



MARTHA'S VINEYARD
HOSPITAL



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Subject: MVH Daily Update on COVID-19 Virus to the Media

As promised, below is the daily update from Martha's Vineyard Hospital as of today, March 23rd at 11:00am:

- MVH, in partnership with MVTV, is hosting a Community Conversation about COVID-19 on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 2:00pm. It may be viewed on channel 13 (MVTV) and live streamed. More info available on MVhospital.com
- As of this writing, MVH has tested 35 people for COVID-19.
- As of this writing, MVH has 0 patients hospitalized with COVID-19.
- For phone screening, call (508)684-4500 from 8am – 7pm Monday thru Friday. Outside of these hours, a physicians on-call will be able to assist you by calling the same number. **This service is available to patients of Martha's Vineyard Hospital Primary Care and those who are not.**
- Donors of supplies such as masks and gowns are asked to email mvhgiving@partners.org to coordinate intake and drop-off. MVhospital.com will have more info available later this week. Thank you to our generous community for their unending support!
- We have created a triage area at the entrance of the Emergency Room (ER) for patients with respiratory symptoms. Upon arrival at the ER, you may be escorted to an alternative clinical space for your safety if you have non-COVID related symptoms. Signage and a triage nurse will help guide you on-site.
- COVID-19 testing does not require documentation of immigration status.
- We continue to test anyone that meets **strict** DPH criteria for COVID-19.
- We currently have appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) but as other hospitals are experiencing, our supplies are limited.

Reminders:

- If you are sick and believe you have been exposed to Covid-19, call your primary care doctor to obtain further instructions.
- If you have a scheduled outpatient appointment at the hospital, call ahead to that specific department to confirm it is still scheduled and which door to arrive at as the hospital is locking down all but limited entry points.
- What to do if someone in your home is self-quarantined. [READ MORE HERE](#)
- No visitors to both MVH and Windemere until further notice with limited exceptions. Check with the patient's doctor before coming to the hospital.
- **Continue to practice social distancing, washing your hands, and follow guidelines from your federal, state, and local officials. Do not be cavalier about this. THESE PRACTICES WILL SAVE LIVES.**