



**Message from Chief Medical Officer
Coronavirus Update**

As the news about COVID-19 – also known as the novel coronavirus – continues to evolve, we know that there are many questions and concerns about what this means to our health system, our patients and our families.

As of today, there's only one confirmed case of coronavirus in New York City. NYC Health + Hospitals has activated our expert emergency management and response operation to help us prepare in case the virus becomes more widespread. And we are taking assertive steps to ensure we have the plans, guidelines and resources in place to provide safe care to anyone who may present with COVID-19. We also continue to coordinate with the City and State Departments of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to bring you the most timely and reliable information.

Because this is a rapidly evolving situation, we are sharing a number of updates related to COVID-19, including an update to our [travel warning and clinical criteria](#) and guidelines for the [appropriate use of N-95 respirators/masks](#) which are in high demand worldwide and requires us to conserve and extend our available supply.

We have also prepared our own [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to share the latest information available.

If you have any other questions, please view the additional resources below or write to us at COVID-19Readiness@nychhc.org – our Special Pathogens and Emergency Response colleagues will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Coronavirus Resources

- [CDC-Novel Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [CDC-Novel Coronavirus Information for Health Professionals](#)
- [World Health Organization Coronavirus page](#)
- [NYC DOHMH Coronavirus page](#)

These are the moments when NYC Health + Hospitals really shines. Our expertise in responding to many public health crises with collective calm, focus on safety, and reliance on science and best practices is recognized all across the country. This moment will be no different.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, your efforts to help us prepare and your commitment to keep our staff and patients safe.

- Mabelle Allen, MD



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