

WashU Med COVID-19 Update

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Information for School of Medicine faculty, staff and students

Current COVID-19 stats

To keep you updated on the impact of COVID-19, this daily update will now include the latest number of cases at BJH. At BJH, there are currently 33 inpatients who are confirmed positive and 26 admitted patients under investigation (PUIs), which means that results are pending.

BJC, WUSM open second testing site for employees only

BJC and WUSM opened a second COVID-19 testing site for employees only. The new site is located at the St. Louis Children's Hospital Specialty Care Center in west St. Louis County. (The first site, on the academic medical campus, is located at Scott and Taylor avenues.) Testing at these sites is reserved exclusively for BJC and WUSM employees and physicians who are actively working in our locations and receive a referral from the employee hotline, 314-362-5056. Asymptomatic individuals are not being tested. Open to any BJC and WUSM employee or physician, this additional site provides a more convenient option for those who live and/or work in St. Louis and St. Charles counties. [More information can be found here.](#)

Updates to licensure requirements for telehealth

There are several updates to provider licensure requirements for telehealth, including:

- Physicians with pending temporary Illinois license approval can now provide telehealth visits for established patients in Illinois.
- Physicians practicing with approved or pending Illinois temporary licenses do not need to receive an offer letter or non-compete from WUPI or determine salary sourcing.
- New requirements for nurse practitioners and collaborating physicians practicing in Illinois.
- New guidance for prescribing controlled substances through virtual visit during the COVID-19 emergency.

To see details, read the [comprehensive requirements](#).

Students summarize available COVID-19 research literature

Washington University medical and graduate students are summarizing [emerging academic research on COVID-19](#) in the hopes that doctors can find resources more quickly.

Local businesses take care of health-care workers



A shout-out to Kaldi's in the Mid Campus Center for thinking of us as we care for others. Kaldi's gave out complimentary bags of "Gratitude Blend" coffee. Thanks also to 4 Hands Brewing Co. for using its equipment and ingredients to produce hand sanitizer. You're keeping our brains perked up and our hands clean!

Eight ways to stay well while sheltering in place

Public health expert Graham Colditz offers [eight suggestions for staying well](#) during coronavirus distancing.

Ventilators can save lives of some COVID-19 patients, but they're no panacea

Tiffany Osborn, MD, professor of surgery and of emergency medicine, explains to NPR reporter Jon Hamilton the challenge of [treating COVID-19 patients who are on ventilators](#). Doctors say ventilators are no panacea for coronavirus patients.

A shared sentiment



Spotted on the Medical Campus, this sign speaks for all of us: To those fighting on the front line, you're our heroes.

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