



**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**  
Newark, New Jersey

**COVID-19**  
**WEEKLY BRIEFING**  
**5/27/2020**

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

41

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

11

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

512

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## 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.

- The previous restrictions on using vacation and float holiday time have ended. 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 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Due to the decline in Covid-19 cases, the "Heroes Fund Bonus Pay" and "Crisis Extra Shift Incentive" programs have also concluded.

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## Elective Surgeries Resuming

- Effective May 26th, we have resumed Elective Procedures. These surgeries will only be allowed pursuant to strict guidelines provided by the Department of Health.
- University Hospital is prepared to resume Elective Procedures immediately, and will continue to review our policies and

procedures as necessary.

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### Extended Hours at Newark Whole Foods Market



The local Whole Foods Market (633 Broad Street) has extended its hours to 8 PM daily to help accommodate essential workers.

Essential workers can show their University Hospital ID in order to expedite their place in line.

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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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**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).

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