

PPE

We've been getting lots of donations and it looks like we are in good shape for now. Please let me know if there are any issues especially on off service rotations.

Conference

Conference this week will focus on wellness with some activities for the residents and Dr. Lau giving a grand rounds presentation on mindfulness and resilience.

Surge Residents

Please refer to my previous email for details but the surge resident will continue to come in and help care for admitted patients and overflow critical care. Lets prioritize sending home residents who will be scheduled for the whole month and especially trying to limit any residents on a 12 hour shift. We will be reassessing the staffing and needs this week. I am also starting to look into re-starting some rotations that have been canceled. Hoping to start ramping back up to some normalcy.

C Building ICU

As I'm sure most of you have heard there is an ICU open in the C building Observation unit. This unit is being staffed by Navy physicians with one of our attendings overseeing the whole unit. We will begin to staff the unit with residents especially while volume is down. This is an opportunity to get some more critical care experience and procedures. The majority of patients are coming from other hospitals and from what I'm hearing they are not well bundled or resuscitated so our expertise will be helpful. If working there your supervising attending will be the EM faculty. I have been assured there will always be an EM faculty scheduled but if for some reason there is not please call me immediately. Also please give me feedback or let me know the needs for this unit.

Resource Utilization

There have been hospital wide shortages of glidescopes and central

line kits. Admin on departmental and hospital levels are working on alternatives and resupply. I just want to advocate for being smart with how we use these resources. Peripheral access can be used with pressors for up to 24 hours. Another option for intubation that is being used in the city is LMA placement and then using a bougie to place the ETT.

Flatbush Testing Center

Just an FYI that a testing center has opened locally on Bedford and Beverly where the Sears/Kmart is located. This may be helpful to tell patients who are interested.

KCH Peds ED

The most recent update I have heard is that the Peds ED will not be used as an overflow/palliative unit anymore but will revert to seeing children and younger adults. It changes everyday but this makes sense with the decreased overall volume in the ED.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for any questions, concerns or issues.