

# COVID-19 Leadership Task Force Updates

Monday, April 27, 2020

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

## KNOW

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

- Duke Health leaders have been working closely with city and state officials on plans to cautiously re-engage activities. In our first phase, we are focusing on how we can safely continue to care for patients with COVID-19 while also enhancing access for our patients who may have delayed care during the pandemic. We are prioritizing the care of the sickest first — those with progressive illness or at a higher risk for disease.
- On Thursday, April 23, Governor Cooper extended North Carolina's stay-at-home order through May 8. Surrounding local governments in our area are also deciding their next steps. Durham County extended the county's order through May 15.
- When employees have health considerations that may make them high risk (in accordance with [CDC guidelines](#)), they can fill out an [attestation form](#) to request workplace modifications or redeployment. That form has recently been updated to create a universal template that's customizable to the entity. After an employee submits the attestation form, the manager then completes the [work modification form](#). A new [FAQ](#) helps managers navigate the process.
- [DukeList](#) now has a COVID-19 section that includes childcare, elder care, pet care and miscellaneous classifieds. The site is password-protected for the Duke community.

## SHARE

### *What to share with your team*

- Expanded [guidelines](#) designed to help healthcare workers returning home from work keep themselves and their loved ones safe from potential COVID-19 exposure are now available on the COVID-19 website.
- A [document](#) designed to serve as a resource for patients in isolation provides basic food safety tips for handling, cooking and storing food as well as resources for food and medication delivery services can now be accessed on the COVID-19 website
- The Infection Prevention and Employee Health teams provided an [FAQ](#) to help team members who provided care for patients diagnosed with COVID-19 without following Special Airborne Contact Precautions.
- Applications are now being accepted for the Duke Health COVID-19 Dependent Care Financial Assistance Fund, established to offset the costs of dependent care during our COVID-19 response efforts. All Duke Health employees in good standing are eligible to apply, and applications are being accepted through May 29. Team members can learn more and access the application [here](#).

## DO

### *What your team members should do*

- Join us for our next [virtual town hall](#) today at 4:30 p.m. Panelists include leaders from our COVID-19 Task Force, PDC, Quality, Perioperative Services and Infectious Disease.
- Check the [Duke Health COVID-19 website](#) often and bookmark the pages most relevant to you. Create a quick link to the [document library](#).
- 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 to report your symptoms.
- Continue to practice good hand hygiene and wear PPE appropriately.