

COVID-19 Health System Updates

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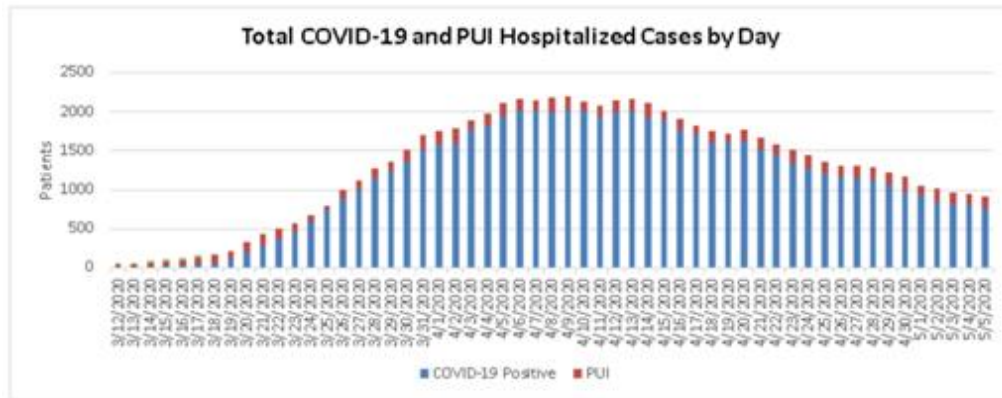
National Nurses Week officially begins today, and I'd like to acknowledge just how grateful we are for our incredible community of nurses. Today, and every day, we are in awe of you and your dedication to your patients and colleagues. To commemorate National Nurses Week, we ran a full-page ad in *The New York Times* to recognize your efforts and say thank you. If you didn't see it in my note yesterday, you can find it [here](#). And there are all sorts of other ways we are celebrating you at each of our campuses this week.

We have entered a new phase in this pandemic. Our inpatient and ED volumes of COVID-19 patients are significantly lower than at the peak, and we are working to re-expand medically necessary non-COVID care. This is critically important. Many patients with serious medical conditions need us. We have worked out extensive processes and protocols for keeping those patients safe when they visit us in our ambulatory practices, our emergency departments, our operating rooms, and our inpatient units. I am so impressed with the care and diligence that our colleagues have put into getting this right.

Our new normal will be doing two things at once—caring for all the patients and conditions we typically cared for pre-COVID, while also providing care for those with COVID-19 infections. No matter what the need is, our communities can count on us to be there for them.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 769 COVID-19-positive patients in our hospitals. That included 226 patients in our ICUs. We had another 145 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

Here is an update on our day-by-day inpatient census trend:



Songs for Mount Sinai

Today the second “Songs for Mount Sinai” playlist went live. As a reminder, this is a gift from Broadway actors, singers, and other performers who come together each week to support us with a video playlist. I hope you’ll take a few moments to watch it, and I hope it lifts your day. You can find the new installment [here](#), and the previous installment on Mount Sinai’s YouTube page [here](#).

Where to Get Answers

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, you can get them to us at CovidQuestions@mountsinai.org. And the COVID-19 [Employee Resources website](#) continues to be a rich source of information.

Final Thoughts

I mentioned last week that we would be launching an email address dedicated to collecting memories and stories from this moment in history. That email address is now live at covidmemories@mountsinai.org. We hope you will email us your memories and stories, photos and documents, and anything that captures life across our Health System during this unique time. This information will help our archivists build a permanent record and lasting legacy for us and for future generations.

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