

St. Joseph's is prepared and taking action to manage the COVID-19 crisis impacting our community.

Numerous proactive measures have been implemented at the hospital to prevent the spread of the coronavirus while ensuring that patients receive advanced care:



- **No visitors:** Restriction of visitors, with limited exceptions, protects caregivers, hospital staff, patients and families.
- **Onsite COVID-19 testing for employees and patients:** Faster test results lead to more accurate treatment plans, reduced costs and preservation of PPE that is already in short supply.
- **Purchase of PPE on open market:** Increasing inventory to ensure that our frontline caregivers have enough protective wear to treat patients with COVID-19 now and in the future.
- **Requesting and purchasing equipment, ventilators and respirators from community:** Increasing equipment inventory to provide all patients with the highest quality care needed to combat the disease.
- **Created Central Command at hospital:** Enabling staff to respond efficiently and effectively to crises, with all key leaders in one place, representing all hospital departments—executive leadership (CEO, COO, CFO), security, nursing, physicians, quality control, materials management, food services and environmental services.
- **Emergency Room evaluation center:** Established just outside the main entrance to Emergency Room, to expedite COVID-19 patient evaluation as well as to triage other emergency-related injuries.
- **Dedicated COVID-19 patient areas:** Isolated space exclusively within hospital to care for COVID-19 patients, to prevent spread of disease to non-infected patients. This includes separate ICU and regular patient rooms.

Any gift received for our Emergency Response Fund will go to the priorities set forth by Hospital leadership to ensure our employee and patient's health and wellbeing are addressed. *The very wide range of items needed to treat and prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic are above and beyond our hospital's budget for the year—but provide critically essential needs to our team's success in defeating this disease.*

Please note that our best estimated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement will be less than 50 cents on the dollar.

In times of uncertainty, St. Joseph's leads the way in innovation.

Your contribution to the Emergency Response Fund will ensure that St. Joseph's stays on the cutting edge, bringing first-class care to our community.

As the coronavirus began spreading across the country, and hospitals reported the challenges faced in preventing the spread of the disease while treating patients, innovators at St. Joseph's started brainstorming: *How could we be better prepared to face these challenges before the number of virus cases surged in our community and encumbered our hospital?*

In an effort to increase the hospital's inventory of personal protective equipment (PPE) when demand in the country has far outweighed supply, St. Joseph's is proud to acknowledge the following innovative solutions in motion, spearheaded by our experts:

- Innovator Dr. Gagliano, St. Joseph's cancer expert, has designed a reusable personal protective gown that is sturdy enough to withstand up to 500 washes using a fabric that meets high safety standards established by the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI). The hospital has partnered with a Phoenix manufacturer to make 500 of these isolation gowns a day. St. Joseph's purchased 1.2 million dollars worth of material to roll out this project.
 - Leading lung expert, Dr. Bremner and the Norton Thoracic Institute team are partnering with a Phoenix firm to engineer and manufacture a new intubation system to be used in treating severely ill patients afflicted with the coronavirus.
 - Experts at St. Joseph's Norton Thoracic Institute, home of a nation-leading lung transplant program, are currently developing a means to streamline the production of hand sanitizer for the hospital.
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- The Innovation Center at Barrow has engineered a way to develop reusable N95-substitute masks and other PPE prototypes, including face shields and general surgical masks, with the use of 3-D printing and silicone molding.

Thank you for your consideration of a generous cash donation urgently needed at this time. Every dollar raised will support our frontline nurses and doctors working tirelessly every day to save the lives of those afflicted by COVID-19.

*The Sisters of Mercy established St. Joseph's 125 years ago to fight the tuberculosis pandemic. Today we are **here for you**, your family and our community to fight the COVID-19 pandemic!*

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