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# COVID-19 Update

As you know, Chicago is experiencing a surge in COVID-19 patients. Rush is on the forefront of this activity and is actively managing coronavirus cases both in ambulatory and inpatient settings. We have altered the physical layout by adding beds and expanding intensive care unit capacity to manage the volume, and we are well stocked with equipment and supplies. However, as we anticipate an increase in this volume, we are preparing to manage all patients, faculty and staff in the safest possible manner.

The University Command Center, in close collaboration with the Hospital Incident Command Center at RUMC, has established student guidelines to assure the continuance of your education and your safety as absolute priorities. However, as the volume of COVID-19 patients surges, we may call upon you on a voluntary basis to lend your knowledge and services in the clinical setting. If this occurs, your program directors or deans will reach out to you directly. You will be required to sign a waiver consent form attesting to your willingness to participate on a voluntary basis before you start. You will always be under the oversight of your faculty. If you are called by anyone other than your program director or someone from your college, please reach out to them directly for instruction and guidance.

We realize that many of you are no longer in the Chicago area, and that you may not be available to volunteer. We also realize that your studies are your primary focus. Please be vigilant and safe.

We highly encourage you to visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#) to access important information and check your email for updates from [University\\_News@rush.edu](mailto:University_News@rush.edu).

