

June 29, 2022 Monthly Briefing Questions

We wanted to share two additional Q&A that were received for Dr. Podolsky. Not enough time was available for them to be asked during the recording.

Question

With hospitalizations rising and test-positivity rates increasing, why were hand-sanitizing stations removed from the elevator lobbies?

Answer:

- We have two or more hand-sanitizer stations positioned at all main entrances to buildings.
- We also have hand-sanitizer stations positioned at all ground floor elevator landings.
- We did remove some hand-sanitizer stations from elevator landings on upper floors since usage was minimal.
- We will coordinate closely with the Emergency Operations Committee and add additional hand-sanitizer stations as necessary.

(Source: Juan Guerra)

Question

Our next question is expansion-related. How will the Nutrition Services Department adjust to the rapid progress and growth of UT Southwestern? Are there plans to also grow the Support Services to maintain the high standard of care for our patients?

Answer:

- As our Health System continues to grow, we do have plans to align our Nutrition Services footprint as needed with the strategic vision of our executive leadership.
- This does include growing our Nutrition Services footprint with the Simmons Cancer Center and the upcoming state psychiatric hospital.
- These expansions will utilize their own dietary office specific to their operation.
- Additionally, Nutrition Services will be adding a grab-n-go location as part of the relocation of the Psychiatry and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery clinics from the Bass Complex to Empire Plaza, likely this fall.

(Sources: Martin Marshall, Thea Vanderhill)