

# End-of-Week Wrapup on COVID-19

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This has been a challenging week for all of us, but you all have risen to the occasion. Because of your dedicated work, your endless compassion, and your calm in the face of COVID-19, Mount Sinai is once again showing the world how to lead in a time of adversity. We are deeply proud of what you have all accomplished together and we know we are up to the task in the weeks ahead.

First, we must remind you that, while COVID-19 is spreading—which all experts expected it to do—and the headlines can be alarming, the [risk of getting it](#) is low, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That said, we have a responsibility to prepare ourselves, our patients, our students and trainees, and our community. As such, please note the following:

Employee Policy: We are asking anyone who feels sick to **please stay home.** It is the simplest way we can protect our community and limit any spread.

New Visitors Policy: We are asking unwell individuals NOT to visit loved ones in our hospitals in order to protect our patients and staff. Visitors will be limited to two per patient.

Meeting Policy: Mount Sinai locations and campuses remain open for classes, healthy visitors, and events. Organizers of events may adjust, as needed, and we will advise if we need to change this due to clinical concerns.

We know there is a lot of information to absorb about this disease and our response. To help, we have created an intranet page [for all Mount Sinai COVID-19 related policies](#), including an updated travel policy.

We have also developed a number of helpful fact sheets, posters, and other materials that we hope you will read and share with your fellow employees, students, trainees, and patients. All of these materials can be found on [the main COVID-19 page](#).

If you have questions that these materials do not address please write to [CovidQuestions@mountsinai.org](mailto:CovidQuestions@mountsinai.org) and we will get back to you with the information you need.

We know that the past week has been trying, and the coming weeks may be even harder. But we must not lose sight of what we know to be true: that we have the skills and training we need, and the faith in one another, to continue to do this necessary and

tremendous work for all New Yorkers. We are calm, focused, and ready for this challenge.

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