NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY

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PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER
Leadership for a Difficult Time and Beyond

State leaders are now talking and debating the appropriate ways to open the economy. Many Governors, including Gov. Murphy, are rightly working together — and recognizing that a virus does not stop at state borders.

Clear and trustworthy communication from political leaders is essential right now. As our board chair, Suzanne M. Miller, Ph.D., writes in an oped she co-authored, we need leaders who can inspire people to think beyond their own personal risk. It's an important piece that also reflects on the need for all of us to recognize the challenges of living in quarantine and to take care of ourselves. You can read the oped **here**.

Taking care of ourselves may mean seeking medical care that has nothing to do with the coronavirus. The health care system remains largely open for patient care even as elective procedures have stopped for now. At the Quality Institute, we're working to address the immediate needs brought on by the pandemic and looking toward the recovery as well.

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW
Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Simon Nynens was recently appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII). The Institute is an NJIT corporation focused on turning ideas into workable solutions and to help our state innovate. NJII is a member of the Quality Institute's Leadership Council.

Interview Sneak Peek: *How is NJII assisting patients and health care workers in response to COVID-19?*

It's all hands on deck at NJII. We are really trying to help wherever we can. NJIT is producing facemasks in our **Makerspace**. We contacted our network of contacts, and a company that never sold to the health care sector is now scaling up to make 50,000 facemasks a day. The company is now delivering these facemasks to our hospitals. We identified several more distributors of PPE gear and ventilators at fair market prices. NJIT is also helping to design and put into practice mobile negative pressure units.

We started a task force to help with COVID-19 research. I also want to mention **VentureLink**, which helps small businesses, including the small businesses in the health care field.

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QI COVID-19 RESOURCE ROUND-UP
Newest COVID-19 Resource - Mayors Wellness Campaign: A Call for Community Action

During the COVID-19 crisis, we're focused on supporting health care providers and our members in any way that we can. One of the ways that we're doing this is by producing COVID-19 related resources that touch on various facets of health care, such as telehealth, mental health, and advance care planning. We invite you to browse through our COVID-19 resources, which also include recordings of our timely and valuable webinar series. We want to hear from you about other resources that you would like the Quality Institute to develop or that you would like to work on with us.

View QI COVID-19 Resources

Our newest COVID-19 resource, the **Mayors Wellness Campaign**: *A Call for Community Action*, provides actionable ways for mayors and their teams to work with their residents to support their communities during the pandemic. These tools and strategies — from creating volunteer hotlines to publicizing blood drives —provide ways to engage communities to support local health care providers on the front lines.