



Confirmed COVID19 Patients currently at UH

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Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

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Message from Governor Murphy



Screening Policy and Entrance Restrictions

University Hospital has reduced the number of entrances to the hospital building and is screening all persons before entering the hospital. Screenings include general health questions and a temperature check.

Entrance may be denied based on any of the following symptoms:

- Fever > 100.4
- New cough
- New shortness of breath

The following entrances remain open to staff:

- EMS entrance - 24 hours
- Main walk-in entrance - 6 AM to Midnight
- ED walk in entrance - 24 hours
- B- Level tunnel UH side - 6 AM to Midnight
- C- Level Dental Clinic - 6 AM to Midnight
- UH Cafeteria and NJMS Door - 6 AM to Midnight

Any UH employee who is denied entry based on this screening must report this absence to his/her supervisor AND Employee Health, as well as contact his/her primary care physician. If anyone does not have a primary care physician, the UH Emergency Department and Ambulatory Medicine Clinic are both open to the public.

Labor Pool

In light of the evolving COVID-19 circumstances, University Hospital Executive Leadership has determined that it is necessary to create a pool of available staff members to be redeployed to new duties. This group, known as the "Labor Pool," is a critical part of the hospital's emergency operations plan. At this time, all personnel who have been designated by their managers as eligible for the Labor Pool have already been notified. However, additional staff may be added in the coming days based on hospital needs.

Once assigned to the Labor Pool, personnel will be required to perform revised job functions, which may include operational tasks that provide direct support to patient care. All members of the Labor Pool must report to the cafeteria for their assignment each morning unless advised otherwise, and will receive training, if necessary, for their new duties.

Labor Pool employees will be permitted to "dress down," provided their clothes are neat, appropriate, and not torn. University Hospital will strive to find duties and schedules that can accommodate the personal needs of each employee, but may not always be able to do so.

Child Care Resources

The NJ Department of Human Resources is encouraging essential workers in need of childcare to phone their county Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, to help identify appropriate childcare options. More information and a list of county contact information is available here: <https://www.childcarenj.gov/Parents/CCRR>.

Rutgers/UH COVID-19 Study

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

Important Reminders

CDC Travel Advisory: Over the weekend the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a travel advisory for NJ, NY and CT. It calls upon residents to restrict their domestic travel for the next two weeks. Governor Murphy has stated that this CDC order is non-binding guidance that does NOT change the existing Stay at Home Order he issued over a week ago. Furthermore, all UH staff remain part of an essential service and are not impacted by the Governor's Order or this CDC guidance. 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>.

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

Essex County Testing: Essex County has opened 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.

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.