

Gratitude and Community: Even More

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Your tireless work to help COVID-19 patients during these challenging times has been noticed all around the world. My leadership team and I are, as I have said before, in awe and determined to make sure that you have the support you need to succeed.

Today, I want to recognize that, because of the long hours and the emotional stress of the work you do, it may be difficult for many of you to take time at home to relax. I am pleased to announce an agreement we have struck that may help with that, and will also benefit our staff who are working from home and unable to take advantage of the food being delivered to our campuses.

We have signed a deal with **DoorDash** that provides Mount Sinai employees with free delivery and reduced service charges—at home or at work. I hope this will make it possible for you to enjoy a meal with your loved ones even if you are too tired to cook, or if you don't have time because of the hours you are working. Instructions for how to redeem this offer can be found [here](#).

In addition, **Wendy's** will be delivering more than 8,000 meals to our five Manhattan hospitals this week. For this, we thank Peter W. May, Chairman Emeritus of our Boards of Trustees, who is Vice Chairman of the board of Wendy's.

We have also arranged hundreds of **free hotel rooms** at several locations, including:

- The Yotel in Hell's Kitchen, thanks to Mount Sinai Trustee Jeff Blau
- The Four Seasons on East 57th Street, thanks to Tom Ahn, our Vice President for Real Estate
- The Algonquin and the Renaissance near Times Square, thanks to Arianna Huffington, who was connected to us by Mount Sinai Trustee Daniel S. Loeb

These rooms can be used by staff who need to rest or who do not want to travel all the way home between shifts. Sadly, we almost certainly do not have as many rooms as people who need them. To request a room, please go to [this website](#). We are most likely to be able to get you a room if you request it several days in advance. Please help us by returning any emails or phone calls you receive from the reservations team as quickly as possible.

Our trustees have also been helping from behind the scenes in many other areas of need—from procuring PPE (which several trustees have helped with), to reopening previously closed sections of Mount Sinai Beth Israel to add bed space (Mr. Blau,

again), to purchasing iPads for patients who are in isolation to use in communicating with their loved ones (a generous act by Trustee Michael Klein). Be assured that they, as well as my leadership team and I, will continue leaving no stone unturned to give you the support you need to fight the battles that only you can fight so well for our patients, our city, and our world. It is the greatest honor of my life to be your colleague and to wear the Mount Sinai badge with you.

Kenneth L. Davis, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
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