

# Duke Health Clinical Operations Updates

Monday, May 3, 2021

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

## KNOW

### *What your team members need to know*

- We are excited to celebrate Nurses Week this year which kicks off on Thursday, May 6 and continues through May 12. The professional, compassionate and dedicated nurses of Duke Health are the foundation of our efforts to provide remarkable care for our patients, their loved ones and each other.
- We are proud to share that our health system ranks among the best in the state for reducing any potential vaccine waste.
- The Leapfrog Group awarded top "A" grades to Duke University Hospital, Duke Regional Hospital and Duke Raleigh Hospital on its Spring 2021 report card.
- After a thorough safety review, the CDC and FDA determined the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine should resume after a brief pause to review data on rare but concerning side effects. Duke Health is planning to resume J&J vaccinations at our primary care clinics this week.
- Effective Saturday, May 1, the Willard Street drive-up testing site in Durham will adjust its hours of operation on the weekends. The change in hours is due to lower demand over the weekend.
- At Duke Health, we are proud to recognize the innovation and leadership Asian American and Pacific Islanders bring to our organization every day, and especially during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. We know that our strength lies in the diversity of our cultures and backgrounds.

## SHARE

### *What to share with your team*

- Effective May 19, all team member and student COVID-19 vaccinations set for administration on Duke's campus will move from the Duke Blue Devil Tower to the Karsh Alumni Center. The last day for vaccinations at the Blue Devil Tower will take place on May 18.
- Anyone, even if they are not a Duke Health patient, can schedule a vaccination by visiting [DukeHealth.org](https://DukeHealth.org), calling the COVID hotline at 919-385-0429 or they can receive vaccination during one of our [walk-in clinics](#).
- As the CDC continues to release changes to the public about its safety [recommendations](#) for fully vaccinated individuals, it is important to remember that recommendations for healthcare workers in the healthcare setting are different. Our guidance on [appropriate PPE](#) remains unchanged at this time.
- Currently, patients admitted from congregate living facilities are placed into special droplet/contact precautions for the first 14 days of their hospitalization. To reflect changes in epidemiology, we will be removing this recommendation as of May 11. Please be on the lookout for an official communication of this change.
- Last week, Governor Roy Cooper signed a new executive order to ease additional COVID-19 restrictions. [Executive Order 209](#) will be in effect from Friday, April 30 through Tuesday, June 1.

## DO

### *What your team members should do*

- If you still have not received a COVID-19 vaccination, make an appointment today. You can make an appointment on our [COVID-19 Vaccination Page](#) for employees.
- Sign up for a focus group for our Moments to Movement initiative. This [flyer](#) should be printed out and displayed on your huddle board to encourage any team members to register if they are interested in participating.
- Encourage your friends and family to receive their COVID-19 vaccination one of our clinics during [walk-in hours](#).
- Join our next Duke Health Leadership [virtual town hall](#) on Monday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m.
- Register for the [Duke Friends of Nursing Gala](#) on Saturday, May 15 at 5 p.m.
- 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 6 p.m. (919-385-0429, option 1) to report your symptoms.
- Continue to practice good hand hygiene and wear PPE appropriately.