

## WashU Med COVID-19 Update

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Information for School of Medicine faculty, staff and students

### Today's COVID-19 stats from BJH

**91** inpatients confirmed positive      **33** admitted, awaiting test results

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### Survey launched to understand pandemic's effect on well-being of faculty, staff and postdocs

The coronavirus pandemic has caused significant changes in our work lives and family lives. The Healthy Work Center and the Employee Wellness program at the university are trying to better understand the personal and family challenges that have resulted. We are concerned about employee well-being during this difficult time. Please participate in a 10-minute survey that asks about work and family stresses that you have experienced due to the coronavirus. The survey also asks about Washington University resources that would be helpful to you in the months to come.

Survey results are anonymous: We will not be able to link your answers to you as an individual. Respondents will have the option of entering gift card drawings.

To take the survey, [please click on this link](#).

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### Virtual visits: The doctor will see you now



To keep our patients and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, Washington University Physicians is now offering virtual visits (also known as telemedicine or telehealth) for many of our specialties. Virtual visits allow our physicians to continue to provide care through phone, tablet or computer. [Learn more](#) about scheduling a virtual visit.

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## Donate coffee to health-care workers



Sump Coffee is enabling community members to buy coffee for health-care workers during the COVID-19 crisis. For \$3, buy a single cup of coffee, or for \$50, buy the whole setup for a department (96 oz. of brewed Colombian coffee, cups and a variety of alternative milks).

To donate to health-care workers in various areas, including emergency, labor and delivery and neuroscience, visit [Sump Coffee](#) and click “More” at the top of the page. Contact [marz@sumpcoffee.com](mailto:marz@sumpcoffee.com) if you have any questions about this program.

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## **End-of-life visitation guidelines**

COVID-19-related visitor restrictions are in effect in all BJC facilities to comply with

local public health orders and to protect vulnerable patients and health-care workers. These restrictions remain in place, but the policy for end-of-life visitation for COVID-19-positive patients has been updated. The ability to enable loved ones or clergy to support our patients through this difficult transition is a privilege, and we should facilitate these visits whenever they can be safely accommodated. For the safety of visitors, staff and our community, please follow the [End of Life Visitation Guidelines](#).

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## Is the virus on my clothes? My shoes? My hair? My newspaper?

Today in The New York Times, [Andrew Janowski, infectious disease expert, helped answer reader questions about the risks of coming into contact with the virus during essential errands and from deliveries](#). Many people are afraid of tracking the virus into their homes on their clothes, their shoes, their hair and the mail. While Janowski and other experts said everyone needs to take precautions, their answers are reassuring.

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## Remember to throw away used gloves, masks

Please help keep our campus clean by remembering to properly dispose of used gloves and masks. Trash receptacles are located throughout the campus.

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## 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](mailto:heroes@wustl.edu)

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