



**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**  
Newark, New Jersey

**COVID-19**

**DAILY BRIEFING**

**5/1/2020**

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

113

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

13

COVID-19 Patients Discharged in April

380

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**Virtual TownHall- 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](http://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](mailto:events@yorktel.com).

**Replays of Past Town Hall Events are available:**

[www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/ondemand](http://www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/ondemand)

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Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS), in support of our healthcare workers, has made available a limited number of suite-style housing units at Woodward Hall in Newark. Housing includes a no-cost laundry facility, free Wi-Fi and 24/7 security services. Guests are required to provide their own linens (sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, etc.) – no linens will be provided.

This housing is for healthcare workers, and is limited to those who want to limit the possibility of COVID-19 transmission in their home because they live with elderly, immunocompromised, or small children, or don't have the space to isolate/distance themselves. Because of the limited space, NJMS is asking for a brief justification for the housing need to make sure they are prioritizing appropriately.

This housing arrangement is designed for multiple night/weekly length stays. Before and after each stay, each suite is decontaminated and prepared for the next healthcare occupant.

These requests are being handled by NJMS and will be allocated out at their discretion. Those interested in this housing opportunity can apply [here](#).

The Department of Human Services and the Department of Children and Families have announced that the state will extend the subsidies under the [Emergency Child Care Assistance for Essential Employees Program](#) through the end of May. This program helps pay for child care for essential employees regardless of income level.

Subsidy amounts and additional [details are available here](#).

- Volunteers are needed! We are seeking additional support for the distribution of dinner each night; especially on the weekends, and breakfast to staff on Saturday and Sundays.
- Help is needed between 5:30-7 a.m., and between 6-8:30 p.m.
- To volunteer, please contact [community@uhnj.org](mailto:community@uhnj.org).

- Thanks to all of you who have volunteered so far. You are appreciated.

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## Virtual Support Group for First Responders & Essential Workers

Imagine is offering free virtual support groups on **Wednesday evenings at 8 PM** for health care professionals, police officers, mental health professionals, caregivers, and other helpers who are working tirelessly to keep us and our communities safe.

Please click [HERE](#) to register.



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## PPE Canteen Shift Change Closure

Starting Monday April 27th, the PPE Canteen in D230 will be closed for one hour during shift change periods. Please do the following:

1. Report to your unit by your scheduled start time to receive your shift assignment.
2. Only if your assignment requires use of an N95 mask, proceed to the Canteen to get one during operating hours.

If an N95 is urgently needed while the Canteen is closed, they will be available from the Command Center in D215.

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## Secaucus FMS Discharge Destination in EPIC

Staff are reminded that discharges to the Secaucus FMS must be appropriately designated in EPIC. The appropriate Destination Select choice in EPIC is the Secaucus Field Medical Station (and not other Meadowlands facilities).

Destination:

Secaucus Field Medical Station

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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.

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## Staff with Suspected COVID-19

- 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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## 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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## 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](mailto:Stress.Anxiety@njms.rutgers.edu).