

COVID-19 Update

Prepared for Lee Health Board of Directors

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This COVID-19 Update is prepared for the Lee Health Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team to keep you informed of what is being shared with the community. This information will be posted to Lee Health's public health webpage.

Daily Stats

As of today, Lee Health has:

1. 4 COVID-19 patients isolated in our hospitals
2. Submitted 309 specimens for testing
3. We currently have 66 employees quarantined.

Today's News

A Change to Visitation in Our Hospitals

As coronavirus continues to spread in our community, we must take bold steps to protect our patients and mitigate the risk of exposure to our staff. In accordance with guidance received from the CDC and Florida Department of Health, starting at 5 p.m. today, we are not allowing most visitors into our hospitals. [Click here](#) for the specific procedures, which are in effect until further notice.

An Update on Elective Surgeries

Lee Health surgeons have been voluntarily modifying their surgical schedules and are postponing some procedures. Surgeons are working with patients on a case-by-case basis to determine both short- and long-term implications of delaying any procedures. The decision to postpone a surgery is being made by the patient and his/her individual surgeon. We have seen a 50% decrease in elective surgeries in light of COVID-19.

An Update on Mobile Collection Sites

The mobile collection site in Cape Coral, located at 1510 Sports Blvd., is opening Saturday and

will be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m., seven days a week. Patients will need a physician order and appointment to have their specimen collected. The first mobile collection site at Lee Convenient Care on U.S. 41 near Page Field continues to run smoothly.

A Call from Governor Ron Desantis

Dr. Larry Antonucci received a phone call from Governor Ron Desantis yesterday regarding Lee Health's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Gov. Desantis wanted to share his appreciation of the work we're doing.

SWFL Stronger Together

Lee Health and NCH Healthcare System are launching the SWFL Stronger Together campaign to raise funds for critical resources, equipment and supplies needed to support our doctors and nurses. Go to www.SWFLtogether.org for more information.

Blood Drives Planned for this Weekend

The American Red Cross has graciously stepped up to host two mobile blood drives in support of Lee Health. The drives will be held at 7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 110 in Fort Myers on Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sunday, March 22 from noon-4 p.m. Blood drives are not "mass gatherings," rather controlled events conducted using appropriate infection control mechanisms intended to assure the safety of the products, donors and staff. Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors.

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