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## COVID-19 Update

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November 19, 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.

### No COVID Response Call Week of Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the COVID response call scheduled for Wednesday, November 24th has been canceled. **Our next COVID-19 Response teleconference will be held at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, December 1st.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

### Vaccine Confidence Resources

As a collaborative effort, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, developed a series of posters to promote confidence in the pediatric COVID-19 vaccination. The posters feature a QR code linking the user to 'Ana,' the COVID-19 Vaccine Information Bot. Ana allows users to select common concerns and questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and access resources using the chat feature. Ana is available in English and Spanish and posters are available on our resource page [here](#).

### New Monroe County COVID-19 Testing Sites

There are new sites in Monroe County for COVID-19 testing. In addition to the county operated sites at the County Fleet Center, testing will now be offered at an Irondequoit location and three sites throughout the City of Rochester. Times available for testing vary. Click [here](#) to see specific locations and times.

### Pediatric Vaccine Offered at Golisano Children's Hospital

In addition to the efforts of our region's many pediatric and family medicine primary care practices, Golisano Children's Hospital and UR Medicine Primary Care Network are offering vaccination for children ages 5 to 11 years. More information is available [online](#).

### Ordering Guidance for Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine

New York State Department of Health has issued guidance for ordering the Pfizer pediatric COVID-19 vaccine (formulated for ages 5-11 only). The vaccine became available beginning Tuesday, November 9th with new 100-dose quantity and increments. The resource, [here](#), includes information on storage, wastage, and second doses.

### New Online Resources

- **[Vax for Kids website](#)**: New York State webpage featuring information for parents and caregivers about the COVID-19 vaccine. Posters, graphics, stickers, and certificates are available for pediatric offices to download [here](#).
- **[GCH Pediatric COVID Vaccination FAQs](#)**: a comprehensive resource on the safety and efficacy of the pediatric COVID vaccine. Click [here](#) to view.
- **[Updated NYS Medicaid Covid Vaccination Billing Guidance](#)**: Updated November 3rd with codes for pediatric vaccine administration. Click [here](#) to view.
- **[Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation](#)**: The Office of the U.S. Surgeon General created a community toolkit to help combat health misinformation. The toolkit is available for viewing [here](#).

### [Podcast on the Pediatric COVID Vaccine](#)

The Hoekelman Center/KidsThrive585's podcast *Thriving Forward* just released an episode yesterday about the COVID vaccine for kids. The episode has an interview about local COVID vaccine studies (conducted by 10 year old guest host Lily) with Dr. Jeni Nayak, Division Director for GCH/UR Pediatric Infectious Disease. Also featured is pediatrician Dr. Sarah Collins-McGowan speaking with some of the kids who participated in the Pfizer study. It's a great resource for parents/kids with questions about the vaccine. The podcast is available to listen [here](#).

### ["VACCINATE, EDUCATE, GRADUATE."](#)

As part of new efforts to increase vaccination among young children, 5-11 year-olds who get their vaccine can enter for a chance to win a full-ride scholarship to any SUNY or CUNY school. Parents & guardians can go [online](#) or call 1-833-697-4829 to enter.

### [Missed Any COVID Update Calls?](#)

AHP's YouTube channel includes recordings of COVID update calls back to August 2020. Click [here](#) to view our channel, and never miss another call!

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\*\*](#)

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## COVID-19 Online Databases

- [\*\*Greater Rochester Area COVID-19 Tracker\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard\*\*](#)
- [\*\*NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker\*\*](#)
- [\*\*NYS Nursing Home Fatalities\*\*](#)
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