Current COVID-19 stats

At BJH, there are currently **44** inpatients who are confirmed positive and **25** admitted patients under investigation (PUIs), which means that results are pending.

Our commitment to your safety

We listened and you have been heard! As mentioned in yesterday’s newsletter, we are implementing revised PPE guidelines that provide surgical isolation masks for all staff in a clinical setting or providing services to the public. The broadening of the masking policy is in response to the local increase in COVID-19 cases, growing recognition of the potential risk of transmission with minimal or mild symptoms and, most importantly, to concerns expressed by our staff. Your safety is our top priority.
Elana Ellis, right, neurosurgery nurse manager, receives goggles and masks for her department from Michelle Thurston, clinical operations manager with the Faculty Practice Plan.

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**Hand sanitizer being made on-site**

WashU nephrology clinicians and researchers teamed up and used donated supplies to make DIY hand sanitizer for the dialysis centers. [See story here.](#)
From left, Amanda Knoten, Dr. Sanjay Jain, Jennifer Richardson and Dr. Meei-Hua Lin.

Medical Campus students mobilize to help health-care workers, community

Students’ efforts include making face shields, managing a coronavirus hotline, summarizing emerging academic research on COVID-19, providing child care for health-care workers and delivering food to at-risk community members. “Our students have been an inspiration,” said Steven J. Lawrence, an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases.
Barnes-Jewish Hospital readies for tsunami of COVID-19 cases

Dr. Rob Poirier, Washington University clinical chief of emergency medicine, explains to NPR Science Friday host Ira Flatow how Barnes-Jewish Hospital is preparing for the expected surge in COVID-19 patients. The team is implementing PPE conservation and reuse strategies, as well as accepting donations from industry and the public. “We are banding together,” Poirier said. “In the emergency department, we face crises every day and every shift, so we’re used to working in high-performing teams under a lot of stress. We are doing the best we can to keep morale up with all the staff members.”

Heroes work beyond these walls
Clayco erected a sign at the Scott Avenue BJC/WUSM employee testing site thanking health-care heroes for their hard work and sacrifice. The construction company has collaborated on multiple Medical Campus projects, including the Mid Campus Center, the Couch Biomedical Research Building and Parkview Tower. Clayco’s mantra is “Beyond These Walls,” emphasizing their work is not about “the walls we plan and the buildings we put up. It’s about the people and their purpose within them every day.”

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**Share more hero stories**

Got a great story about health-care workers or other colleagues who are providing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic? From front-line emergency clinicians to maintenance and food workers, many are daily risking their own lives to take care of our community. Let us know so we can share these inspirational stories with the broader community. Tweet your story to #WashUTogether or email heroes@wustl.edu for possible inclusion in the COVID-19 Update newsletter or on School of Medicine social media feeds.

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