

EPIC WAVE 3 GO-LIVE DATE CHANGE SBAR

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Epic Together Leadership Team, please note a project update below regarding the Epic Wave 3 Go-Live date change from April 2, 2022, to **Saturday, June 4, 2022**, for RWJUH New Brunswick, Hamilton, and Rahway, and CINJ, and Wave 3 Medical Practices.

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Situation:

The current and ongoing COVID-19 surge has prompted a reevaluation of the Epic Together implementation timeline, with special consideration of operational and site readiness of our Wave 3 sites.

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Background:

The state of New Jersey is preparing for a third COVID-19 surge, accelerated by the Omicron variant, which is increasing demand system-wide. As we move through this third surge, Leadership is prepared to pivot for a successful Epic implementation.

- The Epic Wave three activation date the health system has been preparing for is April 2, 2022.
- In the last several weeks, the Omicron Covid-19 variant has spread in our communities and workforce.
- NJ Department of Health has guided that the peak will be middle to late January 2022.
- The health system has shifted to Covid-19 surge site readiness in anticipation of current patient volume and the peak in several weeks.
- Wave Three Epic training for our staff is to commence during the peak Covid-19 surge in January and continue through February and March.

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Assessment:

The Epic Together Leadership Team, in conjunction with Bob Irwin and John Doll, has evaluated our Wave 3 Go-Live timeline based on various factors, most importantly, COVID-19 site readiness and staff availability to manage the third surge.

Further, the Leadership team discussed potential timeline adjustments that would allow for full

Covid-19 surge site readiness, staff recovery from the surging activity, and adequate time for training Wave 3 co-workers to ensure a successful Epic activation.

Epic training registration and class adjustments are being evaluated. Updates will be communicated in the coming weeks.

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Recommendation:

For The Epic Together Leadership Team, in conjunction with Bob Irwin and John Doll, recommended and adopted that the original Wave 3 Go-Live date of April 2, 2022, be pushed out eight additional weeks to **Saturday, June 4, 2022.**

During this strategic pause in Wave 3 activity, the Epic Together team will focus on high-priority Wave 1 and 2 post-go-live adjustments and work toward stabilizing and optimizing the current system.

The 90-day Go-Live Readiness Assessment (GLRA) will now be on March 3, 2021.

This circumstance affects us personally, and we believe in your strength and resiliency. From day one, the Epic Project has led with the guiding principle of giving patients a voice, which is more important today than ever.

More information will be available in the coming weeks, including adjustments to the registration and training schedule and the Wave 4 activation date. Should you have any questions, please get in touch with EpicQuestions@rwjbh.org. We will collate and respond in an FAQ guide in the coming weeks.

As we now head into the third surge, I want to remind you of all of your poise, focus, and Leadership throughout COVID-19 as the key tenants for successfully navigating this upcoming surge. We've made another strategic decision guided by site readiness for COVID-19, and I want to thank you for your resiliency and support while we work together toward a successful Epic implementation.

Thank You,
Rob Adamson