Kathleen Silard Earns Business Women’s Award for Leadership

Stamford Hospital President and CEO Kathleen Silard, MS, BSN, RN, FACHE was honored with the Woman with Impact Award on Friday, October 30. She received the award at the Women Rising Gala Luncheon, held virtually by the Women’s Business Development Council. The Woman with Impact Award is presented to a business or community leader who has personally exemplified the mission and goals of the Council, by promoting economic equality and prosperity for women.

In her role at Stamford Health, Kathy has led significant growth, the development and building of the new Stamford Hospital, and collaborative relationships with world-class organizations like the Hospital for Special Surgery and the Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women’s Cancer Center. She is dedicated to sharing her time and talents with many organizations in her community, as well as serving in leadership roles with several institutions of higher learning.

CHA congratulates Kathy, a member of the CHA Board of Trustees, for her achievements and for this well-deserved recognition of her significant contributions and service as a role model to women in her community and in Connecticut and beyond.

Governor Rolls Back State’s Reopening To Phase 2

On Monday, November 2, Governor Ned Lamont announced that certain aspects of the state’s reopening will be rolled back to Phase 2, described as Phase 2.1. The rollback to Phase 2.1, effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 6, is aimed at mitigating the increase in community spread of COVID-19. The significant changes that will occur under Phase 2.1 include:

- Restaurants will reduce to 50 percent capacity with a maximum of 8 people limited to a table;
- Restaurants and entertainment venues (e.g., bowling alleys, movie theaters, arcades, etc.) will be required to close by 9:30 p.m., with the exception of food takeout and delivery services, which will be allowed to continue after 9:30 p.m.;
- Personal services, such as hair salons and barber shops, will remain at 75 percent capacity;
- Event venues will be limited to 25 people indoors, 50 people outdoors;
- Performing arts venues and movie theaters will have a capacity of 100 people; and
- Religious gatherings will be limited to 50 percent capacity or 100 people maximum.

An Executive Order implementing the rollback to Phase 2.1 is expected in the coming days.

CT Suicide Advisory Board (CTSAB) Releases Alert on Youth Suicide

Alarmed by recent youth suicides, the CTSAB has issued an alert encouraging everyone to be cognizant of the increased support Connecticut’s youth are likely to need during these uncertain times.

The "CT Public Health Alert and Call to Action for Youth Suicide" responds to the state having lost seven youth to suicide thus far in 2020 with four deaths in October alone. The CTSAB is encouraging the wide distribution of the alert in the hopes that it will increase awareness and recognition and response to the existing mental/emotional health needs of youth.

Education Updates

Best Practices for Nonhazardous and Hazardous Sterile-to-Sterile Compounding
(Rescheduled to November from May 2020)
Virtual Training Session for Quality Professionals and Infection Preventionists
Friday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The final sterile-to-sterile compounding education session will be held Friday, November 6, offering an opportunity for training by industry expert CriticalPoint on USP Chapters <797> and <800>. This virtual training session will provide CHA member quality professionals and infection preventionists with additional knowledge and skills regarding best practice nonhazardous and hazardous sterile-to-sterile compounding. Click here for full event information. Click here to register for the quality professionals and infection preventionists session.

HRO Leadership Principles and Practices
November 19 - December 17, 2020 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Virtual Sessions

HRO Leadership Principles and Practices is for organizations that are new to high reliability or for new management employees in organizations who are already on the high reliability journey. Four (4) 90-minute virtual training sessions will be facilitated by HPI/Press Ganey consultants who will cover standard HRO principles, essential Universal Skills to prevent human error, and the Connecticut Hospital
Association (CHA) standard set of HRO Leader Skills needed to build good habit formation and sustainment of safety culture transformational efforts.

The sessions are structured for leaders at the manager level and above.

HRO Leadership Principles and Practices will be held on the following dates from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Click here to register for the Thursday, November 19, 2020 session on the Five Principles of Organizational Mindfulness.
- Click here to register for the Thursday, December 3, 2020 session on the Science of Safety, Human Performance, and Error Prevention.
- Click here to register for the Thursday, December 10, 2020 session on the First Two Roles of High Reliability Leadership.
- Click here to register for the Thursday, December 17, 2020 session on the Second Two Roles of High Reliability Leadership.