

PUTTING DATA IN PERSPECTIVE

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How Things Have Changed: My job is ensuring we are following the most up-to-date federal, state and city policies and best practices to keep patients and staff safe. It is also my responsibility to understand how our experience compares to state and city trends -- to put the Bellevue experience in context. That means summarizing New York State and New York City case counts, hospitalizations, and mortality rates and comparing this to Bellevue.

We need this information so that we can identify how our population and approach might be different. Our team also works to streamline patient flow from the ED to treatment teams and to coordinate communication between the lab and front-line providers. By making sure COVID-19 test results are available immediately, we help providers make the best, most timely treatment decisions. Evidence-based, adaptable and swift responses are our number one priority right now.



Why I'm Fighting COVID-19:

As our team develops policies and guidance for front line staff, we need to understand their needs thoroughly and, in doing so, we remain on the front lines ourselves.

Impact of COVID-19: Even though the response to emerging infectious diseases is part of our standard work, this crisis is unprecedented in scope and has pushed us to think differently about how we need to respond. I am proud to be part of the NYC Health + Hospitals workforce and have seen an amazing level of collaboration and compassion.

Managing Stress: We need to be sensitive because the COVID-19 response is definitely having an impact on the lives of our staff. Everybody needs to find moments in their day, even if they are brief, to relax and calm down.

My wife is also a physician so both of us are very busy but we are trying to spend as much time with our 16-month-old son and our Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy to keep them happy and healthy. We even bought our son an indoor ball-pit, which has turned our living room into a social distancing playground.