

# COVID-19 Health Systems Update

April 15, 2020 Wednesday

Today I want to once again call attention to many of our colleagues who may sometimes go unmentioned or unrecognized publicly, but whose work never goes unnoticed. In this all-hands-on-deck effort, there are so many individuals who make life-saving care possible every day.

Our radiology technicians are one example. They stand shoulder to shoulder with our nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, patient care associates, and others to treat every patient. They are often critical to helping caregivers to “see” a patient’s condition, and offering a roadmap to treatment.

Where would we be without our radiology technicians?

And where would we be without our laboratory, security, information technology, environmental services, engineering, materials management, food and nutrition, finance, and operations teams and so many countless others across the Health System?

And where would we be without our scientists who are blazing new trails in treating and ultimately preventing COVID-19 infection?

I know I am missing so many others who are equally vital.

But you get the idea.

The truth is, in this humanitarian mission of our lifetimes, we all need each other, and we all matter.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 1,913 COVID-19-positive patients in our hospitals. That included 452 patients in our ICUs. We had another 142 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

## **Housing Available for Self Isolation**

In addition to all the other hotel options that Dr. Davis has shared, there is a new one that you can use if you wish, or need, to self-isolate from your family and/or others at any point. Reference information can be found [here](#) and [here](#) on the employee resource site, and the required form can be found [here](#).

## **Town Hall on Thursday**

This Thursday at 2 pm, Dr. Davis and Dr. Charney will be hosting an all-Health System town hall via Zoom. If you have a question you would like to ask, please scan the QR code below with your smartphone. It will open a form where you can type in your question. They, and some special guests, will answer as many questions as time allows.



To watch the Town Hall, please click [here](#) (use password 672243 if needed), or dial (929) 436-2866, webinar ID 427 734 865, password 672243.

**FINAL THOUGHT**

Ugoeze Onyekelu-Eze, RN, a Nurse Clinical Coordinator at the Derald H. Ruttenberg Treatment Center, sent me a note recently and closed it with an African proverb that I want to share with you.

*No matter how long the night is, the morning is sure to come.*

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