



Daily Update Coronavirus 2020

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Dear TGMC Healthcare Team,

As you are all aware, we take the well-being of our medical team, patients and communities very seriously. As the COVID-19 situation escalates, we have taken the necessary steps to ensure the health of our employees so they can continue to perform their important work.

While this pandemic is unprecedented, we are continuing to prepare for this challenge through our emergency plans and constant interactions with State and Local officials to safeguard the integrity of our operations. As an update to our supplies, please be advised that our team members within purchasing are constantly looking at supply levels and ordering to meet our care demands. Although there is a short supply of PPE throughout the nation, we continue to reach out to our community for collaboration, assistance and support.

Currently, **we do** have a sufficient supply of N-95 masks, masks, gowns, face shields, and soap for our staff to use. However, due to the difficulty in getting future orders, we will be prudent in the ordering and use. Processes have been put in place to assure that we will continue to have that necessary supply, and Purchasing will ask more questions when requests are made. This does not mean we do not have an ample supply, we are, however, being very good stewards of our inventory to assure that the bedside caregivers have the necessary PPE throughout this time. Additionally, we are monitoring our ventilator utilization closely with additional ventilators already on stand-by in the event more is needed.

TGMC has always been a community resource and partner and now, more than ever, our community has stepped up to come to our aid. Numerous industrial businesses, medical practices, and schools have pooled their resources to donate PPE supplies of gloves, masks, and protective suits to keep our healthcare system functioning, and supporting the health and well-being of healthcare professionals and patients, especially at this significant point in time.

Various groups within our community have sewn and donated cloth masks for our use. While we develop protocols for appropriate areas for utilization per CDC guidelines, we ask **that all donations please be sent to Administration**, Teresita McNabb. Please include a note listing who donated the masks so that we can

appropriately thank them. All masks will be laundered at TGMC and distributed per the CDC guidelines. All masks will be put to good use, however, we want to balance that with our staff safety.



Finally, everyone is aware of the Governor's Shelter in Place Mandate for all non-essential services beginning tonight at 5 PM. In an effort to adhere to all regulations and guidelines for the safety of our patients and employees, changes will be forthcoming to our visitor policy and designated non-essential personnel at the hospital. More information will be forthcoming as we move through these processes.

I truly appreciate everyone's assistance and dedication as the COVID-19 situation continues to grow and evolve. We are committed to our doctors and staff who continue to care for our patients and community during the toughest of times. As this is truly a tough situation where we cannot bring large groups of staff together, we will continue to supply information by email, TGMC website at TGMC.com (employees resource button at bottom of page), and through your directors and VP's.

Sometimes words cannot convey all the emotion necessary. Please know that you are all greatly valued, and I send my sincerest thanks to you for choosing healthcare, not as just a job, but as a commitment to care for others during the toughest of times.

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