In the last few weeks, much of the public conversation has focused on the work of our clinicians - and with good reason. Throughout this time, as always, I know that there is a diverse team of professionals that enable University Hospital to deliver incredible care for our patients, even in times of crisis.

I was honored yesterday to showcase the work of our Environmental Services department on NJTV news. The link to watch that segment is below. We are all relying on EVS to ensure that our rooms and facilities are cleaned and sanitized. And just like our clinical care teams, they also must take steps to protect themselves in this effort. By ensuring these rooms are clean, their work is protecting all of us and our patients.

The hard work, diligence, and professionalism of EVS is always important, but never more so than now. It was a privilege to showcase their work at this time when so much of our society is crucially depending on us.

Thank you to our EVS, emergency response, and infection control teams – and to all of you. We are University Hospital, and together we will weather this storm, one day at a time.

A Message from Dr. Elnahal

Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH
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Patients Under Investigation currently at UH
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Newark Curfew Order

Reminder! Effective March 18th, Mayor Ras Baraka has instituted a mandatory curfew order in the City of Newark, restricting most travel after 8 p.m. each night, and the closure of restaurants and other businesses. This curfew does not apply to people going to and from work, including those who work in healthcare. Please remember to have your UH identification with you and present it to any public safety officers, if questioned during your commute. Full details of the curfew can be found at: https://www.newarknj.gov/news

Important Reminders

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: NJMS Psychiatry is launching a telephone support service for staff during these difficult times. You can contact them at Stress.Anxiety@njms.rutgers.edu, and leave your name, number and best time to call.

Contact Numbers

Information on Novel Coronavirus: Have general questions about COVID-19? The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the public on COVID-19. Call: 2-1-1 Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253 Text: NJCOVID to 898-211

Thank you for your diligence in providing the best care to our patients, and preventing the spread of infection at University Hospital.