

## COVID-19 Update: May 18, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

### **Mammogram Screenings Begin in Pilot Phase**

The Smilow Breast Imaging team began rescheduling screening mammograms deferred between March 16-May 1 on a reduced schedule.

- During the pilot phase in the Smilow Breast Center, NP 1, only YNH employees will be rescheduled for their mammograms in this location. The Smilow facility is open for employees between 8am – 3:30pm by emailing [Jacquelyn Crenshaw](#).
- The Shoreline Medical Center and North Haven Medical Center locations are available for diagnostic and new issues by calling (203) 688-1010, and will expand their hours to add evening appointments and begin screenings in June.
- Two mammograms are scheduled per hour, a reduction from four per hour at full capacity.
- Triple COVID-19 symptom screening is in place for each patient undergoing mammography screening.
- Patients are escorted to their appointments after calling a direct number for access upon arrival, and escorted immediately into a mammography room. All staff and patients must wear masks, and enhanced cleaning procedures are in place.

### **International Clinical Trials Day**

On Wednesday, our staff in the Clinical Trials Office will gather to celebrate International Clinical Trials Day 2020. On this day in 1747, the first randomized clinical trial was conducted aboard a ship to study treatments for scurvy. This year, we will gather virtually to recognize our staff, hear about some of the work our colleagues are doing, take a break to exercise together, and learn more about how to adapt in the time of COVID. The program begins at 9:15am and will culminate with a happy hour at 4:30pm. The full schedule, with all Zoom information, is posted to the [Yale Cancer Center Calendar](#).

### **Smilow Town Hall**

Please plan to join us on Thursday, May 21 for our next [Smilow Town Hall](#) at 5pm, and our first community discussion on Recovery planning. We are requesting that you share your ideas for innovation or planning for our next steps in recovery with the Smilow leadership team by emailing any ideas to [canceranswers@yale.edu](mailto:canceranswers@yale.edu). On Thursday, we will

hear presentations from the Ambulatory and Inpatient Recovery teams, as well as an update on the Approach to Testing and PPE in the Recovery Phase.

## Smilow Star

**Donna LaPolt** recently took on the role of Information Specialist for Smilow Cancer Hospital and her timing could not have been better. Donna fully embraced her new role and was instrumental in helping Smilow to rapidly launch Telehealth across our entire Network, providing training and hands-on troubleshooting support to both our faculty and staff. She is partnering closely with clinic staff and Yale's Telehealth team to coordinate Smilow's MyChart support volunteer group, which works to ensure patients scheduled for Telehealth appointments are prepared for their video visits in advance of their scheduled appointment. Donna also supported other COVID-19 response efforts, including building dot phrases and custom note templates in Epic for our Rapid Evaluation Clinic and consent process. She is a conscientious team player who goes the extra mile to support her colleagues and is proactive about considering innovative ways to improve workflows. Thank you, Donna!



Best regards,

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