



Confirmed COVID19 Patients currently at UH

17

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

35

Virtual Town Hall

The virtual town hall scheduled for yesterday will be rescheduled due to technical difficulties. We appreciate everyone's patience as we adapt to new technologies to ensure appropriate social distancing.

Message from The Joint Commission



Essex County Testing

Essex County is opening a COVID-19 testing site in Weequahic Park in Newark. University Hospital is lending staff to support the efforts. The tests are for Essex county residents only who are exhibiting symptoms and are **by appointment only**. Individuals can visit <https://essexcovid.org/> or call (973)324-9950 for more information.

HIPAA Reminders

Given the significant public attention on the healthcare system nationwide, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the strict HIPAA rules and University Hospital policies regarding the protection of our patients' privacy. The existing patient privacy requirements that we already observe continue to apply:

1. Ensure that you only access, use, or disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to treat patients or perform your job.
2. Only discuss Protected Health Information for treatment purposes. Take reasonable steps to ensure that these conversations are in private.
3. Ensure that you do not share or discuss the identity of anyone presenting for treatment, for any non-treatment purposes, including in discussion with family or friends.
4. If you have questions about how to comply with HIPAA, contact the Office of Ethics & Compliance at 973-972-3450.

Workforce Schedule Survey

NJHA is surveying the childcare needs of healthcare workers at this time in order to share this information with the State of NJ. Please answer their survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hr_childcare

Or scan the QR code:



Important Reminders

Governor's Stay at Home Order: Governor Murphy has ordered all residents to stay at home until further notice, and close all non-essential businesses. Health care is an essential service, and this order does not apply to UH Staff reporting to work. In order to avoid issues, it is recommended that staff carry their ID's with them at all times. More information can be found at <https://covid19.nj.gov>.

Virtual Chapel: To encourage and sustain wellbeing, the UH Chapel has made available various virtual experiences. The schedule is available [here](#).

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

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: NJMS Psychiatry is launching a telephone support service for staff during these difficult times. You can contact them at Stress.Anxiety@njms.rutgers.edu, and leave your name, number and best time to call.

Thank you for your diligence in providing the best care to our patients, and preventing the spread of infection at University Hospital.

Previous COVID-19 Updates are archived and can be accessed on the [UH Portal](#).

For Distribution to All Staff.