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The Daily Digest - GW Clinical Enterprise

1. 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. The GW Department of Emergency Medicine experts is now offering COVID-19 reopening consulting services to businesses as they grapple with how to reopen safely. Our experts have been on the forefront of business continuity and disaster mitigation for decades and are here to help businesses in the DMV. Go to https://www.gwdocs.com/specialties/emergency-medicine/covid-19-support-services/ for more information.
2. GW MFA continues its reopening by inviting patients managing chronic or acute conditions back to clinic settings for in-person visits. More guidance on next steps is expected next week. For more on the reopening go to www.gw.gwdocs.com/reopening

3. The GW medical enterprise to host a critical blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross in June. For details and registration go to the following link

https://www.gwdocs.com/blog/2020/may/join-us-gw-blood-drive-june-24-25-2020/

4. **Ambulatory Safe Reopening** - The MFA is committed first and foremost to the safety of our patients, providers and staff. Our clinics have been seeing patients in-person throughout this period, with minimal employees turning positive. Safety measures are in place which work together to protect everyone. Both telemedicine and in-person visits are available, appropriate and safe. Department-level work is in progress to revise templates so that, combining telemedicine and in-person visits, the MFA can and should get back to full capacity to serve the needs of our patients. View the [MFA Ambulatory Safe Reopening plan](#).

5. **Safety Measure Effectiveness** - The MFA has instituted a variety of measures to ensure the safety of our patients, providers and staff. Each of these measures adds a layer of safety and they together create as safe an environment as possible in which our patients can get care, and we all can deliver care. View a [summary of Safety Measure Effectiveness](#).

6. **MFA Ambulatory COVID-19 Testing** - The MFA testing for COVID-19 at the Testing Tent (22nd and I Street) and the Drive-Through primarily sends oropharyngeal swab specimens to LabCorp for testing, with results in 2-3 days. A shortage of nasopharyngeal swabs needed for the more rapid GW Hospital PCR assay limited our ambulatory use of that testing option. Fortunately, the MFA now has a limited set of supplies to perform the nasopharyngeal swabs to be run at GW Hospital, with results in 24-36 hours. These tests are prioritized for healthcare workers (testing staff will ask if the patient is a healthcare worker and then automatically send the GW Hospital test) and urgent patients for whom the sooner results will change clinical decision making. To obtain for a non-healthcare worker patient the GW Hospital 24-36 hour test at the MFA Testing Tent, please send a TigerConnect message with the patient's name and expected visit day/time to "MFA COVID-19 Consult."

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**GW Hospital**
1. **Resumption of Additional Procedures:** According to the DC Department of Health, there has been a sustained reduction in community transmission of COVID-19 as well as improvement in other criteria such as additional contact tracing resources, adequate hospital system capacity, and widely available testing. As part of the Reopen DC plan, we will be safely resuming medically necessary surgeries and procedures starting next Friday, May 29. We will continue to have our robust safety protocols in place throughout this time.

2. **Scrub Update:** Given increased information about COVID-19, we are following our standard PPE practices for droplet precautions. Our droplet precautions note that caregivers can provide patient care in standard scrubs while wearing the appropriate PPE. Therefore, beginning June 1, individuals treating COVID-19 patients will return to their normal scrub uniforms. We will continue to have gowns available for individuals to place over their scrubs, as well as all other necessary PPE, for caring for COVID-19 patients. For those who currently care for COVID-19 patients but did not have access to scrubs prior to this situation, you will have the ability to continue wearing your hospital-issued scrubs if you desire. In addition, we continue to have areas available for you to change at work including locker rooms and bathrooms.

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**The GW SMHS**

1. No Updates for Today

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](https://smhs.gwu.edu/wellness/resources/covid-19-wellness-resources) was established to support the work of our faculty, staff, and students during this crisis.

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**Staying GWell**

[https://smhs.gwu.edu/wellness/resources/covid-19-wellness-resources](https://smhs.gwu.edu/wellness/resources/covid-19-wellness-resources)
1. The Garrison Institute Webinar: "The Unshakable Core - Growing Calm Strength for Turbulent Times" with Rick Hanson

Tuesday, May 26 at 3:00-4:00pm

At the intersection of modern science and ancient wisdom - which could be called neurodharma - we can find very effective tools for resilient well-being. Join Dr. Rick Hanson for a practical and experiential exploration of brain-savvy ways to grow lasting happiness and inner peace.

Registration for this live webinar closes at 2pm on May 26, and is limited to the first 1,000 attendees. The webinar will also be live-streamed on Youtube.


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.