

Ops Update

For all Michigan Medicine Faculty, Staff and Learners

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, 7:30 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**
- **CONTINUE SAFETY PRACTICES AGAINST OMICRON**
- **GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURES AND TESTING**
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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	114	114	0	32
PEDIATRIC	13	12	1	2

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

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average, as of 1/3)

Symptomatic testing: 30.44%

Asymptomatic testing: 6.47%

Discharges: 4,088 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.

Deaths and hospice: Since March 10, 2020 Michigan Medicine hospitals have had 364 total deaths or discharges to hospice, 2 in the last 24 hours.

TEAM MEMBER COVID-19 TESTING STATS*

POSITIVE	3,721
EMPLOYEES TESTED	20,352
TOTAL TESTS	60,120

* Data from 3/10/20 through 12/26/21. 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: 12/4-12/10/21	132
Employee Positive Cases Last 7 Days	117
Employees Tested Last 7 Days	1997
Positivity Rate (Week of 12/4 -12/10)	5.85%

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VACCINE STATS

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

CONTINUE SAFETY PRACTICES AGAINST OMICRON

The Omicron variant of is here and will soon be the dominant circulating strain of COVID-19. Please maintain these safety practices to protect yourself and others against the Omicron variant.

- Local transmission rates of COVID-19 remain high, with numerous exposures among health care personnel (HCP). Please remember to continue to mask at all times.
 - Masks should only be removed in a private office or when eating in a designated area while appropriately distanced from others. Click [here](#) for more on the face covering policy.
 - Medical masks are required in clinical buildings for patient facing activities.
 - N-95 masks should be worn when caring for patients with symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test and during aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) regardless of COVID-19 status of patients. HCPs may choose to wear a fit tested N-95 respirator for other patient care activities.
 - Workforce members working in non-clinical buildings should consider wearing a medical mask. If a medical mask is unavailable wear a well-fitted, multi-layer cloth mask.
- Get boosted. You can schedule your booster appointment through OHS [here](#).
- Stay home if you're sick, and contact OHS to get tested. Report symptoms to OHS [here](#) (preferred) or by calling 734-764-8021.
- If exposed and you have not received your primary COVID-19 vaccine series, you should contact OHS and may be required to quarantine.

GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURES AND TESTING

Due to the current COVID-19 surge, Occupational Health Services (OHS) continues to experience a very high volume of calls and e-mails.

If you have symptoms concerning for COVID-19, please complete the OHS COVID-19 symptom survey available [here](#) OR call OHS. Please utilize only one of these options for reporting symptoms. If you complete the online survey, OHS staff will review as quickly as possible and order COVID-19 testing for you if indicated.

If you have an exposure to someone with COVID-19, please follow the guidance below. An exposure is defined as prolonged (cumulative total of >15 minutes over a 24-hour period) unmasked close contact (within 6 feet) with an individual with confirmed COVID-19.

- If you completed your initial COVID-19 vaccine series, you may continue to work. You should get tested for COVID-19 around day 2 and between days 5-7 following the exposure. Testing can be done through the U-M [Community Sampling and Tracking Program](#) (CSTP). Additional information about CSTP can be found [here](#).
- If you have not completed your initial COVID-19 vaccine series, you should remain off work for 10 days from the date of your exposure. You should get tested for COVID-19 around day 7 utilizing a community testing resource. Some options for testing can be found [here](#).

There is no longer any need to contact OHS to report exposures unless you have additional questions after reviewing this information. If you test outside of OHS and your result is positive, please report your positive test through this [link](#).

Please note that quarantine and testing guidance changes frequently, and any updates will be communicated. Additional information can be found on the [OHS website](#). The OHS COVID-19 call center is open 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. The number to reach OHS is (734) 764-8021.

MASK AND PPE GUIDANCE

Masks

As the Omicron variant causes additional surges of COVID-19 and appears to be more infectious, there have been questions around mask use. While the mechanism around the infectiousness of this variant is unclear, masks are a key factor in preventing exposure and infection. Distancing, when possible, and vaccination (including a booster) are the most effective prevention strategies that we have for COVID-19.

Universal Masking is still in place across Michigan Medicine, and medical masks that meet health care filtration standards (ASTM-1) are provided at both staff and visitor entrances. Medical masks are required in all settings where patient facing activities occur. In the past, many have worn cloth masks in non-clinical areas. While a high-quality cloth mask may perform similarly to a medical-grade mask, a wide range of face coverings are available, making standardization necessary. Single-layer cloth masks, neck gaiters and bandanas are commonly worn and do not provide optimal protection to help ensure the health and safety of all. For this reason, cloth masks are discouraged. It is most protective to swap out your cloth mask for a medical mask upon arrival to work. If you work in a building where medical masks are not available upon entry to the building, your supervisors can order medical masks and distribute as needed.

Personal Protective Equipment

N-95 respirators and eye protection (or PAPR) are required when caring for patients with COVID-19, patient suspected of having COVID-19, and when performing a high-risk aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) for any patient. Medical masks and eye protection are required for all other patient facing activities. Healthcare workers may consider a fit-tested N-95 respirator in other patient care circumstances such as when they are in very close contact with a patient who is unable to wear a mask and does not have a recent negative COVID test or when examining the nose/mouth.

BLOOD SHORTAGE

Blood supply in the U.S. continues to be at a dangerously low level. Blood centers across the country are reporting less than a one-day's supply of blood, which puts potential lifesaving treatments at risk.

If you are able to donate blood, the three institutions mentioned above are urging eligible individuals to help. Please contact one of the following organizations to find a donation center convenient to you.

- AABB: www.aabb.org; +1.301.907.6977
- America's Blood Centers: www.americasblood.org; +1.202.393.5725
- American Red Cross: www.RedCrossBlood.org; +1.800.RED CROSS (+1.800.733.2767)

Blood donation remains a safe way that eligible individuals can help save lives in the new year. Individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized in the U.S., including those manufactured by Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer, are able to donate blood and platelets as long as they are symptom-free and feeling well at the time of donation.

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.

What are you most looking forward to leaving behind in the new year? Take a moment to tell Headlines what's in your "[chuck it bucket](#)" list!

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.