

COVID-19 Health System Updates

April 20, 2020 Monday

Looking back, it was on April 9 that we reached the peak of our COVID-19 inpatient census. On that date, 2,200 beds were filled with patients who were COVID-19 positive and those who we suspected were positive. Today, that number is closer to 1,750. That is an encouraging trend. We continue to have enough ventilators to meet each patient's need, and we continue to have enough PPE and other vital supplies to keep you and your patients safe.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 1,629 COVID-19 positive patients in our hospitals. That included 408 patients in our ICUs. We had another 107 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

Meet Our COVID-19 Scientists

While many members of our Mount Sinai family are donning and doffing personal protective equipment and directly caring for patients suffering with COVID-19 infection, there are also many others who are engaged in vital COVID-19 scientific discovery and innovation. From diagnostic testing, vaccine development, and epidemiologic insights, to the development and rapid implementation of therapeutics, Mount Sinai is leading the way.

The heart and soul of Mount Sinai is this combination of world-class, compassionate care coupled with real-world science and innovation to eliminate the causes and impacts of disease.

Today, I would like to introduce you to Hooman Poor, MD.

Dr. Poor and colleagues here at Mount Sinai have helped to identify, and offer a therapeutic path for, a likely contributor to poor outcomes in patients with COVID-19 infection. It is particularly encouraging that these findings were rapidly turned into a new treatment protocol that is now in use across the entire Mount Sinai Health System.

You can read more about this [here](#).

Where to Find Information

As a reminder, our COVID-19 employee resources website is [here](#). And you can always email CovidQuestions@mountsinai.org if you have any other questions or suggestions for us.

Final Thought

Bevin Strickland, a nurse from North Carolina, came to join our pandemic response. She, and so many others, are helping us and our region when we need them most. It is good to have friends like Bevin. Here is her story, [watch](#).

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