

Daily Overview (May 1, 2020)

Work is ongoing on operationalizing a coordinated thoughtful ramp-up of outpatient operations. The initial phase begins the week of May 4 at all operating units, with the goal of accommodating our outpatients, maintaining appropriate social distancing in all our care areas, while being attentive to PPE use.

Safety:

- COVID-19 antibody testing is now available to EHC employees, providers, and house staff. Please know that it is still unknown whether the presence of antibodies confers immunity to reinfection from COVID-19.
- For EHC sites wearing a mask is expected for faculty/staff/trainees. Grady wearing of a mask is mandatory for faculty/staff/trainees.
- Patients are being asked to bring their own masks during the pre-visit instructions/symptom screening call.

Methods:

- Saturday imaging appointments will be opening at select locations in the coming weeks.
- As the system develops processes for temperature checks upon arrival, response workflows are in development.
- Patients who had invasive procedures deferred during the last 7 weeks in both interventional radiology and diagnostic breast imaging are being reassessed and rescheduled for completion of those procedures.
- Emory Healthcare is developing a plan for universal SARS-Cov-2 testing of all admitted patients.
- Grady Healthcare is developing a plan for universal SARS-Cov-2 testing prior to all invasive procedures.

Equipment:

No updates or new issues.

Supplies:

- Supply levels, including PPE, are holding steady at sufficient levels. Increasing imaging capacity will be a stressor on the system.
- Alternative cleaning solutions are being considered as the Sani-cloths continue to be in restricted supply.

- EHC Cloth mask distribution for faculty, staff and trainees is being coordinated site by site basis.

Staffing:

- We continue monitoring a dashboard of patient and imaging volume metrics to assess trends.
- Resident physicians will begin to have an increased presence on all clinical services in conjunction with increasing patient visits.
- Future staffing models will consider work from home options, staggering shifts, reassignment of and/or redistributions of work tasks, social distancing in work spaces and PPE use.



Wellness Tip

Don't drink sugar calories

Sugary drinks are associated with obesity and diabetes. Fruit juices can be just as bad as soda, containing many calories with minimal health benefit. Limit your intake of sugary drinks and try to drink 8 cups of water each day.

[Radiology COVID Command Center Web Page](#)

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

Also, you can view all recorded town halls.

