Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, 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
- REVISED UH/CVC VISITOR POLICY AND MASK ENFORCEMENT FLYER
- NEW RETURN TO WORK GUIDANCE NOW IN EFFECT
- SHARPS CONTAINER SHORTAGE
- HIT PAUSE: HOPE, INSPIRATION, GRATITUDE

**DAILY COVID-19 PATIENT STATS**
Today's census for COVID-19 inpatients and those patients under investigation (PUI) are noted below:

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<th>TOTAL INPATIENTS</th>
<th>TESTED POSITIVE</th>
<th>PUI</th>
<th>ICU POSITIVE</th>
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<td>ADULT</td>
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<td>PEDIATRIC</td>
<td>9</td>
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View COVID-19 Dashboard: [https://uhabcappspr1.umhs.med.umich.edu/](https://uhabcappspr1.umhs.med.umich.edu/)

COVID-19 Patient Percent Positivity (7 day moving average, as of 1/27)
- Symptomatic testing: 29.67%
- Asymptomatic testing: 9.41%

**Discharges:** 4,581 total COVID-19 discharges to date, 21 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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<td>POSITIVE</td>
<td>5,795</td>
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<td>EMPLOYEES</td>
<td>22,523</td>
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<td>TESTED</td>
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<td>TOTAL TESTS</td>
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*Data from 3/10/20 through 1/26/22. 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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<th>Employees Positive Cases for preceding week: 1/8 - 1/14/2022</th>
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<td>Employee Positive Cases Last 7 Days</td>
<td>748</td>
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<td>Employees Tested Last 7 Days</td>
<td>8,628</td>
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<td>Positivity Rate (Week of 1/15 – 1/21/2022)</td>
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VACCINE STATS
Find the most timely and up-to-date information on the Vaccine FAQs and the Vaccine Dashboard.

REVISED UH/CVC VISITOR POLICY AND MASK ENFORCEMENT FLYER
Please see updates regarding the revised visitor policy and hours for UH/CVC, effective today, and the new mask enforcement flyer that will be posted in semi-private rooms across the adult hospitals. Leaders, please share this information with your teams.

Revised visitor policy:
A revised visitor policy for UH/CVC only is in effect as of today, Friday, Jan. 28:

- UH/CVC visiting hours: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.*
- 1 adult visitor (total) allowed per day for UH/CVC inpatient areas
- COVID+/PUI: 1 adult visitor (total) allowed per day with a maximum of 2 different visitors per admission

*Adult patients with developmental delays/significant cognitive impairments will be allowed to have one (1) visitor remain bedside around the clock when visitor is required for safety and is considered essential to the patient’s care.

These changes apply to UH/CVC inpatient units only. The Adult Emergency Department continues to restrict visitation to medically necessary visitors only. The C&W visitor policy also remains unchanged at this time. Please see PolicyStat for additional information.

Mask enforcement:
Community transmission of COVID-19 remains high and poses a risk to patients, visitors, faculty, staff and learners. The attached mask enforcement flyer is to be posted in all semi-private rooms throughout UH/CVC as soon as possible.

Hope Ambassadors from the Office of Patient Experience will deliver laminated flyers and adhesive stickers to units beginning today. Unit leaders are responsible for ensuring that flyers are posted in each semi-private room on their unit.

It is critical that we work together to enforce mask wearing. Care teams can use the talking points below to assist in conversations with patients and visitors:
Welcome to University Hospital/Frankel Cardiovascular Center. We are so happy to have visitors back. Your presence is so important to your loved one and to us.

While you and your loved one are with us, please review and follow these guidelines (point to masking flyer) to help keep us safe from the spread of infection.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michigan Medicine Security will increase rounding in the coming days to support faculty and staff who may experience resistance from patients and visitors. Please refer to this policy for escalating concerns if visitors refuse to wear masks or cause problems: [https://michmed-clinical.policystat.com/policy/8644251/latest/](https://michmed-clinical.policystat.com/policy/8644251/latest/).

NEW RETURN TO WORK GUIDANCE NOW IN EFFECT

Maintaining appropriate staffing in health care facilities is essential to providing safe patient care. High community rates of COVID-19 due to the Omicron variant has resulted in a substantial number of staff absences. Therefore, the organization has implemented new recommendations for return to work in health care facilities after COVID-19 infection or exposure following [CDC criteria](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/reporting.html) outlined below.

Return to work after testing positive for COVID-19

Health care workers may return to work on Day 6 after a positive COVID-19 test if all of the following criteria are met:

1. No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
2. Asymptomatic or symptoms improving (e.g. shortness of breath resolved, cough resolved or minimal)
3. Negative COVID-19 antigen test collected on Day 5

Health care workers with a positive antigen test at Day 5 should retest at Day 7 and if test is negative may return to work at Day 8.

Health care workers with a positive test at Day 7 should remain off work for 10 days.

Health care workers who have ongoing symptoms and are unable to return to work should follow the guidance they receive from Occupational Health Services (OHS).

Health care workers who return to work before 10 days must wear a medical mask at all times. It they must remove their mask in order to eat or drink, they should separate themselves from others.

Return to work after exposure to COVID-19

Unvaccinated healthcare workers required to quarantine following an exposure to COVID-19 may return to work on Day 8 following the exposure if all of the following criteria are met:

1. Asymptomatic
2. Negative COVID-19 antigen test collected on Day 7

As a reminder, vaccinated employees are not required to quarantine following an exposure, but should get post-exposure testing through the U-M Community Sampling and Tracking Program (CSTP).
Specific instructions regarding COVID-19 antigen testing for return to work, including how to obtain a free antigen test, are available on the OHS website. In addition, employees who test positive for COVID-19 will receive information about antigen testing in a direct communication from OHS. Updated information about testing, isolation, and quarantine for all employees is available on the OHS website.

**SHARPS CONTAINER SHORTAGE**
The Michigan Department of Energy, Great Lakes & Energy has again granted an extension to continue temporary protocols for Regulated Medical Waste sharps containers. At this time the extension is granted through **April 29, 2022**.

- Dispose of containers as they reach the fill line. If no fill line is indicated, dispose of when the sharps containers are nearing capacity.
- Containers are allowed to exceed 60 days in use as indicated by the “end date” written on the container. Full containers will be exchanged as needed regardless of the days in use.

Supply chain may introduce alternative containers as necessary. Continue with compliant usage regardless of the look of the container.

Ensure that all non-sharp objects are placed into waste streams other than sharps disposal containers when possible.

Watch for future communications for updates and changes.

Questions can be directed to safetymgmt-safety@med.umich.edu.

**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.*

You can take a minute to pause and make this upcoming Valentine’s Day just a little brighter for patients at Mott. That’s because free, personalized valentine’s cards are now available — and once you fill one out, it will be delivered to a Little Victor just in time for the holiday. Learn more about the campaign 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.