

Daily Overview (March 16, 2020)

We are working on optimal patient triage and staffing as we prepare for reduced outpatient/elective clinical volumes and increases in ED/inpatient PUIs for COVID-19 across all sites.

Clinical Care:

- In-house testing for COVID-19 has started.
- The case-mix of patients presenting to the ED has shifted dramatically to respiratory illness and workups for COVID-19, and we are optimizing imaging resources to best meet those needs.
- Non-emergent/urgent EHC outpatient clinic visits and elective procedures are being canceled or rescheduled starting tomorrow (Tuesday, 3/17/20)
- Teams for EHC and Grady are actively working on vetting and stratifying patients scheduled for EHC IR/Invasive procedures, Nuclear Medicine, and Diagnostic Imaging and canceling or rescheduling as appropriate. Urgent/Emergent and time-sensitive outpatients will still be accommodated.
- PPE supplies are in limited supply and should be used when necessary. Please see Usage and Distribution Guidelines for N95 Masks
- Radiologists will be called on to help triage patients who are COVID-19 positive (but not for unconfirmed PUIs) when imaging is ordered. The key questions are:
 - Is the imaging appropriate or is there a better alternative?
 - Does imaging need to happen urgently, or can it be postponed to when scanner terminal cleaning can happen at an opportune time or when more resources are available?

Clinical Staffing:

- Starting tomorrow, Tuesday, 3/17/20, clinical radiology divisions, APPs, fellows, and residents will move to a minimal staffing model. Backups are being assigned if additional resources are needed. Existing home workstations will be utilized when possible.
Additional ordered workstations will be incorporated into the staffing strategy when they arrive and are deployed.
- Signs are being posted to curtain non-critical traffic through reading rooms.
- We are exploring means to reallocate technologists as staffing needs change.

Non-Clinical Staffing:

- All staff that are not critical to patient care have been asked to work from home.
- Vendors, observers, and other visitors should not be within the department



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A Tip From Your Wellness Committee:

Continue to do regular check-ins with colleagues, family, and friends during this time.

Website Coming Soon...

The Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak; and is in the process of creating a website to provide additional information and resources to the department's faculty, trainees, and staff.

