, UR Medicine continues to offer vaccination to this population as vaccine supply allows. Contact [Renée Sutton](#) if you have additional eligible healthcare workers who wish to be vaccinated.

NEW: Patients Located Outside of the Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub

Patients in [Allegany](#) and [Steuben](#) counties are within the Western New York Vaccine Hub and can access information at their respective county health department websites.

We continue to partner with Dr. Mendoza and County Health Department officials on preparedness and response protocols and will convey information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued collaboration in this important public health endeavor.

All the best,



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COVID-19 Resource Links

Golisano Children's Hospital Coronavirus Information for Families

Project Teach: Seven Ways to Support Kids and Teens Through the Coronavirus Pandemic, in **English** and **Spanish**

American Academy of Pediatrics COVID-19 Site

Monroe County Health Department

CDC Coronavirus Site

New York Department of Health Coronavirus site

COVID-19 Online Databases

- [Greater Rochester Area COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [NYS Nursing Home Fatalities](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Interactive](#)
- [Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

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