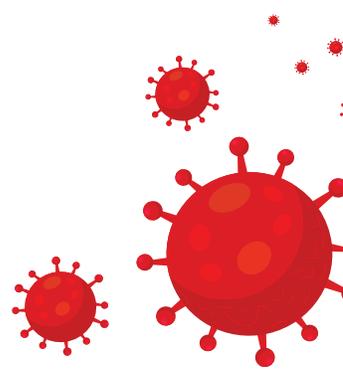


April 11, 2020

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS NEEDS PPE NOW!



RATIONING IS WRONG!

Forcing extreme rationing of N95s in H+H is the wrong choice for patients and frontline nurses.

There are two people responsible for it—Governor Cuomo and President Trump.

President Trump continues to ignore the problem and refuses to use his powers under the Defense Production Act to ramp up the production and distribution of N95s and other PPE.

The Governor issued an Executive Order at the urging of NYSNA that allows the commandeering of suitable PPE stocks in private industry, but has taken no action to improve the situation. The Governor incorrectly claims that any hospital that needs PPE will get it delivered, but we know that this is not happening.

Talk is cheap and action is needed to save lives.

H+H SUPPLIES ARE DWINDLING

On April 11, Governor Cuomo said “We have been getting every hospital what they say they need.”

But it is obvious that H+H does not have enough supplies or PPE!

Nurses working in COVID units are not



Nurses at Queens Hospital showing solidarity with NYSNA members around the state.

being issued respirators, and those who are getting them are told to reuse them.

We are now being confronted with recycling spent, soiled, infected, and ill-fitting N95s with risky and unproven sterilization procedures. **NYSNA has made it very clear to H+H that this is an unproven, unsafe, and unacceptable practice which we will not tolerate.**

This week, H+H committed to making more N95 sizes available and allowing nurses to replace soiled or damaged N95s, **but it is clear that H+H needs more PPE!**

A GROWING DIVIDE

H+H is handling the outbreak in the working-class communities of color that have been hardest hit by COVID-19.



Text COVID to 877-877
to get NYSNA COVID text alerts.

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But H+H and other safety net hospitals lack the resources to compete with private hospital systems, and their Wall Street-backers, for vital supplies. H+H facilities are being overwhelmed and need the resources to effectively manage this crisis.

NYSNA nurses are working tirelessly to win this fight.

Governor Cuomo and President Trump need to get to work too!

Get us the PPE we need now!

JOIN THE H+H COVID ACTION TEAM!

Over 40 H+H nurses took the first trainings to become COVID Action Team members. These "CATs" will be the eyes and ears of the union on their units.

We need more CATs—join the next trainings by visiting: <https://bit.ly/actionTeam>

MED-SURG AND ICU CLINICAL TRAINING FROM NYSNA

Med-Surg and ICU clinical training from NYSNA being launched this week! These sessions are designed to meet your practice needs during the COVID-19 crisis.

Each program is comprised of two (2), two hour programs offered over two (2) consecutive days. To register for the program, please go to: www.nysna.org/covid-practice-workshops



EVERY HEALTHCARE WORKER DEATH IS PREVENTABLE

NYSNA H+H nurses will hold our fallen colleagues forever in our hearts. We will continue to do everything we can to protect nurses and prevent more death in our ranks. Our struggle is in their memory:

Aleyamma John, RN
Queens Hospital

Freda Ocran, RN
Jacobi Medical Center

Theresa Lococo, RN
Kings County Hospital Center

Yaw Asante, RN
Lincoln Hospital

Susan Sisgundo, RN
Bellevue Hospital