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## COVID-19 Update

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September 1, 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.

### Next COVID-Response Call: Wednesday, September 8th

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 8th.** 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 Info

On August 26th, the Finger Lakes Schools Reopening Safely Task Force conducted a forum for school stakeholders and providers to discuss a number of COVID updates related to schools, including a review of the guidelines for return to play/exercise for pediatric patients post COVID infection. Click [here](#) to download the Return to Play algorithm, assessment tool and FAQ packet.

The following additional resources have been made available from that event:

- [Return to School Infographic](#): A helpful poster or patient handout highlighting the importance of in-person school and adhering to COVID transmission mitigation strategies. The document also covers medical exemptions, noting that they are rare and must be informed by a pediatric specialist working with that child or adolescent.
- [Meeting Slides](#)
- [Meeting Recording](#)

### COVID and Flu Testing Update

In a change from last season, New York State is **not** mandating that symptomatic patients are tested for both the flu and COVID. Providers should use their clinical judgement in deciding which test (or both) to select. Any changes to these guidelines will be reported in the weekly COVID response call.

### UR Medicine Offering Third Dose Clinic

A third-dose clinic for moderately to severely immunocompromised patients is now operational at [UR Primary Care Manhattan Square Family Medicine](#). No doctor's note or documentation is required, but those receiving shots will need to attest that they meet at least one of the [criteria](#). Providers may advise interested, eligible patients that they may make an appointment through MyChart or by sending an email to [covidshot@urmc.Rochester.edu](mailto:covidshot@urmc.Rochester.edu).

### Reminder: Pediatric PCP Advisory Committee Meeting

The Pediatric PCP Advisory Committee will meet via Zoom tonight, Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 pm. The agenda will be dedicated to a discussion regarding the rising prevalence of COVID in the community as well as Back to School issues facing providers. Attendees may click [here](#) to access the meeting.

### Next Behavioral Health Call - Tuesday, September 7th, 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>

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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