

COVID-19 Update: May 11, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Looking Forward

With the continued decline in hospital admissions for COVID-19, we are beginning to look forward and plan for our phased recovery. This will include several layers of monitoring and planning, in close collaboration with Yale New Haven Health and Yale Medicine's recovery efforts.

- To begin, we have evolved our Smilow Response Team to a **Monitoring and Recovery Team** for Smilow Cancer Hospital and our Care Centers, led by **Kim Slusser, RN**, and **Kevin Billingsley, MD**.
- In addition, four **Recovery Groups** have been established with leaders: **Ambulatory (Anne Chiang, MD, PhD, and Maureen Major Campos, RN)**; **Inpatient (Kerin Adelson, MD, and Tracy Carafeno, RN)**; **Supportive Care and Specialty Programs (Jennifer Kapo, MD, and Sonia Grizzle)**; and **Clinical Research (Roy Decker, MD, PhD, and Joyce Tull, RN)**. Each of these groups will be closely aligned with the Monitoring and Recovery Team and have scheduled initial launch meetings for this week.

Updated ED Guidance

Cancer patients presenting at the York Street or Saint Raphael Campus EDs may be admitted to hospitalist services when they should be admitted to the Verdi 4 medical oncology services (Blue, White, or Purple Teams) or Smilow NP 11, where appropriate.

- When a patient receiving active cancer care presents to the York Street or Saint Raphael Campus ED and is determined to need admission Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, please contact **Eileen Dehm**, Smilow Patient Flow Coordinator at 203-710-2256. If admission is requested weekends or after hours, please consult the posted [Coverage Schedules](#).
- All patients arriving through the ED and scheduled for admission will be ordered the 2-hour COVID-19 test and will be triaged after the results of their test are available. If a patient is suspected COVID+, the patient will be ordered the 6-hour test and be triaged to a COVID+ floor for further evaluation and care.

COVID-related Smartphrases

Several new Smartphrases have been added to Epic to assist you in the care of your patients. Please refer to the list below:

- COVID – Imports COVID Screening
- COVID19ASSESSMENT – Imports COVID Screening with A/P
- COVID19CALLBUNKER – Imports COVID Screening with Smartphrase to indicate time
- COVID19CDC INSTRUCTIONS – Keeping home safe
- COVID19HOMEINSTRUCTIONS – Brief version of CDC instructions
- COVIDHIGHRISKWORKEXCUSE – To insert into letter
- COVIDTLC, COVIDRESOURCES, COVIDFINDATHERAPIST, COVIDPARENTING – Helpful mental tips for AVS
- SYNOPSIS – All COVID results/questionnaires
- REPORTINGWORKBENCH – My patients with COVID-19

Smilow Star

Alienne Salleroli, RN, BSN, OCN, CNIII, is the Nurse Coordinator for the Smilow Cancer Hospital Phase I Clinical Trials Unit at 55 Park Street. Over the last two months, Alienne has transitioned her work to home like many, but her presence is felt daily in the Clinic and her dedication to our patients and to the team providing care every day continues to shine through! The Phase I Clinic is also the temporary home to our Head & Neck Cancers team and Alienne has gone above and beyond to help make their transition seamless, working to schedule appointments and care, while ensuring the space is not overwhelmed and everyone has what they need in advance of each day's appointments. She is in touch with the team throughout the day and follows up on any last-minute needs or concerns, on behalf of our providers and our patients. Thank you, Alienne, for being a true Smilow Star!



Best regards,

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