

COVID-19 Leadership Task Force Updates

Monday, March 30, 2020

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

KNOW

What your team members need to know

- Starting Tuesday, March 31, all employees will be required to wear a face mask while working at one of our clinical sites. We will provide one mask per day. You can wear your Duke-issued mask for the entire shift. Please take care of this mask each day as you will only be provided a replacement if the mask becomes wet, visibly soiled or damaged. You should properly discard your mask in the appropriate bin at the end of your workday.
- Employee Occupational Health and Wellness (EOHW) will continue to identify and contact healthcare workers who may be at risk for exposures. The EOHW team interviews all Duke Health team members who test positive, identifies relevant contacts and assesses whether or not any contacts carry risk. If any action is required, you will be personally informed.

SHARE

What to share with your team members

- Important, updated resources are available on the COVID-19 internet resource page for the extended use and re-use of N95 Respirators, PAPR Hoods, face masks and face shields. These documents provide critical clarifications on the extended use and re-use of PPE.
- The adult testing decision tree and the pediatric testing decision tree have been updated to include information specific to Duke healthcare workers or other Duke personnel.
- Another new resource available in the document library outlines CDC guidance for the discontinuation of special airborne contact isolation for confirmed COVID-19 patients. This document is titled Criteria for Discontinuation of Special Airborne Contact Isolation for Confirmed COVID-19 Patients.
- Guidelines for transporting patients on special airborne contact precautions have been updated and the resource is available in the document library.
- Updated Spanish-language after-visit summary instructions can be given to Spanish-speaking patients who have been tested for or have tested positive for COVID-19 and are able to remain in the outpatient setting.
- As we transition to collecting N95 respirators and PAPR hoods for reuse, it is important to understand how wearing makeup can make the masks appear soiled, even though these items are safe and decontaminated when returned to you.

DO

What your team members should do

- Join members of Duke Health's COVID-19 Leadership Task Force for a virtual town hall meeting today at 4:30 p.m.
- If you have even mild symptoms of illness, stay home and do not report to work. Call the Duke Health COVID-19 Hotline from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 919-385-0429, option 1.
- Visit the new and improved document library to find all of the most current resources for the Duke Health response to COVID-19.
- Share a quick message of gratitude toward your colleagues and other healthcare workers around the world by using the hashtag #ThankYouDukeHealth on social media.
- Wear your ID badge between shoulder and waist with the photo side facing out at all times. Do not let visitors or patients follow you into the buildings through entrances where they would bypass screenings.
- Use the DQS huddles and the COVID-19 intranet site for daily updates, tools and resources.