Date: April 29, 2020

The Daily Digest - GW Clinical Enterprise

The GW Covid-19 Intelligence Unit supports the GW Covid-19 Incident Management Team to scan the scientific, technical and lay literature to provide a concise weekly update for use by GW's front-line clinicians, administrative and operational leaders. These are the themes of this week:

THEMES OF THE WEEK:

• Professional organizations and States are developing strategies for easing social distancing requirements. Until highly effective new methods of treatment and prevention of COVID-19 are discovered, public health experts recommend a mass investment in testing, contact tracing, outbreak containment, and careful easing of social distancing based on local realities.
• Epidemiological and clinical experiences from China, Italy, New York and other early-hit communities are being published to help clinicians diagnose and manage patients.
• Our understanding of pulmonary and vascular pathology in this disease is growing. This includes considerable concern about coagulation abnormalities seen in COVID-19 patients.
• NIH and other health professional organizations are publishing guidelines and recommendations for practice based on these experiences and expert opinion.
• Early results of research on the use of various therapeutics are being published. Most are not peer reviewed and few are controlled, so we must interpret them with great caution.
• The results of serologic testing must be interpreted cautiously given the current limits on the sensitivity and specificity of the tests, and the absence of knowledge about the level of protective immunity that may be conferred.
For more details and the Weekly GW Covid-19 Intelligence Reports see these searchable GW resources:

GW Covid-19 Intelligence Reports: https://guides.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/SituationReport

2. Light a Candle to Honor Those Affected by COVID-19

The GW Medical Faculty Associates

1. TOMORROW! SMHS/MFA Faculty Update Meeting - April 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm

SMHS and MFA Leadership invite the SMHS/MFA Faculty to join for an update on the COVID-19 situation and a Q and A session.

Leadership that will present includes:

- Dr. Barbara L. Bass, VPHA, Dean of SMHS, and CEO of the MFA,
- Dr. Anton Sidawy, Chair of Surgery and the Chief Physician Executive of the MFA,
- Benjamin Riestra, MBA, COO of the MFA,
- Dr. Robert Miller, Vice President for Research, GW and Senior Associate Dean for Research, SMHS, and
- Dr. William Borden, Chief Quality Officer at the MFA and Associate professor of Medicine, SMHS

All SMHS/MFA Faculty are welcome to join, but this is not mandatory.
When: Thursday, April 30 at 2:00 pm

Via Web
ex: https://gwu.webex.com/gwu/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee93038c64831c1fd87e0cc25cd2926a6

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2. TOMORROW! D.C. Mayor's Virtual COVID-19 Town Hall for Healthcare Workers
Thursday, April 30
5 - 5:30 p.m.

Please call 844-881-1314 to join the call. No Passcode is required.

Register here:

3. Dr. Adam Friedman, Chair of the Department of Dermatology discusses how to treat skin conditions associated with wearing masks and face coverings during COVID-19
Tips to having healthy skin while wearing a face mask

GW Hospital

1. **COVID-19 Discharge Song**: More than 1,000 people voted, and the winner is "Here Comes The Sun" by The Beatles. Starting tomorrow, April 30 at noon, when a COVID-19 patient is discharged, the unit secretary will notify the hospital operator to play a portion of the song. We look forward to hearing this song and celebrating health and your excellent care.

2. **Shoe Cover Guidance**: Beginning today, we are requiring that all individuals who enter a unit caring for COVID-19 patients wear disposable shoe covers as part of their PPE. Please refer to an email sent earlier today with guidance. Thank you for helping to enhance our infection prevention efforts.

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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

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

1. Resources to Maintain Wellness - From the GWell Center for Healthcare Professionals Wellness Toolkit

Toolkit: Wellness Tips When Leading a Remote Meeting

Ice Breakers
If not all participants are familiar with one another, make time for introductions and possibly a brief ice breaker

Consider a short "check-in"

Provide explicit opportunities for questions/comments
Without social cues, this can be a stressor

Please find guidance from the GWell Center for Healthcare Professionals Wellness Toolkit. You can find the full toolkit here:


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.