

COVID-19 Biospecimen Effort

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The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai has begun an unprecedented effort to harness all of its scientific power to combat Covid-19.

Every day for the next few weeks, we will aim to collect blood samples for research from hundreds of patients admitted to the Mount Sinai Hospital with COVID-19. Nothing will be required of healthcare workers except for one thing: moving forward, an additional set of tubes will be added to morning blood draws for many COVID-19 patients.

The tubes for research will be taped to the door of the patient's room, and we ask that the individual doing the morning blood draw fill these additional tubes up to the black line and leave them in a designated place on the unit. This research will adhere to informed consent procedures approved by the Mount Sinai IRB, and is being coordinated by the Human Immune Monitoring Core led by Dr. Miriam Merad and the Division of Infectious Disease led by Dr. Judith Aberg. Embarking together as healthcare workers and scientists on this bold endeavor is precisely what the moment demands.

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