



**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

*"Will COVID-19 peak on April 15? Will COVID-19 peak on April 30? People much smarter than me cannot answer that question with certainty. But, we are here today with our ventilators, with our N95 masks, with our union partners, and with all of our affiliates. Let us focus on today, shoulder to shoulder, New York strong."*

-- **Chief Medical Officer Dr. Machele Allen** in video message

In today's COVID-19 Update, details on **COVID-19 testing for our health care workers**, digital emergency **timesheets**, and **video messages** from our Chief Medical Officer Dr. Machele Allen and Vice President of Ambulatory Care Dr. Ted Long.

### **COVID-19 Testing Available to NYC Health + Hospitals Workforce**

To keep all of you – our heroic workforce -- as strong and healthy as possible, and ensure a safe environment for all our patients, NYC Health + Hospitals will begin free COVID-19 testing for all employees. The COVID-19 employee testing program will be rolled out in phases over the next four weeks. Currently, we are only accepting appointments for testing for employees with symptoms who are at home. Next Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll start scheduling the next group of employees to be tested: Asymptomatic employees who work in units providing care for patients with COVID-19 infection.

Testing will be available by appointment only at any of our [11 hospitals and 7 large community-based Gotham Health centers](#).

The tests are free and optional to any employee; however, we ask that employees don't call for an appointment until their category for testing is open for scheduling. At that time, employees can choose any site that's convenient to them. Testing will be open to all staff, including affiliate employees, Post Acute Care, Community Care and MetroPlus. If you chose to be tested, call (646) 615-4001 anytime Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to make an appointment based on the roll out schedule. [Click here to learn more](#).

### **Digital Emergency Timesheets**

Digital time sheets are now available to employees who receive paychecks generated by NYC Health + Hospitals and are required to fill out a timesheet. The new digital timesheets replace the current paper timesheet, is signed electronically and emailed to Payroll.

Employees may submit the Emergency Timesheet for periods prior to March 27, if needed. Detailed instructions for filling out, signing, and submitting the new electronic Emergency Timesheet for those who will be using them can be found [here](#).

### **Video Message from Chief Medical Officer**

Watch the [video message](#) of support and solidarity for our staff from Chief Medical Officer Dr. Machele Allen; Chief Human Resources Officer of PAGNY, Reginald Odom; and Dr. Ayman Turkmen of NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island and First Vice President of Doctors Council.



## Video Message from Dr. Long

Watch the [video message](#) from Dr. Ted Long on the importance of staying home and his heartfelt thanks to our health care workers.



## In the News

- **NBC New York** - [Employees at Public NYC Hospitals Can Get Free COVID-19 Tests, Even Without Symptoms](#)
- **New York Daily News** - [NYC launches massive effort to expand capacity to treat coronavirus patients; more than 13000 ...](#)
- **Spectrum News NY1** - [Why Queens May Have Emerged as New York City's Coronavirus Epicenter](#) -
- **Spectrum News NY1** - [20 NYC Hotels Sign Contracts to be Converted Into Additional Hospital Space](#) - Dr. Mitchell Katz, CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals, said Wednesday that the city's current state of emergency has allowed officials to fast-track contracts

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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:**

[Evidence Digest](#)

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

[NYC Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[Stay Home To Stop the Spread of Coronavirus](#)

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