



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

**WEEKLY
BRIEFING**

6/17/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

10

COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1st

554



UH Radiology Achieves Quality Improvement Milestone

The University Hospital Radiology Department successfully completed an intensive application and review process demonstrating its commitment to delivering quality patient care. The audit was conducted by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission to maintain UH's current three-year accreditation in Echocardiology.

The audit focused on Adult Transthoracic, Adult Stress, and Adult Transesophageal. It entailed a detailed self-evaluation followed by a thorough review by a panel of medical experts, assessing critical operational and technical components of the department, including representative case studies and their corresponding final reports.

Congratulations to the Radiology Department on this achievement!



Celebrate Our LGBTQ Community During Pride Month

June is Pride Month when we celebrate our LGBTQ community. In normal times, this would include a number of festivities,



such as participating in the Newark Gay Pride Parade. COVID-19 prevents us this year from undertaking many of those activities, but it cannot stop us from carrying on the mission of our hospital, and providing the best possible care to every patient, every time.

To kickoff our Pride Month celebration, the Pride flag was raised in our hospital lobby and as a small token of appreciation, we will be distributing cookies on the [following days and times](#) in the cafeteria:

- **Night Shift:** Thursday, June 18th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Day Shift:** Friday, June 19th 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



Joint Commission Preparations - Fire Safety



The Joint Commission

The Joint Commission could visit as early as July to conduct our reaccreditation survey. To insure we are prepared, here are some steps you can take regarding fire safety:

- Make sure fire doors are not obstructed. In the event of an emergency, they must be able to close.
- Fire extinguishers placed around the hospital must not be obstructed. Cases have been found where items have been placed on or around extinguishers.



Asymptomatic Testing Now Available at UH



University Hospital is now offering COVID-19 testing to any New Jersey resident who wants to be tested, including those who are not demonstrating typical COVID-19

symptoms.

This is the latest step in University Hospital's [Care Around the Clock](#) program, which exists to protect patients and the public, as well as encourage them to return to the hospital for necessary care.

Individuals will not be required to pay for these services out of pocket. Rather, University Hospital will direct claims for payment to patients' insurance or existing governmental sources for payment of uninsured COVID-19 claims.

Testing will be offered at the Ambulatory Care Center, located at 140 Bergen Street in Newark. An appointment is necessary. Individuals wishing to be tested can call to make an appointment at (973)972-9000.



Stress Management Webinar



EMS invites you to attend this webinar designed to help health professionals working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. **The one-hour sessions are available today and Thursday June 25 at 10 am.**

Featuring experts from NATAL: Israel Trauma & Resiliency Center, the webinar will address:

- Managing the transition from work to home
- Coping with anxious community members
- Dealing with quarantine and its fatigue
- Tools for recharging after a tough shift
- Setting limits
- The power of rituals

You can join via Zoom or phone:

o Zoom Meeting ID: 263 929 7241

o Direct Link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/263929724>

o Phone Access: (646) 558-8656



Breaking Down Barriers to Mental Health in the Black Community

Join Spring Health for a panel discussion on the challenges the Black community faces when it comes to mental health, and how we can create a more supportive network.

Join us this Thursday, June 18 at 2pm EST

PANELISTS:

Dr. Dawne Mouzon, Associate Professor, Rutgers University

Merraf Abel, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

Zakia Williams, Co-founder, Black Men Heal

PANEL DISCUSSION SERIES

Breaking Down Barriers to Mental Health in the Black Community

HOSTED BY: April Koh, CEO and Founder of Spring Health

This session is the first in a series designed to help promote positive mental health strategies for Black individuals. We will address stigma, accessibility, and how we can work together to make change.

This panel was developed for our Black members,

however allies are encouraged to attend.

You can register for this panel discussion [here](#).



COVID-19 Workplace Survey

The FUTURE Arrives;
This now;
You are living and working in a Pandemic

RUTGERS
New Jersey Medical School

NJMS is conducting a short completely anonymous survey that asks how your well-being has been impacted by the COVID-19 related workplace changes and stressors.

Those requested to take the survey include any health care worker, employee or trainee over 18 years of

age of a health care organization that provides patient care. 'Worker' includes all in the organization, whether providing direct care or indirect and supportive care to the mission.

The data collected in this completely anonymous survey will help the surveyors to understand the specific ways stress from COVID-19 is affecting healthcare employees. This data can be used to inform policies aimed at improving the workplace.

The consent for this survey can be found [here](#).

Those wishing to complete the survey can access it [here](#).



The Pandemic and Mental Health - Telephone Hotline



For NJMS-UH-UPA faculty & staff who are experiencing stress, worry, or health anxiety. NJMS Psychiatry is launching a telephone support service during these times of health crisis. If you need a call

back for a brief telephone call to get support and guidance please contact: Stress.Anxiety@njms.rutgers.edu and leave your name, telephone number, and best time to call.

For more resources, please visit [NJMS.Rutgers.edu/Psychiatry](https://njms.rutgers.edu/Psychiatry).



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.



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](#).



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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