



MEMORANDUM

To: All Medical Staff Members

From: Bruce Platt, MD, President, CH Medical Staff & Michael Gough, MD, VP/President-Elect, CH Medical Staff

Date: March 13, 2020

RE: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Valued Colleagues:

It seems likely that as members of the Catholic Health Medical Staff, we will be caring for patients with COVID-19 (coronavirus) in coming weeks/months as the prevalence of cases in New York State continues to climb. We should begin preparing ourselves in earnest for that possibility to continue providing our community with the highest quality care possible. There are a few simple steps we can all take to help prepare us.

- 1) Follow the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>), New York State Department of Health (<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/providers.htm>), the Erie County Department of Health (<http://www2.erie.gov/health/coronavirus>) updates regarding COVID-19
- 2) Review detailed donning and doffing procedures and use of an N-95 mask (<https://my.chsbuffalo.org/edu/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/ppe-instructions>)
- 3) Watch closely for email updates from the Catholic Health Administrative Leadership Team for updates regarding screening and testing protocols (many of which are already in place).
- 4) Identify ways in which an outbreak may impact your specific area of practice within Catholic Health. If you identify concerns, consider addressing them with your local Vice President of Medical Affairs (Dr. Tom Cumbo Jr at Mount. St. Mary's, Dr. Jim Fitzpatrick at Kenmore Mercy, Dr. Tim Gabryel at South Buffalo Mercy, and Dr. Nady Shehata at Sisters of Charity Main Street and St. Joe's).

Please do not hesitate to contact us or your local medical staff leadership if we can be of any assistance, and thank you for the excellent care you provide our community every day.

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