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## COVID-19 Update

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January 14, 2022

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, January 19th

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, January 19th.** 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!

### State Mandate for Contact Tracing Ends

NYS DOH Commissioner Bassett and NYS Governor Hochul announced on 1/11/2022 that local county health departments are no longer required to carry out contact tracing activities for COVID-19 cases. Although no longer required by the state, local county health departments may decide to continue contact tracing at their discretion. AHP will share updates on our [webpage](#) as we become aware of the intention of counties in our service area to continue or discontinue contact tracing.

### Monroe County Isolation/Quarantine and Release Requests

For individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 (using home or lab testing), Monroe County has an online site to request Isolation Orders. This form serves as both an isolation order and release from isolation. Mandatory Quarantine orders may also be requested using this online site. Both forms can be accessed [here](#). Surrounding counties should continue to follow guidance from their local health departments.

### Avoid Center for COVID Control Testing Site

Several news reports have raised concerns regarding the practices at COVID-19 testing sites operated by the Center for COVID Control. As such, providers should avoid referring patients to the Rochester site on Mt. Hope Avenue that was referenced during last week's call. Monroe County-operated sites and the Carlson YMCA remain good alternatives for testing referrals.

### Pediatric Testing Available at Southview Commons

Pediatric COVID-19 test collection is available at 200 White Spruce Boulevard from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Testing at this site is available **by appointment only**. Providers can refer their patients, ages 3-19 years old, for PCR COVID-19 test collection by faxing a lab requisition from their EHR to 585-785-4186. Be sure to include an accurate phone number to reach the family for scheduling and to indicate nasal mid-turbinate (NMT) swab on the requisition. Parents who would like their children tested but do not have a referral can email [PedsC19SpecColl@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:PedsC19SpecColl@urmc.rochester.edu) with their child's name, date of birth, and phone number for a call back to schedule. Results are available via MyChart in 24-48 hours, and are faxed to the child's school and PCP. View additional information about testing at GCH [here](#).

### [New! Summary Page for COVID-19 Back to School Guidance](#)

Due to frequently changing guidance surrounding back to school protocols, AHP has added the COVID-19 Return to School Archive to our website to house only the most current guidance and call out specific changes over time. The archive will be updated daily, and old guidance replaced as new guidance is made available. When accessing [ahpnetwork.com](http://ahpnetwork.com), a pop-up appears in the bottom right corner that directs you to the page. The archive can also be accessed directly by clicking [here](#).

### [Updated Monroe County COVID-19 Return to School Algorithms](#)

Monroe County has revised their COVID-19 return to school algorithms which include changes to quarantine periods and how to request isolation orders. Updated algorithms are available for individuals who are 1) fully vaccinated with a known exposure, 2) symptomatic with no known exposure regardless of vaccination status, or 3) unvaccinated with a known exposure. Specific changes and the updated algorithms can be viewed on the COVID-19 Return to School Archive page on our website, [here](#).

### [Sickle Cell Awareness Blood Drive](#)

Individuals with sickle cell may require regular blood transfusions to avoid health crises. To raise awareness, a blood drive will be held on January 29, 2022 from 10 am to 3 pm. The drive also seeks to increase awareness for the [need of diverse blood donors](#). Individuals interested in donating at the drive can view the flyer [here](#).

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](#)
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