

Memo from Interim Dean Robert Johnson and Executive Dean Tom Hecker: Important RWJUH COVID-19 Update 3/19

Faculty, Staff and Students:

We want to acknowledge that we have all had a few challenging days. Since Monday, when Governor Phil Murphy declared a state-of-emergency in New Jersey, COVID-19 positive cases have grown substantially in the state, and in the nation. Here in our professional community we have worked tirelessly to implement CDC protocols and guidelines for screening and whenever we become aware of exposure or infection. That said, we continue to do the hard work of caring for the communities that we serve each and every day. This continues to be a great source of pride for all of us.

Staff and Faculty Testing

We want to reiterate the testing criteria for patient facing faculty and staff:

- **You have fever, cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms of respiratory infection**
- **and**
- **You have potential exposure to patients with COVID-19 because of patient care, travel, or contact with a suspected or known COVID-19 patient.**

Do not go to employee health on CAB 5. Please call to be screened and for testing. All testing will be done by appointment only. **Please call Employee Health Services in the Department of Medicine in New Brunswick (732-235-6559) to arrange for testing.**

Telehealth

Detailed communication about new telehealth capabilities will be announced soon and will outline multiple platforms that may be used, as well as information on workflows, documentation requirements, and technical support should you require assistance.

Communication and Management

We continue to hold daily WebEx meetings with the clinical chairs and the executive team to address issues as quickly as possible. Frequently asked questions regarding coronavirus for faculty and staff may be found [here](#). The RWJMS information blog may be found [here](#). You may also access this information on the [RWJMS homepage](#).

Thank you all for your ongoing dedication.

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