Date: July 16, 2020

The Digest - GW Clinical Enterprise

   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. COVID-19 Testing Tent Hours Update

GW is offering unscheduled walk-up COVID-19 testing for adults with or without an order from their healthcare provider. Patients without an order will receive an evaluation from a GW healthcare provider at the tent before being tested.

Location: 22nd and I St., NW, Washington, DC 20037

For the week of July 20 - 24, 2020 - Monday through Friday - due to the heat

- Hours for GW patients, with an order from their provider, are 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Testing for walk-ins without an order (general public) are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Beginning July 27, 2020 - Monday through Friday
- Hours for GW patients, with an order from their provider, are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Testing for walk-ins without an order (general public) are 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2. Ambulatory Pre-Visit Testing changes
The MFA has modified the Pre-Visit Testing Requirements for invasive procedures to now be "COVID-19 testing when clinically indicated," recognizing the wide variety of ambulatory procedures and that many are likely low risk for COVID-19 transmission with asymptomatic patients and current PPE recommendations. Please remember that all COVID-19 testing requires the ordering provider to coordinate the testing and follow up on the results.

3. Please find Dr. Akselrod's 7/16 Clinical Update on COVID-19: [https://guides.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/id.php?content_id=55961911](https://guides.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/id.php?content_id=55961911)

4. Science & Engineering Parking Garage Closure Update
Unfortunately, we have learned the repairs will extend into early/mid-August (depending on site conditions) so as to ensure the safety of the structure. As such, we anticipate SEH garage closure will now extend until, at least, the second week of August.

Please continue to utilize the G Street Garage until repairs are completed and follow the same procedure of daily debit parking at SEH: use GWorld ID card to tap in/out and pay the daily debit rate of $16.50.

We apologize for any inconvenience and will keep you updated. For any questions/concerns, contact parking@gwu.edu or at 202-994-7199. For after-hours support, contact 202-994-6110.

Again, thank you for your continued patience as we work to make these critical repairs to our parking garage.

GW Hospital

1. Visitor Restriction Changes:
As a reminder, we changed some of our visitor restrictions to allow for more visitation. Please either review the email sent last Thursday, 7/9 or visit the GW Hospital website for more details: [https://www.gwhospital.com/patients-visitors/covid-19/latest-information-on-covid-19-precautions](https://www.gwhospital.com/patients-visitors/covid-19/latest-information-on-covid-19-precautions)

2. Help Stop the Spread: As a reminder, it is vital that we help stop the spread by wearing a mask, physically distancing and practicing good hand hygiene. Please remember that you represent GW Hospital and as healthcare professionals, we urge you to set the right example inside and outside the hospital to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
1. SMHS "All-Hands" Staff Meeting recording -
https://youtu.be/zISHqr3aJk4

2. SMHS stands in support of this statement from the AAMC:
AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, and AAMC Chief Scientific Officer Ross McKinney, Jr., MD, issued the following statement in support of Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases:

"The AAMC is extremely concerned and alarmed by efforts to discredit Anthony Fauci, MD, our nation's top infectious disease expert. Dr. Fauci has been an independent and outspoken voice for truth as the nation has struggled to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

As we are seeing from the surge in COVID-19 cases in areas that have reopened, science and facts-not wishful thinking or politics-must guide America's response to this pandemic. This does not mean that scientific knowledge and recommendations will not change as our understanding of the virus grows. To the contrary, a successful response depends on Dr. Fauci, his colleagues, and scientists throughout America's system of medical research who are able to draw conclusions based on current observations and continuously adjust those conclusions based on continuing observations. Science is, and must be, a dynamic and evolving process.

Taking quotes from Dr. Fauci out of context to discredit his scientific knowledge and judgment will do tremendous harm to our nation's efforts to get the virus under control, restore our economy, and return us to a more normal way of life. America should be applauding Dr. Fauci for his service and following his advice, not undermining his credibility at this critical time."

3. GW SMHS on Campus: A web site has been developed as some of the SMHS community comes back to campus over the coming weeks. For guidelines and updates, please visit: smhs.gwu.edu/smhs-on-campus

4. The GW SMHS Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC) wishes to engage all members of our GW community as we do the work to become known as a highly inclusive, anti-racist organization. Please consider completing the following SURVEY to share your expertise, interest, and any ideas that can be used to build a strategic path forward. Please submit feedback by no later than Friday, July 17, 2020.

5. 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
This email is intended to serve as a digest of all messaging for our clinical faculty, students, and staff. **Starting on July 2, 2020, we will send this email at the close of business each Tuesday and Thursday**, as we are managing operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This content will also be available at [www.COVID19GWHealth.com](http://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