

## System Incident Management Update

April 25, 2020

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

### New Updates

#### **PPE Reprocessing Update**

Supply Chain and Central Sterile Supply continue to reprocess face shields, goggles, and respirators internally, using the vaporized hydrogen peroxide process. An external partner now has developed the capability to reprocess isolation gowns using a different process that fully decontaminates the gowns while maintaining their protective properties. Particular care must be taken in removing the gowns so they are eligible for reprocessing. Our colleagues in Supply Chain, Infection Prevention and Occupational Medicine have created the attached documents that illustrate the receptacles for the different types of PPE, as well as proper donning and doffing technique for isolation gowns.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

#### **YNHHS/YM PPE Policy**

- The ambulatory and inpatient policy and related FAQ are available on the Clinical Resources site at: <https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/for-employees.aspx>

#### **PPE reuse and collection**

- ***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.***
- PPE reuse policy and other information can be found on the Clinical Resources page at: <https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/for-employees.aspx>

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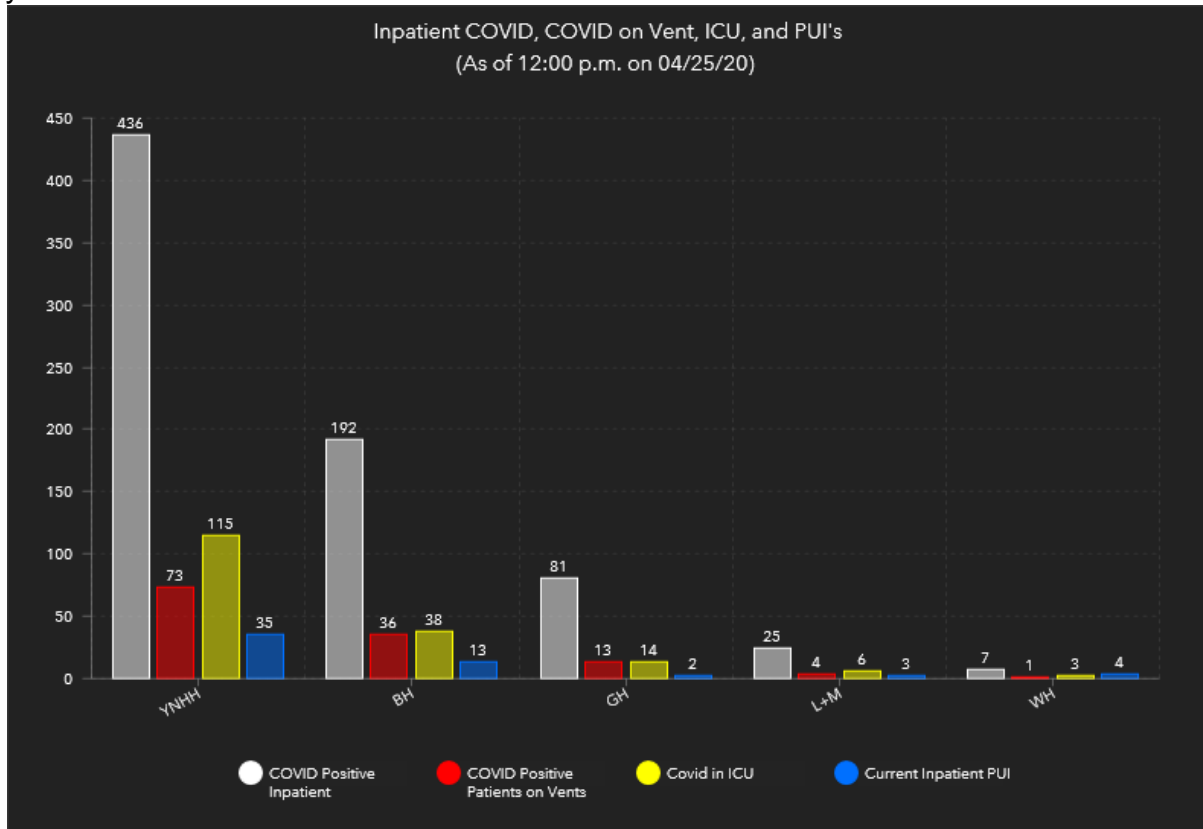
### Infection prevention contact email

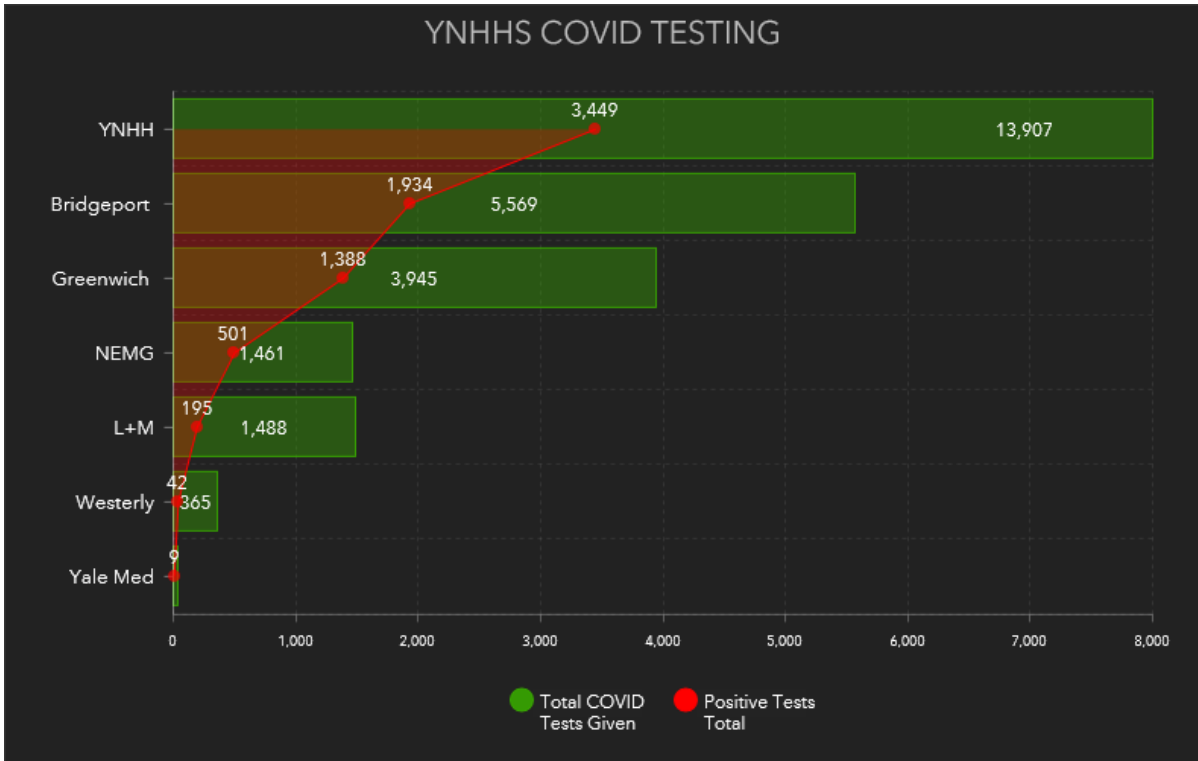
Please utilize the below email address for your inquiries about COVID-19 - they will be triaged with a goal of replying within 48 hours, please indicate in the subject if urgent. Please do not use this email for patient consults that are urgent in nature.

[COVID\\_InfectionPrevention@ynhh.org](mailto:COVID_InfectionPrevention@ynhh.org)

### Operational Data

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.





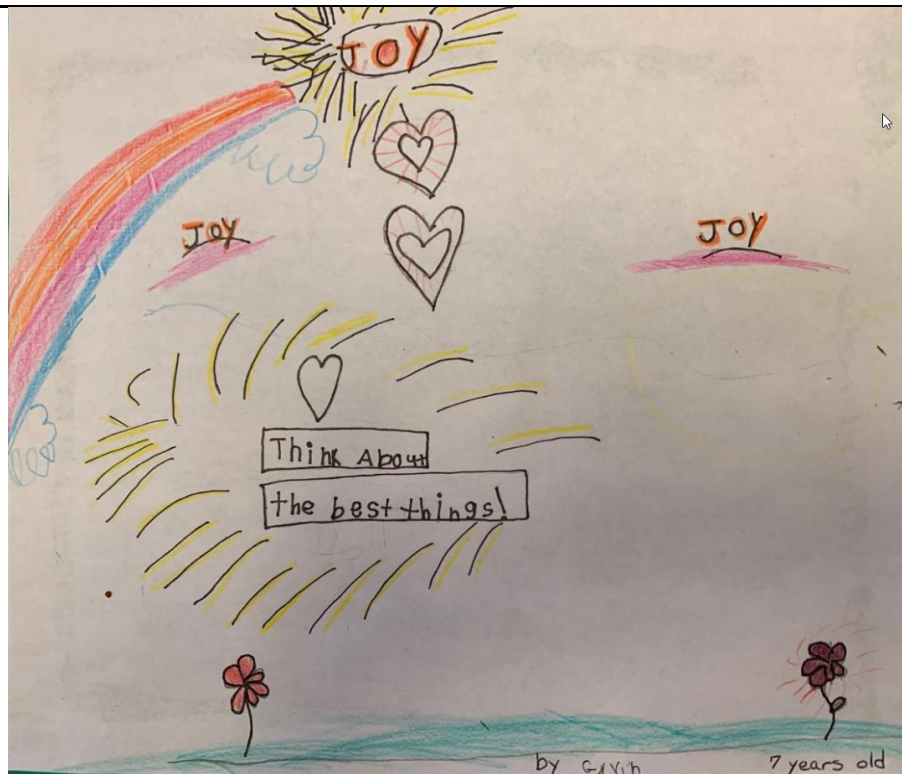
Yesterday

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Since March 14

1,334

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



Resources:

Attachments to this message can also be found [here](#).

Previous updates are archived and can be accessed [here](#).