



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19

DAILY BRIEFING

4/15/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

201

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

40

COVID-19 Patients Discharged in April

182

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UH Welcomes Department of Defense On-Site

We are delighted to share with you that, beginning today, we are welcoming a large group of U.S. Department of Defense healthcare providers to support University Hospital in our response to this crisis. Approximately 85 Department of Defense healthcare professionals will be joining us on-site at the hospital, to assist with staffing shortages. This group of service members includes doctors, medics, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, and administration and support specialists. They will join our ranks in various areas and levels of care, including in our critical care units, working alongside all of our current hardworking and dedicated staff.

We appreciate these professionals supporting us in our time of need. Please join us in welcoming them to our hospital!

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UH Foundation - Selfies Wanted

The Foundation for University Hospital has been collecting thank you notes from patients, families, and the community-at-large during the COVID-19 crisis. They are making a video to highlight some of the thank

you notes that have been received, and to document the extraordinary resiliency of the UH family.

The Foundation is now seeking pictures of all of YOU to include in this video, so send them your best selfies, in PPE or not, to breglia@uhnjfoundation.org.

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PPE Reminder - For Clinical Spaces Only

- As a reminder to all staff, all PPE, should be removed before entering public spaces, including the cafeteria.
- PPE should only be worn in appropriate clinical spaces or when performing clinical tasks, such as patient transport.
- This includes face shields, booties, gloves, gowns, and disposable bouffant caps.
- Only procedure masks, which are required in all areas of the hospital, should be worn in public spaces.

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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

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 community@uhnj.org.

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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 [here](#).

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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.