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Good afternoon,

As you are all aware, early last week we announced a no visitor policy at all CNE hospitals, as well as assembly guidance internally, due to growing COVID-19 concerns.

Our main focus remains delivering excellent clinical care to our patients and keeping our workforce safe – these temporary policies will allow us to adjust protocols and safety measures as new and updated information about COVID-19 emerges, doing our best to keep everyone who enters our doors protected.

To reiterate, CNE is restricting visitation as follows:

- Adult Inpatients will not be allowed visitors at Butler, Kent, and Women & Infants hospitals.
- Obstetric inpatients will be allowed one designated support person during their stay, and a pre-designated doula while in labor, if applicable.
- NICU patients will be allowed only two designated support persons during their stay.
- Emergency Department patients will be allowed only one accompanying adult and that person's duration of stay in patient areas will be limited.

There are exceptions to these restrictions, such as allowing persons essential to patient mobility and/or comprehension to accompany patients into diagnostic imaging, laboratory and ambulatory/outpatient service areas of the hospital, or the NICU.

We have also introduced the following assembly guidance effective immediately:

- All assemblies/conferences/meetings at CNE should be reviewed, a risk/benefit assessment of the assembly should be undertaken by the coordinating team, and when warranted, nonessential meetings should be cancelled or moved to a conference call.
- If assemblies are deemed warranted, efforts should be made to utilize the room in such a way that participants are well spaced. Again, use of phone or video conferencing is encouraged.

We anticipate that there may be additional restrictions in the coming weeks as we receive additional guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). We will continue to monitor the status of this and work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and RIDOH to provide you with frequent updates.

Please remember to also check the coronavirus icon on your desktop or visit [carenet/coronavirus](https://www.carenet/coronavirus) to review the most up to date information.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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BUTLER HOSPITAL

Butler Hospital psychiatrist featured in The Providence Journal article about anxiety over coronavirus

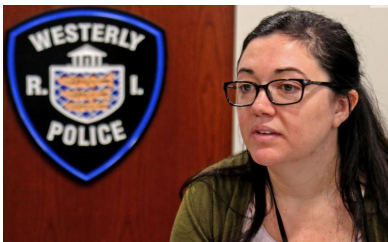


(Photo: Kimberley L. Chiappone, MD, psychiatrist, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder/Anxiety Intensive Outpatient Program at Butler Hospital)

The Providence Journal spoke with Kimberley L. Chiappone, MD, psychiatrist, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder/Anxiety Intensive Outpatient Program at Butler Hospital, about how people can alleviate their anxiety due to coronavirus dominating the news and social media. Dr. Chiappone gave advice on how to take standard precautions against transmitting the virus, engaging in self-care and wellness, and focusing on other things that make them happy, instead of worrying over the coronavirus, which could make them overly anxious. To read the full article, [click here](#).

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

The Providence Center assisting area police departments with mental health cases



(Photo courtesy of The Westerly Sun: Alison Turner, community diversion clinician, TPC)

The Westerly Sun ran an article about the Westerly Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in South County, working directly with a community diversion clinician from The Providence Center (TPC) to deal with mental health cases. To read the full article, [click here](#).

CARE NEW ENGLAND

Care New England recognizes National Social Work Month



March is National Social Work Month and is a time to celebrate the hard work and dedication of those who have committed themselves to helping and supporting others navigate through challenging times. We'd like to take a moment to recognize and honor our dedicated social work staff throughout Care New England.

These individuals provide an array of comprehensive services designed to support and guide patients and their families in areas including psychosocial assessment and support, crisis intervention, adjustment to illness, emotional and psychological distress, interpersonal violence issues, substance abuse concerns, child protective concerns, end-of-life decision-making, and bereavement support. The care and concern of the social work staff for the patients, families, and our organization, is evident in all they do and is very much appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

BUTLER HOSPITAL

Coffee with the executive leadership team Wednesday, March 25 | 3 to 4 p.m. | Butler Hospital cafeteria

Mary Marran, MS, OT, MBA, president and COO of Butler Hospital, as well as members of the executive leadership team will be hosting their next “Coffee with the executive leadership team” event on Wednesday, March 25, from 3 to 4 p.m. If you haven’t yet had a chance to stop by any of the previous gatherings, remember, this is a great opportunity for Butler Hospital staff to sit down and discuss the issues they care about most. Mary Marran and members of the executive leadership team will be available in the cafeteria one day a month from 7 to 8 a.m., and one day a month from 3 to 4 p.m.

KENT HOSPITAL

Graduate Nurse Residency Informational Sessions | Tuesday, April 28, 8 to 9 a.m. and Wednesday, April 29, 5 to 6 p.m. | Doctor’s Auditoriums



Come meet our nursing leadership staff, current graduate nurse residents, and other members from our team. Information will be provided about the Graduate Nurse Residency program at Kent Hospital, including current openings and employee benefits. Attendees will also get the opportunity to tour our inpatient units. Light refreshments will be served. Graduate nurses are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume. To RSVP, please contact graduatenuurse@kentri.org. For more information, contact Rosa DeSousa, talent acquisition partner, at (401) 736-4578 or RDesousa@Carene.org.