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Kansas Hospitals Support Stay Home Order

(March 28, 2020) – As a community of hospitals, we support the statewide ‘stay home’ order issued by Governor Laura Kelly. This is an important part of ongoing efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Governor Kelly explained the temporary ‘stay home’ order is necessary for three key reasons:

- To provide statewide uniformity in response efforts;
- To prevent overwhelming hospitals – especially rural hospitals – who may not have the same capacity to handle an influx of COVID-19 patients;
- To buy Kansas more time as the state officials work with federal partners to secure badly needed protective personal equipment (PPE), additional ventilators and COVID-19 testing supplies.

Social isolation and distancing will help reduce the spread of the virus and limit the exposure of vulnerable individuals. Reduced spread allows hospitals to manage health care resources in our communities. The public has an important role in helping reduce the spread of the virus.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 220 member facilities, of which 123 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA’s vision is: “Optimal Health for Kansans.”

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