



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19

DAILY BRIEFING

4/24/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

148

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

13

COVID-19 Patients Discharged in April

299

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Virtual Town Hall - TODAY and Every Friday @ Noon

University Hospital President & CEO, Dr. Shereef Elnahal, will continue hosting virtual town halls every Friday at Noon, through at least the end of May. All staff are encouraged to participate - by computer or smart phone, or just by phone for audio only.

Web Link:

www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/live

Passcode: uhtownhall (case sensitive)

- Web participants can submit questions during the town hall by clicking the chat button in the bottom right corner.

Phone Only Audio Line:

(866) 867-1783

Conference code: 6556814387

- Participants dialing in by phone can email their questions during the event to events@yorktel.com.

Replays of Past Town Hall Events are available:

www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/ondemand

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Proper Usage & Disposal of PPE Outside of Clinical Areas

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- All PPE, except procedure masks, 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.
- All PPE, should be disposed of before leaving the hospital. It is inappropriate to dispose of any PPE, **including procedure masks,** outside on the grounds or in the parking garage.

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Free Child Care - Two Local Options Available

YMCA of Newark

FREE child care for children ages 5 to 12 years old, of essential workers.

For more information reach out to:

Nicole L. Washington

Director of Youth Development

YMCA of Newark and Vicinity

600 Broad Street

Newark, NJ 07102

Office: (973)624-8900 x6899

Cell: (862) 218-5386

Urban League of Essex County

Childcare for ages 18 months to 5 years old

Contact: Heather Wilson, Director of Early Childhood

Hwilson@ulec.org

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Labor Pool Reminder & Volunteer Request

During this extraordinary public health emergency we are asking our staff to work in extraordinary ways to help deliver the response this crisis demands. As a result, we are seeking Labor Pool volunteers for **all shifts.** If you are willing to volunteer for Labor Pool Assignments to help University Hospital in its COVID-19 response efforts, please speak with your manager immediately. We anticipate moving to mandatory assignments in the Labor Pool in the near future.

COVID-19 Staff with Suspected COVID-19

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- Management and staff are reminded that employees who are suffering from COVID-19 suspected symptoms, are not examined, tested, or treated by Employee Health.
- Instead, those staff should be directed to contact their PCP. For staff without a PCP, the UH Emergency Department and Ambulatory Medicine Clinic are open to the public and available to staff as well.
- Before visiting the Ambulatory Medicine Clinic, staff should first call the ACC Triage Nurse Line at (973)714-0005.
- Staff with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, should still call Employee Health at x2-3066 to report their symptoms.

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One Free Meal a Day for 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 Shift Only - 7 p.m. - Grab and Go Dinner, Room H-342
- Overnight Shift Only - 6 a.m. - Grab and Go Breakfast, Room H-342

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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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Hilton, Marriott and Hyatt Hotel Programs for Front-Line Healthcare Workers

- Free and discounted rooms are available to front-line healthcare staff through special Hilton, Marriott and Hyatt hotel programs established by the American Hospital Association (AHA).
- Specific detailed information can be found [here](#).

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 6-8:30 p.m. Even just a few hours can make a big impact.
- To volunteer, please contact community@uhnj.org.

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](#).

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.