



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19

DAILY BRIEFING

4/3/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

118

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

54

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Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Elnahal - Today @ Noon

Join us virtually at noon today. You can watch and participate by computer or smart phone, or listen in and participate by phone.

Web Link:

www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/04/03

Passcode: uhtownhall (case sensitive)

- Web participants can submit questions for Dr. Elnahal during the town hall by clicking the chat button in the bottom right corner.

Phone Only Audio Line:

(866) 617-1792

Conference code: 6330788421

- Participants dialing in by phone can email their questions to events@yorktel.com.

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Mandatory Masking Policy

As we continue to review updated infection control guidance from federal, state and academic institutions, University Hospital will soon implement a requirement that all personnel, regardless of where they work, wear a procedure mask during their entire shift. More detailed guidance will be forthcoming. Stay safe.

The State of New Jersey has established a collaborative response effort in order to best provide care across the State's regions during this public health emergency. University Hospital has been named by the State as the Lead Coordinator for the Northern New Jersey region.

Under this designation, the hospital has been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating the distribution of patients across the entire healthcare system of Northern New Jersey -- an awesome responsibility and a testament to our daily hard work. Hospital Leadership is collaborating with all Northern New Jersey hospitals to identify capacity and establish a patient transfer system, to ensure the best possible care for the entire region.

The State of New Jersey has launched the Emergency Child Care Assistance Program, which provides support for child care costs for essential employees, regardless of income level. Additional information can be found at childcarenj.gov/emergency.

As always, all personnel at University Hospital are expected to exercise appropriate discretion in their use of social media. We must continue to conduct ourselves in an appropriate and professional manner at all times, including when speaking about our work in public messages. This is especially true now, when the eyes of the world are watching our healthcare systems and workers. Here are some helpful tips:

- Never discuss patient-specific information, including on social media, outside your clinical care team.
- Assume the world is watching what you post in online platforms and say in public settings.
- Always feel comfortable to bring your questions and concerns to your managers - we want to hear from you!
- Should you be contacted by the media, please direct such inquiries to UH Media Affairs (973) 634-8298.

Travel Restrictions: All UH staff are part of an essential service, and are not impacted by the recent travel restrictions from the CDC, Governor Murphy, or Mayor Baraka, for purposes of commuting to work at the hospital. In order to avoid issues, it is recommended that staff carry their IDs with them at all times.

Dress Code: University Hospital is relaxing its official dress code to enable all employees to come to work in clothing that can be washed at home, and to avoid clothing that requires dry-cleaning. All staff are encouraged to dress in business casual clothing that is neat and appropriate to the workplace.

Rutgers/UH COVID-19 Study: Rutgers is conducting a Health Care Worker COVID-19 Study in partnership with UH. Interested healthcare workers that meet eligibility requirements will get regular COVID surveillance testing. Additional information can be learned [here](#).

Virtual Chapel: To encourage and sustain well-being, 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.

UH STAFF GENERAL QUESTIONS LINE (UH STAFF ONLY): For non-patient care questions, contact Infection Control at (973)865-7684.

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.