

COVID-19 Leadership Task Force Updates

Monday, August 31, 2020

Please share this information at your Tier 3, 2 and 1 huddles.

KNOW

What your team members need to know

- We are excited to announce that we have processed more than 100,000 tests for COVID-19. This critical testing is a vital part of Duke University Health System's comprehensive response to COVID-19 and our efforts to keep our patients, team members and community safe.
- As telemedicine has become part of normal operations, we will continue improving charge capture and coding efficiency by sunsetting the Easy Button. The change will be effective September 1.
- Construction on Duke Raleigh Hospital's 214,000 square foot, six-story South Pavilion will be completed in the summer of 2021.

SHARE

What to share with your team

- Please remind your team to take a moment to ensure your contact information is correct on Duke@Work. It is important that information is up to date – including cell phone numbers – so that our contact tracing team has the most current contact on file. Visit [Duke@Work](#) to make updates.
- Several [changes](#) in pulmonary function test (PFT) reporting are coming in September. These changes are related to reference equations for tests, defining impairment severity and DLCO reporting.
- There are new recommendations for a symptom-based strategy for discontinuing Special Airborne Contact isolation precautions for patients infected with COVID-19. This [poster](#) outlines changes.

DO

What your team members should do

- Join us for our next Duke Health Town Hall today at 4 p.m. Join the Zoom [here](#).
- If you missed the Duke Health Nursing Virtual Town Hall, view the [recording](#).
- If you have even mild symptoms of illness, stay home and do not come to work. Call the Duke Health COVID-19 Hotline between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (919-385-0429, option 1) to report your symptoms.
- Continue to practice good hand hygiene and wear PPE appropriately.