

COVID-19 Health System Updates

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Thanks to you, more than 3,300 patients with COVID-19 infection have been treated and discharged from Mount Sinai Health System hospitals.

Behind that headline is more heroism, and teamwork, and grit, and sweat, and tears, than can ever be repaid. Each day brings more stories of your compassion, your excellence, and your humanity.

It is awe-inspiring.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 1,606 COVID-19-positive patients in our hospitals. That included 395 patients in our ICUs. We had another 140 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

PPE New Product Announcement

We have a new gown in our PPE directory, evaluated as safe and effective by our infection-prevention, life-safety, and other clinical experts. You can find information about it [here](#). As always, you can find information about all of our PPE items [here](#).

Extensions to PTO and Travel Policies

When COVID-19 arrived in our region, we placed limitations on paid time off and travel to ensure adequate and safe staffing during this pandemic. These limitations have now been extended through the end of May. We will reassess these policies on an ongoing basis and adjust as needed. Please see [this link](#) for details.

Reminder on Governor Cuomo's Executive Order

As a reminder, the Governor's Executive Order, instituted last Friday, stated that all individuals must wear a face mask in public when they are unable to maintain a distance of six feet from other people. For example, in an elevator, if there is more than one person, all riders must use a mask. Riders may also consider waiting for the next elevator or taking the stairs.

The Mount Sinai Medical Corps

As part of the Mount Sinai Health System's COVID-19 response, a group of 29 early graduates from medical school will be joining the Mount Sinai Medical

Corps, working on medical teams at Mount Sinai Beth Israel, The Mount Sinai Hospital, Mount Sinai Morningside, and Mount Sinai West prior to starting residency later in June. We welcome them with open arms.

Final Thoughts

Our Dean, Dennis Charney, MD, sends out a weekly COVID-19 Medical School Update. He closed his most recent one with the following words that I now share with you.

“The countless stories of courage, compassion, creativity, and hard work by members of the Mount Sinai community need to be remembered. We are committed to creating a permanent record of the individual and collective heroism of this period, so that you can marvel at your contributions and the new generations of Mount Sinai faculty, students, trainees, and staff can learn what we have done.

You amaze me every day with your commitment to triumph over the worst medical crisis that we have ever seen. I am so thankful for your efforts.”

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