

Smilow Update: July 24, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Town Hall: July 29

Please save the date for the next Smilow Cancer Hospital Town Hall on Wednesday, July 29 at 4:30pm. We are proud to host Senator Chris Murphy, who will join us to share his insights into the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut's response, and next steps. In addition, Lori Pickens, MHA, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Smilow, will present on Post-COVID Planning, FY21.

Inpatient Update

Both NP 12 and NP 14 were at capacity after transitioning back to our new space last week. We are managing overflow with space remaining at Saint Raphael Campus, and appreciate everyone's continued flexibility. Following the transition back to Smilow from SRC, Maureen Raucci has resumed her role of PSM of the Extended Care Clinic and Brianna Lutz has returned as APSM.

Clinical Research Update

The Clinical Research team continues to support clinical trials in Phase 1 of recovery while waiting for approval to return to campus through Phase 2 by the EHS Integrator through the Provost's Office. In the interim, Clinical Research is active and 126 patients have been consented to participate in a trial, and 52 have been accrued to a trial since recovery began on May 28.

Laboratory Update

51 Draw Stations are now open throughout the Yale New Haven Health System. Please call 1-800-305-3278 for locations and hours of operation. The system laboratories performed almost 16,000 COVID tests last week with 95% being resulted within 24 hours.

COVID-19 Testing for Employees

- Testing of symptomatic staff remains a priority. Please call (203) 688-1700.
- Testing of asymptomatic staff is limited to those pre-approved for testing, and is focused on new hires, employees who recently traveled to high-risk states, who are identified through contact tracing, or who are identified by Occupational Medicine and Wellness Services.

- Asymptomatic individual employees not included in the priority tiers who do not meet testing criteria should seek testing through their PCP, PhysicianOne, or Fairfield and Milford Urgent Care, which are subject to co-pays. PhysicianOne sites can be accessed by following prompts on this webpage.

Visitor Policy Update

Smilow Cancer Hospital continues to restrict visits to inpatients but has updated our policy to provide an exception; an inpatient who had been hospitalized for greater than 15 days. Please reach out to your unit PSM with any questions. The following conditions apply.

- Only one designated visitor is allowed to enter the hospital and visit. No other visitor is allowed other than that visitor. This means that there is no substituting or swapping out for another visitor, even if it is on a different day.
- The designated visitor can visit once a day between the hours of 2 - 6pm.
- The visitor must be 18 years of age and over. Young adults must show proof of age.
- A visit is only allowed if the patient is COVID negative.
- Restrictions and conditions apply to YNHHS employees who have family members in the hospital.
- If an exception is made, the visitor must comply with all YNHHS requirements for infection prevention or spread of COVID.

Smilow Stars

Today we recognize the tremendous dedication of **Dennis Lloyd** and **Cesar Vazquez**, our teammates from Environmental Services on NP 12. Dennis and Cesar go above and beyond to ensure our patients are taken care of in a clean and safe environment and provide exceptional service, and that our nurses and staff have everything they need on a daily basis. Both Dennis and Cesar joined the EVS team in 2018, and soon transferred to NP 12. Since joining Smilow, both nursing and EVS leadership have received numerous compliments about their courtesy and engagement with our patients. They are an integral part of our NP 12 family and we are so proud to have them on our team. Thank you, Dennis and Cesar, you are both Smilow Stars!



Best regards,

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