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and we will get  
through this.*



Good afternoon,

I continue to be impressed by the way you have all come together to continue to provide the best care to our patients and support each other during this challenging time globally. One area that is keenly important as we navigate through this, is keeping our staff and community well informed. If you miss the daily email, the carenet coronavirus webpage – [carenet/coronavirus](https://carenet/coronavirus) - serves as your one stop shop for all communications we have distributed thus far.

For our community, it is imperative that they are aware of current visitation restrictions, screening processes, and answers to frequently asked questions, which is why we created the coronavirus website – [carenewengland.org/coronavirus](https://carenewengland.org/coronavirus) - on our external website to help keep our patients and the community informed.

It is equally important that we provide our community with pertinent information about what to expect when visiting one of our hospitals to ease their worried minds, to access some of our providers through telehealth to keep them home and safe, how to remain calm and manage anxiety during this pandemic, and how Care New England continues to plan for COVID-19.

To that end, over the last several days, our providers, members of our leadership team, and others have worked steadily with local news media outlets and have discussed numerous topics such as:

- [What to do if a family member tests positive for COVID-19](#)
- [Information for expectant moms](#)
- [Advice about how to keep calm and manage anxiety during the pandemic](#)
- [Information about the testing tents at Kent](#)
- [The new testing machines we recently received](#)

Additionally, Tim Babin, Lifespan CEO, and I recently joined together to [talk with Gene Valicenti](#) regarding how each health care system is planning for COVID-19 and I had a similar interview with [Dan Yorke](#). Also, Margaret Howard, PhD, division director for women's behavioral health at Women & Infants Hospital and executive director for women's behavioral health at Care New England, appeared on [CNN's Sanjay Gupta's coronavirus podcast](#), to discuss the pandemic. The episode focused on how pregnant women are being affected by the virus-both in terms of physical and mental health.

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It's great to see us out there, doing our jobs in the midst of this crisis, offering help and guidance to the community in a serious time of need. Our media relations efforts have been steadfast and we will continue to work with the media daily to tell our story and provide important information to the public.

I know you are all working hard and going above and beyond every day. On behalf of myself, our executive leadership team, and the board of directors of Care New England, THANK YOU. We are all in this together and we will get through this.

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## CARE NEW ENGLAND

### Care New England welcomes personal protective equipment donations!

With personal protective equipment (PPE) in high demand and short supply, Care New England is welcoming donations of any of the following items:

#### Most Urgent Needs

- N95 masks
- Surgical masks
- Surgical mask with shield
- Nasal swabs for medical use

#### Other Needs

- Disinfectant
- Eye protection, including safety goggles/glasses
- Face shields
- Gloves, disposable
- Gowns, disposable
- Hand sanitizer, greater than 60 percent alcohol
- Hand soap
- Shoe covers, disposable



If you are interested in making a donation, please email [SupplyChain@carene.org](mailto:SupplyChain@carene.org). We thank you for your support!

## KENT HOSPITAL

### Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England thank staff at Kent Hospital



(Photo courtesy of The Warwick Beacon)

The Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England wanted to say thank you to the staff at Kent Hospital for their tireless efforts during the coronavirus pandemic by donating 40 cases (roughly 480 boxes) of their famous Girl Scout cookies. ABC6 News and The Warwick Beacon covered the "feel good" story, complete with heartwarming photographs.

## BUTLER HOSPITAL

### Butler Hospital offers advice on managing anxiety during time of high stress related to coronavirus



ABC6 news anchor and reporter John Krinjak recently spoke with Lisa A. Uebelacker, PhD, assistant director, Psychosocial Research Program and staff psychologist at Butler Hospital, about the psychological impact of coronavirus, and how people can properly manage their anxiety related to it.

Dr. Uebelacker also offered advice on how to speak to your children about their worry, and how to deal with the emotional ramifications of potentially having to self-quarantine. [Watch here.](#)

## WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

### Women & Infants recently featured on WPRI about additional stress expectant mothers may be feeling during this time

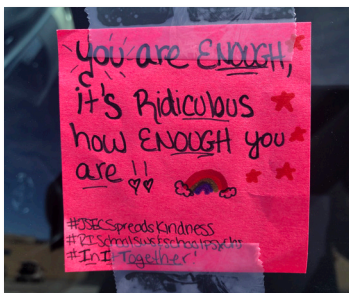


WPRI-TV 12 recently featured a story about expectant mothers who may be feeling additional stress and anxiety while preparing for their birth date which was led by Erika F. Werner, MD, MS, director, Maternal Fetal Medicine Division, Women & Infants Hospital, and Erica J. Hardy, MD, MMSc, director of Women's Infectious Diseases Consultation, Women & Infants Hospital.

Additionally, they discussed the precautions being taken to keep moms and babies safe and healthy during COVID-19. [Watch here.](#)

## KENT HOSPITAL

### Staff at Kent Hospital receive notes of kindness and gratitude



Late last week, when many doctors, nurses, and staff at Kent Hospital returned to their cars after a long, hard day at work, they found sticky notes with handwritten words of gratitude, thanks, and support for their tireless efforts during the COVID-19 health care crisis stuck to their vehicle windows.

The JSEC Kindness Crew in collaboration with RI School Psychologists spent their day writing these notes to spread gratitude to health care workers as they work during the pandemic. We thank them for taking the time to create these simple acts of kindness!

## BUTLER HOSPITAL

### WPRI-TV interviews Gerrit Van Schalkwyk, MD, about teens and college students dealing with life disruption during pandemic



WPRI-TV 12 news reporter, Gina Marini, interviewed Gerrit Van Schalkwyk, MD, chief of adolescent and young adult services at Butler Hospital, about how teens and college students should manage their time, and how to manage their stress, while their lives are temporarily disrupted due to coronavirus. [Watch here.](#)

## WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

### Women & Infants staff members receive recognition for going above and beyond

Many staff members were recognized recently by their fellow colleagues at Women & Infants for going above and beyond to care for their patients, supporting their fellow colleagues, and coming up with new and different ideas while navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

## CARE NEW ENGLAND

### 401 Gives: Make a charitable donation to a CNE facility during Rhode Island's Day of Giving

Be a part of the Rhode Island community's Day of Giving - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community.

As we move forward together during this uncertain time, you may be asking, "How can I help?" Now more than ever, you can make a difference by supporting our mission to protect the health of our patients and our community. Please consider making a donation to the hospital of your choice below.

- [Butler Hospital](#)
- [Kent Hospital](#)
- [The Providence Center](#)
- [Women & Infants Hospital](#)

Thank you in advance for your gift, which will help to propel our important work forward and save lives.