As of March 22, BJC has tested 248,225 patients for COVID-19, of whom 33,300 have tested positive. There are currently 135 COVID-19 admissions across BJC, and we have discharged 10,053 patients for recovery. The Pandemic Task Force reported a total of 215 patients hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19, including 55 in the ICU with 37 requiring ventilators. Regional patient discharges total 20,199.

At BJH, there are 35 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 3 patients under investigation. BJH has discharged 2,648 COVID-19 patients for recovery.

Visitor policy updates
With the current decline of COVID-19 hospitalizations and infection rates in our community, the visitor policy team is preparing to methodically and cautiously ease visitor restrictions that were put in place during the pandemic for the protection of our patients and staff. The first step in this gradual process will be a return to pre-COVID-19 visiting hours at each HSO and a return to 2 visitors for all OB care areas except clinical appointments. These changes will take effect April 1. More details are available on the COVID-19 intranet site. The visitor policy team will provide ongoing updates on additional policy changes in the coming weeks.

Vaccine Updates

Vaccines by the numbers

BJC has given a total of 24,151 first-dose and 23,270 second-dose vaccinations to team members, for a 67.0% vaccination rate. Any employee who wants to schedule an appointment, as well as new team members, can sign up here on the COVID-19 intranet site to select a convenient location and time that works for you.

As of March 22, 400,404 people have pre-registered on the BJC website and 123,723 scheduling invitations have been extended. Of the 52,953 who have scheduled appointments to date, 48,258 individuals have received their first vaccination.

5 Questions with ...

There are many questions and false information about the COVID-19 vaccines and their impact on fertility and pregnancy. Watch Ebony Carter address these topics and share her advice for people who are planning to start a family.

5 Questions with Dr. Ebony Carter
BJC COVID-19 vaccine T-shirt promotion ends March 31

If you have received your COVID-19 vaccinations and haven’t yet ordered your free BJC COVID-19 vaccination T-shirt, be sure to order by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2021. Team members should visit bjc.org/vaccinetshirt to order their T-shirt. Only one T-shirt per team member can be ordered (orders are tied to BJC employee ID numbers).

BJC team members will need to complete the online form and include their shipping address. Shirts will arrive approximately three weeks after the order is placed. If you work with contractors or other non-BJC team members who would like to buy a T-shirt, please let them know that the shirts are available for purchase via the BJC online store.

For Your Safety

Continue to follow safety precautions at work

As shared in news reports, the CDC issued updated guidelines last week on physical distancing between K-12 students in classroom settings where mask use is universal, allowing for 3 feet of distancing between students only in classrooms. Distancing outside the classroom and between students and adults in schools remains at 6 feet. All other CDC recommendations and BJC requirements remain at a minimum of 6 feet for safe social distancing.

It continues to be very important to follow ongoing COVID-19 safety measures at work, including PPE/masking, social distancing of at least 6 feet, diligent hand hygiene and disinfecting high-touch surfaces. Although the CDC recently issued updated guidelines stating fully vaccinated individuals can safely gather with other fully vaccinated individuals without masks in personal and home environments, this does not apply to health care or work settings. Please note:

- Full protection is still required at work, including breakrooms, which all staff should be able to use safely, because not every employee is vaccinated and not everyone’s vaccination status is known.
- No vaccine is 100 percent effective. While the COVID-19 vaccines provide very strong protection against serious illness, hospitalization and death, even vaccinated individuals can get COVID-19 as we have seen among a handful of vaccinated employees. People are still being exposed to community and family members who are unvaccinated and infected. All safety measures are still needed in terms of PPE at work AND in calling the call center for symptoms.

CDC recommendations on how to safely gather socially post-vaccine

Resources For You

Please take care of yourself

Take advantage of BJC support resources when needed — you can access materials on the COVID-19 site about your well-being, including the Show Me Hope COVID support hotline and Employee...
Assistance Program (EAP). In addition, BJC Behavioral Health is offering free crisis counseling to anybody impacted by the pandemic, with help from a federal grant. If you or anyone you know needs behavioral health support related to COVID-19, please call 314.747.7492 or text “TalkWithUs” to 66746.

BJC, WUSM employee COVID Call Center
314-362-5056

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

BJC/WUSM Employee COVID Call Center after hours protocols

Helpful pages

In addition to reading the daily updates, please use and share the following web pages:

- For BJC employees on the COVID-19 intranet site: covid19.bjc.org (The Resources section also continues to be updated)
- BJC webpage for the public information about COVID-19: bjc.org/coronavirus
- BJC "Keeping You Safe" website for patients and visitors: https://www.bjc.org/keepingyousafe
- WUSM COVID-19 site: coronavirus.med.wustl.edu