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Physician Hospitals of America (PHA) today stands ready to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and the potential need for greater capacity for urgent and emergent health services for patients. Our member hospitals are prepared to transform hospital facilities to mobilize essential resources for areas hard hit by COVID-19.

As tertiary care hospitals gear up to treat COVID-19 infected patients, and federal and state officials call on all hospitals to evaluate capabilities and services, PHA members recognize that patients will continue to need medical care for other urgent or life-threatening conditions. Physician-owned hospitals (POHs) are prepared to adjust services to meet these local community demands.

By taking steps now, as public health officials uniformly call for unprecedented action to "flatten the curve," physician-led hospitals are prepared to assist in the fight to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, based on local needs. POHs have been and will continue to comply with and promote CDC recommendations.

Our hospitals, medical staffs and other professionals are prepared to take extraordinary actions to augment health care access in our local communities, and save lives. We will continue working with local leaders to serve our community.