



COVID-19 Update

Monday, March 30, 2020

In Today's **COVID-19 Update**, the latest about the additional staff and supplies that are being directed to bring **relief to our front line providers**, how we are addressing concerns of **employees who may be at higher risk of COVID-19**, and how the public can **donate to help us secure personal comfort items** for our heroic teams.

More Reinforcement to Help "Valiant" NYC Health + Hospitals Staff

Mayor de Blasio yesterday called NYC Health + Hospitals front line providers 'incredibly valiant' and reaffirmed his commitment to keep sending needed reinforcement of more staff and supplies to NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst and other hospitals in our system that are feeling a disproportionate demand. [View the Mayor's Remarks](#).

Addressing Concerns of Employees Who May be at Higher Risk of COVID-19

We understand that some staff are concerned that their age, status, or health condition may put them at higher risk with COVID-19. We have created these [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to help all employees and managers understand those risk factors, discuss possible options and help keep everyone safe.

A New Way to Donate to NYC Health + Hospitals

In response to many supporters of our public health care system, we have created an official way to donate to us to support the purchase of items that provide some personal comfort to our heroic teams. We are now accepting cash and select donations to cover meals for every shift, groceries to take home, hotel rooms for those who want to limit exposure to their loved ones at home, and taxi rides to staff who work the overnight shift in our Emergency Departments, ICUs and other vital patient care areas. Cash donations can be made through the NYC Health + Hospitals [Network for Good](#) fundraising page. For donations of goods, services and supplies, please contact Linh Dang at Dangl1@nychhc.org. We want to track, monitor and organize this process to ensure every donation is accounted for and that donations are directed to where we have the greatest need.

In the News

- **60 Minutes** - [A Rare Look Inside Hospitals Battling Coronavirus](#) - Dr. Uppal and Dr. Wallach featured
- **Forbes** - [15 Heroic First-Hand Stories from the Coronavirus Front Lines](#) - Dr. Chokshi featured
- **NPR** - [Interview with Dr. Katz](#)
- **QNS.com** - ['More help is on the way': City sends additional personnel and supplies to Elmhurst Hospital](#)

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:

[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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