

COVID-19 Update

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

**THANK YOU
HEALTH CARE HEROES** 
BECAUSE OF YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION
4,837 COVID-19 PATIENTS
HAVE RETURNED HOME

AS OF APRIL 28, 2020

In this COVID-19 Update, a **health care hero who protects others** from behind the front lines, the **small hospital with the enormous task**, extending **sexual/reproductive care and LGBTQ affirming services** for adolescents amid COVID-19 crisis.

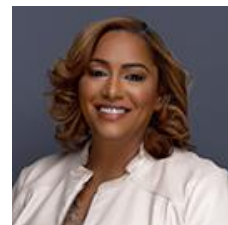
Hero of the Day: Protecting the Public from a Different Kind of Enemy

As a former NYPD Officer for 20 years, Juan Checo, Director of Hospital Police at NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County, has protected New Yorkers through difficult times, including 9/11. "When the attacks happened, we tried to save people, then it became a recovery effort. With COVID-19, it seems endless," he said. "But at the end of the day, our frontline workforce is committed to saving lives. We are so proud to be part of the staff here at Kings County. I see them doing this on a daily basis." [View the Insider Health Care Heroes profile.](#)



NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx Comes to the Rescue

In this Q&A, Cristina Contreras, Executive Director of NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx, describes how the smallest community hospital in the NYC Health + Hospitals system has played a large role in the COVID-19 response, accepting transfers from our hardest hit hospitals during the peak of the patient surge, and now getting ready to open 120 new ICU beds to expand capacity and care for New Yorkers most in need. [Read the Q&A for the Insider.](#)



Continuing Sexual/Reproductive Care, LGBTQ Affirming Services Amid COVID Crisis

NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Judson will continue to provide urgent sexual/reproductive care, LGBTQ affirming services, and mental health support for New York City's adolescents and emerging adults during the COVID-19 emergency. Adhering to the social distancing directive and to ensure the safety of our staff and patients, those wanting to access these services should first call [212-925-5000](tel:212-925-5000) to receive a comprehensive telephonic assessment. An in-person appointment with a healthcare provider will then be scheduled as medically necessary. [Learn more.](#)

In the News

- [The New York Times](#) - Hundreds of Miles from Home, Nurses Fight the Coronavirus on New York's Front Lines
- [The New York Times](#) - As NY COVID-19 Deaths Drop, Cuomo Outlines Regional Restarts
- [New York Times](#), [News12 Bronx](#) - NYC Implements Self-Swab COVID-19 Testing
- [NY1](#) - Woodhull Welcomes the Naval Reserve to Support with the Hospital's COVID-19 Response
- [amNewYork](#) - Testing Expanding for Both COVID-19 and Antibody Tests in New York City

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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