

May 4, 2021

Good afternoon,

Welcome to the first week of May. The trees are starting to bloom, the weather is warming up and the rate of COVID infections is decreasing across the community. There are many reasons to find hope around us. Also, today, of course, is May the 4th, so for those of you celebrating “Star Wars Day,” may the force be with you!

Mini Grand Rounds: There is no Mini Grand Rounds this week.

COVID-19 Updates

Hospital Census: As of May 3, there were 71 COVID positive patients at BGMC (19 in the ICU), 23 at MFSH (9 in the ICU) and 4 at Oishei (1 in the ICU).

Erie County, New York State and United States Status (as of May 2, 2021)

Region	Positivity Rate (7-day average)	New Cases in past 24 hours	ICU Reserve Capacity	Percent Vaccinated
Erie County	2.4% (3.6% rolling average)	183	69%	48.9%
New York State	1.9% (1.8% rolling average)	2,200	66%	48.3%
United States	3.87%	29,367	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Unknown</i>

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Available from ECDOH

- ECDOH has a supply of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine that is FDA authorized for emergency use for people 16 years and older
- Offices will have to enter administration data themselves into NYSIS. Also, this is not a one-time offer. Offices can always order more Pfizer or Moderna from ECDOH
- To order vaccine, please contact Melissa Calhoun at Melissa.Calhoun@erie.gov
- Information on storage and administration is available [HERE](#)

Erie Country Department of Health Announces New Vaccine Scheduling Phone Number

- Because many people in Erie County do not have access to the internet for scheduling vaccine appointments, the ECDOH has launched a new phone service to facilitate scheduling
- The phone number is **716-858-2929**
- For a printable handout with English and Spanish, click [HERE](#)



GET VACCINATED
COVID-19 vaccines
are effective at
protecting you
from getting sick.

Call (716) 858-2929
for clinic information.
www.erie.gov/covid19/vaccine



Community Updates

Adnan Siddiqui, MD, Named New CEO of the Jacobs Institute

- The Jacobs Institute has announced that Dr. Siddiqui will succeed Bill Maggio who has served in that role since 2015
- The JI aligns the research strength of the Jacobs School of Medicine with Kaleida Health's clinical programs to create new business opportunities in the neuro and cardiovascular space in Buffalo

Seeking Volunteers to Staff 18 Health Stations along the Buffalo Marathon Course on Sunday, June 27

- Kaleida Health will be staffing 18 Health Stations along the Buffalo Marathon course on Sunday, June 27 from 6:15 a.m.–1 p.m.
- There are three roles needed for each health station: Health Station Captain, Health Station Runner/Cyclist/Skateboarder/Rollerblade, and Health Station Staff
- To sign up, see <https://www.kaleidahealth.org/kyi/news/?i=16194>

Hospital Updates

Policy Updates at Kaleida Health

Below are the revised policies that affect providers at Kaleida Health. Please take a moment to review this month's updates. The policy links below are accessible from a Kaleida Health computer only or when connected to the Kaleida Health network. For additional assistance, please contact Amber Mata at amata@kaleidahealth.org.

- [SS.29 – Post Anesthesia Care Unit \(PACU\) Phase I Bypass to Phase II from the Operating Room –](#) Addition of patients with ASA 4 can also bypass phase 1 recovery at the direction of anesthesia
- [TX.17 – Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome \(AWS\) use of the Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment for Alcohol \(CIWA-Ar\) Tool –](#) Removal of form found on Forms on Demand- Adult Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome Orders. Reference update
- [TX.IVs&MEDS.8 – Initiation and Administration of Dofetilide \(Tikosyn\) –](#) One minor change was discussed: While patients are undergoing dofetilide initiation, the providers may decrease the dose at their discretion; If dofetilide dose is increased at any time during therapy, however, the procedure for initiation of treatment must be restarted.

- [CoC.7 – Registry Policy Manual Standard 6.1](#) – Cancer policy to include MFSH

Literature Updates

Association of Maternal SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Pregnancy with Neonatal Outcomes

- An article was recently published in JAMA
- The authors found that "Maternal SARS-CoV-2 infection in pregnancy was significantly associated with small increases in the absolute risk of respiratory disorders and some other neonatal morbidities."
- The full article is available at:
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2779586>

Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥65 Years — United States, January–March 2021

- An article was recently published in MMWR
- The authors found that "in a multistate network of U.S. hospitals during January–March 2021, receipt of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines was 94% effective against COVID-19 hospitalization among fully vaccinated adults and 64% effective among partially vaccinated adults aged ≥65 years. "
- The full article is available at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7018e1.htm>

US Case Reports of Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia After Ad26.COVID. S Vaccination, March 2 to April 21, 2021

- An article was recently published in JAMA
- The authors found that "the initial 12 US cases of CVST with thrombocytopenia after Ad26.COVID. S vaccinations represent serious events. This case series may inform clinical guidance as Ad26.COVID. S vaccination resumes in the US as well as investigations into the potential relationship between Ad26.COVID. S vaccine and CVST with thrombocytopenia."
- The full article is available at:
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2779731>

Learning Opportunities

Improving Access to Ambulatory Specialty Services

- GNYHA will host a webinar on strategies to improve patient access to ambulatory specialty services, reduce delayed appointments, and address communication challenges. Presenters will discuss patient access initiatives that incorporate electronic consultations (eConsults) and enhanced referrals in an overall strategy to improve communication and coordination between primary and specialty care. GNYHA also will introduce Improving Specialty Access Using Enhanced Referrals: An Implementation Guide, a new resource to help hospital-based ambulatory care practices incorporate enhanced referrals into their specialty access strategies. A United Hospital Fund grant supported the development of the resource
- When:
 - Friday, May 14, 2021
 - 1-2:30 p.m.
- To register, click [HERE](#)

Violent Extremism: Community Awareness and the Impact on Health Care

- Since the January 6 attack on the US Capital, there has been increased awareness of the threat posed by violent extremism. In lieu of GNYHA's May Emergency Preparedness Coordinating Council meeting, we are inviting all interested members to join a webinar developed by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention, in partnership with New York-Presbyterian's Security and Emergency Management Department
- When:
 - Thursday, May 20, 2021
 - 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- To register, click [HERE](#)

Hospital-Based Interventions to Reduce Firearm Injury Risk

- In the United States, one hundred people lose their lives each day due to firearms, with many more injured. Public health approaches and health care-based interventions are key to reducing firearm injury risk. This webinar will feature programs designed to reduce the risk of firearm injuries at two health systems
- When:
 - Friday, May 7, 2021
 - 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- To register, click [HERE](#)

Active Shooter Prevention and Mitigation in the Health Care Environment

- GNYHA has partnered with the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to provide this training opportunity to enhance awareness of and response to an active shooter event in the health care environment
- When:
 - Thursday, May 27, 2021
 - 9-11 a.m.
- To register, click [HERE](#)

Today's theme is about being thankful for the gifts we have. The past 15 months have been marked by losses both tangible and ethereal. There has been reason for us to be rightly concerned over all the things that we did not have. Last year, it was protective equipment and testing. More recently, vaccines and hospital beds. In many ways, this year has been marked by an element of austerity and shortages. Balanced against this sense of loss, there has been, for many, a newly-found richness which was found in the realization that, as a community, we were able to come together and make it through the worst of the pandemic. This week, we are recognizing National Drinking Water Week. While this is a relatively new commemoration on our calendars, it is a good opportunity for us to reflect on all the things that we do have for which we should be thankful. Surrounded by two Great Lakes and more snow than we can know what to do with, drinking water seems like a trivial concern in Western New York, but you do not have to travel far to find places where it is anything but trivial. Parts of the United States, corners of the West and Southwest, are very much aware of the importance of drinking water and the impact of shortages. Across the globe, the people of India must contend with this on a daily basis. In good times, 50% of the population does not have access to safe drinking water, and now they are in the middle of a COVID outbreak which even further taxes their limited supplies. In the past 24 hours, 357,000 people have been infected and 3,500 number have died across that nation. Yes, we have had our challenges. We continue to mourn the loss of the nearly 600,000 Americans who succumbed to this virus. Today, however, the weather is warming, vaccine rates are increasing, and case rates across our communities continue to decline. We have many things for which we might be thankful. In the past year, we have learned to work as a community, to support one another. As a community, we should be thankful that we have the resources to respond to a pandemic. As healthcare workers, we might be thankful for the community of colleagues who have gotten us through the worst of times.

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.

Unless otherwise noted, data on COVID rates are drawn from the following sources:

- [Erie County Data](#)
- <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>
- <https://covidactnow.org/us/ny/>