

UPDATE ALL THINGS COVID-19

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You may have heard in the news that there has been an increase in COVID-19 infections. There has been an increase in both wastewater measuring in select Massachusetts communities and hospitalizations.

Masking is always available and an important protection option you may choose to protect yourself at home or work.

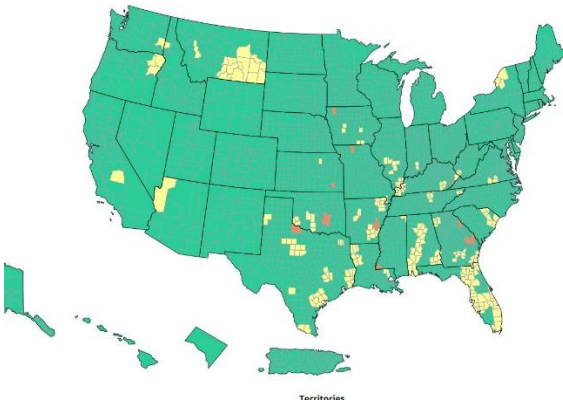
Dr. Meghan Gump and I are closely monitoring the CDC data tracking COVID-19 for Massachusetts and our communities. Massachusetts currently is in the “green” as is much of the United States. At the present time COVID-19 hospital admissions are less than 10.0 per 100,000 population.

CDC website: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#maps_new-admissions-rate-county

Reporting COVID-19 exposure or illness to your manager/supervisor/leader remains important so that we may follow established isolation guidelines.

CDC Tracking Map

Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 Population in the Past Week, by County - United States



COVID VACCINE INFORMATION

The FDA and CDC have approved an updated COVID-19 vaccine. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for everyone aged 6 years and older. Valley Medical Group supports vaccination and the CDC recommendations. VMG does not have COVID-19 vaccine for staff at this time. It is anticipated this vaccine will be available at local pharmacies soon. VMG expects to receive COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months thru 18 years in the near future. CDC Website for more information on the updated COVID-19 vaccine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

OTHER VACCINE INFORMATION

Valley Medical Group has received flu vaccines and recommends the flu vaccine for all ages. It is anticipated we will start providing flu vaccines to staff and providers in early October.

Valley Medical Group recommends all people over 60 get the RSV vaccine from your local pharmacy.