

COVID-19 Updates (3/29/20):

1 You all are amazing. Heroic efforts this week!

2 Pharmacy Refill line.

a 718-245-3245

3 Command Center—for all urgent / emergent issues.

a Kingscommandcenter@nychhc.org

b 718-245-8989

4 O2 tanks.

a We are burning through O2 tanks, and I am working with respiratory to arrange regular refills.

b Please round regularly and call respiratory early!

5 FEMA staff has arrived.

a We will have 5 NPs and 1 PA volunteers in the ED for the next 7 days. Please be nice to them.

b Rough plan, as needed: 2 in Peds waiting room, 1 in PIT/ FT, 2 in main ED

c Also will be rounding in our waiting room and on our admitted patients.

6 Two new docs going through the emergency credentialing process. More to come.

7 Stroke admission guidelines during COVID (See attached).

a Basically consider sending TIA/ mild stroke home.

b And use your judgment.

c I have been informed these patients will have Stroke follow up in 2 days.

8 **CPEP patients-** Enter a psych consult into EPIC early. We expect these patients will be accepted to CPEP without labs/ full work

up.

- a Also, Brand new: Triage nurses will be calling CL/ psych consult directly from triage.
- b Expectation is that stable patients will be seen within 20 minutes and will be send directly to CPEP.

9 Observation coming Monday morning. (most likely).

- a Obs patients as usual (increase your threshold for dc).
- b Boarding patients and COVID.

10 Visitor policy update.

- a If appropriate, One brief visitor allowed for critical/ terminal patients.
- b Use your judgement.

11 Please **increase your threshold** for admission.

- a Sickish patients you want to send home: Stat SW/ CM consults and **escalate directly to the command center** if needed.

12 Next schedule block. I'm working on it.

- a Thank you all for the understanding.

13 Please **do not talk to media/** anyone. You must get this cleared through Public Affairs:

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