

Kaleida Health
COVID-19 Update

January 5, 2020

Good afternoon,

Welcome to our first edition of 2021. I hope that each of you had a happy and healthy holiday and took some time to recharge as we head into a new year.

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

MINI GRAND ROUNDS
**COVID-19 Vaccination and Reproduction:
Pregnancy, Lactation & Fertility**

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- Join us for Mini Grand Rounds on Wednesday, January 6 from 7:30-8 a.m. as Drs. Sarah Berga and Heather Link discuss the COVID-19 vaccine and pregnancy, lactation, and fertility
- Everyone is welcome to participate in these weekly virtual events
- CME is available
- To join the meeting: <https://lyncmeet.kaleidahealth.org/droman/M4TTL8WD>

Mini Grand Rounds follow-up: Sleep and Healthcare Workers during a Pandemic

- Many of you joined us several weeks ago for a presentation on sleep and its impact on healthcare workers (<https://vimeo.com/486405877/e1f7e8845d>)
- Amanda Hassinger, MD, is continuing her research on this important topic and is looking to get additional data
- Please take a few moments to complete the survey below. It will be invaluable in getting a more complete understanding of the impact that the pandemic has had on each of us
- To participate in the study, please click the following link: <https://redcap.link/SleephealthcareworkersCOVID2>

COVID-19 Updates

Hospital Census: As of January 3, there were 96 COVID positive patients at BGMC (23 in the ICU), 68 at MFSH (10 in the ICU) and 4 at Oishei (2 in the ICU).

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

Region	Positivity Rate (7-day average)	New Cases in past 24 hours	ICU Reserve Capacity
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Erie County	7.9% (7.4% rolling average)	314	<i>Not available</i>
New York State	8.3% (7.8% rolling average)	11,209	67%
United States	13.55%	180,477	<i>Not available</i>
Source: erie.gov/covidtestsites https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/ https://covidactnow.org/us/ny/			

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- Kaleida Health continues to vaccinate employees and medical staff. Be sure to check your email for the latest information
- NYS has specified that the Erie County Department of Health will be responsible for vaccinating non-medical staff healthcare workers and office staff. They began this process earlier in the week, but the spots filled up quickly. There are no available appointments at this time, but new vaccines are expected to arrive shortly, and we will let you know immediately when it does
- Frequently Asked Questions
 - Is it OK to get the second dose of the vaccine after 20 days: Per the CDC, second doses administered within a grace period of ≤ 4 days from the recommended date for the second dose are considered valid; however, doses administered earlier do not need to be repeated. The second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible. However, there is no maximum interval between the first and second dose for either vaccine
 - When can you get the vaccine after a COVID-19 infection: Vaccination of persons with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation. This recommendation applies to persons who develop SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine doses as well as those who develop SARS-CoV-2 infection after the first dose but before receipt of the second dose. While there is, otherwise, no recommended minimum interval between infection and vaccination, current evidence suggests that reinfection is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection. Thus, persons with documented acute SARS-CoV-2 infection in the preceding 90 days may delay vaccination until near the end of this period, if desired

Vaccine Safety

- To help answer questions about vaccine safety, the CDC has put together several resources to be used by practices
- To learn more:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

Patient Education

- There are several opportunities to ensure that your patients are getting the information they need to decide about the COVID-19 vaccine
- George Matthews, MD, FACP, FACC, cardiologist and chief of internal medicine for Kaleida Health, will be one of the guest speakers on the Take the COVID-19 Vaccine: Town Hall Radio Show on Tuesday, January 5 from 6-7 p.m. hosted by NAACP and WUFO Power 96.5 FM. Listen or call in with your questions for the experts!

- Dennis Kuo, MD will be participating in a discussion sponsored by the Parent Network of WNY on Thursday, January 7 from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Both events are open to the public

NAACP AND WUFO POWER 96.5 FM HOST

TAKE THE COVID-19 VACCINE TOWN HALL RADIO SHOW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 • 6-7PM

FEATURED GUESTS INCLUDE
NAACP President Pastor Mark Blue, Mayor Byron Brown, Senator Tim Kennedy, and Healthcare Professionals.

Listen or call in with questions to
WUFO Power 96.5 FM or 1080 AM



Give it a Shot: Covid-19 Vaccine Question & Answers with Dr. Kuo

Do you have questions or concerns about your child getting the Covid-19 Vaccine?

Parents have many questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Is it safe for my child with a disability, developmental disability or complex medical need?
- Are there any side effects?
- When will it be available for my family member?

Thursday
January 7, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Sponsored By:



Register today and enter any questions for Dr. Kuo!



Dennis Z. Kuo MD, MHS

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He is particularly interested in population health, practice transformation, health care delivery and outcomes for children with special health care needs and medical complexity. His research interests focus on health care systems and quality improvement for children with special health care needs, children with medical complexity, the patient/family-centered medical home, and family-centered care.

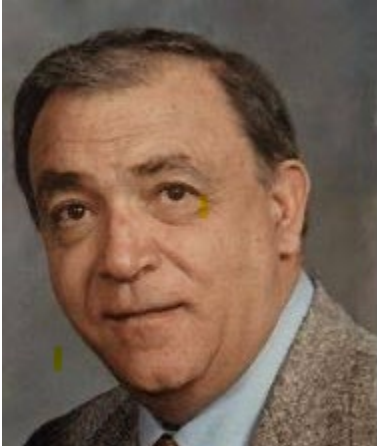
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In Memoria: Luis A. Valenzuela, MD

We are saddened to report the passing of Dr. Valenzuela. He passed away at the end of December after a brief illness. Originally from Colombia and a graduate of the Universidad Nacional De Colombia School of Medicine,

Dr. Valenzuela practiced pathology in Western New York for several decades. He will be missed by all of us in the medical community.



Today's theme is about new beginnings. The idea of a new year is purely symbolic. There is nothing magical about a given date on a calendar, but there is power in symbols, and the beginning of a new year means something to many people. It is an opportunity for hope and a chance for a fresh start. The new year affords us a chance to put away the burdens of 2020 and look at the world as new again. Unfortunately, despite the predictions from some corners of the internet, the coronavirus did not magically fade away at the stroke of midnight. We are still fully engaged with the pandemic, and there is much work to do, but 2021 brings with it new opportunities for hope. We have a vaccine and each day more and more people are getting protected from this virus. Science is catching up with the pandemic, and we are better at treating this disease than we were in 2020. We have a chance to do things differently and perhaps better than we have before. As we return to work after the holidays, I would challenge each of you to take a moment to step back and look at the work being done. Use the start of a new year as a chance to bring fresh eyes to old problems. A new year may be nothing more than a symbol, but if we embrace it as a symbol of hope, then it has a chance to have real meaning. Together, let us commit to making 2021 a better new year than the one we left behind.

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.