

Ops Update

For all Michigan Medicine Faculty, Staff and Learners

Friday, April 16, 2021, 12:40 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**
- **VACCINE STATS**
- **JOIN THE THOUSANDS OF FACULTY, STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19**
- **VISITOR POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ADULT PATIENTS WITH DISABILITIES**
- **LATEST TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR U-M WORKFORCE MEMBERS**
- **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORKFORCE MEMBERS WHO ARE AT INCREASED RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19**
- **2021 SCHEDULE FOR LEADERSHIP TOWN HALLS**
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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	80	79	1	24
PEDIATRIC	8	8	0	1

View COVID-19 Dashboard: <https://uhabccappspr1.umhs.med.umich.edu/>

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average)

- Symptomatic testing: 22.20%
- Asymptomatic testing: 2.43%

Discharges: 2,231 total COVID-19 discharges to date, 17 in the last 24 hours. These numbers include patients discharged to skilled nursing facilities but exclude deaths and discharges to hospice.

TEAM MEMBER COVID-19 TESTING STATS*

POSITIVE	1,808
EMPLOYEES TESTED	14,588
TOTAL TESTS	28,198

** Data from 3/10/20 through 4/15/21. The 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.*

Michigan Medicine Employee Rolling COVID Data	
Employees Positive Cases preceding week (3/28 – 3/27/21)	91
Employee Positive Cases Last 7 Days	107
Employees Tested Last 7 Days	710
Positivity Rate (Week of 4/4–4/10/21)	15.07%

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VACCINE STATS

Find the most timely and up-to-date information on the [Vaccine FAQs](#) and the [Vaccine Dashboard](#).

JOIN THE THOUSANDS OF FACULTY, STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

Earlier this week, Michigan Medicine surpassed 100,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine administered to faculty, staff, patients and community members. Thank you to all who have chosen to take an important preventative measure in the fight to end the pandemic.

If you have not yet received a vaccine, or are hesitant to do so, here are some important things to keep in mind:

- By receiving a vaccine, you greatly reduce your risk of developing COVID-19 infection. If you do develop COVID-19 infection despite vaccination, you are much less likely to have severe disease or require hospitalization.
 - 334 out of 2.3 million fully-vaccinated people in Michigan were reported to have contracted COVID-19 infection — that is 0.014%.
 - According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: “The number of potential cases identified to date is not in excess of what might be expected with vaccines with 95% efficacy. Studies indicate that even if vaccinated people do become ill, they are far less likely to experience severe illness requiring hospitalization or resulting in death.”
 - At Michigan Medicine, only two patients required hospitalization in the past month who were fully vaccinated.
- On top of a higher chance that you will remain healthy, a vaccination also makes it less likely that you will pass the virus on to those who are most vulnerable — including patients, colleagues and family members.
- Safety is a priority: Before receiving approval for emergency use, all three vaccine manufacturers provided evidence that their vaccines were safe and effective. Additionally, a team of experts from the FDA and the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reviewed all available data on the safety and efficacy of the vaccines before recommending them for use. Further evidence is being gathered as vaccinations ramp up, with adverse effects being reported to the CDC and FDA.

[Click here for more information.](#)

VISITOR POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ADULT PATIENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a host of challenges and changes to the way we care for those we serve. One such change includes our current policy restricting the number of visitors to our hospitals and health centers. While the safety of our patients, families, faculty, staff and learners remains a top priority, we recognize these stricter policies may impact some patients more than others.

Therefore, effective April 16, 2021, Michigan Medicine's visitor policy will include an exception for adult patients with disabilities: If requested by a patient with a disability, one support person may remain with the patient while in our care, and in compliance with other safety policies. Please see the current guidelines to making these exceptions attached to the current [visitor restrictions policy](#) to learn more.

LATEST TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR U-M WORKFORCE MEMBERS

CDC guidance for international and domestic travel can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

The university has specific COVID-19 travel resources and guidance which can be found at: <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/covid-19-travel/>.

If you are required to travel on work-related business for U-M, OHS can arrange for COVID-19 testing, but OHS does not offer COVID-19 testing for personal travel.

U-M workforce members who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and travel domestically are encouraged to get tested 1-3 days prior to travel and 3-5 days after travel, and to stay home for 7 days after travel. However, quarantine is not required following domestic travel.

As of Jan. 26, 2021, the CDC has expanded the requirement for a negative COVID-19 test to all air passengers entering the U.S. As detailed at [CDC Testing and International Air Travel page](#), requirements include:

- International air passengers are required to get a COVID-19 test within 3 days before their flight to the U.S. departs, and provide written documentation of their laboratory test result (paper or electronic copy) to the airline or provide documentation of having recovered from COVID-19.
- Get tested within 3-5 days after travel AND stay home for 7 days after travel.*
 - Even if you test negative, stay home for the full 7 days.
 - If you don't get tested, stay home for 10 days after travel.

CDC recommendations for quarantine and testing following international travel apply to all U-M workforce members, including those at Michigan Medicine. Workforce members should contact OHS following their return from international travel and provide their COVID-19 test results.

Vaccinated workforce members are not required to quarantine following international travel if they meet all of the following criteria, but are still encouraged to get tested:

- Are fully vaccinated (≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna, or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose J&J/Janssen vaccine)
- Have remained asymptomatic

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORKFORCE MEMBERS WHO ARE AT INCREASED RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

IPE and OHS have developed recommendations based on previous experience with novel pathogens, as well as ongoing experience with COVID-19.

There is evidence that pregnant women who become ill with COVID-19 [have a higher risk of hospitalization](#) and need for intensive care unit admission and mechanical ventilation when compared to similar patients who are not pregnant.

Based on risk assessment by IPE and OHS, workforce members caring for or entering the rooms of symptomatic patients who are being tested for COVID-19 or patients who have confirmed COVID-19 **should not:**

- Be pregnant
- Be immunocompromised, including:
 - Persons with primary or acquired immunodeficiency
 - Persons on anti-rejection therapy following solid organ transplant or bone marrow transplant
 - Persons on biologic therapeutic agents such as tumor necrosis factor inhibitors
 - Persons with malignancy and ongoing or recent chemotherapy
 - Persons receiving systemic immunosuppressive therapy, including corticosteroids equivalent to 20 mg/day of prednisone for ≥ 2 weeks
- Be 70 years of age or older

Workforce members with the above conditions may continue to provide care for or enter the rooms of patients who are not symptomatic and being tested for COVID-19 or are confirmed to be negative for COVID-19. **In addition, fully vaccinated workforce members with the above conditions may choose to care for patients with COVID-19 following consultation with their health care provider.**

Workforce members with a documented health condition other than those listed above can request accommodations. They would need to provide supporting documentation to the [HR Solutions Center](#), which would need to include the reason why the workforce member is unable to perform the essential functions of their role and what, if any, accommodations are recommended.

For additional information about medical conditions that may increase risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, please refer to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

2021 SCHEDULE FOR LEADERSHIP TOWN HALLS

Michigan Medicine leaders are scheduled to host virtual town halls once per month for the remainder of the calendar year.

At these meetings, the leadership team will keep faculty and staff informed about any operational updates, COVID-19 and vaccination details, along with other pressing topics.

The meetings will take place via Zoom from 2 to 3 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 7
- June 11
- July 9
- Aug. 6
- Sept. 10
- Oct. 8
- Nov. 5
- Dec. 3

Information regarding how to join the town halls will be shared in Headlines in the days leading up to the meetings. Prior emails about meeting information can be deleted.

PLAN AHEAD: ROAD CLOSURES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL

As a reminder, a series of intermittent lane closures are scheduled to be in place along East Ann, Observatory and Zina Pitcher from April through June for utility work associated with the construction of the new hospital on campus.

Beginning on Monday, April 19, it is expected that eastbound East Ann Street between Zina Pitcher and Observatory will be closed; westbound traffic will be maintained. On Observatory, between East Medical Center Drive and East Ann, lane closures will shift between the north and southbound lanes; however, northbound traffic only will be maintained at all times. Vehicular and pedestrian detours will be posted in the field.

The closures will also affect transit routes.

[Click here for details.](#)

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:

Save the date — Patient Experience Week is coming soon! From April 26-30, Michigan Medicine will celebrate all those who provide an excellent patient experience at all levels of the organization.

If your team is doing something extra to improve the patient experience, you can share your work with colleagues across Michigan Medicine during the Bright Spots virtual poster session. [Learn more by clicking here.](#)

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.