



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

COVID-19

DAILY BRIEFING

4/6/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

154

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

20

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Mandatory Masking Policy

University Hospital has adjusted its policy regarding the wearing of procedure masks. The new policy mandates that all personnel at the hospital wear procedure masks while in clinical areas and, when possible, in non-clinical areas as well. This does not change the existing protocol for use of PPE, including N95 masks, while providing patient care. Additional details are included in the full [policy document](#).

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Free Meals for All Staff

Evening and Overnight Shifts - Free grab and go meals are available for all staff nightly, beginning at 8 p.m., in Room H-342.

Day Shift - Free daily meal cards have been distributed by your managers and will continue for day shift staff.

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Friday's Town Hall - Video on Demand

The video from Friday's Town Hall can be viewed by clicking the image or following the below link:

www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/04/03

Passcode: uhtownhall (case sensitive)



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Child Care Assistance

The State of New Jersey has launched the Emergency Child Care Assistance Program, which provides support for child care costs for essential employees, regardless of income level. Additional information can be found at childcarenj.gov/emergency.

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Disposal of PPE Reminder

Staff are reminded that proper doffing procedures for PPE includes disposal instructions. Depending on its use, PPE should be disposed of as medical or solid waste in appropriate receptacles.

The hospital has received reports of PPE discarded on the ground in hospital parking facilities. For the safety of our patients and staff, and for the professional workplace that we all take pride in maintaining, PPE must be discarded in appropriate receptacles.

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Important Reminders

Travel Restrictions: All UH staff are part of an essential service, and are not impacted by the recent travel restrictions from the CDC, Governor Murphy, or Mayor Baraka, for purposes of commuting to work at the hospital. In order to avoid issues, it is recommended that staff carry their IDs with them at all times.

Dress Code: University Hospital is relaxing its official dress code to enable all employees to come to work in clothing that can be washed at home, and to avoid clothing that requires dry-cleaning. All staff are encouraged to dress in business casual clothing that is neat and appropriate to the workplace.

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

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.

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.