

COVID-19 FAQs
December 22, 2021

Q: With the surge in the Omicron variant and increase in cases, will there be any temporary changes to clinic operations? Additionally, will there be a reinstatement of allowances for COVID time off?

A: *From the COVID-19 Response Team*

1. Last week, Sherrill Brown, M.D., Medical Director of Infection Prevention, sent updated recommendations to Clinic Leaders for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) usage at AltaMed. Please follow the updated PPE guidance that includes wearing a double facemask, a KN95 mask, or a fitted N95 mask at all times. When having patient contact, one must wear a fitted N95 mask and face shield or goggles with every patient encounter.
2. Dr. Brown recommends no gatherings during clinic hours or AltaMed gatherings after hours.
3. Clinic Site Leaders may increase the number of telehealth visits in order to handle the demand for visits while also balancing staffing shortages.
4. The Federal and State governments will let us know if they reinstate the COVID-19 Paid Time Off. This government benefit expired in September 2021.