

And they fearlessly show up each day to fight germs.

Ensuring a safe, clean environment is always a priority for our hospital's housekeeping team. As experts learned more about the coronavirus and how easily it can spread, we knew our ability to minimize cross-contamination between staff and patients would become even more critical.

Undaunted, our environmental services team added special cleaning measures, including UV sanitation, to an already rigorous routine, going beyond CDC guidelines. They trained on the proper use of personal protective equipment to avoid exposing others, and themselves, to the virus.

And despite having their own families' health, childcare and daily life issues to consider, this vital team has quietly stepped up to an extraordinary challenge, working extra hours to meet increasing demands for their services as we care for larger numbers of patients.

On behalf of our patients, our staff and our community, we salute these unsung heroes.