

COVID-19 Health System Updates

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It was roughly 40 days ago that New York had its first COVID-19-positive case. Our world has changed so much since then. Sometimes it feels like we will never get back to normal. But we will.

And we continue to make positive steps forward. Our PPE reserves are stronger, we continue to have enough ventilators to provide for each patient who needs one, and we are doing better in recruiting additional staff members to join us in this mission.

Winston Churchill once said, after an important victory on the battlefield during World War II, “Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

The end of the beginning. That feels right for this moment. We are better supplied, better staffed, better organized, and more unified than at any time since this pandemic came to our region. We have much work ahead of us. And we will prevail.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 1,988 COVID-19 positive patients in our hospitals. That included 447 patients in our ICUs. We had another 162 inpatients under investigation (PUIs).

PPE Directory

There is a new PPE Directory on the Employee Resources Website, [here](#). It provides images and information about all the PPE that we currently have in use within the Health System. If you click on the images, it will take you to product pages where you will find additional information about each item.

Stories of Strength

The first installment of “[Stories of Strength](#)” is now live on Mount Sinai Today, our new digital news site. The stories highlight extraordinary examples of courage, strength, generosity, and kindness within the Mount Sinai family. I was moved to read about doctors who “cradled” elderly patients in palliative care, patients’ loved ones going the extra mile to care for their ill family members, and

IT staff who work around the clock to keep us all connected. Every corner of our Health System has played a critical role in this battle.

I hope you'll take a moment to read these stories, and please keep them coming by [submitting stories](#) to the site.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We feel gratitude every day for the hard work and compassion of our health care workers and those who support them in this crisis. On Sunday, our heartfelt thanks will be expressed in a full-page ad in *The New York Times Magazine*. You can see it in advance [here](#).

Employee Resources Website

Since the launch of the COVID-19 [Employee Resources website](#) on March 15, there have been 104,529 visits to the site, and we are currently averaging 3,105 visits per day. If you have any questions you haven't seen addressed, you can get them to us at CovidQuestions@mountsinai.org.

Final thought

I hope you will take the time to watch this video blog by Melanie Malloy, a member of our Mount Sinai family. She has given us a priceless gift—deeper insight into the lives of those at the front lines in the face of this pandemic. You can watch it [here](#)...

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