

# COVID-19

Patient  
Care Services

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*In appreciation for your selfless work  
and dedication during these extraordinary times*

## Assessing prevalence of COVID-19

MGH researchers in partnership with the City of Boston have found that only 10% of residents have antibodies to COVID-19. While having antibodies (proteins produced by the immune system in response to infection) does not always imply immunity, it is generally accepted to be an important correlate of protection from disease. The study underscores the need for continued precautions.



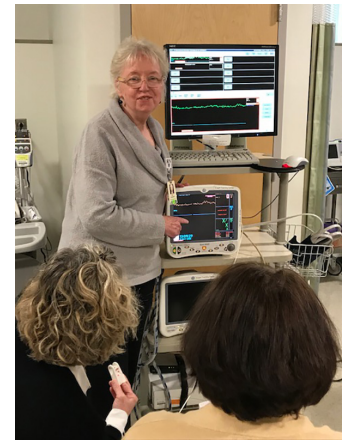
Nurse scientist, Jennifer Cahill, RN, obtains blood sample from study participant.

## End of an era: nurse educator retires after 45 years

If you have been a patient or clinician at Mass General in the past 45 years, chances are your experience was impacted, directly or indirectly, by veteran nurse educator, Mary McAdams, RN, who is retiring this month.

McAdams began her career at Mass General (in 1975) as a staff nurse in an 18-bed, all-female unit. Since then, she's held numerous roles, all focused on the education, advancement, and professional development of staff. She has amassed an impressive list of awards, publications, and presentations, as well as the admiration and respect of colleagues throughout the MGH community.

Says Gino Chisari, RN, director of the Knight Nursing Center, "Mary has been a role model with her quiet strength, eye for detail, strong professional compass, and commitment to educational excellence. On behalf of the countless nurses you have touched in the past 45 years, thank-you."



Mary McAdams, RN, nurse educator, 45-year veteran of MGH

## Resiliency

### Resources available to staff

If you feel your mental or emotional well-being is being affected by the COVID outbreak, below are some resources available:

**Spiritual Care:** Spiritual caregivers are available to provide comfort, support, encouragement, and prayer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to people of all faiths, traditions, and beliefs, as well as to those with no religious affiliations. Call 617-726-2220, or page #27302.

**Police & Security:** Officers are available to protect, support, and maintain a safe environment, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 617-726-2121.

**Benson Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine:** Programs help front-line staff build resiliency with one-hour sessions held virtually twice a week for four weeks. For information, call 617-643-6090.

(For more resources, go to: <https://apollo.massgeneral.org/coronavirus/?s=resiliency>)

## COVID-19 Research

Click on image to go to Munn Center portal page to:

- access COVID-19-related research (Research for Review: Weekly Update)
- find opportunities to participate in COVID-19 research studies (COVID-19 Study Recruitment)

