

As of today, our clinical operations are proceeding as normal, aside from the following exceptions.

We are continuing to cancel all elective procedures and have instituted a no-visitor policy with specific exceptions. In all of our hospitals, all caregivers will need to answer a few questions and have their temperature taken at the designated entrances for each campus. We know that this is an inconvenience for all of our Catholic Health associates, but we must take these steps to protect our patients, our colleagues, and our community.

After evaluating a number of patients for COVID-19 over the past several weeks, today we learned that we now have **our first positive result in a patient who was evaluated earlier in the week in one of our facilities, the Mount St Mary Campus.** We treated the patient consistent with CDC and local guidelines, with all the required precautions in collaboration with the Health Department. Throughout our county, several cases have now been reported. To date, most are travel-related, but we now have signs of sustained community transmission in Western New York State.

CH Current Census:	57% Occupied
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CH inpatient Patients Under Investigation for COVID-19:	16
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CH inpatient Patients diagnoses with COVID-19:	1
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The latest COVID-19 case numbers (Source CDC/JHU):

Worldwide:	229,289	US:	9,415
NYS:	4,125	Erie County:	28

I will continue to be transparent about our preparation measurements and reasons behind an escalation of our plan in our facilities as we tackle this challenge together.

Please continue to reference our website <https://medstaff.chsbuffalo.org/> for the most updated information around protocol, proper use of personal protective equipment, FAQ's, and our community status.

A Medical Staff COVID-19 conference call has been scheduled daily from 7:00-8:00pm, to provide you with the most current updates on clinical operations and the opportunity to address any questions you may have.

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In addition, if you have any questions during the call please enable the chat feature, this is available on your computer and the WebEx app

If you have immediate questions or concerns, please address them with your local Vice President of Medical Affairs:

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Thank you for all that you do for our patients, your colleagues, and our community.

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