

System Incident Management Update

April 20, 2020

Distribution: All Yale New Haven Health System Employees and Medical Staff Leadership

New Updates In RED

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Updates

Updated PPE Policy

Ongoing work by our Infection Prevention, Occupational Health, and Corporate Supply Chain teams has resulted in an updated PPE policy, which will take effect on Wednesday, April 22. The key change is transitioning to universal masking in all YNHHS/YM facilities. This is largely already in place, but we will making operational changes in the next 24 hours such that this can be implemented across the Health System on Wednesday.

YNHHS/YM PPE Policy

The most updated PPE policy includes Ambulatory guidance, as well as guidance for patients and visitors. This policy and related FAQ are available on the Clinical Resources site at: <https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/for-employees.aspx>

Small Size N95 Respirators

Caregivers who perform high-risk aerosol generating procedures and are unable to use alternate size N95s or alternative PPE solutions should be prioritized to receive the limited supplies of small-sized N95s. Contact materials management for allocation. Non-fit tested, alternate size N95 respirators are appropriate for these individuals for other, non-aerosol generating aspects of care for COVID-19 patients.

Clarification for mask usage

Staff should be using Level 1 facemasks. The level of masks relates to fluid permeability. From an infection control perspective, all levels are equivalent. Level 3, which are more splash resistant, should be used in the ORs.

PPE reuse and collection

As part of the Health System's PPE Reuse policy, there are up to three distinct collection containers on units. One is for the collection of N95s, a second for face shields and goggles, and another dedicated to all levels (1,2 &3) of surgical masks,

including looped and tie back. It is important they are properly separated. Please continue to ensure that used N95 respirators, goggles, and face shields that are not torn, broken, or visibly soiled are not discarded in the garbage and are placed in designated collection bins for reprocessing. Please do not wear makeup such as foundation or lipstick as they soil the facemasks and respirators making them ineligible for reprocessing. *Makeup is the #1 cause of being unable to reprocess.*

Clinical Care/Operations Update

ID NOW COVID-19 testing

The COVID-19 Testing Stewardship committee has issued a statement regarding the new ID NOW rapid COVID-19. This test enhances access and positive can be useful. However, a negative result may need further follow-up with counseling or testing. Details about the test can be found in the attached document.

Update to the YNHHS ICU COVID-19 practice guidelines

The guidelines have been updated with additional considerations for obstetrics patients with COVID-19.

Alternative drug shortage guide for sedation, analgesia and paralytics

In light of ongoing drug shortages, the guidelines have been modified to transition from morphine to hydromorphone as a preferred analgesic agent.

Patient/family iPads – updated instructions

Instructions for use of the Zoom app for iPads used to facilitate communications between patients and their families have been updated and clarified in the attached document.

Infection prevention contact email

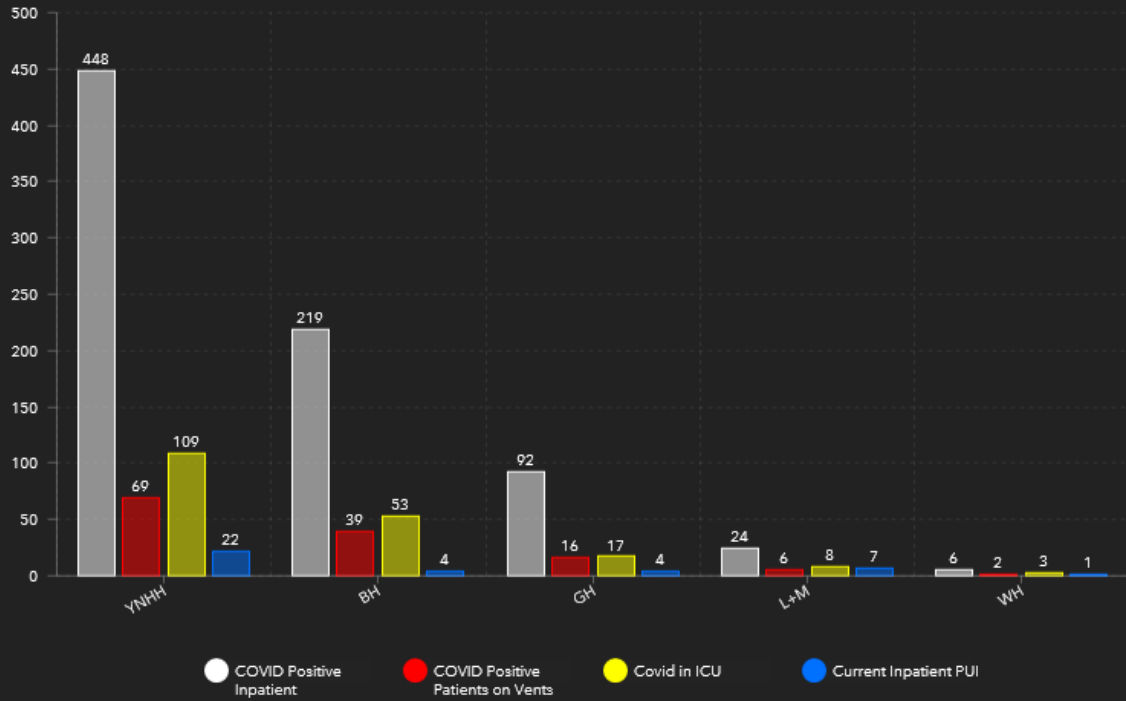
Please utilize the below email address for your inquiries about COVID-19 - they will be triaged with a goal of replying within 48 hours, please indicate in the subject if urgent. Please do not use this email for patient consults that are urgent in nature.

COVID_InfectionPrevention@ynhh.org

COVID-19 Related Operational Snapshot

Below you will find an overview of the total number of inpatients who are positive or under investigation with COVID-19 and updated testing results from across the Health System. These numbers are from our JDAT team.

Inpatient COVID, COVID on Vent, ICU, and PUI's
(As of 8:00 am 04/19/20)



YNHHS COVID TESTING



Yesterday

29

Since March 14

986

COVID-19 patients have been **discharged** back to their lives after being treated by our **healthcare heroes**.

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By Ava

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