A message from URMC CEO
Mark B. Taubman
COVID-19 cases are rising across the world. Here in Rochester, we’re not exempt from this trend.
I want to assure you that we have learned much from our early experiences and that we are confident in our ability to adapt to a possible COVID-19 surge locally. We know how to best protect our patients and our frontline workers, and we know more about how to treat COVID-19 patients, particularly those with severe illness. We know how to accommodate a potential surge while keeping our mission areas open and functioning (while of course aligning with government direction).
This pandemic is a marathon, not a sprint. Although we are looking forward to vaccines early in the next year, for now we need to maintain focus and continue to follow mask and social distancing guidelines:
- Always mask when in public and when you are around others who don’t live within your immediate household.
- Avoid large indoor gatherings, and if you are unable to maintain a six-foot distance when in a household other than your own or if you have guests within your household please wear a mask.

Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself, your loved ones, and our community safe.

Phase 3 AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine study response at URMC
The Phase 3 AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine study is one of 20 under way in the U.S. and other international departments. The study, which is a large, placebo-controlled trial, will recruit more than 18,000 participants age 18+ in the U.S., including 1,000 in Rochester.

When pregnancy, breast cancer, and COVID collide
Colleen Molina found out she had breast cancer in February 2020, mere weeks before her second child was due and a global pandemic descended on Rochester.

Why do children with COVID-19 remain less symptomatic than adults?
Doctors at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia have compiled findings from more than 100,000 COVID-19 cases in children to help fill gaps in understanding of how COVID differs among age groups.

Developing new cancer therapies
Partnerships between scientists and physicians are essential to developing new therapies to combat disease. Surgeon Dr. David Linehan, who has dedicated his life to helping those with cancer, says, “that’s when the magic starts to happen.”

Understanding the immune response and COVID-19
Thursday, November 19
Noon—1 p.m.
Virtual
URMC faculty are conducting critical research on COVID-19 treatments and future prevention tactics. During this webinar, they’ll discuss their progress with clinical and vaccine trials, and what they’ve learned about the science and immunology of COVID-19.

Make a gift to the URMC COVID-19 Emergency Fund
From providing essential medical supplies to funding COVID-related research to offering critical support for frontline staff, your gift will be directed to our highest priority needs.