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March 30, 2020 COVID 19 update

## Updates from UTHealth and the hospitals:

- Hospitals currently have adequate ICU capacity and PPE. MHH-TMC is currently working on a surge plan that will be ready if a surge is imminent.
- More rapid COVID 19 testing is becoming available, with current ability to get a 1-2 day turnaround for high suspicion cases.
- Timeline for restarting elective and non-urgent procedures is still unknown.
- ED volumes are down 20-33% overall; patients with COVID 19 symptoms continue to increase.

Surge plans will include propositions for redeploying physician volunteers to areas outside of their usual specialty, but there are no expectations at this point that physicians will be required to do so.

Direct link to Emergency Radiology Schedule – Amion (no password required) https://www.amion.com/cgi-bin/ocs?File=%21127bdef8hnew 4318 1&Page=Call&Rsel=-11&Hili=0&Vrng=0Lo=houston

The staff would like to recognize our faculty, fellows and residents during this challenging and demanding time. Thank you for your commitment and hard work !!



Since this situation is actively evolving, we are urging all individuals to actively view the following links to stay informed:	If you are <b>returning</b> from travel, please call the following number:
https://www.uth.edu/news/covid19 https://inside.uth.edu/	• Students should call <u>Student Health</u> <u>Services</u> at 713-500-5171.
https://www.utpconnect.com/ http://publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Novel- Coronavirus	<ul> <li>Employees should contact <u>Employee Health</u> <u>Services</u> at</li> <li>713-500-3267 or 2683 (Option 1)</li> </ul>

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