

Ops Update

For all Michigan Medicine Faculty, Staff and Learners

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, 9:55 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**
- **KEY COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGIES**
- **CHANGE: HEALTH CARE WORKER QUARANTINE AFTER COVID-19 EXPOSURE**
- **WINTER HOLIDAY PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**
- **UTILIZE PROPER FOOD DELIVERY LOCATIONS**
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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	99	99	0	34
PEDIATRIC	5	5	0	2

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

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average, as of 12/16)

Symptomatic testing: 15.48%

Asymptomatic testing: 3.67%

Discharges: 3,850 total COVID-19 discharges to date, 10 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	3,479
EMPLOYEES TESTED	19,861
TOTAL TESTS	56,562

* Data from 3/10/20 through 12/16/21. 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 for preceding week: 11/27 - 12/3/2021	149
Employee Positive Cases Last 7 Days	132
Employees Tested Last 7 Days	1,794
Positivity Rate (Week of 12/4 – 12/10/2021)	7.35%

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VACCINE STATS

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

KEY COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGIES

COVID-19 cases and hospitalization continue to be high, with nearly all cases currently caused by the Delta variant. Unfortunately, a case of the Omicron variant has been identified in Washtenaw County. The U-M Health COVID-19 Hospitalization infographic can be found [here](#).

The most essential prevention strategy is to get vaccinated if you have not already, which includes getting a booster dose if you are eligible. That means everyone who completed their initial vaccine series more than 6 months ago should get a booster at this time if they have not done so already.

Other important things to keep in mind:

Avoid gatherings

Gatherings among staff on units has led to multiple cases of COVID-19 transmission between workforce members.

- Safe Holiday Celebration Guidelines

With the holiday season upon us, we need to stay even more vigilant regarding preventive measures. Please follow and share these guidelines for holiday celebrations throughout the season.

For the health system and in patient care areas:

- In-person, unmasked holiday gatherings for units/departments are not permitted.
- Food can be provided to health care workers or brought in to share but should be either individually wrapped or served in a manner to avoid potential cross-contamination.
- Hand hygiene should be performed prior to serving or distributing food.
- Food should be consumed in designated areas while appropriately distanced from others (6 feet).

For the medical school, in academic and research areas:

- Smaller gatherings are preferable to larger gatherings.

- Outdoor events are preferable to indoor events.
- Enclosed structures (tents) should not be used; canopies are acceptable.
- All outdoor events, activities and structures (e.g. canopies) must be coordinated through Facilities & Operations Outdoor Events.
- Where feasible, ResponsiBLUE should be used for indoor events to indicate compliance with testing, and screening requirements, as applicable.
- Signage must be posted to remind those that are not vaccinated to continue to distance and mask, if indoors.
- Keeping a log of names and contact information for attendees is helpful to aid in case investigation and contact tracing (if feasible).

CHANGE: HEALTH CARE WORKER QUARANTINE AFTER COVID-19 EXPOSURE

Community/home COVID-19 exposures — Change in quarantine

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated health care providers (HCPs) are required to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days following community/home exposures to COVID-19. Unvaccinated HCPs should notify OHS of exposures.

This change is in response to large clusters of HCPs reporting community COVID-19 exposures during contact tracing with concern for transmission to other HCPs, as well as patients.

Vaccinated HCPs may continue to work if fully vaccinated but need to call OHS if symptoms of COVID-19 develop to be evaluated for testing.

Testing for COVID-19, 5 days post exposure is recommended for all vaccinated and unvaccinated HCPs following community/home exposures. Testing for community/home exposures should be arranged through your PCP or one of the numerous options available in the area (local pharmacies or Lynxdx). Any health care provider should notify OHS of any positive COVID-19 test result using the OHS website: <https://hr.umich.edu/benefits-wellness/health-well-being/occupational-health-services/covid-19-information>.

Occupational COVID-19 exposures — Quarantine reminder

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated HCPs will need to quarantine from work for a minimum of 10 days from the date of a high-risk occupational exposure. Vaccinated HCPs may continue to work if fully vaccinated but need to call OHS if symptoms of COVID-19 develop.

Testing for COVID-19, 5 days post exposure is recommended for all vaccinated and unvaccinated HCPs following high-risk occupational exposures. OHS is able to arrange for post-exposure testing only for HCPs with occupational high-risk exposures.

Exposures can be reported by calling OHS. The OHS phone line (734-764-8021) is open 7 a.m.-5 p.m. 7 days/week, including weekends and holidays.

Reminder: Isolation requirements for patients — Applies to inpatient, ED, OR and procedural areas

- Patients with a close contact exposure to COVID-19 must be placed in Droplet Precautions for 14 days from their last day of exposure regardless of negative post-exposure COVID-19 test results and vaccination status.

Leave on Pass

- Due to the high rates of COVID-19 in the community and the risk of exposure, patient leave on pass should not be granted. While LOP is typical during past holiday seasons, the risk of COVID-19 exposure is high and could lead to healthcare worker or other patient exposures.

WINTER HOLIDAY PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

The holiday season is almost upon us! And with it will come changes in the parking and transportation options available to faculty, staff and learners.

To begin, there will be no shuttle or bus service on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. And from noon on Thursday, Dec. 23 until 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, parking permits are not required in most U-M parking lots and structures. Recommended “free” parking options for Medical Campus employees include:

- Structures: Glen, Ann, Catherine, Wall St., Palmer and Fletcher
- Lots: M27, M28, M29, M34, M50, M65, M66, M87 & Fuller Pool

[Click here for complete details.](#)

UTILIZE PROPER FOOD DELIVERY LOCATIONS

It is very important that food deliveries not compete with patient and visitor traffic flow. Food vendor deliveries for staff can be made in two locations only:

- The Med Inn west revolving door. Exchange payment and items **in the doorway**. If you exit the building, the door will lock behind you.
- The East Hospital Drive/Simpson Road street-parking spaces, past the Mott C&W main entrance circle drive.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in improving timely arrival to care and services provided on the main medical campus.

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.

At last week’s virtual Town Hall, Chief Operating Officer Tony Denton shared a poem that he felt reflected the resilience of the Michigan Medicine community. The poem, written by Johnny Ray Rider, Jr., promotes the ideas of care, love and professionalism seen every day within the organization:

The Oak Tree

A mighty wind blew night and day ... it stole the oak tree’s leaves away
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark ... until the oak was tired and stark

But still, the oak tree held its ground ... while other trees fell all around
The weary wind gave up and spoke ... “How can you still be standing, Oak”?

The oak tree said, I know that you ... can break each branch of mine in two.
Carry every leaf away ... shake my limbs and make me sway.

But, I have roots stretched in the earth, growing stronger since my birth
You'll never touch them, for you see ... They are the deepest part of me.

Until today, I wasn't sure ... of just how much I could endure
But now I've found with thanks to you,
I am stronger than I ever knew.

[Click here to watch Denton's reading of the poem and his remarks](#), which begin at 54:22.

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.