



Confirmed COVID-19 Patients currently at UH 1

Patients Under Investigation currently at UH 12

A Message from Dr. Elnahal

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.



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**

New Everbridge Communication System: An email communication was sent out explaining this new communication system to ensure greater connectivity. All staff should check UH Portal for instructions on use.

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**

For Staff: If you feel that you may have come in contact with COVID-19 outside of UH, call the NJ Department of Health at 800-962-1253 or 800-222-1222

General Questions:: For other questions unrelated to patient care that are unanswered, please contact Infection Control at 973-865-7684

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

Previous COVID-19 Updates are archived and can be accessed on the UH Portal.

For Distribution to All Staff.