

## System Incident Management Update

April 27, 2020

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

### New Updates

#### **Home monitoring/pulse oximetry program**

On **Monday 4/27**, Healthcare workers who receive a new diagnosis of COVID 19 through Occupational Health will be offered enhanced home management, which includes self-monitoring of oxygen saturation using a pulse oximeter. There will be no direct cost to these healthcare workers for the meter or the care management. There will be an expectation that they record pulse and oxygen levels in My Chart daily and that they consent to accept outreach calls. Expansion of this program to patients enrolled in other COVID Home Management Programs is anticipated once workflows are optimized.

#### **Updated YNHHS Adult COVID 19 treatment algorithm**

The Adult COVID 19 treatment algorithm has been updated and is attached. Changes to the current treatment algorithm include:

1. Updated the O2 saturation cut off for pregnant patients for initiation of therapy.
2. Added baseline urinalysis and random urine studies for albumin/creatinine and urine protein, total with creatinine.
3. Added a link to RL solutions for reporting of any potential treatment associated side effects.
4. Added an appendix with currently active clinical trials/studies across YNHHS.
5. Provided additional guidance for patients receiving ECMO therapy (YNHH only).
6. Added minor updates to anticoagulation portion of the algorithm

#### **Updated COVID ECMO practice guidelines**

The YNHHS COVID-19 ECMO for acute respiratory failure practices guidelines have been updated. Updated documents is attached and changes include: Indications including lower plateau pressure cutoff for consideration of ECMO, Contraindications: Absolute to include Age > 65 years, Relative to include duration of intubation > 7 days.

**YNHHS COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall: April 28 at 8:15 pm**

Please join us, Tuesday, April 28 at 8:15 – 8:45 pm, online or via phone for a YNHHS COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall. Please send your questions in advance via email to [YNHHpublicrelations@ynhh.org](mailto:YNHHpublicrelations@ynhh.org). Write YNHHS Town Hall in the email subject field. You can also post questions through live Zoom.

Panelists:

- Marna Borgstrom, Chief Executive Officer, Yale New Haven Health
- Thomas Balcezak, MD, Chief Clinical Officer, Yale New Haven Health
- Kevin Myatt, Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, Yale New Haven Health

Join the Town Hall online via Zoom:

<https://ynhh.zoom.us/j/91126119068?pwd=UEEYUxRwbEIXSnJyS0VIWWpUcmoZdz09>

## 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>

## Clinical Care/Operations

### Infection prevention contact email

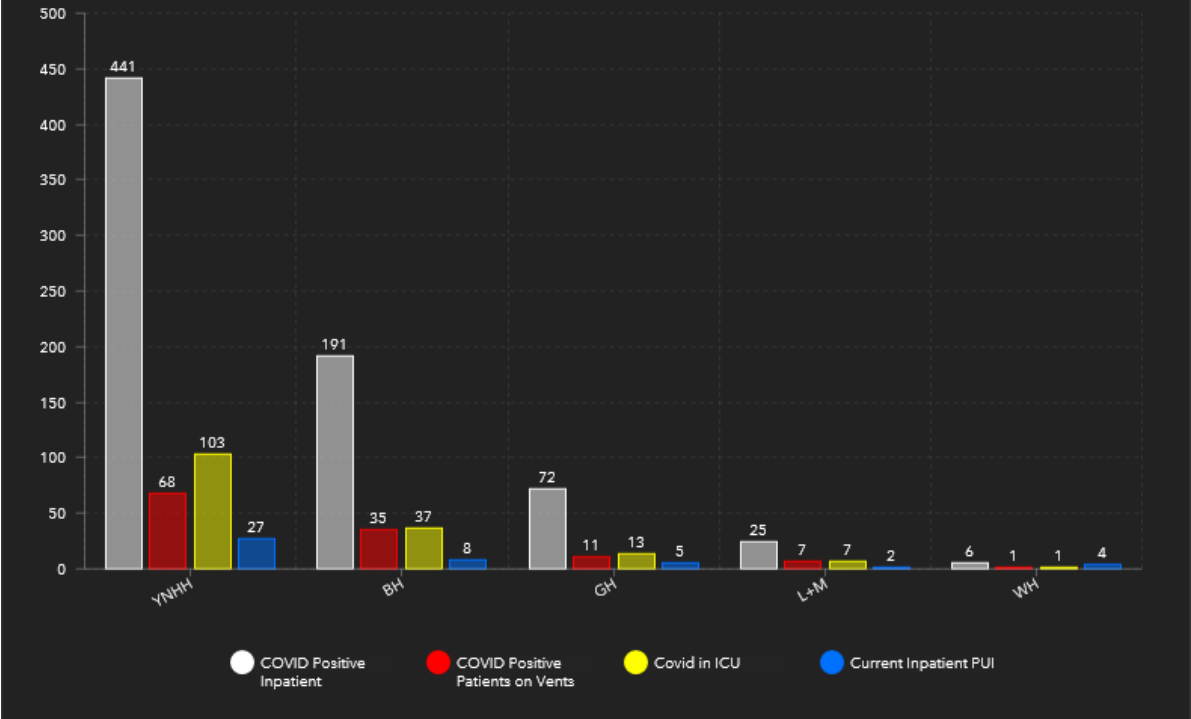
Please utilize the below email address for your inquiries about COVID-19 - they will be triaged with a goal of replying within 48 hours, please indicate in the subject if urgent. Please do not use this email for patient consults that are urgent in nature.

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

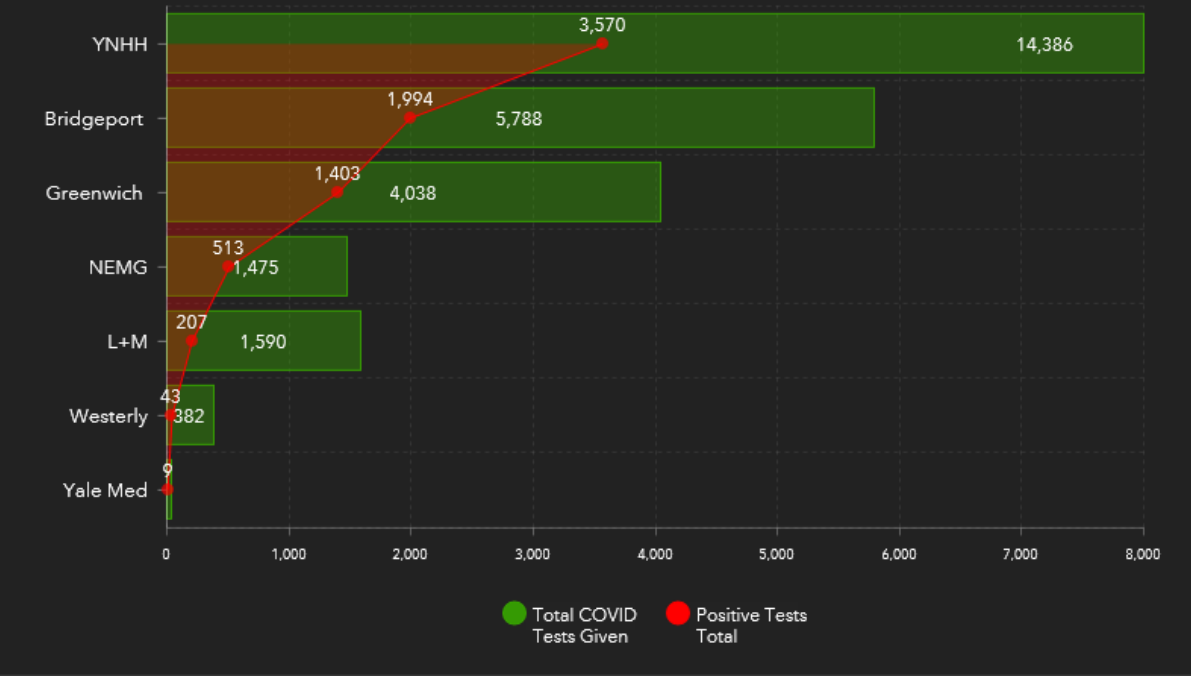
## Operational Data

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.

Inpatient COVID, COVID on Vent, ICU, and PUI's  
(As of 9:00 a.m. on 04/27/20)



YNHHS COVID TESTING



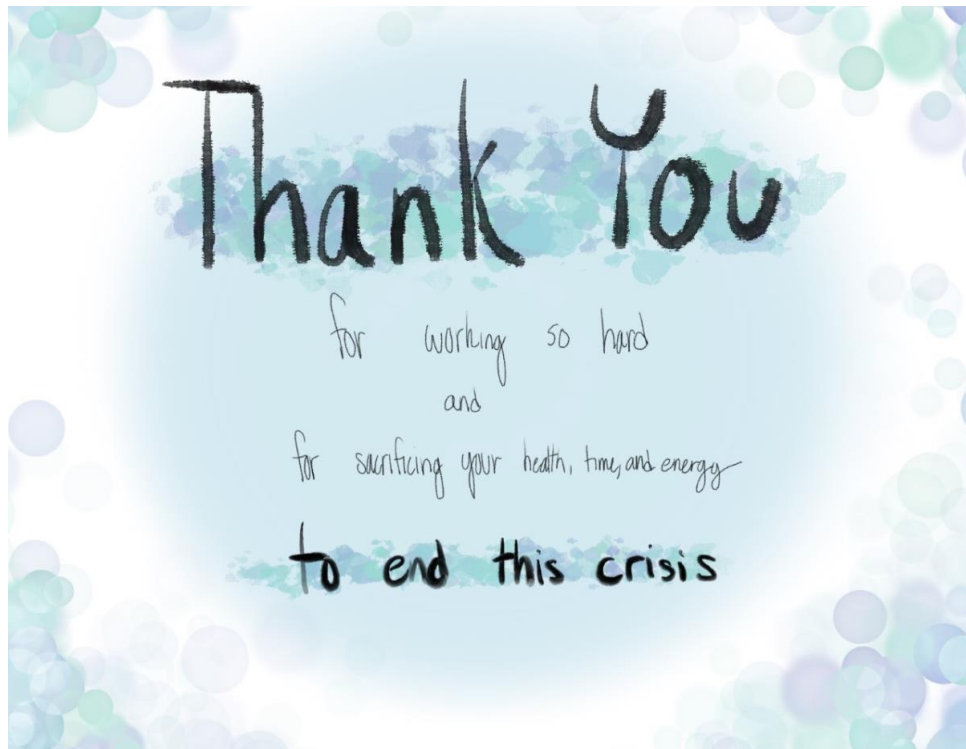
Yesterday

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Since March 14

1,404

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](#).