

ASPR TRACIE COVID-Specific Experiences from the Field

Engineering/Reconfiguring Spaces to Accommodate COVID-19 Patients

Many hospitals were not built to treat the significant patient surges of COVID-positive patients. These resources focus on updating old and creating new spaces to accommodate patients with specific symptoms while keeping staff as safe as possible, sanitizing rooms and common areas, tracking patients in new/reconfigured spaces, and ensuring public safety in healthcare facilities during a pandemic.

[Creating a COVID-19 Specialty Hospital](#)

Erica Kuhlmann, DO, COVID ICU Medical Director, M Health Fairview (MN) shares how her facility made history when it became one of the nation's first, and only, hospitals dedicated solely to treating people with severe, confirmed cases of COVID-19.

[Creating a "New Normal" for Healthcare Delivery](#)

This short video features **Dr. Syra Madad**, Senior Director for the System-wide Special Pathogens Program with New York City Health + Hospitals, discussing their incorporation of enhanced infection control and prevention strategies, the role of analytics and the use of incident command system for emergency response.

[Incorporating Emergency Preparedness into the COVID-19 Response](#)

Eric Alberts, CEM, CHEP, CHPP, Corporate Director, Emergency Preparedness, Orlando Health, Inc. explains lessons learned by Orlando Health during the pandemic, including the role of safety officers, internal communications, adding negative air flow rooms, and redeploying staff.

[Using Electronic Health Records to Track Patients at an Alternate Care Site](#)

Diane Constantine, MSN, RN-BC, Director of Clinical Informatics, University of Maryland Medical System and **Tiffany Kuebler**, PA-C, MMS, Co-Medical Director of Clinical Informatics, University of Maryland Medical Center discuss how multiple stakeholders collaborated to create a surge facility at the Baltimore (MD) Convention Center.

[Infection Prevention and Control \(IPC\) and Environmental Health and Safety for COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Hotels](#)

Janet Wang, MPA (in progress), Director of Regulatory Affairs; **Priya Dhagat**, MS, MLS(ASCP), CIC, Associate Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program; and **Syra Madad**, D.H.Sc, MCP, Senior Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program (all from NYC Health + Hospitals; Dr. Madad is also a Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School at Harvard University) highlight how they prepared for, selected, and maintained operations and safety at a hotel set aside to treat clients in COVID-19 quarantine and isolation.

Highlights

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