3/11/2019

2:00 pm meeting today at UMC that was run by UMC leadership.

Status Update

* There is only one confirmed case of COVID-19 at UMC
* UMC is screening visitors and patients at 5 entrances
* We should be wearing our UMC Badges to get into UMC
* UMC is going to limit visitors
  + 1 visitor/per patient in the ICU
  + 2 visitors/per patient on the wards
  + Visitors will have stickers and the sticker color will change daily
  + Next week, visitors will be given wrist bands

LCMC Employee Health

* Employee health will contact LCMC employees who may have contact with a confirmed positive coronavirus-infected patient
* Employee health will not take action for contact with unconfirmed patients
* If you have a fever/cough – you should follow up with your primary care physician, You do not need to go to employee health

Students

* Students are not allowed to care for patients with COVID-19
* Students are not allowed to triage patients who could potentially have COVID-19
* Students are not allowed to be the 1st line evaluator for patients with fever/cough/lower respiratory track symptoms

Residents

* We will limit the number of physicians that have contact with patients either suspected of having COVID or have tested positive for COVID-19
  + Limit to one house officer and faculty
  + This is to reduce the amount of personal protection equipment (PPE) that is utilize.
* If you are exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19
  + E-mail [UMCEH@lcmchealth.org](mailto:UMCEH@lcmchealth.org)
  + Complete an LCMC health COVID-19 Screening form (will take only 2 minutes)
    - In the space that asks for employee ID put “NA”
  + Stay at home and notify your program director
  + You will be contacted by program director and the UMC Chief Academic Officer
  + You may also be contacted by the Office of Public Health

**COVID-19 Testing**

* The Office of Public Health currently has only capacity to test 600 patient in Louisiana
* All testing at UMC is done through the office of public until UMC is able to get other mechanisms to test patients

**Personal Protection Equipment**

New UMC guidelines based on those utilized by the University of Washington in Seattle and Kaiser in Northern California

* **All patients with an influenza like illness should have face mask placed on them**
* **Patient should be place in contact and droplet precautions with enhanced eye protection.**
* Utilize gown, gloves, mask and face-shield.
* **MASKS – there has been a lot of conversation about which masks to use**
  + **Regular face masks will protect for droplet precautions and should be used.**
  + **N95 masks should be used for patients on ventilators, Bi-PAP, and high-flow oxygen.**
  + **HOWEVER---At this time, when in doubt, be safe and expeditiously use the N95 mask.**
* There is telehealth capacity to provide patient care while limiting patient contact.

**Communication is key.**