

UH Weekly Update

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

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BRIEFING

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Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH

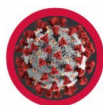
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COVID-19 Patients Discharged Since April 1st

564



Change to UH Visitor Policy



VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

The protection of our patients, staff and the community we serve is our highest priority. Consistent with updated guidance from the Department of Health, we are now able to welcome visitors back to University Hospital within the guidelines and precautions below.

Patients may now have one visitor at a time. Exceptions exist in the following limited circumstances (subject to change):

- If the patient is a minor, in which case **both** parents or guardians shall be granted visitation.
- Labor & Delivery patients, in addition to having one support person, may have the support of a doula during childbirth.

Visitors to University Hospital must abide by the following rules:

- Must be at least 18 years of age

- Will be screened for flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If a person presents with any of these symptoms, they will not be granted access at the sole discretion of University Hospital
- Visitors will be presented with a mask and any other appropriate PPE, as determined by University Hospital staff. **Any visitor who refuses to wear a mask and other PPE, as determined, will be asked to leave the facility.**
- All visitors must perform hand hygiene before visiting any patient.
- Once granted visitation to University Hospital, visitors shall remain in the patient's room (or Emergency Department bay) as much as possible throughout the visit, except when directed by staff to leave. Visitors may use the cafeteria and other amenities available to patients or visitors.
- Visitors may not be present during procedures or in the recovery room, **except for pediatrics, childbirth, and patients with an intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability.**
- Same day surgery or procedure patients, **except for pediatrics, childbirth, and patients with an intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability,** may have one support person. The support person may remain with the patient through the initial intake process and may rejoin the patient for the discharge process.
- Outpatients to University Hospital may be accompanied by one adult. Visitors may wait for the patient in a designated waiting area (subject to available space), while the patient is having their procedure.
- All visitors must comply with all reasonable requirements imposed by University Hospital to minimize the potential spread of infection.
- **University Hospital retains sole discretion to amend these policies at any time, as well as grant exceptions on a limited case-by-case basis.**



Generally, at this time, only one visitor is permitted at University Hospital, and only when authorized as outlined above.



No visitors below the age of 18.



No visitors with a fever or cough.



Visiting Hours will end no later than 8pm.



UH Welcomes Two New Board Members



Heather Howard, a direct appointment by Governor Murphy, and Eric Pennington, the designated representative of Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, have joined the UH Board of Directors.

A healthcare policy expert and lecturer at Princeton University, Ms. Howard serves as Director of the State Health and Value Strategies program, an RWJ Foundation-funded program focused on improving population health strategies and reforming the delivery of services. She served as state Commissioner of Health and Senior Services from 2008-2010.

As Business Administrator for the City of Newark, Mr. Pennington is responsible for the City's \$600 million budget and the administration of over 3,000 city employees. Mr. Pennington joined Mayor Baraka's administration after an extensive legal career in private practice. He served previously on the Board of Trustees for the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, and was a former Commissioner of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.



UH Breastfeeding Task Force Needs You

As University Hospital has shown its commitment to supporting families in breast milk feeding, we ask you to:

1) Share your passion and commitment to breastfeeding with a short video segment using your smartphone.

Please submit videos to <https://app.vidhug.com/uh-support-wbw-2020-/B1IGIRdC8/record> by July 15th.

2) Share your favorite recipes that are good for pregnancy, postpartum, breastfeeding or snacks for the kids.

Please submit recipes to CANELOA1@UHNJ.ORG by July 15th.

Submissions will be compiled and a booklet will be printed to be shared with patients and staff during World Breastfeeding Week from August 1st to the 7th. This year's theme: ***Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet.***



Virtual Chapel at UH Summer Calendar



The Virtual Chapel at University Hospital has collaborated with the Mayor's Office of Clergy Affairs/Newark Interfaith Alliance to offer an inspired array

of spiritual, religious and wellness events with a common goal: the spiritual health, healing and resilience of ALL healthcare workers in the City of Newark.

For more information please see our calendar at: www.uhnj.org/chapel/calendar.pdf

To join events directly, simply click on uhnj.webex.com/meet/chapel. The event window will open as soon as the next event is scheduled.



COVID-19 Workplace Survey



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](#).



UH Calendar of Events

UH's monthly **Get Involved** calendar of events is published on the first of every month. Please submit submissions for the calendar to community@uhnj.org.



Resources & Contact Numbers

NJ COVID-19 INFORMATION HUB: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

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.



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