

System Incident Management Update

May 18, 2020

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

New Updates In RED

Letter from the Chief Clinical Officer

Dear Colleagues,

Our overall numbers of patients with COVID-19 continue to slowly decrease, although those that require ICU level of care remain flat, with slight daily increases or decreases over the past 10-14 days.

We have transitioned from planning into implementing plans to gradually restart services that had previously been paused in light of increasing numbers of patients with COVID-19. Our Periop/Surgical, Heart and Vascular, and Digestive Health services have developed groupings to triage patients requiring procedures based upon clinical need. These guidelines take into account the need for COVID-19 testing, PPE use, and staffing.

We have made progress in developing a plan to dramatically increase testing capacity over the next 6 weeks, and are coordinating with the Governor's office to provide testing services that enables a slow reopening of the State aligned with all state and federal recommendations.

Thank you for all that you do to care for our patients and support each other during this challenging time.

Warmly,



Thomas Balcezak, MD
Chief Clinical Officer
Yale New Haven Health

New Updates for May 18

Updated COVID-19 adult treatment algorithm

The COVID-19 Adult Treatment Algorithm has been updated, please see the attached document. Changes include removal of hydroxychloroquine as a possible treatment, and addition of remdesivir provided via the FDA's Emergency Authorization Use (EUA) for inpatients with COVID-19 who fit defined criteria.

Remdesivir update

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved remdesivir under emergency use authorization several weeks ago. Supplies nationally are in short supply. Based upon national allocation, the state of Connecticut is distributing doses to all hospitals in the state. A multidisciplinary team of clinical experts, including physicians from Infectious Diseases and Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, pharmacists, and representatives from the Office of the CCO has developed an algorithm to administer the medication in a fair, equitable, data-driven, and transparent fashion. The potential use of remdesivir has been built into the YNHHS COVID-19 Treatment Algorithm.

YNHHS COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall: May 19 at 4pm

Please join us, **Tuesday, May 19 at 4 – 4:45pm**, online or via phone for a YNHHS COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall. We will provide a live update on our health system's response to the coronavirus pandemic for Yale New Haven Health Employees and Medical Staff. Please send your questions in advance via email to YNHHpublicrelations@ynhh.org. Write **YNHHS Town Hall** in the email subject field. You can also post questions through live Zoom.

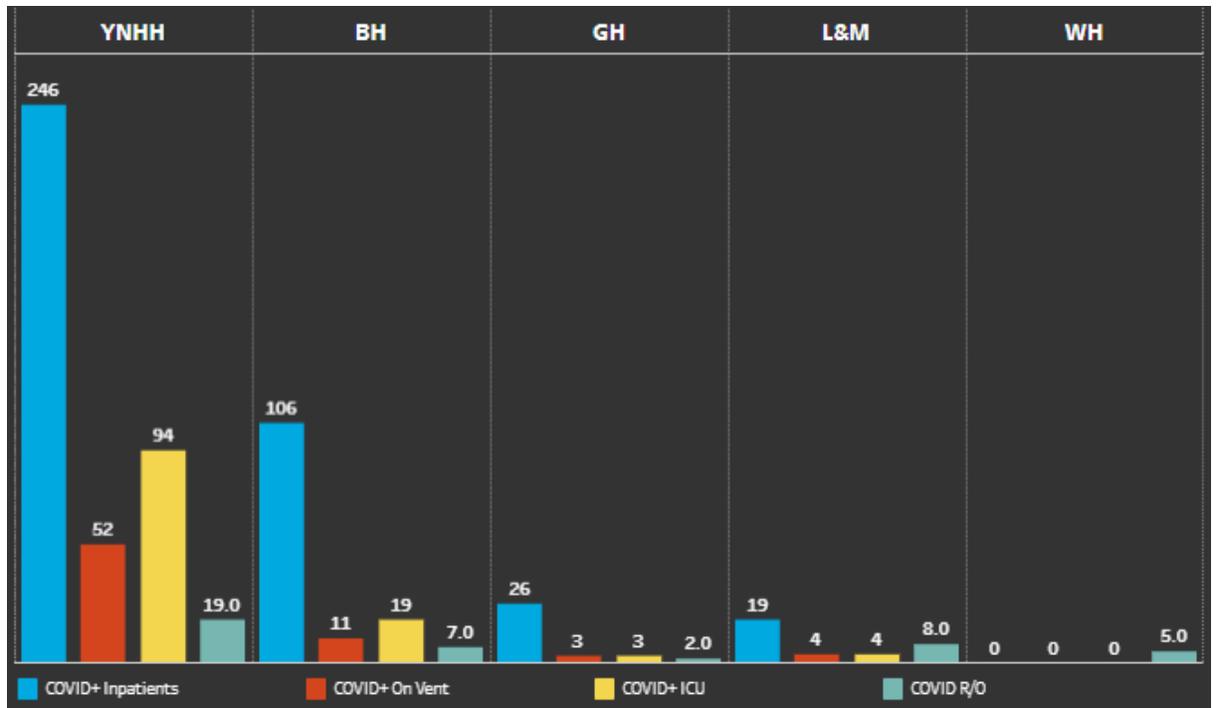
Panelists:

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

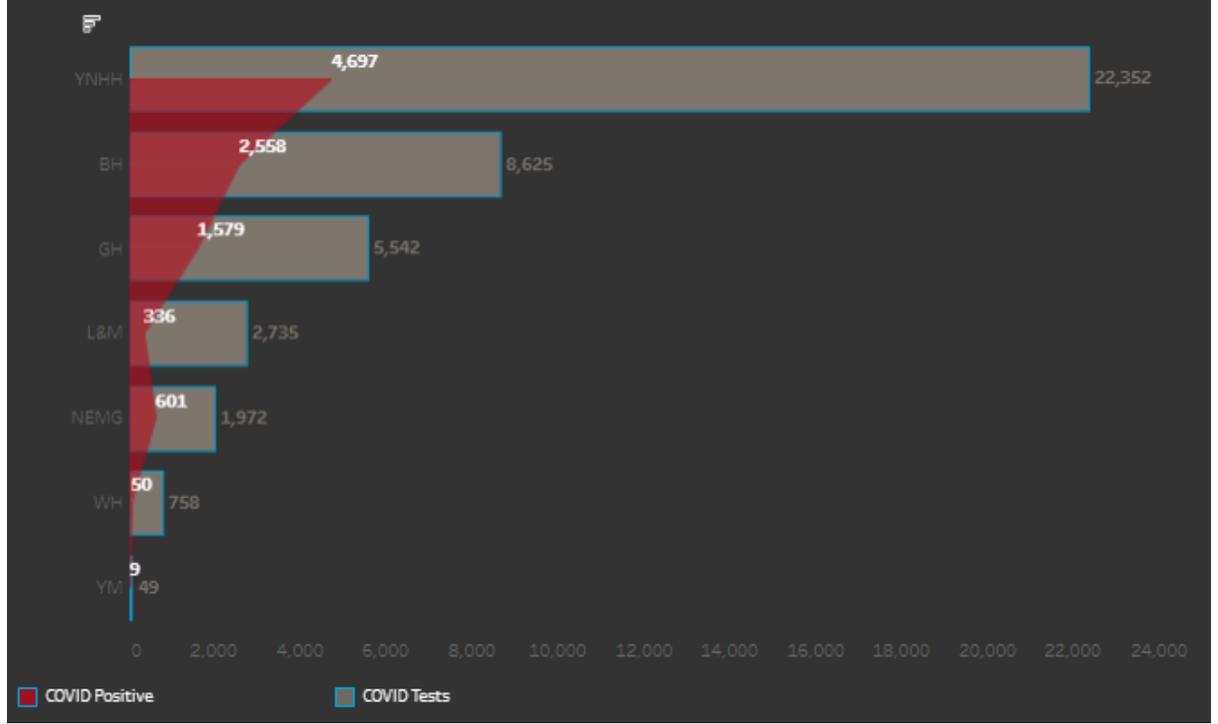
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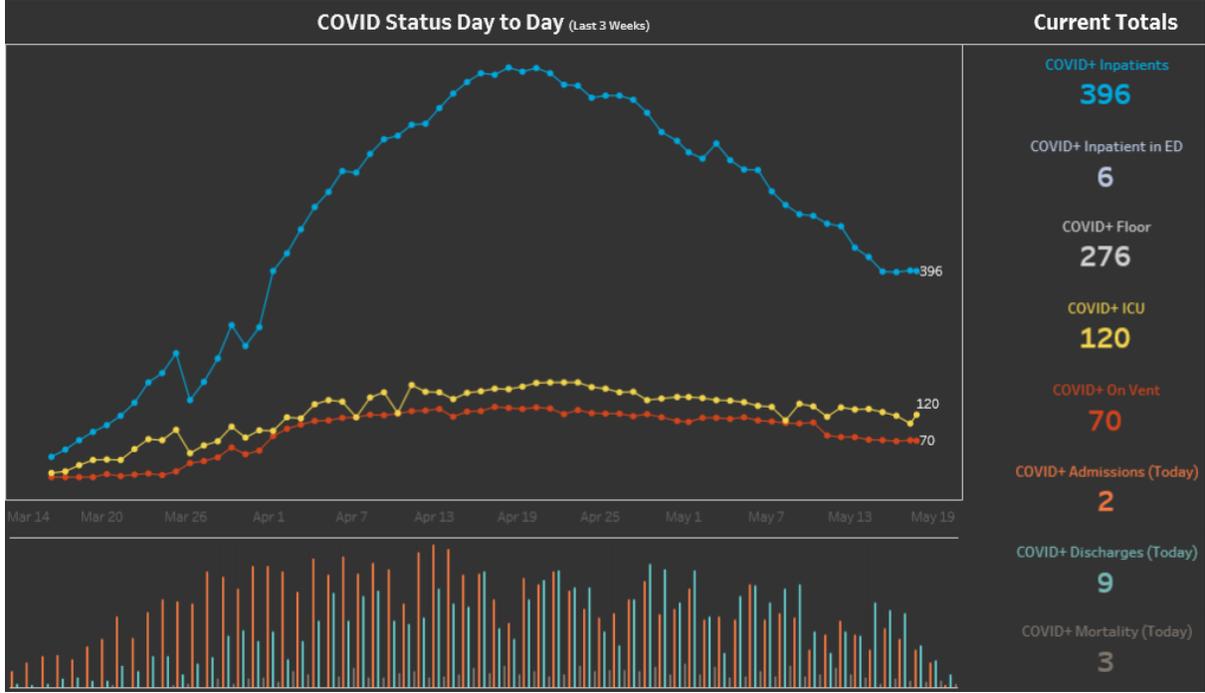
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Operational Snapshot (Source: JDAT)



YNHHS COVID TESTING





	YNHH	BH	GH	LMH	LMW
Inpatient PUI	19 (0)	7 (3)	2 (1)	8 (3)	5 (0)
COVID Positive	246 (262)	106 (123)	26 (29)	19 (17)	0 (1)
COVID in ICU	94 (89)	19 (8)	3 (6)	4 (5)	0 (0)

5/15/2020 9:00am

Yesterday

18

Since March 14

2,538

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



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)

Resources:

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

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