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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.

HHS Suspends Direct Ordering of Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics

On Monday, September 13, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) transitioned from a direct ordering process to a state-coordinated distribution system for casirivimab and imdevimab monoclonal antibodies (mAb). HHS will determine the weekly amount of mAb products each state and territory receives based on COVID-19 case burden and mAb utilization. State health departments will subsequently identify which sites in their respective jurisdictions receive product as well as the amount each site receives.

It is anticipated that NYS DOH will provide ordering guidance in the coming days, and we will share that information when it becomes available.

COVID Protocols for Students, Teachers and School Staff

The documents listed below were developed by the Monroe County Department of Public Health and reviewed during the most recent forum conducted by the Finger Lakes Schools Reopening Safety Task Force:

- [Post-Vaccination Symptoms](#)
- [COVID Exposure: Vaccinated Individual](#)
- [COVID Exposure: Unvaccinated Individual](#)
- [Symptomatic \(Vaccinated and Unvaccinated\) Individual Without Known Exposure](#)

Providers are encouraged to reach out to Associate Medical Director [LJ Shipley MD](#) with any information about school districts that may be observing different protocols.

HHS Announces the Availability of \$25.5 Billion in COVID-19 Provider Funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is making \$25.5 billion in new funding available for health care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding includes \$8.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) resources for providers who serve rural Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or Medicare patients, and an additional \$17 billion for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 for a broad range of providers who can document revenue loss and expenses associated with the pandemic.

The combined application for ARP funding and PRF Phase 4 will open on September 29th. For more information about eligibility requirements, the documents and information providers will need to complete their application, and the application process for PRF Phase 4 and ARP Rural payments, click [here](#).

Next COVID-Response Call: Wednesday, September 22nd

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 22nd. 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, September 21st, 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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