

Our numbers

COVID-19 hospitalizations

Barnes-Jewish Hospital	55 inpatients confirmed
St. Louis Children's Hospital	12 inpatients confirmed

WashU Med

Active cases	28 employees
	22 students

Student cases reported Friday, Aug. 26; hospitalizations and employee cases reported today.

Key announcements

Masking optional in non-clinical spaces on the Medical Campus effective Sept. 1

In light of steadily declining trends in COVID-19 hospitalizations, community transmission and employee illness, WashU Med, in collaboration with BJC HealthCare, is updating guidance on masking and meetings. Masks will be optional for fully vaccinated employees and students who work in office-based or non-clinical settings where no patients or clinical visitors are encountered, effective Sept. 1. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the single-dose J&J/Janssen vaccine.



Masking continues to be required in clinical settings and is strongly encouraged in large indoor gatherings and crowded spaces. Unvaccinated employees and students with approved vaccine exemptions must remain masked in all spaces.

WashU Med and BJC HealthCare continue to closely monitor COVID-19 transmission in the community and on the Medical Campus. These rules may change as disease activity changes and CDC guidelines and science advance, including potential return to more restricted guidance based on local conditions.

Positive COVID-19 tests must be reported to Occupational Health

Employees who test positive for COVID-19 outside of WashU Med/BJC HealthCare Occupational Health are required to call the COVID-19 Exposure/Illness Hotline at 314-362-5056. Please have your employee ID number available. If you are reporting results from a rapid antigen test — like those used at home — staff will assist you in arranging to take a PCR test to confirm your result. If you received a positive result from a PCR test taken outside of WashU Med/BJC HealthCare, you can email documentation of your test to covidcallcenter@wustl.edu.

Monkeypox resources for clinicians available on FPP intranet

Clinical staff can find current information about monkeypox, now a public health emergency, on the [FPP Intranet](#), including outpatient guidance, testing algorithms, infection prevention, FAQs and more.

Pfizer vaccine available to employees, public on Medical Campus

BJC HealthCare and WashU Med employees can receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and boosters at the BJC Medical Group Walk-In Clinic located on the second floor of the BJC Institute of Health (IOH), Suite 2710. Vaccine hours are 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Employees should call 314-273-4850 to schedule an appointment. Please bring your employee badge and vaccine card.

Additionally, the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Center for Advanced Medicine is accepting walk-ins, when space and capacity allow, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in addition to [scheduled appointments](#) available from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Located on the third floor, the vaccine clinic is open Monday – Friday to employees and the general public ages 12 and up.

To find other locations or a Moderna vaccine site, visit vaccinatestl.org or vaccines.gov. You can also text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations.

Our clinics currently offer the original Pfizer COVID-19 booster. Updated booster shots — which target both the original COVID strain and omicron — are expected to be approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) in the coming weeks. More information on their availability will be provided.

COVID-19 vaccine appointments available for children ages 6 months and up

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the COVID-19 primary series vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and at least one booster dose for everyone ages 5 years and older.

BJC HealthCare currently offers the Pfizer vaccine for children 5 years and older. Moderna is also available for children 6 months – 4 years. Schedule an appointment [online](#) or by calling 314-273-1252. Hours vary by location. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child to the appointment to provide proper consent.

Pediatric vaccinations for younger children are also available at thousands of pediatric practices, pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, local health departments, clinics and other locations.

Resources

- [MO/Notify](#) exposure notifications
- [Online screening tool](#)
- Exposure & Illness Hotline: [314-362-5056](tel:314-362-5056)
- Work-life support/Employee Assistance Program (24/7): [844-365-4587](tel:844-365-4587)
- [BJC COVID-19 policies & procedures](#)
- [Washington University Physicians COVID-19 policies & procedures](#)
- [Medical Campus policies & updates](#)
- COVID-19 questions: covidqueries@wustl.edu