

COVID-19 Health System Updates

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The life-saving work that you all are doing for our patients and our city keeps increasing as we approach the peak of this cruel and devastating pandemic. I remain in awe of the efforts you are putting in and the sacrifices you are making. Together, we are making this Mount Sinai's finest hour.

We are extremely fortunate to have Richard A. Friedman, Co-Chairman of the Boards of Trustees, at our side during this struggle. He has an unparalleled range of contacts within the business community. Dr. LoPachin wrote to you last week about how Mr. Friedman helped facilitate the delivery of 130,000 N-95 masks from China. Today, I'm pleased to announce two more arrangements we have made with his help to take care of your sustenance during the long hours you all are putting in:

PepsiCo has begun delivering drinks and snacks to all of our campuses, and plans to continue doing so for the immediate future.

Dunkin' Donuts will be supporting our hospitals with baked goods and coffee, rotating through our campuses this week.

My leadership team and I, with assistance from Mr. Friedman, Co-Chairman James S. Tisch, and other members of our Boards of Trustees, continue to work on other arrangements, including for lodging and transportation, to make your lives as easy as possible during this crisis. And we are not forgetting those of you who are working at home and unable to take advantage of the generously donated food and drink on campus; I expect to be able to announce a program that will benefit you, as well as those working at our facilities, later this week.

I also want to acknowledge the huge outpouring of support that our individual hospitals and offices have received from their communities—everything from bagels to pizza to flowers, all donated by the neighborhood businesses that surround our hospitals and make the communities we serve so vibrant.

I hope that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. I remain committed to helping you do your jobs to the best of your abilities, and continue to work at the best of mine on your behalf.

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