The Daily Digest - GW Clinical Enterprise

This email is intended to serve as a digest of all messaging for our clinical faculty, students, and staff. We will send this email at the close of business each day, as we are managing daily operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This content will also be available at www.COVID19GWHealth.com - please refer to that site often, as we will be posting updates on a regular basis.

If you have feedback, please feel free to send to SMHSNews@gwu.edu

General Update

Today, the GW Clinical Enterprise opened up its COVID-19 testing site on the GW Campus. We are grateful to all who made it happen. The first day was a success - we look forward to continuing to serve the community with this service. For more information about the testing site, visit: www.gwcovid19testing.com

The GW Medical Faculty Associates

1. GW's medical enterprise launched drive-thru testing today at 20th and H Streets, NW. Patients are tested by appointment only. Future hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm but may change based on demand. Scheduled walk-up testing will continue to be available in the tent outside the Ambulatory Care Center of the MFA at 22nd and I Street, NW, M-F.
MFA Providers can access information about testing referrals by clicking https://smhs.gwu.edu/sites/default/files/files/MFA%20Provider%20COVID%20testing%20instructions%204_6_2.pdf

For more information about the drive-thru and walk-up sites, please go to www.gwcovid19testing.com

2. Mask Exchange at MFA and Fit Information

As healthcare providers taking care of our patients during this unprecedented pandemic, your health and safety is our top priority at MFA. We want to make sure you have the right protective masks for the right situations and are able to easily exchange them, when applicable.

**Surgical Masks:**

All employees are encouraged to wear surgical masks in all clinical areas at all times. You can obtain a surgical mask at the mask exchange station in the lobby of the main Ambulatory Care Center or in the lobby of 2300 M Street. If your surgical mask is soiled or deformed, you can exchange it for a new surgical mask.

**N95 Masks:**

The N95 mask is a specialized respirator mask that is only to be worn:

- with a patient who has known or suspected COVID-19,

- when a health care worker will either be performing an examination or test requiring the patient to remove their surgical mask (e.g., nasopharyngeal swab),

- or when the health care worker will be within 6 feet of the patient for more than 10 minutes.

It is important to note that most MFA employees will not need to wear an N95 mask on a regular basis at this time.

If you do have a need for an N95 mask, starting tomorrow 4/07/20, we’ve established our N95 mask exchange station in the main Ambulatory Care Center, South Building, room 3-210. It will be open daily from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. If you have been fit-tested and know your size, you can pick up your N95 mask in room 3-210 and begin in wearing it in the situations noted above.
Those who don’t know their size will need to be fit tested. Currently you can get fit tested on the first floor of the GW Hospital in Occupational Health. We hope to resume our MFA N95 fit testing in room 3-210 in the next 5-7 days. The fit testing takes about 10-15 minutes and will be done by Ronald Powell. We will update you as soon as we are able to start fittings again. You will also receive a brown bag along with your mask. That will allow for a sterile exchange of dirty or damaged masks in the future. For more information on the mask exchange contact rpowell@mfa.gwu.edu.

As a reminder, we anticipate that the COVID-19 pandemic will continue for an extended time period. We must ensure that we all use personal protective equipment (PPE) in an appropriate manner so that we have the PPE we need now and in the weeks and months to come.

3. Staff Town Hall

MFA Staff are invited to join a Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 1 pm to 2 pm to discuss the ongoing pandemic and the resources for employees navigating this unprecedented time.

**PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:**
William Borden, MD, Chief Quality Officer
Kaylan Baban, MD, Chief Wellness Officer
Rodney Whitmore, Chief Human Resources Officer

[https://mfa.webex.com/mfa/j.php?MTID=m3753cf2189de67310c671860e6a95302](https://mfa.webex.com/mfa/j.php?MTID=m3753cf2189de67310c671860e6a95302)
Join by video system
Dial 470023690@mfa.webex.com
You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number. Meeting number: 470 023 690

4. More on Drive-Thru Testing


5. Communication Boost in the time of COVID: Department of Medicine Grand Rounds
The Department of Medicine hosted a Grand Rounds with Drs. Christina Pratheri, Hana Akselrod, and Rita Manfredi  
https://youtu.be/xCvxQy0WjrM

GW Hospital

1. **Elevators:** Please limit to three people per elevator. Patients and visitors should have first priority.

2. **Masking:** Staff should be wearing masks while in the hospital. If your surgical mask is soiled, please exchange it for a new surgical mask.

The GW SMHS

1. **SMHS “All Hands” Staff Meeting - Wednesday, April 8.**
To keep the SMHS community well-informed, we will be hosting an every-other-week “All-Hands” meeting for SMHS staff members - **beginning Wednesday, April 8.** Each meeting will be hosted by Dean Bass, Sharon Boyd, and/or other SMHS leaders. To join the SMHS staff web ex, visit:  
https://gwu.webex.com/gwu/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7f1d586358c9df8eb81766e61b1f0938

2. We have heard from members of our community that they want to support our mission during this time of need. The **GW COVID Response Fund** was established to support the work of our faculty, staff, and students during this crisis.

Staying GWell
In this section, we will share wellness resources, offers, and updates for the GW community to reference. Please find a comprehensive list of resources on the GWell page:

https://smhs.gwu.edu/wellness/resources/covid-19-wellness-resources

1. **GWell Center for Healthcare Professionals Speakers Bureau**
Request an expert wellness speaker to meet with your team from the GWell Center for Healthcare Professionals Speakers Bureau. Available topics currently include general, emotional, physical, and institutional wellness.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSek8lD_RqzKJoDAhGiutqilkZNzwVs8Ga6nk2KZdNaL7LtAA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1