



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19
WEEKLY BRIEFING
6/03/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

31

COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1st

534

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Virtual TownHall-TOMORROW @ Noon

University Hospital President & CEO, Dr. Shereef Elnahal, will continue hosting virtual town halls tomorrow at Noon. All staff are encouraged to participate - by computer or smart phone, or just by phone for audio only.

This week's Town Hall has been rescheduled for Thursday - but next week's virtual Town Hall will return on Friday June 12th at noon. These weekly Town Halls will continue on their regular schedule through the end of June.

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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The Pandemic and Mental Health



Join experts from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) and other organizations for live video conferences, hosted by [Rutgers Project ECHO](#). The series focuses on the pandemic's impact on all aspects of mental health, including support systems and resources. It is an opportunity for participants to have a real-time discussion about interventions and responses to emergent needs.

Join the discussion this Friday at Noon as NJMS hosts *After the Pandemic: Rebuilding and Recovery*. For full schedule and registration information, click [here](#).

For more information, previous recordings, and presentation materials: http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/community_health/other/project-echo/covid-19

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Joint Commission Preparations



As a result of the COVID-19 surge, The Joint Commission suspended all of its hospital certification surveys. At the time, University Hospital was expecting our recertification review within days. **Now that our region is past the surge, this survey could now be rescheduled as early as next month.**

It is essential that we all diligently resume these preparations. If you see a potential violation, alert your supervisor or do what you can to correct it.

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Care Around the Clock



The COVID-19 pandemic created collateral damage throughout the hospital industry by discouraging patients from attending to their emergent and long-

standing healthcare needs. UH has launched a [Care Around the Clock](#) initiative to reassure patients we are safe and that they should not delay care.

We are reaching out to patients through electronic email blasts, *My Chart* messages, traditional media, social media, mailers and postcards. In addition, we are working with our community partners, including faith-based organizations, to spread the word.

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Vacation Time Reminder

The previous restrictions on using vacation and float holiday time have ended. Vacation requests which had been approved for July 1st and later will be honored without the employee having to take any further action. Should a staff member wish to cancel such an approved time off request, they should do so before June 12th.

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Elective Surgeries Have Resumed

- Elective Procedures have resumed at University Hospital. These surgeries will only be allowed pursuant to strict guidelines provided by the Department of Health.
- University Hospital will continue to review our policies and procedures as necessary.

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Extended Hours at Newark Whole Foods Market



The local Whole Foods Market (633 Broad Street) has extended its hours to 8 PM daily to help accommodate essential workers.

Essential workers can show their University Hospital ID to expedite their place in line to get in to Whole Foods.

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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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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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