

Good News

from the University of Rochester Medical Center

News for friends of the Medical Center.

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 masking and social distance 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.

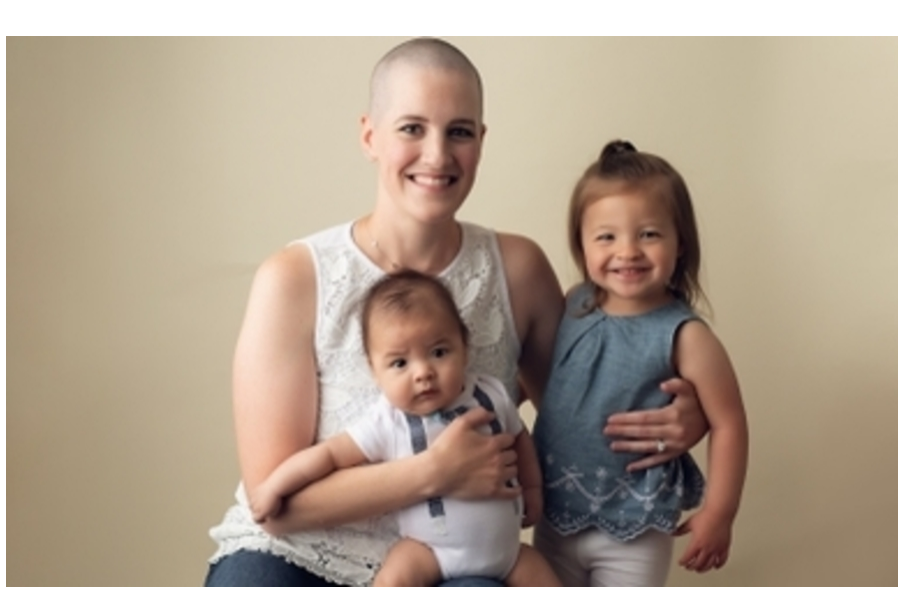
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself, your loved ones, and our community safe.



Phase 3 AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine study reopens at URMC

The trial is the second phase 3 coronavirus vaccine study to be conducted at URMC, and reopened following a thorough safety review by the FDA and other international regulators. It will recruit 30,000 people across the U.S., including 1,000 in Rochester.

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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.

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Why do children with COVID-19 remain less symptomatic than adults?

URMC researchers have received funding from the National Institutes of Health to study the effects of COVID-19 on the lungs of children and adults.

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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."

[Watch the video »](#)



Understanding the immune response and COVID-19

Thursday, November 19

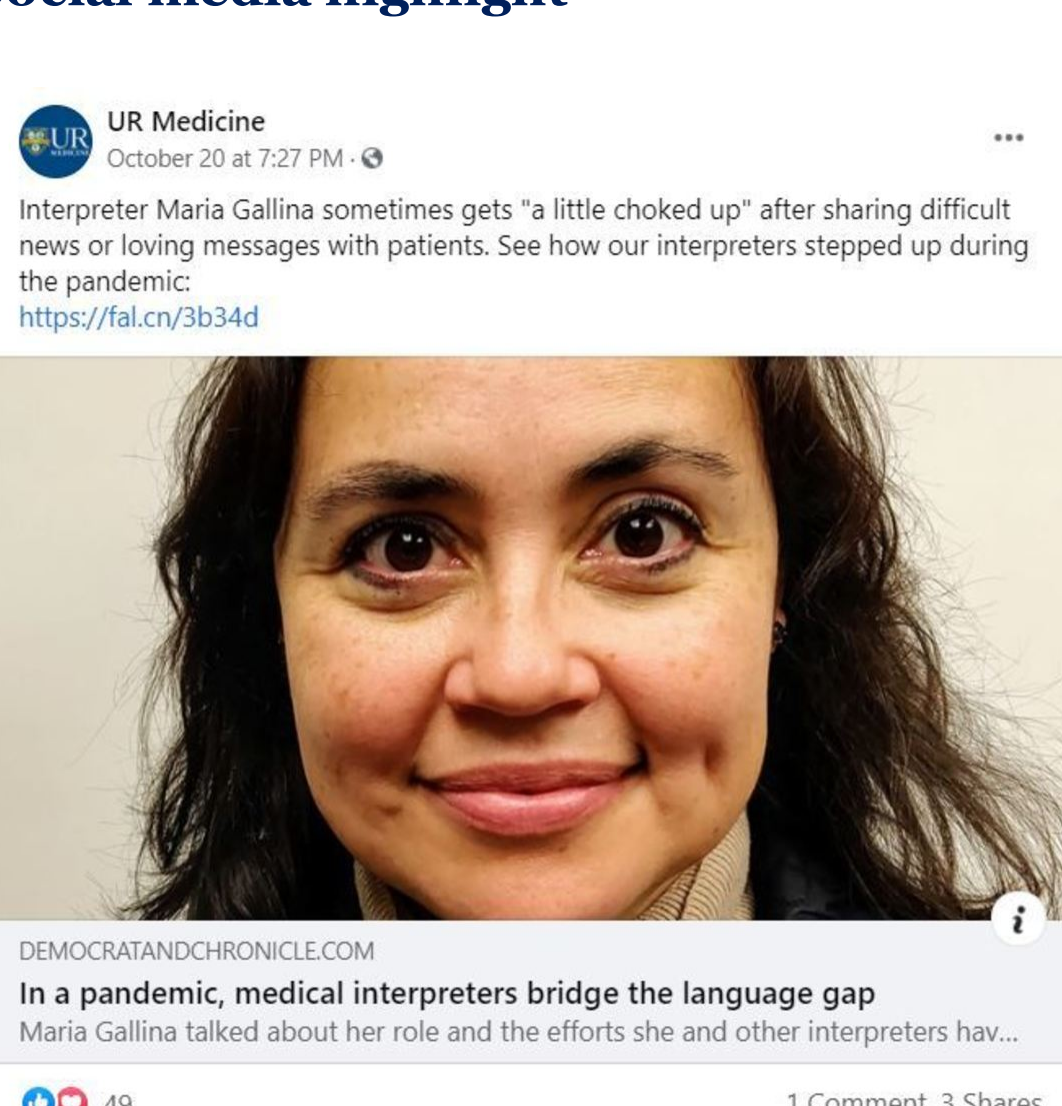
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Virtual

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 in older patients.

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Social media highlight

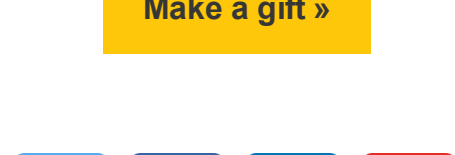


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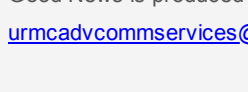
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