

COVID-19 Health System Updates

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Mayor de Blasio announced yesterday that when we get through this, and when the region's "pause" is ultimately lifted, the city will host a ticker-tape parade to celebrate you: the health care workers and first responders in this mission. While New Yorkers cheer you on each night from their windows, eventually millions will fill the Canyon of Heroes to celebrate your efforts in the "biggest, best parade" the city has ever hosted, the Mayor said.

Hearing that, it may be hard to imagine that this pandemic will end. But it will. That is for certain. And our day-over-day, and week-over-week, numbers continue to move in the right direction. There is no doubt that we are on the downslope of the curve. In another sign of progress, the USNS Comfort floating hospital will be leaving our region because it is no longer needed here.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 1,498 COVID-19-positive patients in our hospitals. That included 390 patients in our ICUs. We had another 124 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

PPE New Product Announcement

In addition to the new gown we notified you about yesterday, today we have another new gown in our PPE directory, evaluated as safe and effective by our infection-prevention, life-safety, and other clinical experts. The reason we have so many new gowns is that we are moving heaven and earth to make sure you have the PPE you need to stay safe. You can find information about it [here](#). As always, you can find information about all of our PPE items [here](#).

Your Questions and Concerns

As a reminder, our COVID-19 employee resources website is [here](#). And you can always email CovidQuestions@mountsinai.org if you have any other questions or suggestions for us. Since setting up the CovidQuestions email, we have received and answered 1,386 inquiries.

Final Thought

As you all know, New Yorkers across the region cheer for you each night at 7 pm. But now they're adding a new twist. They're belting out "New York, New York" after their nightly clap. I hope you'll watch some of the videos [here](#).

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