

# Health Partnership Bi-Weekly Newsletter

## **Hartford HealthCare Now Treating Some COVID-19 Patients with Anti-Malaria Drugs**



- Physicians with Hartford HealthCare have joined others around the country in using hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine to treat some hospitalized patients with coronavirus (COVID-19).
- On March 28, the Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the medications, which were developed for use against malaria and have been used to treat other autoimmune disorders such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.
- To find out more, please click here: <https://hartfordhealthcare.org/about-us/news-press/news-detail?articleid=25204&publicId=395>

## **Cover Your Face in Public Now During COVID-19? Here's the DIY Mask.**



- **CDC recommends** wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.
- Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

## **Caregivers, Advisors, Friends, Angels, Heroes**

- The staff Hartford HealthCare are stepping up to care for our community. We have received many inquiries from individuals and businesses in the community that want to show appreciation to our colleagues for selflessly rising up to meet the challenges of COVID-19. Our colleagues on the front lines are working around the clock to keep all of us safe.
- **You can help the hospital and our staff in this crisis by making a charitable donation to the Hartford HealthCare COVID-19 Fund at The Hospital of Central CT or MidState Medical Center.** Your gift will help us do everything possible to maintain and replenish valuable supplies to ensure the safety of our colleagues, our patients, and our community. **We are in this together!**
  - To make a donation, please visit the following:
    - MMC: <https://midstatemedical.org/giving>
    - HOCC: <https://thocc.org/giving>

## **Additional Resources**

- For all the latest news & updates from HHC:
  - HHC Health & Wellness Corona Virus - [www.hartfordhealthcare.org/coronavirus](http://www.hartfordhealthcare.org/coronavirus).
  - Spanish-language version available at <https://espanol.hartfordhealthcare.org/pacientes-y-visitas/coronavirus-covid-19>.
  - COVID-19 hotline at **860.972.8100**
  - Text **COVID19** to **31996** for daily updates
- Follow the Hartford HealthCare Facebook page for daily updates during our morning press briefings - <https://www.facebook.com/HartfordHealthCare>
- Hartford HealthCare - How may we help you? - <https://hartfordhealthcare.org/>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/>