



**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**  
Newark, New Jersey

**COVID-19**

**DAILY BRIEFING**

**4/16/2020**

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

193

**Patients Under Investigation currently at UH**

23

**COVID-19 Patients Discharged in April**

207

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## The Sounds of Healing

Please note that the songs you are hearing through the University Hospital paging system are being played every time a COVID-19 patient is discharged – a reminder of all the lives that are being saved by your daily hard work.

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## Virtual Town Hall Series - Every Friday @ Noon

University Hospital President & CEO, Dr. Shereef Elnahal, will continue hosting virtual town halls every Friday at Noon, through at least the end of May. 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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## Free Meals for All Staff (\*Updated Times\*)

Day Shift - Free daily meal cards have been distributed by your managers and will continue for day shift staff. Please hold on to and present the same card when you go to the cafeteria for your one complimentary meal a day.

Evening and Overnight Shifts

- Free grab and go meals are available for the evening shift between **7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, in Room H-342.
- Free breakfast is available for the overnight shift between **6 a.m. - 7 a.m.**, in Room H-342.

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## UH Foundation - Selfies Wanted

The Foundation for University Hospital has been collecting thank you notes from patients, families, and the community-at-large during the COVID-19 crisis. They are making a video to highlight some of the thank you notes that have been received, and to document the extraordinary resiliency of the UH family.

The Foundation is now seeking pictures of all of YOU to include in this video, so send them your best selfies, in PPE or not, to [breglia@uhnjfoundation.org](mailto:breglia@uhnjfoundation.org).

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## PPE Reminder - For Clinical Spaces Only

- As a reminder to all staff, all PPE, should be removed before entering public spaces, including the cafeteria.
- PPE should only be worn in appropriate clinical spaces or when performing clinical tasks, such as patient transport.
- This includes face shields, booties, gloves, gowns, and disposable bouffant caps.
- Only procedure masks, which are required in all areas of the hospital, should be worn in public spaces.

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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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## Seeking Volunteers for Breakfast & Dinner Distributions

- Volunteers are needed! We are seeking additional support for the distribution of dinner and breakfast meals to staff.
- Help is needed between 5:30-7 a.m., and between 6-8:30 p.m. Even just a few hours can make a big impact.
- To volunteer, please contact [community@uhnj.org](mailto:community@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).

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