

## COVID-19 Health System Updates

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While many members of our Mount Sinai family are donning and doffing personal protective equipment and directly caring for patients suffering with COVID-19 infection, there are also many others who are engaged in vital COVID-19 scientific discovery and innovation. From diagnostic testing, vaccine development, and epidemiologic insights, to the development and rapid implementation of therapeutics, Mount Sinai is leading the way.

The heart and soul of Mount Sinai is this combination of world-class, compassionate care coupled with real-world science and innovation to eliminate the causes and impacts of disease in the first place. This is how we heal the world.

In the coming days, I look forward to sharing stories of our clinical and basic scientists and their teams and the extraordinary roles they are playing in this humanitarian mission of our lifetimes.

To date, more than 2,200 people with COVID-19 infection have been healed and successfully discharged from our hospitals. This past week we had an all-time high of 252 successful discharges in one day alone. Our overall volume of COVID-19 positive patients, after remaining flat for about five days, is now a bit down—an encouraging sign.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 1,961 COVID-19 positive patients in our hospitals. That included 445 patients in our ICUs. We had another 141 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

### **PPE Directory**

I've mentioned that some of the PPE we have introduced, and will introduce, will look unfamiliar to you. We won't release anything for use unless it has been validated as safe by our infection prevention, life safety, and other key clinical experts. That is a promise we have made to you, and we will keep it.

To make it easier to learn about all the PPE currently in use, there is a new directory that can be found [here](#). If you click on the pictures it will take you to the manufacturers' product pages for additional information. As an example, we will be introducing a new gown in the coming days. That gown has already been included in the new directory. We have also created a one-page update that can be found [here](#).

## **Our Thanks**

Tomorrow we will be running an ad in *The New York Times Magazine* to recognize your work. Our message of thanks will also be amplified by advertisements on Hulu and Discovery. Featuring front-line health care professionals from across the Mount Sinai Health System, the ads are both an acknowledgement of your sacrifices, and a call to your fellow New Yorkers and people across the country to support you in this tremendous battle that you are fighting every hour of every day. A link to the campaign can be found [here](#).

## **Final Thought**



From one of our Neurosurgery colleagues, Johanna Valiquette:

This picture is of a nursing student in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She is sponsored by the Mount Sinai Hospital Neurosurgery Department. The department has been partnering with the Harambee USA Foundation since 2018 to obtain nursing scholarships at Monkole Medical Center in Kinshasa. We have stood with them in their time of need. And, in our own time of need, they are standing with us.

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