



COVID-19 Briefing

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure your safety, we are requiring employees to wear a hospital-issued surgical mask or N95 respirator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloth Face Coverings from outside of the hospital may be worn over these masks, but should not be the only mask worn. Masks must be worn in common/public areas at all times in both clinical and non-clinical areas. Ensure the mask is covering your nose and mouth. Non-Clinical Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask except when alone in your office. Wear a mask around coworkers, while walking around office areas, and when sitting at tables with others. Clinical/Patient Care Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In all Clinical/Patient Care Areas (inpatient units, clinic spaces etc.), staff must wear at least a surgical mask or N95 respirator and eye protection. Appropriate PPE when caring for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients includes gown, gloves, N95 respirator, and face shield. If you carpool with co-workers and do not reside in the same household, please ensure you are wearing a mask while traveling.
Social Distancing	<p>Please adhere to social distancing guidelines (6 feet of separation) at all times around coworkers/visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>This includes time spent in locations such as break rooms, conference rooms, and speaking with coworkers.</i> When eating or drinking, please ensure you are a full 6 feet from any other person, and re-do your mask as soon as you are done eating. We know there may be instances when you cannot practice social distancing while caring for patients. Please ensure that you follow all other infection control guidelines to protect yourself.
USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4,238,500 presumptive cases total in USA (0.4% increase from previous day) 146,968 total deaths
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 84,876 confirmed positive COVID-19 tests in Maryland (1% increase from previous day) 3,315 deaths 536 current hospitalizations (1% decrease from previous day) 145 ICU hospitalizations (5% decrease from previous day)
Mercy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mercy Health Services: 1172 confirmed cases, of which 11 are currently inpatients at Mercy</i>
Symptoms/Exposures/Outside COVID-19 Testing	<p>You are required to notify the Command Center if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, chills, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or change in taste or smell Have any contact with anyone who is confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 Obtain a COVID-19 test outside of Mercy
Summer Vacations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have summer vacation plans to travel out of state, please be aware that some states have restrictions, COVID-19 testing requirements and arriving quarantines.