

## System Incident Management Update

April 29, 2020

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

### New Updates

#### **Testing & PPE related to recovery of clinical operations**

A System-wide task force has been organized to develop standards regarding the appropriate use of PPE and increased testing of patients and healthcare workers for COVID-19 to facilitate restarting regular clinical operations. The task force is animated by a dedication to providing superlative care to our patients while keeping our healthcare workers safe. Questions should be directed to Dr. Peter Schulam or Dr. Scott Sussman. Testing algorithms will be communicated along with PPE recommendations in the coming weeks.

#### **YNHHS Non-ICU Prone Positioning Guidelines**

The Inpatient action team has released guidelines for nursing and LIP staff for COVID-positive inpatients to safely place patients into prone positioning for improved oxygenation and respiratory status. An Epic order panel has been created to ensure streamlined implementation and patient safety. Guidelines and workflow algorithm are attached.

### 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

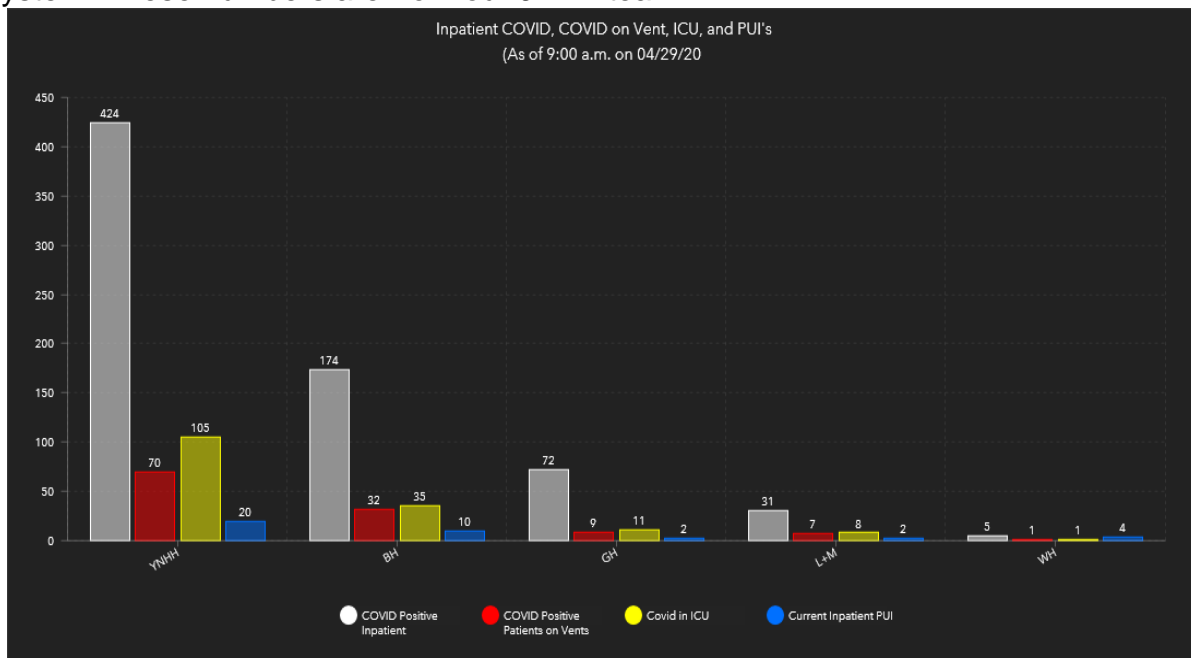
### Infection prevention contact email

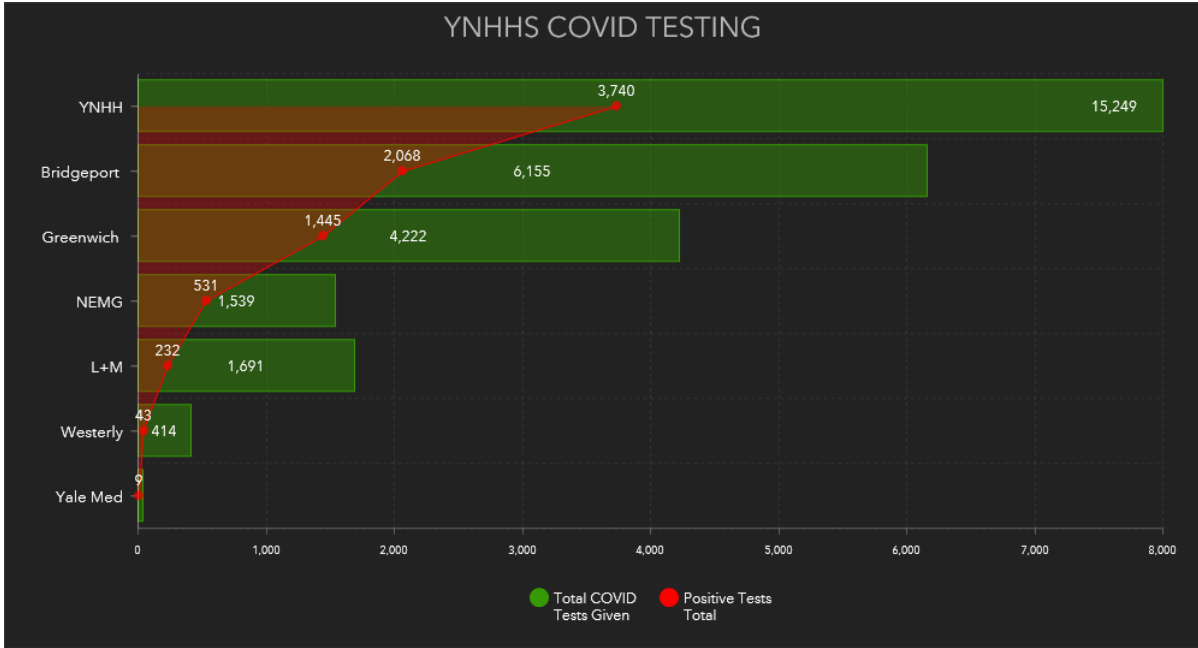
Please utilize the below email address for your inquiries about COVID-19 - they will be triaged with a goal of replying within 48 hours, please indicate in the subject if urgent. Please do not use this email for patient consults that are urgent in nature.

[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.





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Yesterday

# 80

Since March 14

# 1,554

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



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Resources:

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

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