

Kaleida Health
COVID-19 Update

December 4, 2020

Good afternoon,

We have reached the end of the first week of December. As a health system and a community, we continue to adjust to the challenges of COVID-19, but there is reason for hope as this week marks the first time that the COVID-19 vaccine has been provided to patients. The end is in sight.

As we adapt the brief to better meet the needs of the community, your input is critical. Please send comments to coronavirusupdates@kaleidahealth.org.

COVID-19 Updates

Hospital Census

As of 1 p.m. yesterday, there were **183 patients in Kaleida Health hospitals** who had been diagnosed with COVID-19. 158 were in medical beds and 25 in the ICU. To learn more:

<https://www.kaleidahealth.org/kyi/news/?i=15199>

Erie County, New York State and United States Status (as of December 2, 2020)

Region	Positivity Rate (7-day average)	New Cases in Past 24 Hours	ICU Reserve Capacity
Erie County	7.7% (7.7% rolling average)	771	41%
New York State	4.8% (4.4% rolling average)	9,853	33%
United States	10.52%	200,070	n/a

Source:

erie.gov/covidtestsites

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>

<https://covidactnow.org/us/ny/>

There were 153,608 new pediatric COVID-19 cases last week, the fifth time in a row to show the highest weekly increase since the pandemic started. (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/>)

REQUEST FOR INPUT: COVID-19 Vaccination Survey

According to the New York State Department of Health, the COVID-19 vaccine will become available to healthcare workers shortly. Once available, Kaleida Health will be following very specific state guidance on the administration of the vaccine. Kaleida Health would like to measure the interest and potential acceptance by Kaleida Health employees, providers, and residents. Please take a moment to answer the brief survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2BW9837>

Hospital Updates

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye Protection: Universal Use of Eye Protection for ALL Patient Interactions: Per New York State Department of Health, Kaleida Health requires universal use of eye protection by healthcare personnel for **all** patient interactions (regardless of whether or not the patient is COVID+/PUI) – in inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings – in addition to face masks. To learn more: <https://www.kaleidahealth.org/kyi/news/?i=15174>

N95 Masks: Anyone Wearing 3M 1860 Regular or Small N95 Masks Must Re-fit Test at Employee Health:

Kaleida Health is reaching a **critically low supply** of the 3M 1860 regular and small models of N95 masks. Any employee or provider who historically wears one of these N95 models **must** visit Employee Health as soon as possible to attempt to be re-fit tested into another model (8210, 8210 plus, Gerson 2130, and the Dasheng DTC3B) if they have not done so already in the last few weeks. To learn more:

<https://www.kaleidahealth.org/kyi/news/?i=15194>

Provider Update

Resiliency Resources: A list of Resiliency Resources for Healthcare Personnel has been collected and is available online at <https://www.kaleidahealth.org/services/PR/Resiliency-Resources-for-Healthcare-Personnel-12032020.pdf>

Learning Opportunities

- **Managing Patient Panic in the Pandemic**
 - OPAcademy CME Learning Series – Monday, December 7, 2020 from 6-7 p.m.
 - Dr. Sourav Sengupta will discuss managing patient panic during COVID-19
 - Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85098270218>
 - MEETING ID: 850 9827 0218
 - PASSCODE: 137846
 - To join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 US (New York)
 - Registration required to obtain CME – click [HERE](#)
- **COVID-19 Vaccines – Help Is on The Way**
 - Mini Grand Rounds – Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 7:30-8 a.m.
 - Dr. Timothy Murphy will be discussing what we might expect from a vaccine for COVID-19
 - To join via Skype: <https://lynxmeet.kaleidahealth.org/droman/M4TTL8WD>
 - To join via phone, dial: 1-716-859-7444 (Conference ID: 1142805)
- **Steps to Physician Wellness and Resiliency**
 - Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 7:30-8:30 a.m.
 - To learn more, click [HERE](#)

Today's theme is about finishing the race. The end is in sight if only dimly visible from our current vantage point. Earlier this week in England, the first patient has been vaccinated against the coronavirus. We expect that the vaccine will be available in Western New York soon, and by February, we are hopeful that millions of Americans will be protected against this virus. Our goal is clearly in sight, but we are not there yet. There is an adage which says that the last 5% of any race is the hardest half. This is where we are today. We have run our miles. People are tired, frustrated, and ready to resume their normal lives. The idea that the pandemic might soon be behind us can lead to a false sense of security. It can make us feel as if our efforts are no longer necessary and that we are now safe to put down our guard. This is precisely our most dangerous moment. We must finish this race together. To do that, we must remain vigilant and look out for one another. As health professionals and as a community, we need to recommit to our mission as we have over the past months. We must keep the end in our minds while keeping our focus on daily work. Together, we will finish this race, but only after we have run it to the end.

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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.