



Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital

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Re: **Request pursuant to Executive Order 52 seeking authorization to add 29 beds
At Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital, Newport News, Virginia (Planning District 21)**

Dear Dr. Oliver and Mr. Bodin:

Pursuant to Executive Order 52 issued on March 20, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital, LLC, hospital license H 1873, located at 2 Bernardine Drive, in Newport News, VA, and currently licensed for 123 beds, requests the Commissioner's authorization to add 29 beds – 15 intensive care beds and 14 medical/surgical beds – to supplement normal operations to serve the needs of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

The proposed additional bed capacity will be accomplished as follows:

Intensive Care Beds

- converting space in the existing PACU unit to allow for the addition of 12 private inpatient beds, equipped with oxygen, medical gases and vacuum capabilities
- converting space in the existing MRI holding area to allow for the addition of 3 private inpatient beds equipped with oxygen, medical gases and vacuum capabilities

Medical/Surgical Beds

- converting space in the existing Procedural Recovery Area to allow for the addition of 14 private medical/surgical beds, equipped with oxygen, vacuum and telemetry monitoring capabilities.

Staff temporarily displaced by the curtailing of non-essential surgery will be used to staff the additional beds and provide care in a safe and effective environment of care.

Mary Immaculate stands ready to activate this conversion immediately. Please let me know if you need any additional information to evaluate our request.

Sincerely,

Darlene Stephenson
President

CC: Amy Carrier – Market President, Bon Secours Hampton Roads
Alexander Brown – Associate General Counsel, Bon Secours Mercy Health
Paul Justice – Assistant General Counsel, Bon Secours Mercy Health