

Ops Update

For all Michigan Medicine Faculty, Staff and Learners

Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, 12:15 p.m.

Please share this information with your teams and front line staff, especially those who may not access emails or computers.

NEW TODAY: Here's the latest information about Michigan Medicine's management of operations:

- **COVID-19 PATIENT STATS**
- **TEAM MEMBER COVID-19 TESTING**
- **ASYMPTOMATIC EMPLOYEE TESTING**
- **TESTING FAQs**
- **LAST FLU CLINIC TODAY– DEADLINE DECEMBER 1**
- **VISIT THE OHS WEBSITE FOR HELP WITH COVID QUESTIONS**
- **TOWN HALL QUESTION: RESEARCH**
- **VACCINE DISTRIBUTION SURVEY REMINDER**
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DAILY COVID-19 PATIENT STATS

Today's census for COVID-19 inpatients and those patients under investigation (PUI) are noted below:

	TOTAL INPATIENTS	TESTED POSITIVE	PUI	ICU POSITIVE
ADULT	95	94	1	27
PEDIATRIC	6	6	0	2

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average), as of 11/24

Symptomatic testing: **16.41 %**

Asymptomatic testing: **2.16 %**

Discharges: 1,009 total COVID-19 discharges to date, 7 in the last 24 hours. These numbers include patients discharged to skilled nursing facilities but excludes deaths and discharges to hospice.

TEAM MEMBER COVID-19 TESTING STATS*

POSITIVE	979
EMPLOYEES TESTED	11,373
TOTAL TESTS	18,412

** Data from 3/10 through 11/27. Testing stats reflect just Michigan Medicine employees, not all University of Michigan employees. It also reflects only those who sought testing at or were hospitalized at Michigan Medicine or reported their testing to Occupational Health Services. Some Michigan Medicine employees may have been tested outside our system.*

U-M CAMPUS COVID-19

COVID-19 related campus information available at: <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/dashboard/>

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING FOR EMPLOYEES

COVID-19 continues to challenge all of us across the organization. Testing is key to quickly identifying and tracing the virus. Michigan Medicine will be opening an asymptomatic testing site for employees as part of the overall campus program, using the LynxDx Saliva test. More information about the current campus program can be found here: <https://record.umich.edu/articles/u-m-shifts-to-saliva-based-surveillance-testing-for-covid-19/>

With the rapid expansion of cases, setting up the testing site as quickly as possible is critical for success. The Towsley Lobby has been selected as the location and is planned to open in mid-December. The exact opening date and detailed information about signing up for testing will be shared in future communications.

Please note that events requiring in person training or meetings that are currently scheduled in the Towsley Lobby will be rescheduled to other venues. A representative from the project team will be in contact to discuss options. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Groups not requiring in-person activity should continue to meet remotely through Zoom or other technologies whenever possible. Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

TESTING FAQs

There has been a lot of confusion around COVID-19 testing because there are multiple types of testing available to staff on campus and at Michigan Medicine. To simplify for Michigan Medicine, we have developed an FAQ document that directly responds to frequent questions pertinent to our staff, faculty and learners, and we highlight phone numbers, locations and protocols. Please see the attached and print for people who don't have access to computers. You can also find the [FAQs here](#).

FLU CLINICS STILL AVAILABLE – DEADLINE DECEMBER 1

Occupational Health Services will offer its final flu shot clinic today until 4 p.m. in the Towsley lobby. This will be the last onsite flu clinic before the December 1 deadline. Employees can register for an open timeslot and go to the clinic today. Sign up [here](#).

Also, you can receive your flu shot from a local retail pharmacy. Those receiving their flu shot outside of an OHS clinic will need to submit documentation to flu-occ-health@med.umich.edu as soon as possible. Disciplinary actions will begin tomorrow for those who are non-compliant.

TOWN HALL QUESTION: RESEARCH

Answers to follow-up questions from the most recent town hall:

Why has there been no rent reduction for the lab space that could not be used during the shutdown? Or currently for much office space currently unused? Certainly utility and maintenance costs were less at that time. Why has that savings not been shared with departments or investigators?

Thank you for your question. Many outside of our research enterprise may not have been aware that a significant amount of COVID-directed research continued even during the “mandated pause for lab space use.” We believed that it was important to support our scientists who pivoted their investigations during this time and focused on understanding as much about COVID that they could study. Also, we had to support the infrastructure in the laboratories that included providing power for lights, water, and heat to maintain all of our laboratories during the brief shutdown. These were acknowledged as “sunk cost” to keep our laboratories in a state of readiness, as we could not shutter our facilities. When we were able to bring back our research scientists we rolled in a scheme that included the use of staffing shifts: thus, even at 60% capacity of the buildings at any point in time, we are occupying these buildings from 6 a.m. until well into the evening using this strategy. Regarding the office space: a policy was in effect that the research offices could be used for education and clinical purposes ever since we open the buildings and our faculty now have been permitted to use their offices for research related activities. Thus, there was not a prolonged shut down of our research facilities where we could capture a significant reduction in rent.

VISIT THE OHS WEBSITE FOR HELP WITH COVID QUESTIONS

Occupation Health Services (OHS) is experiencing high call volumes and longer than expected hold times. Employees are encouraged to visit the [OHS webpage](#) for help with general [COVID-19 information](#) and FAQs that may help answer your questions. If you do need to schedule an appointment or have further questions, please call the main OHS number at 734-764-8021.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLANNING: TAKE THE SURVEY

Several vaccines to prevent COVID-19 are in their final stages of testing and some may soon be recommended for use in the United States. If a vaccine is found to be both safe and effective, Michigan Medicine anticipates that [limited quantities](#) of a vaccine will be available to our health care personnel in the coming weeks.

To learn more about the vaccines and current planning efforts, please visit this FAQ site. <https://mmheadlines.org/2020/11/covid-19-vaccination-planning-faqs/>

To help us plan, our leadership is seeking to gather perspectives from faculty, staff and learners about their interest and potential intention to receive an approved vaccine and your current work location and personal medical risk factors. If you have not already done so, please [visit this link to complete the survey](#). The survey will close Friday, December 4.



HIT PAUSE: HOPE, INSPIRATION, GRATITUDE

In this spot, we will share stories of hope, inspiration and gratitude. Take a few minutes to pause and reflect:

Feeling anxious, depressed or concerned that COVID-19 is hurting your mental health?

You're not alone. Check out [this story](#) in Michigan Medicine at Michigan about how some are

finding ways to survive and even thrive during the pandemic.

Weekly bulletins and policies are posted on Michigan Medicine Headlines at <https://mmheadlines.org/covid-19-updates/>. Please bookmark this site and refer to it for the most up-to-date information.