



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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April 14, 2020

Mr. Adrian Stanton  
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**RE: Virginia Hospital Center**

Arlington, Virginia

Temporarily add 232 Beds at Virginia Hospital Center in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Mr. Stanton:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Virginia Hospital Center to temporarily add 232 beds at Virginia Hospital Center. I have considered the factors listed in my March 24, 2020, letter; and I have concluded that **approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:

1. Virginia Hospital Center has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Virginia Hospital Center has an immediate need to temporarily add 232 licensed inpatient beds.
2. Virginia Hospital Center's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Virginia Hospital Center's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Virginia Hospital Center's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space throughout the campus assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.
5. The Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia recommends approval of the request.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 232 added beds are deemed to be licensed from the date an emailed notice is received by Robert Payne, Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification, that they are open. This authorization is valid for the period April 14, 2020, through 30 days after the expiration of or rescission of Executive Order 52, as it may be amended.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Payne at (804) 367-2109, or [Robert.Payne@VDH.Virginia.gov](mailto:Robert.Payne@VDH.Virginia.gov). Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*M. Norman Oliver, MD*

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