

## WashU Med COVID-19 Update

Oct. 7, 2021

Information for School of Medicine faculty, staff and students

### Our numbers

#### COVID-19 hospitalizations

Barnes-Jewish Hospital

44 inpatients confirmed

1 suspected

St. Louis Children's Hospital

9 inpatients confirmed

7 suspected

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#### WashU Med

Active cases

20 employees

3 students

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### Key announcements



## Influenza vaccination required by Nov. 19

As we continue to navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the flu vaccine plays a key role in our overall public health efforts. All WashU employees, including faculty, staff and trainees, [are required to receive this year's influenza vaccination](#) and upload documentation to ReadySet by Nov. 19, unless granted an exemption for medical reasons or religious beliefs. Students and contractors have a similar requirement.

Influenza vaccination clinics are being held in the Eric P. Newman Education Center (EPNEC) on the Medical Campus and in the Gary M. Summers Recreation Center (Athletic Complex) on the Danforth Campus. Appointments are required and can be [scheduled online](#). You may also schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine through [WUCare](#), your primary care provider or a local retail pharmacy.

Please note: Individuals working in a clinical area should schedule their influenza vaccine within their clinical department or division by contacting their clinic administrator. Those who work in a hybrid or remote position are encouraged to choose an off-campus option.

If you receive your flu vaccine at an on-campus clinic, your documentation will be uploaded in ReadySet for you. If you receive your flu vaccine off campus, you will need to [upload documentation to ReadySet](#) yourself.

**Employees who do not submit vaccination documentation or have an approved exemption by 5 p.m. on Nov. 19 will be suspended beginning Nov. 22, 2021.**

Visit [flu.wustl.edu](http://flu.wustl.edu) for additional influenza policy information, vaccine FAQs, instructions for submitting documentation, exemption forms and more.

## Volunteers needed at influenza vaccination clinics

Volunteers are needed at the influenza vaccination clinics for WashU employees located at the Eric P. Newman Education Center (EPNEC) on the Medical Campus and at the Gary M. Summers Recreation Center (Athletic Center) on the Danforth Campus. Morning (7:30 a.m. – noon) and afternoon shifts (noon – 3 p.m.) are available. [Sign up or learn more](#) about dates, times and locations of open shifts.

# Guidance on HIPAA, COVID-19 vaccination and the workplace

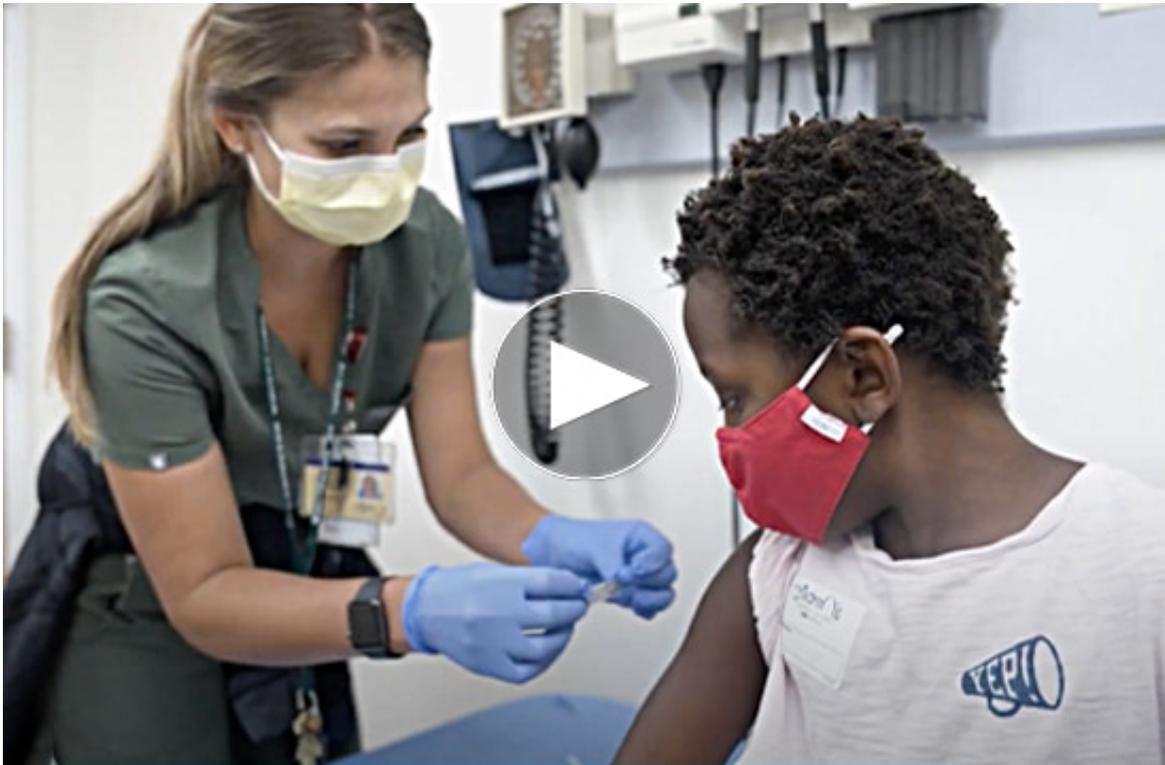
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has [issued guidance](#) on the role of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in regard to businesses and employers requesting vaccination status. Generally, HIPAA does not regulate what information employers can request from employees as part of the terms and conditions of employment. It also does not regulate businesses' right to ask clients or customers for their vaccination status.

The guidance explains that HIPAA does not:

- prevent businesses from asking you about your vaccination status
  - prohibit your employer from asking you for proof of vaccination
  - prevent you from disclosing your vaccination status
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## Other news

## From WashU



[Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine trial underway](#) (WashU Med News, Oct. 6, 2021)

WashU Med infectious diseases physicians at St. Louis Children's Hospital are overseeing a pediatric clinical trial in area children ages 6 months to 11 years to help determine how well kids tolerate the Moderna vaccine and their immune response.

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## Resources

- [MO/Notify](#) exposure notifications
- [Online screening tool](#)
- Exposure & illness hotline: [314-362-5056](#)
- Work-life support/Employee Assistance Program (24/7): [844-365-4587](#)
- [BJC COVID-19 policies & procedures](#)
- [Washington University Physicians COVID-19 policies & procedures](#)
- [Medical Campus policies & updates](#)

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