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Subject: [STAFF] COVID Updates

Good morning all,

Here are a few CPTF updates:

1. We want to remind everyone of two resource pages that are available to staff.

- a. <https://pulaski.health/covid19resources/>
- b. <https://covid19.pulaski.health>

The COVID 19 Resources link takes you to a page with useful mental health information from Catherine Dywan, LCSW. The COVID19 Pulaski Health link is for a dashboard that has status updates on the hospital's readiness for dealing with COVID 19, as well as important communication updates. Both links can be accessed from your personal computer, smartphone, or tablet. You do not need to be on the hospital's network or connected through VPN.

2. We have heard some questions about the sanitizing of masks. To recap, we are now sanitizing masks Monday – Friday using UV-C lights. The sanitation process takes about two hours - Dixie Weldon will be overseeing the staff responsible for sanitizing the masks. Masks that need to be sanitized should be taken to Med/Surg and placed in a bag. After sanitized, masks will be returned to Med/Surg. Please make sure your name is clearly written on your mask and the bag you place it in. Below are answers to some of the questions we have heard:
 - a. Which masks can be sanitized? **All non-cloth masks can be sanitized (cloth masks are for emergency and outpatients only – those are laundered); this includes our blue and pink paper masks.**
 - b. How often are worn masks to be sanitized? **Sanitation necessity can depend on the length of time someone wears their mask and under what conditions. On average, masks should be sanitized every 2-3 days.**
 - c. How long can the same sanitized mask be worn? **Again, this should be determined by the frequency of use. The goal is for associates to receive one to two masks per week. Masks can last longer than a week, especially if limited to a few hours or only a few days per week. Under no circumstances do we want an associate wearing a mask that is torn or not fitting correctly due to weakness in the elastic, torn ties, etc. Please remember there are a limited number of masks, and we need to conserve whenever possible. Our battle with COVID is not a sprint, but a marathon. We may need masks in the future which is why we need to conserve now.**
3. Unfortunately, as with other disasters/emergencies, scammers are trying to take advantage of people and the situation. Jeff Boer will be sending out information to educate about some scams that are taking place. Be on the lookout for offers that seem too good to be true or in the case of COVID-19, specifically, claims of cures, tests, or any other treatments. Continue to follow CDC and ISDH guidelines for the best information.

Thanks,
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