

Emergency Department Update

Friday, May 13, 2022

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GENERAL

NURSES WEEK PICTURES

Several of the ED staff made it into the hospital-wide slide show. Here are some of the shots.



MASKING

- Please wear your mask around other staff and always use minimum PPE required for patient contact (N95 and eye protection)

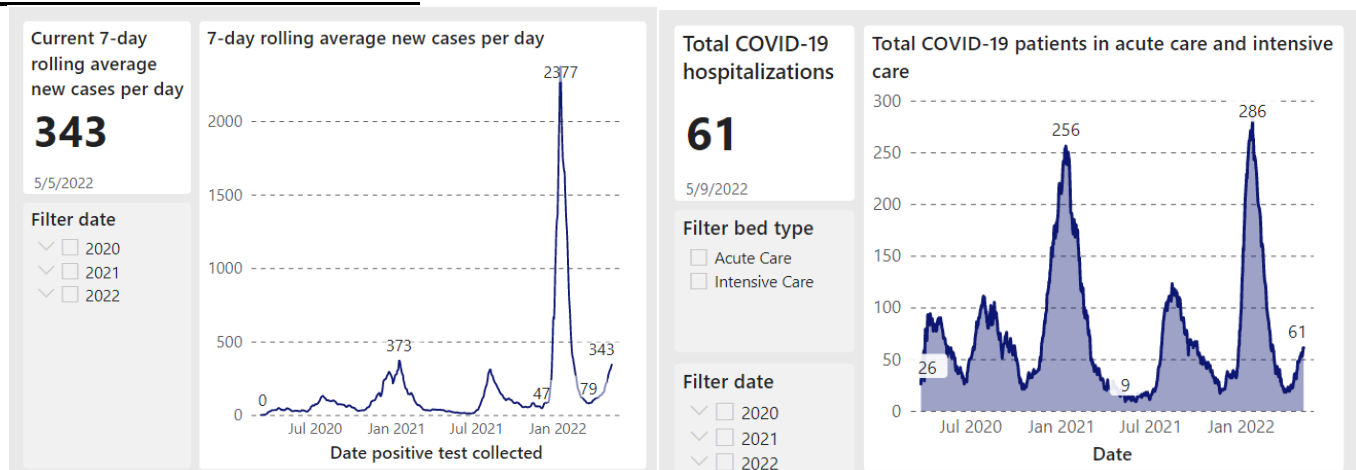
SELF-SCREENING

- Please continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have had a known exposure, please contact OHS 628-206-4100

HOSPITAL SURGE LEVEL

- As of, Friday, May 13, 2022 we have **6** COVID positive hospitalized patients at ZSFG placing us in the **GREEN** Hospital Surge Level

COVID-19 CITY WIDE DATA



Last week's number was: 260

Last week's number was: 53

EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS

PPE

- Most PPE stable—Moldex medium and large are on back order
 - If you use Moldex and are not already fitted for another brand of N95, please get fit tested for alternative N95

Items that are Backordered or Delayed

- Hotline Tubing—5/30.
- Level 1 tubing—sub on the way
- LP Trays—ETA 5/29
- 500 ml sterile water
- Fast gut suture—5/29
- Duo-Vent IV tubing—sub is a longer version

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PEM PEARL

Dina Wallin, MD, FACEP, FAAP

Anyone who's spent at least 3 minutes with him knows that Dr. Colwell is a huge fan of **droperidol**. A [brand new review](#) discusses the use of droperidol for **pediatric agitation**, and found several things:

- **Very high success rate**
- Dosing: **1-10 mg**, with average dosing **0.14 mg/kg**
 - *Most doses were administered IM*
- Time to sedation: roughly **10-15 min**, with many sooner
- Duration of effective sedation: roughly **30-60 min** (most patients required only **one dose**)
- **No arrhythmias**; only long QTc was in a patient with concomitant ingestion and no arrhythmia occurred
- **Dystonia in 2.5%**, all resolved with diphenhydramine

SO-- from existing literature, it appears as if droperidol is safe for use in pediatric agitation. I recommend collaboration with ED pharmacy when available to decide on appropriate dosing. LMK how it goes the next time you try it out!

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CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS

Send me your celebrations (david.staconis@sfdph.org) that you would like included in the ED Updates and I will share them here.

Please give a warm welcome to 2 new travel nurses **Sophie Cloutier, RN** and **Anthony Bell, RN** along with 2 new registry PCAs **Monica Harding, PCA** and **Rhonda York-Malone, PCA**. All whom will be starting in the department next week and joining the team.

I would like to celebrate **Annie Chocas, RN** for her positive demeanor and all the great care she provides our patients. She is a teamplayer and always great to work with. ~**Dave Staconis, Nursing Director**

I wanted to praise **Selina Senel, RN** on a hectic shift in pod A on 4/8. She was diligent and respectful with advocating for a difficult psychiatric patient. Also - she is overall an amazing help to her teammates on a busy short night!! We are lucky to have her! ~**Jordan Gunning, RN**

Julia Cotteral, RN was a phenomenal Resus backup on the night of 5/10 and she is a pretty much always a great Acuity, TL, and coworker. She is efficient, friendly, and is the epitome of a team player. ~**Greg Andrews, RN**

I would like to extend my appreciation for all those in Pod C on 4/29/2022: **Rikki Kelley, RN** who stuck it out even though she felt lousy, **Andre Sarmiento, RN** who hustled to accommodate some very demanding patients, **Stephan Haydon, RN** who was on top of a 911 patient from Resus who then developed crushing chest pain and ended up in the cath lab via the ICU, and the dynamo **Takako Romano, RN** who was acuity extraordinaire breaking Pod B and C and helping with multiple patient transports. Of course, I would be remiss if I did not include **Kelly Doran, MEA** and **Brittany Harlan, PCA**. They were tremendously helpful, especially as self motivators in helping with so many transports. Lastly, collectively we would like to thank **Will Carpenter, RN** for the donuts. ~**Gina Saldana, RN**