

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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