

Most up to date COVID information:

Noah has created a great resource so that you don't have to go searching through multiple emails to figure out what to do with these patients since the information changes daily. I will still try to send out major changes and information but during your shift if you have questions you can access up to date info here:

This is the

link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n9eOceyp1ldjWwymxtCHsLXkDbtbwc60?usp=sharing>

Testing:

If you test a patient via DOH or quest please email that pt's info and DOH case number to infectioncontrol@downstate.edu, Dr Daniel, and Randi and I. We are trying to notify all patients of their test results and since they don't show up in t-system we need to know who we are looking for.

Please print labels from t-system under SARS-2. Put these labels on the tube in addition to filling the paperwork for DOH or quest.

All this is on the wall in the ED.

If you have questions please call. We have a lot of samples being sent in the wrong medium and we are re-calling patients back just to get tested.

Snacks in our office:

We have water, juice, gatorade, snacks in our office. Feel free to stop by at anytime to grab anything you want.

Covid checklist:

Check the attachment for the most up to date guidance regarding flow from triage to ED.

PPE:

please use standard droplet precautions and eye protection when seeing these patients.

Scrubs:

Scrubs are available by 11am today for those that requested access. Let me know if you have any issues.

Teleconference tomorrow:

We will be meeting via web conference on Wednesday at 11am. We know we are sending out a lot of information but we want to be as transparent as possible so if you have questions we can try to answer them.

Please download zoom if you want to get on to the meeting.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/742251580>

We will try to record it and if not possible we will send out a summary after the fact so that everyone has access to that information.

O2 support:

High Flow nasal canula/BIPAP may aerosolize the virus, other health care systems are instituting early intubation to prevent contact with staff, patients etc and utilizing RSI. Intubation should be with all protection gear, contact and respiratory precautions and N95s. If you are considering BIPAP or HFNC or NRB, consider early intubation for safety measures for all.

Early ICU consult for these patients.

We are increasing the number of MDI's in pyxis and respiratory is stocking the spacer's so that we have more. We can try to decrease the number of neb's that we use in the ED.

Only senior residents & attendings can intubate these patients.

We are working on procuring helmet CPAP if we can still get them and not sold out everywhere.

Emails to faculty/resident list serve:

There have been a lot of complaints about email fatigue. Please limit what you are sending out to the list serve so that the faculty and residents don't miss important emails. We want you to share this information because most of it will be helpful at this time! We will be trying to limit the number of emails that go out on both sides of the street. If you have information that you think will benefit all the faculty and residents please send to me or Dr Leno and we will include in our next update. If you have information that you would like shared for a longer period of time especially regarding covid please send to Noah Berland he will add to the google document and try to keep it up to date.