

WashU Med COVID-19 Update

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Information for School of Medicine faculty, staff and students

Current COVID-19 stats

At BJH, there are currently **72** inpatients who are confirmed positive and **65** admitted patients under investigation (PUIs), which means that results are pending.

McMillan employee screening site closing April 14

The McMillan Building entrance and screening site will close at the end of the day Monday. Medical Campus employees will need to visit another screening site on campus for entrance starting Tuesday.

How to wear an isolation mask

How To Wear Your Mask:



How NOT To Wear Your Mask:



The use of masks for infection control has increased, but you need to know the proper technique for wearing and removing your mask. Learn [the proper techniques](#) to be safe.

Guidance issued for urgent outpatient surgery

Patients requiring urgent outpatient surgery may need to be tested for COVID-19 prior to their procedure. This [tip sheet](#) outlines the steps to place an order for a COVID-19 test.

Medical Campus denounces xenophobia resulting from COVID-19

In a joint statement, the offices of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital condemn the acts of racism and discrimination the East Asian and Asian-American communities have been experiencing across the nation. The [statement provides skills and resources for campus community members](#) to 1) stand up against such harmful actions and 2) make a report if they experience or witness harmful actions against students, staff, faculty and patients of East Asian descent.

Medical clinic shifts approach to patient care to defend

against COVID-19

Across the globe, health-care clinics have had to abruptly and radically adjust operations to cope with the demands of COVID-19. “Physicians are making choices that haven’t been faced in our lifetimes,” writes Jennifer Schmidt, an assistant professor of medicine. “For a group of very evidence-driven people, this isn’t just uncomfortable, it’s scary.” Schmidt [converted her adult primary care clinic to telemedicine](#) using guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She details the clinic’s coronavirus response strategy in NEJM Catalyst. [In her paper](#), Schmidt writes about the extraordinary circumstances and summarizes examples of telephone scripts and decision trees.

WUSM fit-tests mask prototypes



Third-year medical student Connie Gan is fitted with a prototype N95 mask by Tyler Bertroche, MD, chief resident in otolaryngology. Jane Olson Glidden, a Fenton-based weaver and textile artist, designed and made the mask in collaboration with Bertroche, who is part of a Washington University effort to

develop personal protective equipment (PPE) for health-care workers. Bertroche also advised Glidden on modifications to ensure the fit of the mask, which is made from a medical grade fabric used to sterilize surgical instruments. Washington University's Environmental Health & Safety staff helped test several N95 prototypes, which potentially could be used by frontline health-care workers if supplies of such commercially available masks are depleted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Louis looks to be flattening the curve because of social distancing

Infectious disease specialist Steve Lawrence told Fox 2 reporter John Brown that while [the number of new COVID-19 cases being identified in St. Louis](#) has increased at a slower rate than originally feared, it's important not to relax social-distancing measures at this critical time. "The numbers that we're seeing suggest that social distancing and all the sacrifice and disruption associated with it are making a difference," Lawrence said.

Important numbers and links

- Call the BJC/WUSM employee hotline for COVID-19 exposure or illness: 314-362-5056
- Use this [online screening tool](#) before reporting to work
- Review [inpatient protocol](#)
- Review [ambulatory protocol](#)
- Call the Coping with COVID hotline for in-the-moment emotional support: 314-286-1700
- Contact the Employee Assistance Program for 24/7 work-life support: 844-365-4587
- Email inspirational stories to heroes@wustl.edu

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