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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.

Next COVID Response Call: Wednesday, February 2nd

Due to the region's increased caseload and positivity rate, as well as the impact of the omicron variant, AHP's COVID-19 response calls are 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, February 2nd.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>.

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

UR Medicine Labs Ends Outbound Calls to COVID-Positive Patients

UR Medicine Laboratories will stop making calls to COVID-positive patients ending 1/27/2022. Practices concerned that their normal workflows for contacting patients may increase the potential for patients falling through the cracks, can reach out to us and we can help make arrangements with UR Medicine Labs to provide your office with a twice-daily summary report.

Changes Coming to COVID-19 Testing at Southview Commons

Recently, the pediatric COVID-19 test collection site at 200 White Spruce Boulevard expanded to include adult test collection. In the upcoming days, the site plans to start accepting referrals from AHP providers caring for adults. Once workflows become clear, a message will go out to AHP's providers caring for adults to begin utilizing the testing site as needed.

Combating COVID-19 Disinformation and Misinformation

In an effort to help community providers combat vaccine misinformation and disinformation, Dr. Elizabeth Murray of Golisano Children's Hospital, provided an overview on current misinformation and disinformation campaigns in our community at the last COVID update call. A recording of the presentation can be found on AHP Network's YouTube channel. Click [here](#) to view the video.

NYS AAP Statement of Support for Continued Masking

Three chapters of the New York State District II of the American Academy of Pediatrics drafted a letter in strong support of continued universal masking in schools. The letter was written in response to recent activity surrounding the mask mandate issued by Governor Hochul. The letter was distributed to several media outlets and is available for viewing [here](#).

Pharmacy Pearls: COVID-19 Antiviral Therapies

A new AHP Pharmacy Pearls was released and can be viewed [here](#). This edition of Pharmacy Pearls reviews two new outpatient COVID-19 antiviral treatments under FDA emergency use authorization. If you have any questions or feedback, you can email the [Pharmacy Team](#).

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](#)

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COVID-19 Online Databases

- **[Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)**
- **[NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker](#)**

- [CDC Coronavirus Interactive](#)
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