



**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**  
Newark, New Jersey

**COVID-19**

**DAILY BRIEFING**

**5/15/2020**

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

49

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

8

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

483

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**Please note that this will be the last UH Daily Update and will be replaced by a new UH Weekly Update, which will be starting on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be distributed every Wednesday thereafter.**

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**Virtual TownHall- TODAY @ Noon**

University Hospital President & CEO, Dr. Shereef Elnahal, will continue hosting virtual town halls today at Noon. 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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## Complimentary Meal Program Ending

- **The complimentary meal program for staff will be ending tonight 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)

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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).