WashU Med COVID-19 Update
Jan. 10, 2022

Information for School of Medicine faculty, staff and students

Our numbers

**COVID-19 hospitalizations**
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
232 inpatients confirmed
St. Louis Children's Hospital
35 inpatients confirmed

**WashU Med**
Active cases
178 employees
27 students

Key announcements
COVID-19 boosters available on the Danforth Campus for all WashU employees

Occupational Health is hosting several clinics to provide the Pfizer/BioNTech booster on the Danforth Campus for all WashU faculty, staff and trainees. Clinics will be held Jan. 10-14, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-4 and Feb. 7-11 from 8:15 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Danforth Athletic Complex lobby. You are required to make an appointment online.

Please park in the Snow Garage (PDF) on levels 3 and 4; parking validation is provided. Make sure to complete your on-campus health screening, wear a mask and bring your employee ID.

At this time, WashU Med strongly recommends obtaining a COVID-19 booster shot. Boosters reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 illness, help protect against COVID-19 variants, including omicron, and prevent the need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19.

Note: Individuals who have already been approved for a COVID-19 vaccine exemption are not expected to receive a booster or request an additional exemption.
Sick time and Leave of Absence policy reminder

As a reminder, if an employee tests positive for COVID-19 and/or is quarantined and cannot work remotely, the employee should use regular sick time. For more information, please read WashU's COVID Pay Guidelines.

If an employee is absent from work for more than three days in a row due to illness or injury (including COVID-19 illness), the employee should request a medical leave, such as FMLA. To request a leave of absence, an employee must notify their supervisor and contact Unum (1-866-371-5723) to begin the process. Please reference the Leave of Absence policy for additional information.

Newly hired employees within their six-month orientation period are eligible to use sick time accumulated or can be advanced time off up to the maximum allowance.

Other news

St. Louis doctor urges pregnant women to get boosted, as more get hospitalized in omicron surge (KSDK, Jan. 8, 2021)

Barnes-Jewish Hospital is seeing rising numbers of pregnant people admitted to the hospital who are not yet vaccinated or boosted, said Washington University obstetrician/gynecologist Ebony Carter, MD, adding that such patients face high risks of severe illness that can be reduced by vaccinations and booster shots.
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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