

Good News

from the University of Rochester Medical Center

News for friends of the Medical Center.

A message from URMC CEO

Mark B. Taubman

As an academic medical center, we have a special calling to address complex challenges—and at no time has that been more evident than in the face of this worldwide crisis. I am filled with pride when I consider the many ways in which we are responding.

While we prepare for a local surge of COVID-19 patients, we've dispatched a team of providers to New York City, to help them deal with theirs. We've graduated our medical students early so that, if they choose, they can join the frontline battle. And our researchers, with unparalleled expertise in infectious disease, are leading the national response to the pandemic. At the request of the NIH, they are studying the immune system's response to COVID-19, which has important implications for vaccine development and long-term immunity.

Our community is also responding in a big way. Many of you have contributed to our **COVID-19 support fund**, which provides critical resources for research and other urgent efforts, and more than 350 people and businesses have donated **masks, sanitizer, food, and gift cards** to support our care providers.

There are many heroes among us, and for that, I remain grateful. Thank you for your continued support now, and always.



URMC leading COVID-19 research efforts

Researchers across the Medical Center are joining forces in the fight against COVID-19. Working with federal, state, and local agencies, they are launching **clinical trials**, working to understand how COVID-19 spreads through the population, and racing to develop new therapies, **antibody tests**, and, ultimately, a new vaccine. Meet some of the researchers leading these efforts.

[Watch the video »](#)



Strong Memorial Hospital Emergency Medicine team returns from helping in NYC

"We were thrilled to be able to go and pitch in and roll up our sleeves," said Aekta Andrea Miglani, medical director of Emergency Medicine at Strong. Besides being eager to help overwhelmed colleagues downstate, the trip also offered a chance to gain valuable insights in the local fight against the pandemic.

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Medical students graduate early to join pandemic fight

The University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry graduated its 2020 class of medical students six weeks early in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis. The newly minted physicians have been given the opportunity to work immediately during the coronavirus pandemic, either at URMC or in other clinical practices.

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Meals on Wheels: feeding Rochester's most vulnerable

"We are seeing such a dramatic increase in need," says Margaret Schweizer, director for Meals on Wheels. The program is serving a broader group of people now, most of whom are elderly and don't have family nearby to help them. "These people are alone," adds Schweizer. "Their age and health conditions put them at greater risk and they are reaching out to us for help."

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Using telemedicine in a pandemic and beyond

Thursday, April 23 at noon EST

Join our virtual discussion with **Dr. Ray Dorsey** and **Dr. Mike Hasselberg** and learn how telemedicine can help deliver outstanding patient care during the pandemic and beyond.

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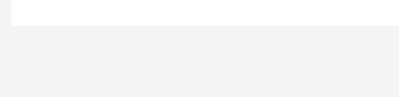


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From providing essential medical supplies to funding COVID-related research to offering critical support for frontline staff, your gift will be directed

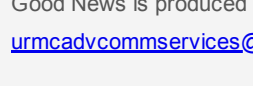
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