

# UH COVID-19 Daily Update

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**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**  
Newark, New Jersey

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**Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH**

**62**

**Patients Under Investigation currently at UH**

**20**

**COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**464**

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**Please note that the UH Daily Update will no longer be distributed as of this Friday. A new UH Weekly Update will be starting on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be distributed every Wednesday thereafter.**

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**University Hospital Partners with American Red Cross to Host Plasma Donation Site**

University Hospital is proud to have entered in to a partnership with The Red Cross to host a convalescent plasma donation site on our hospital campus. The Red Cross donation site opened this past Monday and is located at the Cancer Center Building.



**American Red Cross**

University Hospital was one of the first to receive FDA approval for convalescent plasma treatment in New Jersey, and remains one of only a few hospitals in the state offering this novel treatment. This therapy uses the blood plasma from patients who have recovered from COVID-

19 to treat new patients who are severely ill with the virus. The blood plasma from recovered patients contains antibodies that may help critically ill patients fight, and perhaps conquer, the virus.

Thus far over 100 COVID-19 patients at University Hospital have been treated with convalescent plasma. The effectiveness of this treatment is not yet known – but many patients that have received this therapy at University Hospital have recovered, which is a promising sign. University Hospital practitioners and researchers, along with others across the country, continue to monitor and investigate the progress of COVID-19 patients who receive this treatment.

People interested in donating plasma must have had a confirmed positive test for COVID-19 from a lab or health facility, must be fully recovered and symptom free, and must otherwise meet blood donation eligibility criteria. **Individuals wishing to donate can contact the COVID-19 Treatment Group at 973-972-5474 or via email at [covidplasma@uhnj.org](mailto:covidplasma@uhnj.org).**

NJTV spoke to University Hospital President & CEO Dr. Shereef Elnahal for a story on this development, which you can watch [here](#).

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## Complimentary Meal Program Ending

- **The complimentary meal program for staff will be ending this Friday at 8:30 PM.**
- Meals donated to University Hospital will continue to be distributed to staff, based on availability.
- To volunteer to help distribute these donated meals, 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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## Demobilization of Command Center

Consistent with our sustained decrease in COVID-19 admissions, the Command Center has been demobilized. During this time, the revised UH Visitor Policy and Screening Program will remain in effect. Please note the adjusted schedules and resources below:

### Command Center Operations

- The Command Center is currently closed.
- For services that were previously addressed to the Command Center please call 2-1500.

### Canteen and PPE Access

- The Canteen will be open from 6 AM to midnight.
- PPE will be distributed by the Staffing Office between the hours of midnight and 6 AM.
- PPE distribution boxes will continue to be delivered to dedicated units. Staff assigned to those units should not report to the canteen for their PPE.
  - **Dedicated units:** MICU, CCU, CTICU, SICU I Blue, D Green, E Blue, F Blue, & G Blue
- Ancillary staff are to obtain PPE from their departments.
- Fit testing will be done from 8 AM to 11:30 PM in the D-Yellow Classroom, D333.

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**Schedule Change for Rutgers Campus Connect Bus Service**

- The Rutgers Campus Connect will now be running a reduced bus schedule to reflect the current level of ridership.
- Campus Connect will be running one bus every 35 minutes between 7:00 am and midnight.
- There is no change to the usual bus route for Campus Connect.

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**Dorm Housing Available for Healthcare Workers**

- Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) has made available a limited number of suite-style housing units at Woodward Hall in Newark.
- This housing is for healthcare workers, and is limited to those who want to limit the possibility of COVID-19 transmission in their home.
- This housing arrangement is designed for multiple night/weekly length stays.
- These requests are being handled by NJMS and will be allocated out at their discretion. Those interested in this housing opportunity can apply [here](#).

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**Extension of Emergency Child Care Assistance for Essential Workers**

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.](#)

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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](mailto:Hwilson@ulec.org)

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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 email Dennis Boos at [boosde@uhnj.org](mailto:boosde@uhnj.org)

**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](#).

**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).