

COVID-19 Health System Updates

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Under the Governor's plan to reopen New York, each region of the state must meet seven different metrics to be considered ready for reopening. According to the most recent data, which can be found at this [helpful dashboard](#), New York City has met four out of those seven benchmarks and Long Island and Westchester have met five of those seven. Within New York City, hospital and ICU bed capacity, as well as daily new hospitalizations, are not quite hitting the target yet. But the trends in those areas are moving in the right direction.

As of yesterday afternoon, we had 546 COVID-19-positive patients in our hospitals. That included 143 patients in our ICUs. We had another 139 inpatients under investigation (PIUs).

In Memoriam

The passing of our colleagues from within the Mount Sinai family has been one of the most difficult and painful consequences of this pandemic. Because of the overwhelming demands placed on all of us in responding to this crisis, and the significant disruption to our whole way of living, we might not yet have been able to fully take the time we need to appropriately grieve these deep-felt losses.

A new workgroup has been established whose purpose is to create, evaluate, and implement a variety of memorial tributes to those members of the Mount Sinai family we have lost to COVID-19. The committee includes representation from all hospitals and entities, the spectrum of departments, spiritual care, psychiatry, nursing, social work, and more.

A broad-ranging set of ideas was proposed at the inaugural workgroup meeting. These ideas, ranging from virtual to physical and permanent memorials, will be further developed and implemented. In the meantime, we would like to learn about your thoughts and have created the following email to capture your ideas: COVID19Memorial@mountsinai.org. Please email us with your considerations about the best ways to honor and remember those we have lost.

Update on the MTA Essential Connector Program

The MTA has made updates to its Essential Connector Program. In cases where enhanced bus service does not provide a suitable alternative for travel, you can request a for-hire vehicle (one way) to pick you up from work or take you home. The update is that you can now call ahead to prebook an Essential Connector trip for the following morning. To do this, call 718-330-1234 and select option 1. You will still be able to request a ride on demand between 1 am and 5

am if you choose not to prebook. Additional information is on the Employee Resources site [here](#).

Your Questions and Concerns

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

The latest round of Mount Sinai's [Stories of Strength](#) is now up on our site. I hope you will visit and be as inspired and moved by reading them as I am. It is so humbling to witness the moment-by-moment acts of selflessness and compassion that are the hallmarks of our Mount Sinai family's response to this pandemic.

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