Date: June 1, 2020

The Digest - GW Clinical Enterprise

This email is intended to serve as a digest of all messaging for our clinical faculty, students, and staff. Starting on June 1, 2020, we will send this email at the close of business each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as we are managing 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

1. Highlights This Week - GW COVID-19 Intelligence Report

- Epidemiological studies have documented very high rate of confirmed Covid-19 infection in persons without symptoms raising this as an important vector for secondary transmission and for prevention strategies. Mask-wearing is an increasingly important public health tool.
- Significant mental health needs related to Covid-19 are being documented among the population at large and particularly among those with Covid-19 disease and the health care workforce.
- A high rate of Covid-19 disease presentation and involvement of multiple organ systems (singly and together) is documented: cardiac, hematologic, GI, ocular, renal, skin, CNS.
- SARS CoV-2 viral dynamic studies continue to demonstrate lengthy periods of positive viral RNA tests in the convalescent period.
- The Covid-19 disease hypercoaguable state continues to be documented. Treatment and prevention approaches are not yet clear. This a major concern - many studies are underway.
• Documentation of the stark racial disparities of severe Covid-19 disease and mortality in the US continues with growing recognition that this is caused by social determinants of health.

There is a growing recognition that primary care research is needed to develop post-Covid-19 disease treatment knowledge. Improved prevention strategies are needed to minimize risk of severe disease outcomes related to underlying pulmonary, cardiac and metabolic diseases such as diabetes and obesity all of which are now well documented as risk factors for severe Covid-19 disease outcomes.

For 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. "Ready for your return - A message on clinical reopening"
A Message from Barbara L. Bass, MD, Vice President for Health Affairs; Dean of the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences; and CEO of The GW Medical Faculty Associates.

GW Hospital

1. Mask Station: Beginning Monday, June 1st, the mask station will be relocated from the 2nd floor outside of surgery to the lobby level by the back elevator and stairwell. Mask
station hours are every day from 6:30AM-8:30PM. If masks are needed outside of these hours, please contact HOS at 202-715-6103.

The GW SMHS

1. All members of the MFA and SMHS Academic Medical Enterprise community are invited to join for a **Town Hall Meeting** to discuss the recent events surrounding the death of George Floyd.

SMHS leaders will provide a few remarks followed by a facilitated discussion via web ex with members of the community.

**When:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Noon

**Where:**
Via Web ex:
https://gwu.webex.com/gwu/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7d2b95f25fe48370131f5992639687cd

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. Microdoses of Mindfulness - Day 5: Mindful Body
2. Shareable Anti-Racism Resource Guide:

https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/1hpub-jkm9cLzJWqZSsETqbE6tZ13Q0UbQz--yQ2ayEc/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR07TkRzSammqbWjzYGofYErV8swCejpk7w3ROinjcCZOMzJFOJoGUGY4tI