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## COVID-19 Update

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August 25, 2021

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.

### AHP COVID-Response Calls Moving to Weekly Cadence

Due to the region's increased caseload and positivity rate, as well as the impact of the Delta variant, AHP's COVID-19 response calls will now be held on a weekly basis at 12:15 pm every Wednesday.

**Our next COVID-19 Response teleconference will be held at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, September 1st.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

### School and Community Healthcare Alignment Forum, Thursday August 26th

The Finger Lakes Schools Reopening Safely Task Force invites area providers to attend their next online forum on **Thursday, August 26th at 7:00 pm**. This event will be focused on the latest COVID updates relative to the reopening of area schools. View the event flyer [here](#) for more event details. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

Miss the Forum on August 12th? The event's slide deck can be downloaded [here](#). Click [here](#) to view a recording of the event.

### Pre-Operative and Pre-Procedure COVID Tests Resume August 23rd

Pre-operative and pre-procedure COVID-19 PCR testing will be required for all patients at UR Medicine system facilities regardless of vaccination status. This decision reflects the region's increased positivity rate and the impact of the Delta variant. The acceptable window prior to the operation/procedure for COVID-19 testing will remain at three to five days prior to a surgery or procedure.

### Additional Visitation Restrictions at Strong Effective Wednesday, August 25th

As cases rise, SMH is resuming the more restrictive visitation policies that were implemented earlier in the pandemic:

- Each patient may designate two visitors. One designee can visit per day for up to four hours; no changes to exception approval process
- OB will continue to allow one support person and one visitor or doula during labor, and a support person and one visitor for up to four hours after delivery. For COVID-positive patients, only one support person (no visitor or doula) is allowed.
- Visitation will no longer be allowed for COVID-positive patients unless they meet other criteria (e.g., end-of-life).
- All other visitor exceptions remain in place, and policies in Behavioral Health, the Emergency Department, surgical areas and outpatient areas will remain as-is.

For pediatric patients, the new policy will be:

- One designated, asymptomatic support person may remain with a patient 24 hours a day.
- Non-COVID patients may have two designated support persons, with overnight visitation at a unit's discretion.

**Next Behavioral Health Call - Tuesday, August 31st, 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>

**New Online Resources**

- [August 2021 Update: NYS Medicaid COVID Vaccine Billing Guidance](#)
- [Guidance for the NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#)
- [NYS DOH Health Advisory: Third Dose mRNA Vaccine for Immunocompromised Patients](#)
- [NYS DOH Health Advisory: Discontinuation of Isolation for COVID+ Patients NOT in Healthcare Facilities or Congregate Settings](#)

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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