

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 **26** admitted patients under investigation (PUIs), which means that results are pending.

Changing guidance for essential employees following exposure to COVID-19

Local health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have updated their guidance for essential employees, including health-care personnel, who are exposed to COVID-19. Previously, such employees had to be quarantined for 14 days. Now, essential employees who do not have symptoms may continue working after COVID-19 exposure if they:

- Wear a mask while at work for 14 days after their last known exposure to COVID-19
- Monitor their temperature and symptoms for 14 days after their last known exposure to COVID-19

Essential employees who develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection, such as fever, coughing, shortness of breath, muscle/body aches, or loss of taste or smell, must:

- Stop working immediately, if symptoms develop at work; if symptoms develop during off-hours, employees should not report to work for their next

shift.

- Notify their supervisor and the appropriate occupational health office or the WUSM/BJC employee hotline for COVID-19 exposure or illness at 314-362-5056.

McMillan Building entrance reopens for screening

The McMillan Building entrance has reopened as a screening checkpoint site for Medical Campus employees. Staff are encouraged to use the [BJC screening app](#), which reduces the time it takes to get through the checkpoints.

Coping with COVID-19: Eight issues people are experiencing

There are different issues that play into how COVID-19 impacts one's mental wellbeing. From fear and anxiety, to isolation and family stressors, Emily Mukherji, assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry, [highlights key factors related to coping with COVID](#). To help accommodate our community, the Coping with COVID hotline -- 314-286-1700 -- now has extended hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alumni in China donate PPE to Medical Campus



Washington University alumni in China came together to provide disposable masks and other PPE for health-care workers on the Washington University Medical Campus. Altogether, 256 Chinese alumni and parents from various schools at Washington University have contributed a total of \$61,000. The funds were used to purchase 45,000 face masks, which arrived April 10. The remaining money was directed to Washington University to allow flexibility to purchase additional medical supplies as needed. The effort was led by Kevin Xu, EMBA Shanghai '14, chair of the China Alumni Network, Bill Xu, head of the university's China Office for International Affairs, and the university's International Advancement team.

“St. Louis Strong”



[This video from the Missouri History Museum](#) provides a glimpse of how St. Louisans unite during hard times.

Important numbers and links

- Call the BJC/WUSM employee hotline for COVID-19 exposure or illness: 314-362-5056
- 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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