

## COVID-19 Update

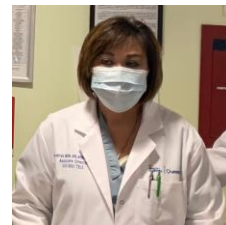
**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

*"We came to [@NYCHealthSystem](#) Metropolitan Hospital today to salute the angels on the front lines. You are keeping us alive and you are amazing."*

- Twitter post by NYPD 23rd Precinct

### **Hero of the Day: A Devoted Nurse and Healer**

Marialeah Cervantes, Associate Director of Nursing/Head Nurse of Critical Care at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens spends her days multitasking between helping patients, doctors and giving updates to families about their loved ones in the hospital. "There's a war against this virus, and I want everyone out there to know that nurses are here to battle it," she said. [View the Insider Health Care Heroes profile.](#)



### **ED Physician Recovers and Returns to Work**

After recovering from the coronavirus, Dr. Omar Maniya returns to the emergency room at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, one of the hardest-hit facilities in New York City. "Of course, a part of you feels scared. But this is my job. This is why I went into emergency medicine, to help people when they are having the worse day of their life," he said. [Watch his interview on Fox News.](#)

### **Protecting Patient Privacy, Responding to Media During COVID-19 Crisis**

At NYC Health + Hospitals, we are committed to protecting patient and staff privacy all year round. The current COVID-19 crisis has generated a high volume of requests from news media, and inappropriate use of personal devices to photograph or capture video inside our facilities. These [Frequently Asked Questions](#) clarify the policies and practices in place that all NYC Health + Hospitals workforce members – including affiliate staff, temporary personnel, and volunteers – must follow to protect patient and staff privacy, and the standards of professional conduct expected from our workforce as it relates to use of social media and media appearances.

### **In the News**

- [Facebook Live](#) - Dr. Katz talks to City Council Member Carlina Rivera
- [Norwood News](#) - North Central Bronx: Will COVID-19 Shape the Hospital's Future?
- [NY1](#) - City to Ramp Up Test and Trace Program to Track Coronavirus Infections
- [WABC-TV](#) - Coronavirus News: New line of 'bridge' ventilators to be produced for New York City hospitals
- [Crain's](#) - As Covid-19 hospitalizations trend down, facilities 'cautiously optimistic'
- [WCBS 880](#) - Good Samaritan Delivers Free PPE to Bellevue Hospitals

- [PIX 11](#) - ASAP Ferg and Melba's Restaurant Team Up to Provide Meals to Harlem Hospital Workers
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If you have questions, write to us at [COVID-19Readiness@nychhc.org](mailto: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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