

Covid 19 update Mar 26

1. Teams Meeting

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2. Overview of epidemic

- a. Here is a link to the [Infection Prevention Covid-19 page](#) on the I Net. Good compilation of internal and external links.
- b. [Case triage What constitutes an urgent case is sometimes difficult to determine.](#) I receive from our staff constant updates on lack of urgency for selected surgical procedures. Every day I elevate these concerns to senior leadership. There is increasing scrutiny of the schedule but so far, no OR tsar has been empowered to arbitrarily remove cases from the schedule. That will happen in the near future if the epidemic continues to build.

I strongly suggest you not insert yourself in the process of determining what is urgent and what is not. Please assume good intentions and let surgical leadership put controls in place.

- c. Review of PPE donning and doffing procedures put together Friday evening by iLead and RRT group. We are working on getting these to rotate on the education screen in the main lounge.
 1. Donning Contact and Droplet PPE: <https://vimeo.com/397544513/40d240bb7c>
 2. Doffing Contact and Droplet PPE: <https://vimeo.com/397541526/ef6b376c85>
 3. Donning PPE with N95 respirator:
<https://vimeo.com/christianacare/review/397526462/0bff7c41de>
 4. Doffing PPE with N95 respirator:
<https://vimeo.com/christianacare/review/397524368/e6d53bc57c>
 5. Donning PPE with PAPR: <https://vimeo.com/397549095/485b5b4c13>
 6. Doffing PPE with PAPR:
<https://vimeo.com/christianacare/review/397551932/c273be218c>

2. HR issues at ChristianaCare

- a. Please be aware that every available person in the system has been redeployed to help with the pandemic response. No one is sitting around doing half work.

3. Information and visitation

- a. Temperature screening in effect at all visitor entrances. Still a gap in Map I. If temp 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, not allowed in facility.
- b. Masking requirements for visitors changing. Not being issued masks, but will be allowed to use personal mask if they bring one.

4. Screening and Testing

- a. Testing for all healthcare workers – employees and non-employees - at ChristianaCare now being coordinated through Employee Health.
- b. Dr. Siry has been anointed clinical HR liaison and is working with our people who are either exposed or develop symptoms. She coordinates with Amy and others in the ASPA office to get people to employee health and then track different aspects of furlough and testing including return to work.
- c. ChristianaCare has established two testing centers. HCCC and the Arsht Surgicenter. Hours on the IP website

5. Equipment

- a. Fit testing in the department has been for the 1870 model. Those that were tested on the 1870+ have been retested, and passed, for the 1870. The 1870+ is in extremely short supply and will soon be out of stock.
- b. N 95 and face shield information communicated under separate cover.
- c. OB rooms see separate e mails from Dr. Makai and Jennifer Bingnear with details
At Christiana, OR C6 has been converted to a dedicated C section room for Covid patients.
- d. PAPR hoods are in short supply but still available. There are being cleaned/recycled. See the announcement from Judy Townsley that went to all Periop staff early this afternoon.
- e. For intubation, it is ideal to have two people present – one to don the appropriate PPE and enter the room to do the intubation and another to handle supplies, pass in extra items if needed etc.

It may be that only one person can break free from the OR to do an intubation or you may be the only person free at Wilmington at night. In that case, proceed to the room, leave the box outside the room after getting your supplies together and then enter with appropriate PPE. Please tell someone outside the room that you are leaving the box there and they need to standby in case you need something extra.

- f. For intubations on the floor or in the unit please follow this rough algorithm
 1. Primary should call back unit to confirm receipt of request and ask if the patient requires airborne isolation.
 2. If so – ask that a PAPR be available if we are sending a staff member who cannot use N95 mask
 3. PAPRs can be requested from the equipment room
 1. Christiana 733-2765
 2. Wilmington 320-4112
 4. If you arrive at intubation and you determine need for PAPR, and one is not available, ask for one to be sent and do not enter the room with the patient.
- g. PAPR education is available in the learning space on the Christiana portal.

- h. Donning and doffing video as listed above.
6. Isolation
- a. New isolation sign for use on Covid PUI and Covid + cases distributed under separate cover.
 - b. Practically speaking - contact and droplet for most cases. Must use eye protection. Airborne only for intubation/ventilatory support. CDC has released updated guidance reaffirming droplet and contact only for routine contact.
7. Supply Chain