

COVID-19 DAILY BRIEFING

World Series Champion Albert Almora Message to UH



Albert Almora, Jr, who scored the 10th inning go-ahead run in Game 7 of the Chicago Cubs' historic 2016 World Series season, sent a message for all of the heroes at University Hospital.

Click the video or watch at https://www.youtube.com/watch?
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A2u7CWPtn8&feature=youtu.be.

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COVID-19 Plasma Infusion Trial

University Hospital and Rutgers NJMS are proud to report that we have initiated state of the art convalescent COVID-19 plasma therapy for several patients at the hospital. We are

hopeful this therapy will have a meaningful impact on their course of treatment, and will save lives. We want to thank the clinical teams from multiple disciplines who worked tirelessly to bring this therapy to fruition at UH.

Additional blood donations from laboratory-confirmed, recovered COVID-19 patients are needed. Individuals wishing to be a donor should reach out to (973)972-5474 or email covidplasma@uhnj.org.



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MyChart Bidirectional Messaging - Now Live

- Bidirectional messaging lets our patients communicate with their doctors from the comfort of their own home via MyChart.
- Bidirectional messaging will be an option for any UH patients that have seen a provider in the past 2 years, have a future appointment in the next 5 months, or have a documented PCP.
- Patients can see a confirmation message that their message was sent, and can see if their message has been reviewed by staff.

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University Hospital Employee Accommodations

- NJ DOH has arranged free hotel accommodations at Marriott Courtyard in Secaucus for any hospital employee with a confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Three meals per day are included.
- Room availability is determined by Marriott, and may change daily.
- If interested, please call the Command Center @ 2-5800

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Free Meals for All Staff (*Dinner now at 7*)

Day Shift - Free daily meal cards have been distributed by your managers and will continue for day shift staff. Please hold on to and present the same card when you go to the cafeteria for your one complimentary meal a day.

Evening and Overnight Shifts

- Free grab and go meals are available for all staff nightly, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room H-342.
- Free breakfast is available for the overnight shift at 6 a.m., in Room H-342.

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Seeking Volunteers for Breakfast & Dinner Distributions

- Volunteers are needed! We are seeking additional support for the distribution of dinner and breakfast meals to staff.
- Help is needed between 5:30-7 a.m., and between 6-9 p.m. Even just a few hours can make a big impact.
- To volunteer, please contact <u>community@uhnj.org</u>.

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Town Hall Replays

Replays of Dr. Elnahal's virtual town hall events are available at:

www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/on demand

Password: uhtownhall (case sensitive)



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Important Reminders

Office Cleaning: EVS has suspended cleaning of individual offices.

Garbage bins that need to be emptied should be left outside of offices.

Dress Code: Staff should dress in business casual clothing that can be washed at home, and that is neat and appropriate to the workplace.

Virtual Chapel: The UH Chapel has made available various virtual experiences. The schedule is available <u>here</u>.

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Resources & Contact Numbers

NJ COVID-19 INFORMATION HUB: https://covid19.nj.gov/

NJ 24/7 COVID-19 HOTLINE: Call 2-1-1 or (800)962-1253, or text NJCOVID to 898-211.

SYMPTOMATIC UH & NJMS STAFF SEEKING COVID-19 TESTING: Call (973)714-0005.

UH STAFF WITH CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED COVID-19: Call Employee Health at x2-3066.

PEER 2 PEER SUPPORT: Monday - Friday @ 3PM. Details here.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: Contact NJMS Psychiatry's telephone support service for staff at Stress.Anxiety@njms.rutgers.edu.

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