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Re: Executive Order 52 Request for LewisGale Hospital Montgomery  
(Montgomery Regional Hospital, Inc.)

Dear Dr. Oliver and Mr. Bodin:

Pursuant to Executive Order 52, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery seeks authorization for additional temporary beds to respond to the increased demand for beds resulting from COVID-19.

- The name and address of the specific facility requesting the additional beds.*  
LewisGale Hospital Montgomery, 3700 S. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060.
- How many additional licensed beds are requested.*  
LGH Montgomery is requesting authorization to operate up to 38 additional temporary beds. The hospital has taken a number of steps to increase the availability of existing beds, including suspension of elective procedures that, if delayed, are not anticipated to cause harm to the patient.
- The breakdown of requested beds by type (e.g., med/surg, ICU, etc.).*  
35 new beds at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery would be ICU beds, 3 would be med/surg.
- Specifically where the additional licensed beds will be located and if the proposed space currently meets life safety code requirements for the type of patients or residents expected to occupy the space; and if not, what will be done to meet life safety code requirements for the space.*  
23 of the new ICU beds would be located in the Pre-Op area, 6 in the PACU, 6 in operating rooms, all on the ground floor of the hospital. The 3 med/surg beds would be located in the endoscopy suite, also on the ground floor. The new beds would be equipped with oxygen and vacuum capabilities, and the spaces meet applicable life safety code requirements.

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5. *The planned use of the additional licensed beds (e.g., used to supplement normal operations due to existing bed occupancy by COVID-19 patients or specifically for COVID-19 patients).*  
The new beds would, of course, be used as needed, but LGH Montgomery anticipates that the beds would be used to supplement normal operations due to existing bed occupancy by COVID-19 patients.
  
6. *The plan for staffing the beds.*  
HCA Virginia hospitals can utilize team members (both locally and across the state) that have been flexed due to low utilization in other portions of our healthcare system and have developed appropriate education to swiftly repurpose team members into needed areas to help support patient care efforts.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you would like additional information regarding our request

Sincerely,



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