

COVID-19 Update

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Dear Colleagues:

As promised we wanted to provide an update on what we have learned regarding return-to-school COVID policies. The brief synopsis is “no change,” but to be thorough and attempt to answer questions prospectively, here are the key points:

1. The Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is continuing to follow a ten-day isolation for all cases, with fully vaccinated patients in a critical workforce role (e.g., school personnel, preK through higher education) able to work while isolated. Click [here](#) to read NYS DOH guidance on return-to-work for critical workforce members.
2. For Return to Play there are no changes from [the last December revision](#), and we continue to follow the current American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations. Considering that many if not most patients will not be fully asymptomatic after five days, release from isolation does not necessarily parallel return to play.
3. For the region outside of Monroe County, the following guidelines are in place:
 - Wayne: no test to stay; symptomatic vaccinated students/staff can return with either a negative PCR or negative antigen test
 - Livingston: accepts antigen tests
 - Steuben: accepts antigen tests; doing test to stay
 - Ontario: no antigen tests for return to school after COVID symptoms; doing test to stay
 - Yates: accepts antigen tests (both positive and negative)

We are still awaiting word from Chemung, Schuyler and Seneca counties.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available in the days and weeks ahead as always.

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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[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](#)

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COVID-19 Online Databases

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