

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 <i>at least a surgical mask or N95 respirator and eye protection.</i> ○ 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) <i>at all times</i> 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-don 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.