

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.

Updated Return to School Guidance Not Yet Available

During our call last week we had anticipated having updated return-to-school guidance to share with you by today. However, due to the recent changes in CDC isolation/quarantine guidelines and the prevalence of the omicron variant in the region, these guidelines and algorithms are again having to be reworked. Monroe County is working on these as we speak and is in communication with the surrounding Finger Lakes counties, so we hope to have updates to share by week's end.

Since we do not have this information yet and no other pressing information to share at this time, **we decided to cancel the noon call for today and will update everyone via email distribution as soon as we have firm updates on plans for next week.**

Our apologies for the course reversal, but as everyone has become all too aware, this is a rapidly changing situation and we want to make sure we are providing the most correct and actionable information possible and make most efficient utilization of your time!

Prescribing COVID Oral Agents

In response to inquiries relative to ordering oral agents for COVID, UR Medicine Pharmacy has developed a summary that providers may find helpful when trying to navigate this process. Click [here](#) to view/download the document. While the first two pages of information is universally applicable, the third page is specific to prescribing from eRecord.

Next COVID Response Call: Wednesday, January 5th

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 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, January 5th.** 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!

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

- [Greater Rochester Area COVID-19 Tracker](#)
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