Key announcements

WashU Med relays restrictions for travel, variants
WashU Med continues to closely monitor COVID-19 transmission in the area, as well as the Medical Campus. In response to a decline in case numbers, the following safety protocols have been lifted:
- Travel: no new travel restrictions (please refer to the Office of Travel in the Medical Campus).
- Work-related travel: no new restrictions for non-Medical Campus staff.

As a reminder, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on campus, WashU Med continues to follow local public health guidelines and/or restrictions on the Medical Campus and in community settings as appropriate.

In fo: Travelling at the border, a new test requirement is now in place. A test result is required for travel to the United States. In fo: Travelling outside of the U.S., current travel restrictions may vary by country. To find both border and local restrictions, see the CDC’s portal.

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Resources

- Session on COVID-19: highly contagious omicron is a roller-coaster ride
- Podcast: Highly contagious omicron is a roller coaster ride
- Facebook event: webinar

Other news

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COVID-19 exposure-alert system that uses smartphone expands in Missouri
Washington University in St. Louis is expanding the COVID-19 exposure-alert system that uses smartphone technology. Initially, the system was only available to Washington University-Washington University in St. Louis students, faculty and staff. It is now also available to employees who have spent time near someone who later tests positive for COVID-19. The exposure alert system notifies employees of possible exposures and provides instructions on what they should do to protect themselves.

COVID-19 booster for use in individuals ages 18 and older
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Other news

- Video: How does omicron compare to previous variants?
- Video: How do we know omicron causes less disease?
- Video: What do current models predict for omicron?
- Video: What do we know about COVID-19 variants so far?
- Video: How does omicron make people less sick?
- Video: What do we know about the omicron variant?