



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19

WEEKLY BRIEFING

5/20/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

49

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

24

COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1st

495

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Wishing Farewell to the Department of Defense

Please join us at 4:30pm today to clap-out our Department of Defense colleagues as they make their way out the doors of University Hospital one last time. We are forever grateful for their service to us and our patients during our time of need.

The departure route will be between the cafeteria, through the lobby, and out the front doors, marked with yellow ribbons. **Please remember to maintain appropriate physical distance as we stand together for this special send-off.**

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Memorial Day, Vacation Time, and Hero Pay Updates

During the surge in coronavirus cases, University Hospital was forced to limit time-off requests to two days and cancel scheduled vacations. As part of our phased return to normal operations, important changes have been announced.

- Memorial Day will be observed as a normal holiday. This could be reversed in the event of a sudden surge in coronavirus cases, but

that appears unlikely.

- Effective Sunday May 24th, the restrictions on using vacation and float holiday time will end. Vacation requests which had been approved for July 1st and later will be honored without the employee having to take any further action. Should a staff member wish to cancel such an approved time off request, they should do so before June 12th.
- Due to the decline in Covid-19 cases, the “Heroes Fund Bonus Pay” and “Crisis Extra Shift Incentive” programs will end Saturday May 23rd.

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Elective Surgeries Resuming

- Governor Murphy has issued an Executive Order that allows Elective Procedures to resume on Tuesday, May 26th. These surgeries will only be allowed pursuant to strict guidelines provided by the Department of Health.
- University Hospital is in the process of updating its policies and procedures, in order to resume Elective Procedures as soon as possible. Additional guidance will be forthcoming in the near future.

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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

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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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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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