
Augusta Health Request for COVID-19 State of Emergency Increase in Licensed ICU Beds

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Via e-mail to COPN@VDH.Virginia.gov

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Dear Dr. Oliver and Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN):

Please accept this request to add 6 Licensed ICU Beds at Augusta Health during the COVID-19 emergency period, consistent with Virginia Executive Order 52 of 20 March, 2020.

Facility Requesting Beds:

Augusta Health, Inc.

78 Medical Center Drive

Fishersville, VA, 22939

RECEIVED**JUL 08 2020****VDH/OLC****Additional Licensed Beds Requested and Type:**

6 ICU beds

Location of Additional Beds:

1st Floor Respiratory Care Unit (formerly Pediatric Unit).

The proposed space is currently used and meets all life safety code requirements for inpatient care.

Planned Use:

Additional ICU beds will supplement normal operations during the COVID-19 emergency period.

Staffing:

Appropriate Staffing will be provided by current nursing and medical staff employed by Augusta Health.

Additional Information:

Augusta Health has sufficient professional and ancillary staff to manage patients in these beds and throughout the facility.

Medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) are available to meet patient needs.

ICU patients will be allocated to these beds as the current ICU unit reaches capacity.

The beds are located on the 1st floor of the Augusta Health patient tower, in a secure Respiratory Care Unit previously used as a Pediatric Unit. With permission from VDH, Pediatric patients have been moved to secure beds in the OB Unit.

The unit meets all Life Safety Code requirements of an acute care hospital.

Dr. Oliver and Division of COPN, please advise us if any additional information is needed. Thank you for consideration of this request.

With kind regards,

Scott

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