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Livingston County and Neighboring Counties Prepare to Support Each Other

HOWELL, Michigan. - (April 7, 2020) As Southeast Michigan continues to be a hotspot for COVID-19 infections, the region is making preparations to ensure that all individuals impacted by the virus can be cared for and supported. Care facilities in the region are prepared to accept recovering COVID-19 patients from hospitals that have reached capacity. Given the shortage of hospital beds that is predicted, this allows those hospitals to continue to care for patients needing advanced support, while recovering patients who need less support can receive that elsewhere. “It is important that we can safely discharge patients to non-hospital settings when appropriate to help hospitals continue to treat critically ill patients affected by COVID-19,” states Dr. Juan Marquez, Medical Director of Livingston County Health Department.

COVID-19 is widespread and no county, state, or region is immune to its effect. This disease does not discriminate and neither will our response. Multiple areas in Michigan are experiencing surges of COVID-19 infections at different times. Locations that currently have capacity can help areas with little to no capacity. In the future, these roles may be reversed. We will all need support throughout this pandemic and we can provide that for each other. Our community and every community will assist each other and the state as a whole in our current time of need. We are all Michiganders, and we are all in this together.

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