

Ops Update

For all Michigan Medicine Faculty, Staff and Learners

Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, 10:10 a.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**
- **COVID-19 VACCINE FIRST, SECOND AND PFIZER BOOSTER SHOT AVAILABILITY FOR EMPLOYEES**
- **VACCINATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR PREGNANT PEOPLE**
- **FLU CLINIC UPDATES**
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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 | 46 | 44 | 2 | 13 |
| PEDIATRIC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average, as of 9/30)

Symptomatic testing: 7.33%

Asymptomatic testing: 1.43%

Discharges: 3,124 total COVID-19 discharges to date, 4 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*

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| POSITIVE | 2,418 |
| EMPLOYEES TESTED | 17,398 |
| TOTAL TESTS | 38,910 |

* Data from 3/10/20 through 9/30/21. 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 | |
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| Employees Positive Cases for preceding week: 9/11 - 9/17/2021 | 58 |
| Employee Positive Cases Last 7 Days | 56 |
| Employees Tested Last 7 Days | 1,672 |
| Positivity Rate (Week of 9/18 - 9/24/2021) | 3.35% |

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VACCINE STATS

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

COVID-19 VACCINE FIRST, SECOND AND PFIZER BOOSTER SHOT AVAILABILITY FOR EMPLOYEES

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 4, Occupational Health Services will move ALL COVID-19 vaccinations for Michigan Medicine exclusively to Ford Auditorium, including employees who need any shot — first, second, third or booster. OHS will only be administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and employees must schedule an appointment through the [OHS website](#).

Please note, additional appointment slots have been added for select days next week, and clinic dates are now available to schedule through the remainder of October. Additional opportunities **will become available** based on staffing and vaccine supply.

Here are some other options for employees who want the booster vaccine:

- Booster vaccines are available widely in all local pharmacies and health departments. For instance, the Washtenaw County Health Department is offering [expanded clinics](#) in the days and weeks ahead. See our [Finding Vaccines](#) page for tips on how to find a vaccine appointment in your area.
- Michigan Medicine will also open appointments to patients for vaccine booster appointments on Tuesday, Oct. 5, with clinics administering boosters on Tuesday, Oct. 6. You will need an MRN and MyUofMHealth patient portal account to schedule appointments.

Who should get a third dose or booster vaccine?

Recently, the CDC announced recommendations for a third dose or booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine after completion of their primary two dose series. It is important to note that third dose and/or booster shots are not currently required under the Michigan Medicine COVID-19 vaccination policy.

The following are guidelines for third and booster shots as provided by the CDC:

- Employees 65 years and older **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.

- Employees aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- Employees aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- Employees aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- Employees who self-identify as immunocompromised should receive a 3rd dose vaccination of Pfizer-BioNTech’s vaccine at least 28 days after completing their mRNA primary series.

Employees who received their vaccines from OHS clinic will have the information documented in HealthRX. If an employee gets the booster or third dose from an outside pharmacy or doctor’s office, the documentation can be submitted directly to OHS (OHS-covidvaccine@med.umich.edu) for documentation in Health RX.

What’s the difference between the third dose and the booster vaccine?

- The third dose is part of the initial series of the vaccination for people who are immunocompromised and therefore, may not have sufficient protection with the first two doses. The third dose is given at least 28 days after the second dose.
- The booster vaccine is given to provide continued immunity as protection from the initial vaccination series may decrease after the first six months. The booster dose is given at least six months from the date of second dose.
- Third doses are available for the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. As of now, booster doses are only available for the Pfizer vaccine who meet the at least one of eligibility criteria listed above.

This is an ongoing situation and more information will be made available in the coming days. If you have questions about vaccine availability or appointments, please view the [COVID-19 information page](#) on the OHS website.

VACCINATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR PREGNANT PEOPLE

The CDC strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccination either before or during pregnancy because the benefits of vaccination outweigh known or potential risks. Health care providers should strongly recommend that people who are pregnant, recently pregnant (including those who are lactating), who are trying to become pregnant now, or who might become pregnant in the future receive one of the authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible.

Accumulating data provide [evidence](#) of both the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can prevent severe illness, death, and pregnancy complications related to COVID-19.

Pregnant people who received the Pfizer vaccine more than six months ago are also eligible for a booster dose.

FLU CLINIC UPDATES

OHS will provide flu shots in the OHS clinic (3rd floor Med Inn) on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Appointments are required and can [be scheduled online](#). Also, additional clinic dates and appointment slots are available at various locations across the medical campus. [Registration is required](#) for all clinics.

Appointments are still available for the following clinics next week:

- Friday, Oct. 8, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. [at Michigan House](#)

Finally, Flublok, the egg-free flu vaccine continues to be unavailable due to delayed delivery from the manufacturer. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide an update when this particular vaccine is available.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Due to a nationwide shortage of blood donations and platelets, please consider donating as soon as possible if you are able. The easiest way to give is to log onto redcrossblood.org and search for your ZIP code. Nearby upcoming drives will be listed, where you can register to become a donor.

In the Ann Arbor area, the following drives are scheduled in the weeks ahead:

- Oct. 4: Washtenaw Community College, ML101
- Oct. 7: ARC Donor Center – Packard
- Oct. 14: U-M HHC (KMS 700), 3621 South State Street
- Oct. 14: Domino's Farms sponsored drive at the ARC Donor Center – Packard
- Oct. 27: Michigan League Ballroom

Please note, you may still donate blood, platelets or plasma after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

MASKING REMINDER FOR ADULT PATIENTS

As we continue to see COVID-19 transmissions in the health care setting, ensuring a consistent process to have adult patients that can tolerate wearing a mask do so when healthcare workers are present is key. This will help protect patients and healthcare workers from COVID-19 exposures. Masking as source control is most protective when everyone is wearing one.

When entering a patient room, if the patient is not wearing a mask, faculty and staff are encouraged to talk with the patient using the following message: "For everyone's safety, we are asking all patients, visitors and employees to wear masks when in a room together. Would you please put your mask on? If you don't have one, I would be happy to get one for you."

Please also print and post this [Patient Masking Flyer/Sign](#) in your local areas.

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.

Congratulations to the neonatal transport team, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at Michigan Medicine! Learn all about this team, and the incredible work they do to protect vulnerable moms and babies, [in this inspiring Headlines feature](#).

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.