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**Request to Increase Licensed Bed Capacity  
 Pursuant to Executive Order 52 (2020)**

Dear Dr. Oliver and Mr. Bodin:

In anticipation of a “sudden, yet temporary need to increase bed capacity in general hospitals . . . within the Commonwealth,” Governor Northam issued Executive Order 52, directing the State Health Commissioner “to authorize any general hospital . . . to increase licensed bed capacity as determined necessary by the Commissioner to respond to increased demand for beds resulting from COVID-19.” Inova Health Care Services (“Inova”) owns and operates five acute care hospitals in Northern Virginia and we have begun to see an influx of COVID-19 patients. Consistent with the anticipation that “the number of persons who will need to be admitted to a hospital . . . for care within our communities may exceed the current capacity of our hospitals,” Inova submits this request to increase the licensed bed capacity of Inova Alexandria Hospital (“Alexandria”), Inova Fairfax Hospital (“Fairfax”), Inova Fair Oaks Hospital (“Fair Oaks”), Inova Loudoun Hospital (“Loudoun”) and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (“Mount Vernon”) as set forth below.

Facility	Facility Address	Current Licensed Beds	Number of Beds Requested	Total Licensed Beds After Increase
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Alexandria	4320 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22304	Med/Surg: 194 Adult ICU: 50 Total (All Types): 302	Adult ICU: 10 Total Increase: 10	312
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In accordance with CDC and CMS guidance Alexandria has temporarily postponed surgical cases to the extent possible, and the additional adult ICU beds will be located in converted space in the post-anesthesia care unit (“PACU”). The additional beds will be used to supplement normal operations, permitting existing ICU beds to be used for COVID-19 patients. The PACU headwalls and support systems are consistent with the needs of ICU patients, and the PACU smoke compartment is maintained within the existing I-2 Institutional occupancy. The PACU meets all requirements of NFPA 101 for smoke compartmentalization. The total smoke compartment areas do not exceed 22,500 square feet, and the travel distances do not exceed 200 linear feet to an exit. All Inova hospital facilities are fully sprinkled and have 24/7 monitored central fire alarm systems. Staffing will be provided by cross-training and redeploying operating room and PACU RNs to work in the critical care and floor units, cross-training and redeploying ambulatory RNs and APPs to work on inpatient floors, modifying staffing levels and providing centralized telemedicine support.

Facility	Facility Address	Current Licensed Beds	Number of Beds Requested	Total Licensed Beds After Increase
Fairfax	3300 Gallows Road Falls Church, VA 22042	Med/Surg: 526 Adult ICU: 102 Total (All Types): 948	Med/Surg: 57 Adult ICU: 58 Total Increase: 115	1063

The medical/surgical and adult ICU beds added at Fairfax would be spread across existing but currently inactive beds in the Fairfax Adult Tower and at the Inova Heart and Vascular Institute, which satisfy life safety code requirements. Such beds will either be used to care for COVID-19 patients directly or to supplement existing operations so that existing beds can be used for COVID-19 patients, depending on the nature and timing of patient demand. Staffing will be provided by cross-training and redeploying operating room and PACU RNs to work in the critical care and floor units, cross-training and redeploying ambulatory RNs and APPs to work on inpatient floors, modifying staffing levels and providing centralized telemedicine support.

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Fair Oaks	3600 Joseph Siewick Dr. Fairfax, VA 22033	Med/Surg: 118 Adult ICU: 12 Total (All Types): 182	Med/Surg: 15 Adult ICU: 15 Total Increase: 30	212
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The medical/surgical beds added at Fair Oaks would be spread across existing adult inpatient units, which satisfy life safety code requirements. In accordance with CDC and CMS guidance Fair Oaks has temporarily postponed surgical cases to the extent possible, and the additional adult ICU beds will be located in converted space in the PACU. The PACU headwalls and support systems are consistent with the needs of ICU patients, and the PACU smoke compartment is maintained within the existing I-2 Institutional occupancy. The PACU meets all requirements of NFPA 101 for smoke compartmentalization. The total smoke compartment areas do not exceed 22,500 square feet, and the travel distances do not exceed 200 linear feet to an exit. All Inova hospital facilities are fully sprinkled and have 24/7 monitored central fire alarm systems. The additional ICU beds will be used to supplement normal operations, permitting existing ICU beds to be used for COVID-19 patients, and the additional medical/surgical beds will be used either to support existing operations or for COVID-19 patients, depending on the nature and timing of patient demand. Staffing will be provided by cross-training and redeploying operating room and PACU RNs to work in the critical care and floor units, cross-training and redeploying ambulatory RNs and APPs to work on inpatient floors, modifying staffing levels and providing centralized telemedicine support.

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Loudoun	44045 Riverside Parkway Leesburg, VA 20716	Med/Surg: 526 Adult ICU: 102 Total (All Types): 183	Med/Surg: 112 Total Increase: 112	295

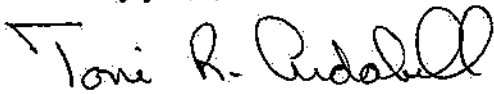
The medical/surgical beds added at Loudoun will be located in the new bed tower on the Loudoun campus. Construction of the new bed tower is complete and it is ready for occupancy, though it had not yet been brought on line. Such beds satisfy life safety code requirements and will either be used to care for COVID-19 patients directly or to supplement existing operations so that existing beds can be used for COVID-19 patients, depending on the nature and timing of patient demand. Staffing will be provided by cross-training and redeploying operating room and PACU RNs to work in the critical care and floor units, cross-training and redeploying ambulatory RNs and APPs to work on inpatient floors, modifying staffing levels and providing centralized telemedicine support.

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Mount Vernon	2501 Parkers Lane Alexandria, VA 22306	Med/Surg: 526 Adult ICU: 102 Total (All Types): 237	Adult ICU: 12 Total Increase: 12	249

In accordance with CDC and CMS guidance Mount Vernon has temporarily postponed surgical cases to the extent possible, and the additional beds will be located in converted space in the PACU. The additional beds will be used to supplement normal operations, permitting existing ICU beds to be used for COVID-19 patients. The PACU headwalls and support systems are consistent with the needs of ICU patients, and the PACU smoke compartment is maintained within the existing I-2 Institutional occupancy. The PACU meets all requirements of NFPA 101 for smoke compartmentalization. The total smoke compartment areas do not exceed 22,500 square feet, and the travel distances do not exceed 200 linear feet to an exit. All Inova hospital facilities are fully sprinkled and have 24/7 monitored central fire alarm systems. Staffing will be provided by cross-training and redeploying operating room and PACU RNs to work in the critical care and floor units, cross-training and redeploying ambulatory RNs and APPs to work on inpatient floors, modifying staffing levels and providing centralized telemedicine support.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 289-2053.

Sincerely yours,



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