

COVID-19 Update: April 2, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Smilow: NP1

As we continue to assess space for patient care, both to protect our cancer patients and staff and to accommodate the influx of COVID+ patients, the leadership team at Smilow Cancer Hospital has implemented plans to move oncology care from the first floor of Smilow Cancer Hospital to the Shoreline Medical Center in Guilford.

- Beginning on **Monday, April 6**, all in person patient appointments for our **Breast Center, Gynecologic Oncology, and Women's Infusion Suite** will be seen at the **Shoreline Medical Center**, 111 Goose Lane, Guilford.
- At the close of clinic on Friday, April 3, physicians, nurses, caregivers, and staff on NP1 will transition to provide their care at the Shoreline Medical Center until further notice.
- Providers and staff can be reached at:
 - Breast Center: 203-200-2328
 - Gynecologic Oncology: 203-200-4176
- All patients with appointments in the next two weeks will be notified of changes to their appointments by phone and TeleVox, and via MyChart, if applicable. All patients of NP1 will also receive a letter explaining the temporary location change for their care.

Guidelines for Patients Referred from "Hot Zones"

The Smilow COVID Response Team has developed recommendations for caring for cancer patients from COVID-19 "Hot Zones." The guidelines provide specific testing, screening, and other precautions for this delicate population in an effort to protect all of our patients and caregivers and provide access for new patients requiring care.

- Guidelines have been established for existing Smilow patients living in high-risk areas, primarily New York.

- Standards and instructions have been set for patients requesting to transfer care to Smilow Cancer Hospital or our Care Centers.
- Second opinions will be offered via Telehealth. Clinical trials not open at our institution will not be accepted.

Town Hall

We are pleased to announce that in addition to our weekly updates, Laurie Santos, Professor of Psychology, Head of Silliman College, and teacher of the most popular course in Yale history, “Psychology and the Good Life” will join us for our weekly [Town Hall](#) tonight at 5pm. Dr. Santos also shares her thoughts and research through a podcast, [The Happiness Lab](#). Please schedule time to join us and send your questions by [email](#) for discussion.

Best regards,

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