

Community Good Works during COVID19

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School of Medicine

1. WSU/UPG/Access testing operations:

<https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2020/03/27/wsu-hospital-systems-collaborate-to-bring-covid-19-trials-to-southeast-michigan-36721>

2. Faculty in the news with anxiety management (example of publications):

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-many-faces-anxiety-and-trauma/202003/how-survive-anxiety-in-the-age-covid-19>

<https://theconversation.com/can-i-complain-about-coronavirus-why-it-is-ok-to-vent-sometimes-134522>

3. Alumni in the news example: <https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2020/03/25/ebola-survivor-ed-doctor-and-2008-wayne-md-graduate-dr-craig-spencer-writes-about-covid-19-in-nyc-36717>

4. Match Day celebration for students:

<https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2020/03/20/class-of-2020-celebrates-97-percent-success-rate-at-virtual-match-day-celebration-36697>; website celebration:

<http://www.med.wayen.edu/match-day>

5. WSU and hospital system collaboration to bring COVID-19 trials to Southeast Michigan

<https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2020/03/27/wsu-hospital-systems-collaborate-to-bring-covid-19-trials-to-southeast-michigan-36721>

6. Poison Control:

<https://today.wayne.edu/news/2020/03/26/poison-center-sees-increase-in-disinfectant-exposure-calls-during-covid-19-pandemic-36720>

<https://today.wayne.edu/news/2020/03/24/poison-center-issues-warning-about-anti-malarial-drugs-to-fight-covid-19-36707>

7. Mental health support: <https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2020/03/29/covid-19-mental-health-services-offered-free-to-wsu-and-wsupg-community-36733>

8. PPE donation: <https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2020/03/27/school-of-medicine-researchers-donate-ppe-to-clinical-care-teams-36724>

9. Faculty experts: Dr. Teena Chopra, WSU associate professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, will be on CNN Newsroom w/Poppy Harlow & Jim Sciutto on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, in the 9 a.m. hour for a 5-7 minute segment. The segment will focus around the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and the realities frontline staff in Detroit, Michigan are facing. Dr. Chopra has been a powerhouse in terms of public affairs, giving untold interviews with local,

statewide and national media, providing important factual information to millions of readers and viewers about the virus and necessary precautions.

10. COVID-19 Homeless shelter testing: Story in development.

11. Student updates on the latest guidelines:

https://www.med.wayne.edu/coronavirus/updates?utm_source=link&utm_medium=email-5e7e25a3587db&utm_campaign=MESSAGE+FROM+DEAN+JACK+D.+SOBEL%2C+M.D.&utm_content=have+created+a+webpage

12. WSU Community mental health support and crisis care: (March 29 update)

<https://wayne.edu/coronavirus/messages#march26-care-services>

Law School:

1. Relief fund
 - a. The Law School launched a “Law School Student and Recent Graduate Emergency Needs Fund” via Warrior Funder.
2. Clinics
 - a. The Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic is continuing to represent detained clients and others.
 - b. The Disability Law Clinic is continuing to attend hearings from clients during the shutdown. The Disability Law Clinic’s class will also examine the intersection of disability and COVID-19.
 - c. The Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic is continuing to draft end-of-life planning documents for terminally ill clients who may not survive until the shutdown lifts.
3. Virtual events
 - a. The Law School Admissions team hosted a Virtual Open House for admitted students. Participation doubled from what was expected for the in-person event.
 - b. Associate Professor Justin Long hosted an open forum on Zoom for law students who are parents. The goal of the event was to connect students with other parents trying to manage law school work and family obligations.
 - c. Faculty members are developing Wayne Law COVID-19 Town Hall events, which will take place via Zoom on April 1, 8 and 15. So far, session topics include: “COVID-19, Public Health and the Law” and “COVID-19, Disability Civil Rights and Health Care Rationing.” These events will discuss the intersection of the outbreak and an area of law that is affected.
 - d. Associate Professor Lance Gable is working with other public health law experts from across the country on developing a virtual informational series.
 - e. Working on developing wellness events, like Virtual Pet Therapy.
4. Faculty in the news and speaking engagements
 - a. Associate Professor Lance Gable is an internationally known expert on public health law and bioethics. Some of his recent speaking engagements include:

- i. Being a guest on [The Source on Texas Public Radio](#) talking about the law and COVID-19; Being a panelist on JPHMP Direct's [podcast](#) discussing legal epidemiology and the recent special issue he co-edited on the topic in the *Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*; Discussing the president's announcement of the closure of the U.S./Mexico border to stem the spread of the coronavirus on [KBCS Radio](#) (San Francisco).
- b. Associate Professor Kirsten Carlson wrote an article for [The Conversation](#) about the challenges tribal leaders face and the lack of resources during the coronavirus pandemic.

Social Work:

1. Reducing Anxiety during COVID-19. We have had faculty developing (and already distributing) a guide to understanding anxiety and how to cope with anxiety. This has been distributed locally (WSU sites; alumni, BOV members and our 400+ human service organizations) as well as nationally (our professional associations and universities). Partnering with the Office of Marketing and Communications on a WJR "Spotlight on Excellence" 90-second recorded interview and public service announcements on multiple media sites about coping/mental health/anxiety.
2. Children and anxiety. Similar to above, we are in process of developing informational materials and will distribute as above - with hopefully PSAs.
3. Resources. On our web site we are developing information and links about community resources (i.e. health department has neighborhood resource centers for food, etc.).
4. Ways to give/volunteer - coordinating asks from our community agencies and creating a rotating list on our website.
5. Tips for engaging clients with telehealth or virtual technology. Most MH/SUD agencies have switched to telehealth type contacts. This is new for many practitioners. We are developing 'tips' and best practices for engaging and retaining clients.
6. PSA regarding community engagement with MH resources via virtual means. Many provider agencies are reporting 50% decline in service utilization; feel that the community is leery of this mode of connection for MH/SUD services. We need to 'normalize' this in the community - and encourage help seeking. This is in process -
7. Interface between jails and behavioral health. As jails/prisons are also struggling with how to minimize risk within their facilities, we are trying to assist jail staff continue to connect with community providers to facilitate discharge with needed care. We have collected information on jails in 20 counties - as well as the state of provider agencies in those same communities - to demonstrate need/issues and problem solving efforts with sheriffs, jail administrators, MDHHS, foundations and advocates.
8. Forward planning for economic devastation. With our BOV we are forward thinking to past the pandemic to what services will communities need once the pandemic is behind us.

Nursing:

1. The Campus Health Center (operated by the College of Nursing) is providing care for the campus community, including coronavirus contact tracing and coordinating with the campus housing team.

2. Faculty and our Nurse Practitioner students are volunteering on the Wayne State mobile COVID testing team – providing COVID-19 testing for healthcare workers and first responders. Other student volunteers are working behind the scenes on this team.
3. Members of our faculty and our post-licensure students continue to practice in front-line settings providing care in hospitals, community settings and primary care.
4. Our nurse practitioner students are providing front line care in clinical settings where the agencies are allowing them to continue to practice.

CFPCA:

1. Virtual Theatre and Dance @ Wayne - Students and faculty are performing in a variety of social media contexts, dancing, offering movement and yoga sessions, reading children’s books. Virtual Theatre and Dance at Wayne hosts daily Facebook live events at 1:00 and continues to share content created by students on our social media including Instagram, Tik Tok, and Facebook.
2. Sewing Masks – The Fashion Design program in Art and Costumes program in Theatre are sewing masks for local health care organizations.
3. Exploring reposting previous music performances on line “Mondays at the Max”
4. Some of our communication faculty with specialization in crisis are advising local governments and organizations.
5. Dean Matt Seeger has provided lots of media commentary locally and nationally. (NYT, Wash Post, Boston Globe, NPR)
6. Several research projects have been launched examining a variety of crisis and crisis communication phenomena – this includes strategies to encourage social distancing and rumors and rumor management. There is a “dear colleague” letter from NSF about this (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20052/nsf20052.jsp>)
7. Theatre and Dance Virtual Dance Company: https://cfpca.wayne.edu/news/department-of-theatre-and-dance-kicks-off-virtual-company-to-engage-remote-audiences-39052?utm_source=link&utm_medium=email-5e73a90623e36&utm_campaign=EngageD+---+March+19+-+Community+Engagement+newsletter+-+Wayne+S&utm_content
8. Fashion faculty and alum sew masks for health care workers <https://today.wayne.edu/news/2020/03/26/fashion-department-faculty-alum-sew-masks-for-health-care-workers-first-responders-battling-covid-19-36718>

CLAS:

1. NFS students lead by Prof Diane Cress partners with Gleaners to deliver food to all DPS students who receive free lunch
2. Chemistry identified a group of volunteer students to make hand sanitizer with Pharmacy for first responders and DPD, and this has inspired chem departments all over the world to pitch in and do same
3. Biology made a large donation of masks, gloves, gowns to Henry Ford Health Systems
4. English faculty will post videos of themselves (and students) reciting poems and quotes that inspire/comfort.
5. @waynestatefalcons CLAS is planning a falcon education series on social media (we were waiting for an egg, but we will start Monday if we don't have one).
6. Clinical Psych is partnering with Social Work to have a call in-line for people struggling with anxiety/depression

7. Wayne State CLAS alumni undergrad Chem major, Dr. Jason McLellan, is leading the development of a vaccine!

Pharmacy:

1. PPE (personal protection equipment) donations to health care workers
 - a. Faculty members Tim Stemmler and Brittany Stewart coordinated the college-wide collection and donation of gloves, face masks, eye protection and sterile lab coats in response to OVPR's initiative to meet the demand of front line responders working directly with patients.
 - b. Our Physician Assistant Studies program donated unused supplies, including gowns, gloves and N-95 masks, to the WSU Physician Group/WSU COVID-19 Response Task Force drive-through screening event.
<https://www.facebook.com/WSUEACPHS/posts/10159588825489937>
2. Hand sanitizer compounding for first responders
 - a. *Wayne State chemists, pharmacists team up to make hand sanitizer for COVID-19 front line-* Faculty from the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences tutored graduate chemistry students on proper formulation and FDA procedures. Using ingredients from the Science Stores within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the team mixed the batches under the supervision of Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice Brittany Stewart. In all, the team produced more than 45 gallons of hand sanitizer, which were distributed to the Wayne State and Detroit Police Departments on March 24.
<https://today.wayne.edu/news/2020/03/24/wayne-state-chemists-pharmacists-team-up-to-make-hand-sanitizer-for-covid-19-frontline-36713>
3. Faculty and students volunteering at COVID-19 testing drive-thrus (PAS, PharmD)
 - a. *Wayne State, Wayne State Physician Group and ACCESS team up to offer drive-through COVID-19 testing of health care workers and first responders in Detroit and Dearborn* The Wayne State University Physician Group, in partnership with Wayne State University Health Sciences and ACCESS, are providing drive-through testing for the COVID-19 coronavirus for symptomatic health care workers and first-responders in Detroit and Dearborn. Faculty and students from our Physician Assistant Studies and PharmD programs are volunteering in this effort.
 - b. WSU Applebaum Physician Assistant Studies Assistant Clinical Professor Sara Lolar is regularly staffing a COVID-19 screening tent at the Harper University Hospital ED.
<https://www.facebook.com/WSUEACPHS/posts/10159559853899937:0>
4. Paul Kilgore regularly answering caller questions on WDET
 - a. *WDET: Paul Kilgore answers COVID-19 questions-* WDET's morning drive-time program Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson has made itself a resource for the community by hosting local physicians on-air to answer questions and offer advice and answer your questions about the medical implications of the novel coronavirus. WSU Applebaum Associate Professor Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Director of Research Paul Kilgore answered COVID-19 questions on the air on March 17 and 20.
<https://wdet.org/posts/2020/03/20/89379-should-i-freeze-my-mask-and-other-questions-for-local-physicians-about-covid-19/>

Education:

1. #healthykidsquarantined initiative
2. Collaborating and volunteering with Gleaners and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to get food out to the families in the Warren Consolidated and Westwood Heights School Districts.
3. Creating and distributing informational posters and flyers for Detroit grocers on how to keep staff and customers safe while grocery shopping. Safety kits for all Detroit grocers (that include PPE for staff, wipes for baskets and carts, hand sanitizers) are also being proposed by the Detroit Food Policy Council to the United Way COVID fund.
4. Warrior Chat peer counseling for campus students
5. One of our joint EDP/KHS research initiatives involving mindful movement, mindful breathing, and mindful thinking/cognitive practices for teens is being included in the CHCI's health and wellness social media blasts.
6. Mental health recommendations to be included through CHCI on behalf of MHaWC
7. TBF MHaWC twitter blasts planned periodically re: mental health coping recommendations.
8. Sharing with teachers lists of ebooks available in Spanish and English
9. Communicating with DPSCD teachers at one school to see if video recordings or zoom chats to discuss books in Spanish is possible
10. Coordinating with teachers to continue Spanish language young adult literature project at one DPSCD school
11. Online enrichment activities for high school students. The students log into "the Big Blue Button" on CANVAS, with their tutors and can participate in a wide range of skill-building activities depending on what their needs are.
12. Facilitating community based education enrichment activities with Detroit's Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance Youth Council via **YOUExplore** (young leaders in placed-based action research experiences) - from 6 pm to 8 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays via Zoom
13. Working at the COVID 19 testing station sponsored by WSU
14. Meeting with a group of DPSCD teachers to work on culturally responsive pedagogy in mathematics classes in their school
15. Mobilizing support for donations to buy Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Metro Detroit Hospitals (\$12,000 donations, so far)
16. Coordinating a network for Regional School Outreach (ISD/RESA centers across the state)
17. Amplifying WSU OTL for faculty and the community for resources to assist in distance learning and communication on my personal networks

Engineering:

1. The College of Engineering will use its 3D printing capability to print protective face shields for doctors and nurses. The college expects to deliver 72 completed face shields every two days. We expect to manufacture 500 shields. This effort will be in collaboration with CFPCA.
2. Shawn McElmurry cleared out his lab and was able to donate seven cases of gloves and a couple dozen N95 masks from his lab to a local hospital. In addition, one of his Ph.D. students (Audrey Zarb) was sewing CDC-compliant masks and taking requests on her Facebook page — donations were being made to a pediatrician's office in Lansing and a dietitian's office at Cleveland Clinic.
3. Mustafa Ahmad, a senior computer science student, and his business partner developed a website (<https://detroithelphub.com/>) for small businesses in the city of Detroit to share how people can help (donations, gift card purchases, etc.), and to inform customers of changes and updates. <http://engineering.wayne.edu/news/computer-science-student-launches-detroit-help-hub-to-support-local-businesses-during-covid-19-crisis-39282>

4. Jasmine Roberson, director of community engagement for the College of Engineering, is sending out a list of virtual volunteering opportunities (e.g. Engineers Without Borders, DPSCD, C2 Pipeline) to the college community. She is also working with the admissions office to place educational links on www.k-12.wayne.edu with resources for families.
5. Cindy Bir spearheaded an effort in the Department of Biomedical Engineering to gather PPE supplies, per Steve Lanier's request. It's currently on carts in the BME building waiting to be donated to a hospital that needs it.
6. Faculty in the College of Engineering are supporting Dr. Phil Levy's effort in the Movid (mobile covid) team to assemble test kits.

Dean of Students Office:

- Dean of Students Office has launched [Get Virtually Involved](#) to provide engagement opportunities for students. New programming is available daily.
- The new [Lunch with WSU program](#) will provide drop-in virtual lunch chats with members of the WSU community daily through the end of the semester.
- Student wellness services are available [virtually](#).
- Partnership with Academic Success to support the student transition to online learning <https://success.wayne.edu/learnanywhere>

Undergraduate Admissions

- Opinion letter to high school seniors from Dawn Medley <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2020/03/27/opinion-incoming-freshmen-dont-panic-colleges-support-you/2927003001/>

Office of Marketing and Communications:

- University updates on COVID-19 <https://wayne.edu/coronavirus>
- The university's home page, wayne.edu, has been adapted to cover Warriors in the community supporting COVID-19 efforts. Social media engagements have also been added to the bottom of the web page.
- There is also a dedicated page on today.wayne.edu – this is in the early production phase: <https://today.wayne.edu/news/covid-19>
- We're working with our campus partners to share positive stories and thank the Warrior community for their work in hospitals, clinics, community engagement, public safety, mental health and student success.

Development Crowd Funding: Student support fundraiser

- https://warriorfunder.wayne.edu/project/20410/donate?des_id=96760

TechTown Small Business support

- <https://techtowndetroit.org/detroit-small-business-stabilization-fund/>

- <https://www.facebook.com/wsupress/posts/10156727411491010>

Office of Teaching and Learning

- Faculty support for online teaching <https://otl.wayne.edu/teachanywhere>

WDET

- Ongoing content creation to keep the community informed of COVID-19 activities. Example pieces:
 - <https://wdet.org/posts/2020/03/30/89426-metro-detroit-hospitals-health-systems-brace-for-covid-19-surge/>
 - <https://wdet.org/posts/2020/03/30/89430-michigan-small-businesses-reel-from-covid-19-heres-who-is-helping/>
 - <https://wdet.org/posts/2020/03/30/89427-covid-19-and-chloroquine-fda-authorizes-use-but-risks-persist/>

Additional campus wide resources and updates are listed at wayne.edu/coronavirus . This includes resources from C&IT, research continuity, HR and facility management.