

WashU Med COVID-19 Update

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Information for School of Medicine faculty, staff and students

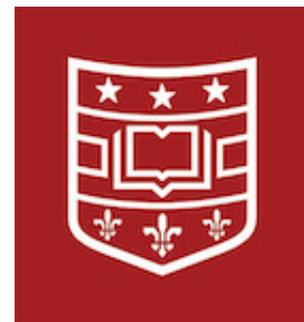
Today's COVID-19 stats from BJH

38 inpatients confirmed positive **30** admitted, awaiting test results

COVID-19-positive diagnoses in the workplace

The WashU Occupational and Student Health offices (as delegated by the Department of Health) are responsible for all communications regarding a COVID-19-positive person on campus. You may learn that someone who reports to you has tested positive for COVID-19, either from the individual directly or from Occupational or Student Health Services.

The confidentiality of this information is legally protected and you may not disseminate this information (even in a de-identified form) any further. Inappropriate disclosure of confidential information is a violation of policy and could be subject to sanctions.



COVID-19-positive diagnoses within a department can be challenging to manage — especially if responsibilities need to be shifted or if enhanced cleaning is required. To address these situations, please refer to [FAQs for supervisors](#) and [FAQs for personnel](#). For more info, refer to the [complete message from Dean Perlmutter](#), now listed on the medical school's coronavirus website.

Ranking the risk level of more than 60 local activities



This summer, St. Louisans are caught between wanting a sense of normalcy and weighing the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Is it safe to eat inside a restaurant, visit the Missouri Botanical Garden or ride to the top of the Gateway Arch? Andrew Janowski, MD, instructor in pediatric infectious diseases, recently ranked local activities on a scale of 1-10, with one being the lowest risk for exposure and 10 being the highest. KSDK presented the [risk scale in a series of graphics](#). Some activities are inherently safe, while others are significantly impacted by whether people practice social distancing and wear masks.

Riding in an Arch tram carries a low to moderate risk when you're in it by yourself, Janowski said, but the risk doubles when you're in the pod with strangers and social distancing can't be practiced. The riskiest activities — without a mask or social distancing — are going to a movie, attending church with more than 100 people in attendance, taking in a concert and going to an event at a sports stadium.

WashU endorses Medicaid expansion ballot initiative

COVID-19 has put health care top of mind for everyone. Far too many hard-working Missourians who earn less than \$18,000 a year find themselves slipping through the cracks in our health-care system because their jobs don't provide insurance, and they're unable to afford coverage on the open market. This



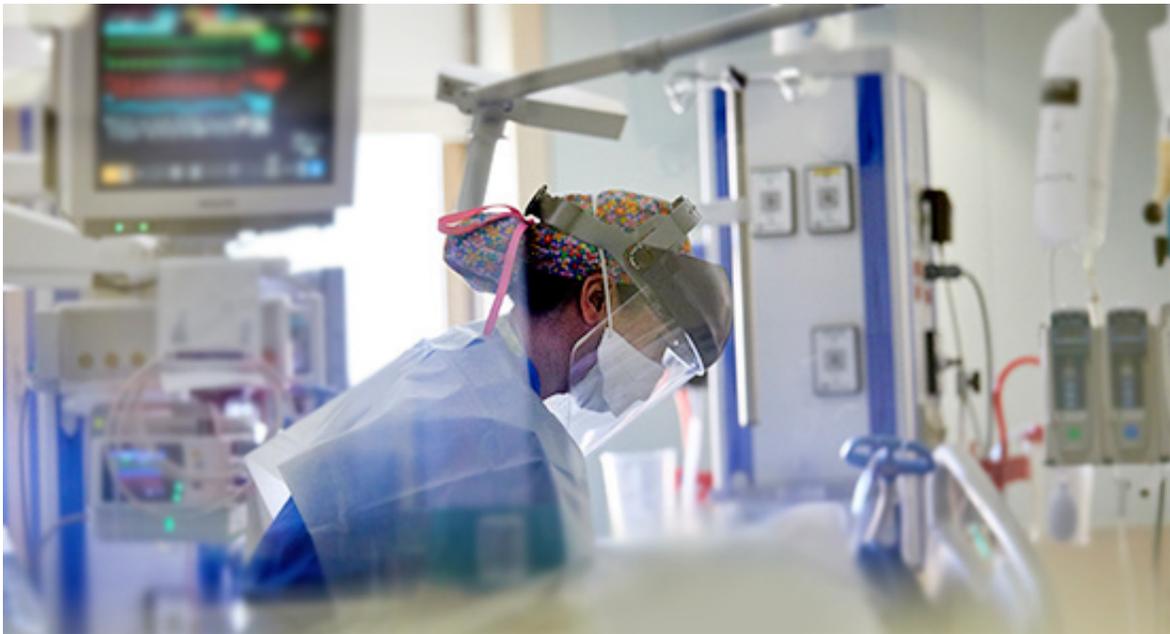
coverage gap includes parents, thousands of uninsured veterans and those nearing retirement. Passing Medicaid expansion will help to ensure that these Missourians can get health care when they need it. WashU is among the nearly 300 organizations that have endorsed the [Amendment 2 ballot initiative on the Aug. 4 ballot](#). Passing Amendment 2 will also help boost our state's economy and generate additional jobs during our ongoing economic crisis.

Pick up an absentee ballot on campus

Still need to request your mail-in or absentee ballot for the Aug. 4 election? All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. LouHealth, an advocacy group created by medical students at WUSM, will have blank ballot request forms, pre-stamped envelopes and information available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, July 17, under the veranda outside the Eric P. Newman Education Center.



Medicaid expansion and a number of primaries (including Missouri governor) are on the ballot Aug. 4. **Absentee or mail-in ballot requests must be received in the mail by July 22.** [Find out more about absentee voting.](#)



Charge nurse Caroline Becker cares for a COVID-19-positive patient at the 8400 level of Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

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
- Know your [screening stations](#)
- Review [inpatient protocol](#)
- Review [ambulatory protocol](#)
- Call the Well-Being Line 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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