

COVID-19 Leadership Task Force Updates

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

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

KNOW

What your team members need to know

- Our health system is experiencing an increased demand for the testing and treatment of COVID-19 patients. While we will always strive to enhance our patients' access to care, our top priority remains the safety and well-being of our patients, their loved ones and each other. As we monitor developments and continue to assess the need for care in all of our clinical environments, we will provide timely updates to our team and be transparent regarding any operational changes.
- Of all the tests that have been performed for employees, 5.9 percent have resulted positive for COVID-19. As we monitor the rise of cases in the surrounding community, we are continually assessing the increase of employees testing positive for COVID-19 as well.

SHARE

What to share with your team

- We are continuing to PDAC (plan, do, act, check) the screening process for all of our patients, visitors and employees. To streamline the process, we are working with our partners at DHTS to develop an application for employees to report their symptoms over time. At this time, Duke Health employees are not required to report their symptoms using an online survey. While you may have seen this recent [story](#) from Working at Duke, please know that this does not apply to Duke Health employees.
- This new [document](#) summarizes the PPE recommendations for healthcare workers providing care to maternal-infant pairs in the inpatient and outpatient settings.
- A new [document](#) on the website provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding our updated visitor restrictions.
- As a reminder, all of our virtual town halls are recorded and easy to access through the Duke Health COVID-19 [website](#).

DO

What your team members should do

- We must all be vigilant in reminding visitors to report any symptoms of illness, especially during screening, and to appropriately wear a mask while on our premises.
- As we learn more about COVID-19, the list of symptoms reported by people with the illness has grown over time. The CDC has updated the list of symptoms of COVID-19 – check out the full list of symptoms [here](#). Don't forget that 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. Please wear your mask while walking to and from work and when on buses.