



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19
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5/4/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

104

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

41

COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1st

400

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University Hospital Featured on ABC News 7



University Hospital President & CEO, Dr. Shereef Elnahal joined ABC News 7 this weekend to discuss how University Hospital and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School are leading the way in using blood plasma from patients who recovered from COVID-19 to treat new patients who are severely ill with COVID-19 infections.

Also featured was Matt Platkin, Chief Counsel to Governor Phil Murphy, who after recovering from his own coronavirus infection was one of the first to donate his plasma. University Hospital thanks Mr. Platkin for his contribution to this important trial therapy and his service to the people of New Jersey during this public health crisis.

The full television news clip can be found [here](#).

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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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Seeking Volunteers - Weekend Warriors are Needed!

- 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.
- 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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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)

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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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.

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