

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 **86** inpatients who are confirmed positive and **41** admitted patients under investigation (PUIs), which means that results are pending.

Badge scanning to begin Thursday

Keeping staff safe and well are top priorities for BJC HealthCare and Washington University especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The employee screening checkpoints set up several weeks ago are part of this safety initiative. Beginning Thursday, badges will be scanned at these checkpoints. The scanning will ensure that everyone entering our facilities is being screened and that staff members reporting to work are counted. If too many staff in any given area are turned away for health reasons, this can have an impact on overall work safety and efficiency. Monitoring staffing levels will help to preserve safe working conditions. Staff are encouraged to use the [BJC screening app](#), which is quick and easy to use, and reduces the time it takes to get through the checkpoints.

HR resources to support you

The health, safety and wellbeing of our community are more important than ever. Go to the [Human Resources website](#) to learn about resources to support your health, mental health, wellness, learning and financial wellbeing.

COVID-19 training courses available

Check out [Training for Healthcare Professionals](#) to find CDC courses on a variety of COVID-19 topics. Learn about clinical care, appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), emergency preparedness and more. New training courses are added as they become available.

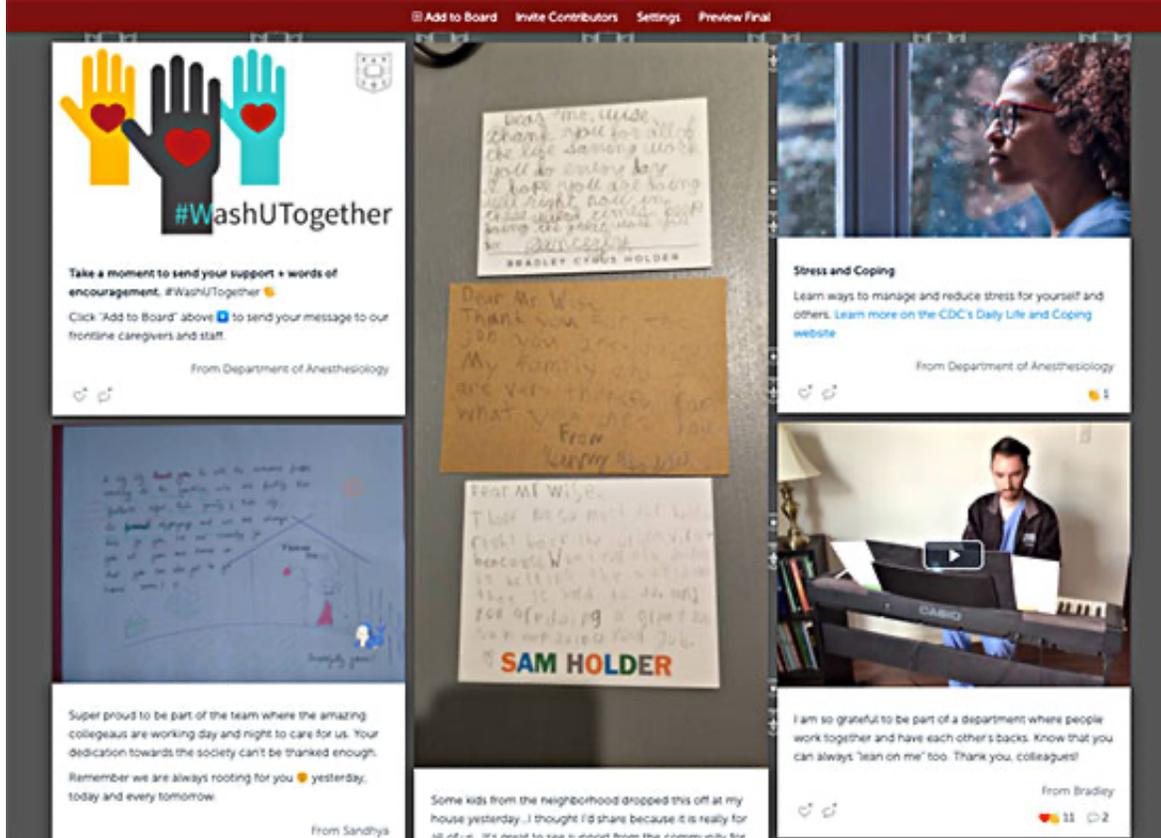
Local COVID-19 patient gets experimental treatment based on century-old idea



Doctors at the School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital are testing a treatment for COVID-19 that brings back a therapy used during the 1918 Spanish influenza pandemic. The treatment involves transfusing antibodies from the plasma of recovered COVID-19 patients into patients battling COVID-19 infection. On Saturday, [as reported by KSDK, doctors performed the procedure on the first St. Louis patient.](#) "Our hope is that this speeds their recovery and gets them off of a breathing tube or improves their ability to breathe and allows their own immune system to catch up," said Jeffrey Henderson, associate professor of medicine and one of the leaders of the initiative.

Department members encourage one another through online support board

Thank you, WUDA clinicians & staff! #WashUTogether



The Department of Anesthesiology recently launched an [online platform for department members to post words of support and appreciation](#) during this challenging time. This board also is a place to share resources, opportunities to help, virtual activities to join, and other means to assist one another. “Over the past month, we have witnessed our department – and the rest of the WashU community – rise to this challenging time through various efforts of volunteerism, collaboration and constructive commentary,” said Ellen Lockhart, of anesthesiology. “It has been inspiring to see such wonderful words of encouragement pour in, and it’s imperative we continue to unite as a community and support one another.”

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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