



COVID-19 Update

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

"Our health system is seeing a decreasing number of patients showing up in our EDs and we are cautiously optimistic that we've hit the peak and are plateauing. I worked a shift Monday, and compared to just a week ago, the NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County ED was unrecognizable to me in terms of a significant decrease in the number of Covid-related patients. It was the first time in over a month that I could see myself feeling optimistic and hopeful that we're through the worst of it and that there may be a light at the end of the tunnel."

-- Dr. Eric Wei

NYC Health + Hospitals Chief Quality Officer
Emergency Medicine physician

In this COVID-19 Alert, get acquainted with some of the thousands of **brave health care workers** among us, take a look at some photos from **inside the temporary hospital** built to help the surge of patients from our most impacted facilities, watch **Dr. Katz's interview with JAMA Editor in Chief**, and check out a few news stories that feature some of our **colleagues lost to COVID-19** along with other news from our health system.

More Health Care Heroes Among Us

There's no shortage of health care heroes among the NYC Health + Hospitals workforce. In this feature, meet a doctor managing the surge at North Central Bronx, a Pulmonary Care specialist at Jacobi, a Respiratory Therapist at Bellevue, and a Woodhull physician who says COVID-19 is now his mission and purpose. [View Insider story.](#)

An Inside Peek into the Tennis Center Turned COVID-19 Hospital

NYC Health + Hospitals transformed the Billie Jean King Tennis Center into a 470-bed hospital. The temporary facility will treat COVID-19 non-ICU patients and is expected to reach full capacity over the next three weeks. [Check out the photos from the new site.](#)

Dr. Katz Speaks to JAMA Editor

Dr. Mitch Katz spoke to Dr. Howard Bauchner, Editor in Chief of JAMA, to provide an update on the health system's response to the coronavirus pandemic in New York City. [Click here to view the JAMA Network interview.](#)

In the News

- **1010 WINS** - Dr. Eric Wei from NYC Health + Hospitals Updates Us on Hospital Conditions
- **The New York Times** - The Heartbreaking Last Texts of a Hospital Worker on the Front Lines

- [amNY, Queens Courier](#) - Girl Scouts to Donate 40,000 Boxes of Cookies to NYC Health + Hospitals with Goal to Reach 100,000
 - [Becker's Hospital Review](#) - NYC Health + Hospitals Rolls Out COVID-19 Symptom Monitoring Platform for Discharged ED Patients
 - [City & State](#) - **Public Health Experts' Prescription to Fight the Coronavirus**
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If you have questions, write to us at COVID-19Readiness@nychhc.org - our Special Pathogens and Emergency Response colleagues will be available to help.

Other resources:

[Health Care Heroes page](#)

[Evidence Digest](#)

[NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 Guidance & Resources](#)

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