

Ops Update

For all Michigan Medicine Faculty, Staff and Learners

Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, 12:02 p.m.

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

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

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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	29	28	1	6
PEDIATRIC	1	1	0	0

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

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average, as of 8/13)

Symptomatic testing: 7.07%

Asymptomatic testing: 1.45%

Discharges: 2,868 total COVID-19 discharges to date, 6 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	2,042
EMPLOYEES TESTED	15,509
TOTAL TESTS	31,425

** Data from 3/10/20 through 8/12/21. 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.*

Employees Positive Cases for preceding week: 7/25 - 7/31/2021	13
Employee Positive Cases Last 7 Days	29
Employees Tested Last 7 Days	230
Positivity Rate (Week of 8/1 – 8/7/2021)	12.60%

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VACCINE STATS

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

WEEKEND EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

The Dexter-Ann Arbor Run the River event is taking place this Sunday, Aug. 15, and will involve road closures (at M-14 and Main Street and other areas) that may impact faculty and staff commutes. You can visit the event website to [view route maps](#) and plan an alternate route to work on Sunday, if needed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS AMID POWER OUTAGES

After overnight storms knocked out power to a number of our Ambulatory Care sites — including the Kellogg Eye Center, West Ann Arbor, the Livonia Health Center, the Ice Cube, East Ann Arbor and Saline — team members have tirelessly stepped up to help reschedule appointments or set up alternate locations to see patients on-site.

Our organization is grateful for the dedication, caring and teamwork demonstrated by our colleagues in Ambulatory Care, Facilities, our clinical departments and many other teams across the health system. This commitment is ensuring that our mission to provide excellent patient care is not compromised in any way. Thank you for all you do — and all you will continue to do for our patients and their families.

VIDEO: IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT NEW COVID-19 VACCINE POLICY

In a new video, Michigan Medicine leaders answer some of the most common and important questions regarding the university's COVID-19 vaccine policy.

[Check out the video here](#) or [click here for a full list of frequently asked questions regarding the mandatory vaccine requirement](#).

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE FAQs

Please see the [Michigan Medicine Required COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#) for additional questions.

Q: Is the University/Michigan Medicine liable if I have an adverse reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine?

A: No, the university is not liable. U-M came to its decision after closely studying the law, science, public health and ethics. We are confident we made the right choice for the safety of the U-M community. It is lawful for U-M to require the COVID-19 vaccination of our faculty, staff and students and the EUA status of the vaccines does not diminish an institution's authority or reasonableness in doing so. More than a century ago, the U.S. Supreme Court established the right of public institutions to protect the health of others by requiring vaccinations and, as recently as last month, courts have continued to support the legal premise that institutions of higher education may require vaccinations in pursuing the legitimate aim of public health. As a public research institution, the University of Michigan is dedicated to science and the advancement of truth. Tens of thousands of individuals in the State of Michigan have died as a result of COVID-19 and more than a million Michiganders have contracted COVID-19. The vaccinations are extraordinarily effective — in clinical trials and in real world conditions. The science and data on vaccines, particularly the COVID-19 vaccine, is clear: it saves lives and reduces the severity of illness.

Q: If on a leave of absence, am I expected to be fully vaccinated when I return to work?

A: Employees must have received their first dose, and completed the partial vaccination report, upon returning to work. They will be subject to weekly testing until they are considered fully vaccinated and submit documentation as such.

Q: What is the timeframe for which we should expect to see our vaccination status updated in HealthRx?

A: It takes 3-7 business days to validate a completed COVID-19 vaccination status through Wolverine Access. Health Rx will update 1-2 business days after the employee's completed COVID-19 vaccination status has been validated.

Q: How will managers know if their staff member has an approved medical or religious exemption? Will managers be receiving reports or will they have to manage through HealthRx?

A: Similar to flu vaccination reports, this information will be available in HealthRx.

Q: When will I hear back on whether my exemption/postponement request was accepted or denied?

A: The exemption team is reviewing submissions as quickly as possible. Beginning Aug. 18, individuals who have submitted an exemption/postponement request will begin to hear about their status based on the order they were submitted (typically two weeks from submission date). Please continue to check your email for an update on the status of your request.

N95 RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING

All employees enrolled in the N95 respirator fit testing program must schedule a fit testing appointment with Occupational Health Services (OHS) as required by the MIOSHA Respiratory Protection Standard. The Halyard N95 respirator is the primary respirator utilized by Michigan Medicine and what all staff are fit tested to. OHS conducts fit testing clinics at the OHS clinic (3rd floor, Med Inn) by appointment and in Dining Room B in the UH cafeteria. Instructions on how to schedule a fit test appointment are included in email communications sent to those enrolled in the program. If you are enrolled in the fit testing program and have received or continue to receive emails instructing you to complete your fit testing requirement, please schedule an appointment per the email instructions as soon as possible. OHS will be holding clinics in Dining Room B until Friday, Sept. 3 and at the OHS clinic indefinitely.

Respiratory protection must be worn by employees exposed to air contaminated with harmful particulates (including dust, pathogens and smoke), vapors, fumes, sprays, mists, fogs, gases or radioactive materials at concentrations exceeding applicable health limits, and when engineering controls are not available to manage the exposure (see [UMHS Respiratory Protection Policy and Procedure](#)). Michigan Medicine has a large supply of Halyard 95 respirators for employee use. Please utilize Halyard respirators as applicable.

EMPLOYEE COVID-19 AND FLU VACCINATION CLINICS AT OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

OHS continues to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to Michigan Medicine employees at the OHS clinic located on the 3rd floor of Med Inn. COVID-19 vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis through Friday, Sept. 3. COVID-19 vaccination walk-in clinic hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday and Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, employee COVID-19 vaccination clinics at OHS will be by scheduled appointment only.

Scheduled appointments are necessary as employee flu vaccinations will be occurring simultaneously beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7. COVID-19 and flu vaccination clinic information will be forthcoming in the next week. Please watch the OHS website for more details.

UPDATE: CONTINUOUS TARGETED EYE PROTECTION

Due to substantial community transmission of COVID-19 and another anticipated surge with the delta variant, effective Aug. 16, 2021, eye protection is required for all patient care in the emergency department, ambulatory care, procedural areas, and in other areas in which patients are not routinely tested for COVID-19/COVID-19 status is unknown to the health care worker.

This means that eye protection (goggles, face shields or side shields for glasses) must be worn for patient facing activities.

Due to COVID-19 testing for inpatients, eye protection is not required in the inpatient setting unless indicated by isolation or standard precautions but can be worn at the discretion of any workforce member.

Please see [this FAQ](#) for additional information.

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:

One of the best ways to pause and take a break is with music. With that in mind, Gifts of Art is offering free livestream concerts for all faculty, staff, patients and visitors.

The first in the series featured vibraphonist Cecilia Smith and pianist Lafayette Harris, Jr., who played arrangements that made vibes popular from the swing big band era of the 1930s through bebop and jazz fusion in the 1970s. [You can watch a recording of the concert 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.