



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19
DAILY BRIEFING

5/8/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

71

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

5

COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1st

439

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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

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.

Replays of Past Town Hall Events are available:

www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/ondemand

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Demobilization of Command Center

Consistent with our sustained decrease in COVID-19 admissions, the Command Center has begun the process of demobilizing. 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

- May 7-10th: Hours of Operation will be from 6 AM to midnight
- Sunday, May 10th: Command Center will close at midnight
- For services that are needed when the Command Center is closed, please call 2-1500.

Canteen and PPE Access

- Beginning May 8th, the Canteen will be open from 6 AM to midnight
- PPE will be distributed by the Staffing Office, except between the hours of 6 AM to noon.
- 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
- Beginning May 9th, fit testing will be done from 8 AM to 11:30 PM in the D-Yellow Classroom, D333

Schedule Change for Rutgers Campus Connect Bus Service

- Starting this Monday May 11th Rutgers Campus Connect will be running a reduced bus schedule to reflect the current level of ridership.
- Starting Monday 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.

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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Seeking Volunteers - Weekend Warriors are Needed!

- Volunteers are needed! We are seeking additional support for the distribution of dinner each night; especially on the weekends, and breakfast to staff on Saturday and Sundays.
- Help is needed between 6-8:30 p.m.
- To volunteer, please contact community@uhnj.org.
- Thanks to all of you who have volunteered so far. You are appreciated.

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PPE Canteen Shift Change Closure

Starting Monday April 27th, the PPE Canteen in D230 will be closed for one hour during shift change periods. Please do the following:

1. Report to your unit by your scheduled start time to receive your shift assignment.
2. Only if your assignment requires use of an N95 mask, proceed to the Canteen to get one during operating hours.

If an N95 is urgently needed while the Canteen is closed, they will be available from the Command Center in D215.

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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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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

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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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