



**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**  
Newark, New Jersey

**COVID-19**

**DAILY BRIEFING**

**4/9/2020**

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

169

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH

37

COVID-19 Patients Discharged since April 7th

23

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## Heroes Supporting Heroes



Yesterday, Newark Police and Fire Departments visited to salute University Hospital and all of our #HealthcareHeroes. A video of their tribute is available by clicking the image to the right or [HERE](#).

Our Chief Strategic Integration & Health Equity Officer, Dr. Chris, also captured the Newark Public Safety Office's message up close. Available [HERE](#).

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Virtual Town Hall Series - Every Friday @ Noon

University Hospital President & CEO, Dr. Shereef Elnahal, will continue hosting virtual town halls every Friday at Noon, through at least the end of May. All staff are encouraged to participate - by computer or smart phone, or just by phone for audio only.

An on-demand video of the event will be available at the web link shortly after the conclusion of the weekly event.

**Web Link:**

[www.yorkmedia.com/uhnj/2020/townhall/live](http://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](mailto:events@yorktel.com).

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## Seeking Labor Pool Volunteers for Weekend, Evening, and Night Shifts

- UH Leadership is seeking Labor Pool volunteers for weekend, evening, and night shifts.
- All managers should discuss with employees immediately.
- If there are not enough volunteers, UH will have to assign individuals to the Labor Pool to work these shifts.

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## University Hospital Employee Accommodations

- NJ DOH has arranged free hotel accommodations at Marriott Courtyard in Secaucus for any hospital employee with a confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Three meals per day are included.
- Room availability is determined by Marriott, and may change daily.
- If interested, please call the Command Center @ 2-5800

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## Free Meals for All Staff

Day Shift - Free daily meal cards have been distributed by your managers and will continue for day shift staff. **Please hold on to and present the same card when you go to the cafeteria for your one complimentary meal a day.**

### Evening and Overnight Shifts

- Free grab and go meals are available for all staff nightly, beginning at 8 p.m., in Room H-342.
- Free breakfast is available for the overnight shift at 6 a.m., in Room H-342.

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### University Hospital Childcare Needs Survey

University Hospital is surveying the childcare needs of our employees. Staff responses will better help us work with local childcare centers to express the needs of our employees to these organizations. Please complete the survey [HERE](#).

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### Revised Leave Policies

As a result of the surge of COVID-19 patients, University Hospital Leadership has made several temporary changes to leave policies:

1. Good Friday, April 10th, will be a normal work day for all staff this year. Staff who work will be paid for this day, and this holiday will be available for use as a future day off.
2. All previously approved vacations and float holidays beginning Monday, April 13th, or after, are cancelled. Managers are authorized to approve time off requests of no more than two (2) days. Any requests of more than two days, must be approved by the Chief Executive for each area.
3. The annual forfeit of excess vacation time that typically occurs on July 1st is suspended for this year. Staff will be able to carry-over more than the typical allowance of one year's worth of accrued vacation time beyond this date. The next excess vacation forfeiture will occur on July 1, 2021.

We understand that these are difficult changes, and we thank all of you for your continued commitment to our hospital and our patients.

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### Important Reminders

**Office Cleaning:** EVS has suspended cleaning of individual office spaces during this public health emergency. Any garbage bins that need to be emptied should be left outside the office door.

**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](#).

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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.

**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](mailto:Stress.Anxiety@njms.rutgers.edu).

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