Mount Sinai South Nassau Update

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"Beyond the Red Zone": Newsday journalists embedded at Mount Sinai South Nassau on May 18 and 19, more than one month after their first visit, reported on the aftermath of COVID-19 and how the hospital is transitioning back to normal operations, including elective surgery.

Read their story from the Sunday edition of May 31 and see the pictorial essay here:

https://www.newsday.com/news/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-mount-sinai-south-nassau-1.45051301?fbclid=IwAR3zOn8IALi8DCXq7NOZwtV0ddyRcmkgfMJYhWxM7EUMZIEdI1WBkYN6w3c

Watch the video, including from inside the operating room of Rajiv Datta, MD, Chair, Surgery and Medical Director of the Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center:


Adhi Sharma, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President; Joshua Kugler, MD, Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine; and Frank Coletta, MD, Chief, Critical Care, joined Newsday Associate Editor Joye Brown to discuss before and after “Inside the Red Zone” and gave readers a closer look at life inside the front lines and how the hospital is now transitioning back to more normal operations. You can view the webinar here:


Truth in Medicine Poll: Two-Thirds of Metro Area Residents Say They Would Forego Sporting Events, Movies, and Public Transportation as region reopens--Only 45% would get a COVID-19 vaccine

Two-thirds of metro area residents would not attend a sporting event, watch a movie, or ride public transit in the wake of COVID-19 fears as Long Island reopens, according to the
latest Mount Sinai South Nassau public health poll, sponsored by Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

A majority also are uneasy about flying on an airplane, eating in a restaurant or going to a bar, the poll showed.

Despite well over 100,000 deaths due to COVID-19 nationwide, 55 percent of area residents said they are either unsure (30%) or would not (25%) roll up their sleeves for a COVID-19 vaccine if one were available.

“It’s disturbing that there is reluctance about a potential vaccine. However, we’re hopeful that as one is developed, tested and proven effective, people’s attitudes will change,” said Aaron E. Glatt, MD, Chair of the Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai South Nassau and a national expert on infectious diseases.

Watch the Facebook Live with Dr. Glatt and Dr. Sharma:

Watch the News12 video:
http://archive.tveys.com/18120/521997-33947/02c5e6e9-3844-4c36-b42b-f12d22fcc705/NEWS12LI_06-04-2020_10.07.54.mp4

Watch the News 4 video:
http://archive.tveys.com/18120/521997-33947/4d70e6f6-916d-471a-a6fd-fa44ebc62e66/WNBC_06-03-2020_17.42.03.mp4

The Long Island Herald interviewed Rajiv Datta, MD, Chair of Surgery and Medical Director of the Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center, on how Mount Sinai South Nassau is returning to a ‘new normal.’

Read the LI Herald story:

Facebook Live Interview Series Continues

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis and beyond, Mount Sinai South Nassau has been conducting live Facebook interviews that feature several of the hospital’s medical and behavioral health experts. This Facebook live interview featured Joshua Kugler, MD, Chair of Emergency Medicine, discussing why it’s safe to visit the Emergency Department for non-coronavirus medical care.

“Don’t Put Your Health on Hold.
Mount Sinai South Nassau Psychologist Participates in Town of Hempstead’s “Coping During COVID” Facebook Live Presentation

Dr. Janet Kahn-Scolaro, Mount Sinai South Nassau’s Administrative Director of Behavioral Health, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine, joined local behavioral health professionals in the Town of Hempstead’s “Coping During COVID” Facebook Live presentation on May 22. The free interactive Q & A, hosted by Supervisor Don Clavin and Hempstead Town’s Medical Director Dr. David Neubert, provided residents behavioral health resources and coping tips during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch the video:  
https://www.facebook.com/HempsteadTown/videos/719100121964756/

In the community

Lessons Learned in a Pandemic by a Resident Physician in Training

It was mid-March and Mark Maloof, DO, was looking forward to the July 1 start of the final year of his Family Medicine residency and assuming the role of chief resident. Around the same time, the number of patients positive for coronavirus soared and Mount Sinai South Nassau and other hospitals in the region had begun gearing up to increase bed capacity. Gov. Andrew Cuomo had just issued a stay-at-home order and outpatient clinics, including Mount Sinai South Nassau’s, were shut down for routine care.

Once the residents strategized how they could continue providing care for their clinic patients, they were tasked with tending to patients in the hospital’s medical-surgical units. “Staff in the critical care units were being pulled in so many directions,” he recalled. “If we were needed to start an IV or draw blood...anywhere we could help, we helped.”

As the number of COVID-19 patients has fallen and the hospital is returning to a semblance of normalcy, Dr. Maloof reflected on the death and heartache the pandemic brought and the important lessons the crisis has taught him and his colleagues.

“Residency is all about training,” he said. “We learned the hard way about global health, health systems management, community health...The pandemic also taught us that everyone’s role in the hospital is important, from Environmental Services to respiratory technicians to nurses to phlebotomists, everyone pitched in.”

Acts of Kindness

Taking Action to Safeguard Your Health

In an effort to ensure proper hand hygiene, Mount Sinai South Nassau joined with the city of Long Beach to provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer on the Long Beach Boardwalk. Six easy-to-
access hand sanitizing stations have been set up near bathrooms, germy hotspots, along the 2.2 mile boardwalk, allowing individuals to safeguard their hands against viruses and germs. Showing off the hand sanitizers, from left, Donna Gayden, Interim Long Beach City Manager; Dana Sanneman, Mount Sinai South Nassau Executive Director of Public Relations; and John Bendo, Long Beach City Council President.

Long Beach High School Student Donates Arts and Crafts Supplies to Behavioral Health Department

Long Beach High School junior Sean Feinberg, center, poses with a donation of arts and crafts supplies for Mount Sinai South Nassau’s Behavioral Health Department. The member of the school’s National Arts Honor Society organized a fund drive of the supplies, including crayons, markers, and colored paper, for use by the hospital’s art and activities therapists. He is flanked by Dr. Janet Kahn-Scolaro, Administrative Director of Behavioral Health, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine; and Stanley Reddy, MD, Chair, Department of Psychiatry.

Helping to Prepare Nurses of Tomorrow

From left, Eileen Mahler, RN, Director of Professional Development Practice and Research; Stacey Conklin, RN, Chief Nursing Officer; and Joan Gallagher, Nursing Professional Development Educator, pose with Mount Sinai South Nassau’s 2020 class of student nurse externs. During the 10-week program, 13 junior nursing students from several East Coast colleges, including Fairleigh Dickinson University, Adelphi University, SUNY Binghamton, and Sacred Heart University, will develop bedside nursing skills under the guidance of a preceptor on medical-surgical and critical care units and in the Labor and Delivery. Mount Sinai South Nassau is magnet-designated, which is the gold standard for nursing practice.

Ways to Support...

We are Counting on Our Community
For nearly four decades, members of the President’s Club have been at the forefront of leadership and philanthropy at Mount Sinai South Nassau. Many of the medical advancements, enhanced patient care...
services and state-of-the art technologies and facilities have been made possible through the more than $4 million raised by this esteemed membership.

Please consider becoming a valued member of this special group of more than 400 lifetime members. Your benevolence will have a direct impact on the communities we serve especially those who rely on us for care during the most vulnerable times of their lives. For more information, contact the Development Office at 516-377-5360.