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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=0&Lo=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:

https://www.uth.edu/news/covid19

https://inside.uth.edu/

https://www.utpconnect.com/


If you are returning from travel, please call the following number:

- Students should call Student Health Services at 713-500-5171.

- Employees should contact Employee Health Services at 713-500-3267 or 2683 (Option 1)

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