

Kaleida Health
COVID-19 Update

December 29, 2020

Good afternoon,

I hope that everyone is having a restful holiday as we approach the New Year. 2020 has truly been a remarkable year. In the past 12 months, we have seen levels of suffering and loss which were previously unknown to any of us, but we have also seen acts of bravery and personal heroism which will be remembered and valued for long after our time.

Vaccine Updates

COVID-19 Vaccine Update: December 28, 2020

Below are several recent updates regarding vaccine offerings at Kaleida Health:

- Kaleida Health is committed to the health and safety of our entire family, and we are working to ensure that every person who wants a vaccine gets one. We are working closely with New York State (NYS) to advocate for our colleagues and co-workers. We are working within the state guidelines to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible
- We are opening vaccination appointments as we obtain doses of vaccine
- Walgreens, under the direction and guidance of NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH), is vaccinating residents, employees and providers at HighPointe on Michigan and DeGraff Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Facility starting this week
- NYSDOH currently authorized vaccination of acute care employees. Kaleida Health is in communication with NYSDOH and is awaiting guidance about vaccinating employees and providers who work outside of acute care facilities
- As soon as your cost center/department/unit is eligible based on the NYS prioritization matrix and our vaccine supply, we will send you an email with a link to the schedule as well as further instructions
- Eligible individuals will receive whatever specific vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) is available at the time of their appointment
- At this time, eligible individuals will schedule their first dose online and will schedule their second dose at the time they receive their first dose (since the timing of the second dose depends on which type of vaccine individuals receive)

NYS State Department of Health Vaccination Program Guidance

- For the week of December 28, 2020
- Per NYS, this week Urgent Care Centers (UCC), hospitals, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) will receive vaccine. The following populations are prioritized for vaccination: High-risk hospital and FQHC staff, including OMH psychiatric centers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, medical examiners and coroners, funeral workers who have direct contact with infectious material and bodily fluids, agency staff and residents in congregate living situations run by the OPWDD, OMH and OASAS, urgent care providers, staff administering the COVID-19 vaccine
- Next week (beginning January 4, 2021) and subject to additional allocations by the federal government, vaccines should be available to all outpatient/ambulatory front line, high-risk healthcare providers who provide direct in-person patient care or other staff in a position where they have direct contact with patients, such as receptionists, of any age

- Kaleida Health is waiting for further direction from NYS on how and when those vaccines will be dispensed
- To learn more:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/12/weekly-guidance-overlay-template-weeks-3-and-4-12.28.20.pdf>

Mini Grand Rounds: COVID-19 Vaccine and Pregnancy

MINI GRAND ROUNDS

COVID-19 Vaccination and Reproduction: Pregnancy, Lactation & Fertility

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- We will be restarting the Wednesday Mini Grand Rounds series earlier than expected due to significant interest in the question of safety during pregnancy during COVID-19
- On January 6, 2021 at 7:30, Drs. Sarah Berga and Heather Link will discuss this important topic
- To join the meeting: <https://lynctimeet.kaleidahealth.org/droman/M4TTL8WD>

COVID-19 Updates

Hospital Census: As of December 27, there were 96 COVID+ inpatients at BGMC (22 in ICU), 95 COVID+ inpatients at MFSH (14 in ICU), and 7 COVID+ inpatients at OCH (4 in ICU).

Erie County, New York State and United States Status (as of December 27, 2020)

| Region | Positivity Rate (7-day average) | New Cases in past 24 hours | ICU Reserve Capacity |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Erie County | 5.7% (5.6% rolling average) | 272 | Not available |
| New York State | 8.3% (5.9% rolling average) | 10,407 | 60% |
| United States | 10.60% | 168,817 | Not available |

Source:
erie.gov/covidtestsites

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>
<https://covidactnow.org/us/ny/>

Hospital Updates

Self-Enrollment Now Available for MyKaleida Patient Portal

- Kaleida Health providers should use the MyKaleida Patient Portal to access their COVID-19 test results
- You can [self-enroll](#) if you have never received a portal invitation or if you have received an invitation before and it had expired
- In order to self-enroll, you will need to have previously given Kaleida Health your email address or you will need to know your medical record number
- Self-enrollment is not currently available for caregivers and guardians. If you manage the health of another person, such as a child, you must speak with their healthcare provider at their next visit to receive a personal invitation to MyKaleida Patient Portal
- If you need help with self-enrollment, call (716) 859-7200
- To learn more: <https://www.kaleidahealth.org/MyKaleida/>

Provider Education

CDC Webinar: COVID-19 Vaccines: Update on Allergic Reactions, Contraindications, and Precautions

- The CDC is hosting on webinar on [COVID-19 Vaccines: Update on Allergic Reactions, Contraindications, and Precautions](#)
- During this Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call, clinicians will give an overview of recommendations for use of COVID-19 vaccines in certain populations. Clinicians will learn more about the recent reports of anaphylaxis following vaccination, as well as CDC's updated clinical considerations around contraindications and precautions to vaccination
- Date: Wednesday, December 30, 2020
- Time: 2-3 p.m.
- For more information on the COCA calls/webinars:
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp>

Updates in the Literature

A side-by-side comparison of the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines

- An article was published in STAT News comparing the two available COVID-19 vaccines
- The authors review the available data on both vaccines
- The full article is available at:
<https://www.statnews.com/2020/12/19/a-side-by-side-comparison-of-the-pfizer-biontech-and-moderna-vaccines/>

COVID-19 Vaccines and Severe Allergic Reactions

- An article was released by the CDC discussing allergic reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine
- The authors outline the available data and considerations
- The full article is available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/allergic-reaction.html>

Today's theme is about history. 2020 is getting ready to make its journey from the front page to the history books, and it goes without saying that it will be a year remembered for many things. 2020 is destined to become one of those numbers like 1918 or 9/11 whose very utterance will tell a story of great loss and even greater heroism. Those of us who were there will hear those words and remember moments that no history book can capture. 19.3 million Americans have been infected by a virus which had not even been described a year ago. 334,836 of our fellow citizens have succumbed to the coronavirus. This number includes 1,131 people in Erie County and several in our own family of healthcare providers. Part of our responsibility moving forward will be to share their names and tell their stories with others to celebrate the lives of those we lost. In the face of this loss, 2020 will also be known as a year where we met new heroes. We must rightly celebrate those in health care – regardless of role – whose work made it possible to this community to carry on. At a time of need, the community turned to all of you and you were there. We must also remember the heroes outside of healthcare – the essential workers who delivered mail and cleaned up garbage or went uncomplainingly to their shift at a supermarket – who supported us throughout. Finally, 2020 should be known as a year of science. We saw research being published at a rate that could never have been imagined, and today, over a million Americans have received a new vaccine to protect against COVID-19. There is an adage which says that “history does not repeat itself, but it does rhyme.” There will never be another year like 2020 and our community will never need us quite the way it did this year, but our work goes on. We must take the lessons from 2020 – the wins and the losses – and make them part of who we are. Together, we have lived through a critical moment in history and now have a duty to share what we have learned with our colleagues and our community. Have a happy and safe New Year!

Daily Brief Updates: Because of the upcoming holiday, there will only be the update today (Tuesday, Dec 29). Our usual Friday reports will be paused.

As always, your input is critical to ensure that this brief meets the needs of the community. Please send comments to coronavirusupdates@kaleidahealth.org.

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Questions

If you have questions, please reach out (coronavirusupdates@kaleidahealth.org), and we will do our best to get you the information you need.