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**To:** staff@pmhnet.com  
**Subject:** [STAFF] COVID-19 Updates

Good evening everyone,

A couple points from today and over the weekend:

1. The Pulaski County Health Department announced its first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in the county. Their press release stated that the individual is self-isolating at home.
2. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, after consultation with the COVID Pandemic Task Force and the COVID Pandemic Medical Task Force, PMH tightened visitor restrictions within the hospital. At this time, no visitors are permitted in the hospital. The only exceptions are for an additional adult caregiver as identified by a delivering mother and one parent or legal guardian who may remain with a hospitalized (or in the emergency room) pediatric patient. In both cases, the adult visitor may not leave the hospital and must remain on the unit the entire time the patient is admitted. Nursing managers, in consultation with nursing leadership, the patient's primary care provider and the CPMTF Chair, may admit visitors in end-of-life situations. In those instances, visitors will be screened and must wear a mask while in the hospital.
3. The CDC now recommends that all people wear Cloth Facial Coverings while out in public. For more information, and instructions on how to make facial coverings, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>. A post was made on Facebook with these same instructions. We would appreciate your liking and sharing the post when you see it in your news feed.

As a reminder, staff should be wearing a mask while around other people and in all public areas. The hospital is looking into ways to sanitize and disinfect masks for safe reuse. Jason Kletz and George Ellis are researching a larger UV Light which would allow for more masks to be disinfected at a time. At the same time, we are also looking at using material that can be autoclaved.

A sub-committee of the CPTF is meeting to determine our burn rate for masks and other PPE. Please try to conserve all PPE as much as possible. Please speak with your manager if you have any questions.

4. A new temporary divider has been added to the Med/Surg floor. This was installed to help segregate COVID patients from other hospital patients in the event we begin to see a surge of COVID cases.
5. Plant Engineering will be adding tape to help people maintain 6 feet while waiting for screening upon entering the hospital. Please be mindful of this set up. We understand the time this process can add each morning, but we continue to ask for your patience with this practice.
6. A few community donations – Edwards Jones has donated a Taco Bar to staff on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Food will be available beginning at 11:00 AM in the dining room. Off-sight offices and clinics will have meals delivered. Night shift meals will be brought down to Med/Surg. On Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Tippy's will be donating Pizza for the staff. Similar to the Taco Bar, food will be delivered to those not in the hospital. Please thank these two community organizations if given the chance.

If you have any questions, please speak with your manger or a member of the COVID Pandemic Task Force.

Thanks,  
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