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

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*This email is being sent on behalf of Scott Jones, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer for Augusta Health:*

December 8, 2020

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA

State Health Commissioner

Commonwealth of Virginia

Department of Health

P. O. Box 2448

Richmond, VA 23218

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

Please accept this request to add 10 additional Licensed ICU Beds at Augusta Health during the COVID-19 emergency period, consistent with Virginia Executive Order 52 of March 20, 2020. This request is in addition to the previously approved 6 Licensed ICU beds approved July 10, 2020.

**Facility Requesting Beds**

Augusta Health, Inc.

[78 Medical Center Drive](#)[Fishersville, VA, 22939](#)**Additional Licensed Beds Requested and Type:**

10 ICU beds

**Location of Additional Beds:**

First Floor Respiratory Care Unit (formerly Joint Center Unit and Surgical 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 and 6 additional approved ICU beds reach capacity.

The beds are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Augusta Health patient tower, in a secure Respiratory Care Unit previously used as the Joint Center Unit and Surgical Unit. The Joint Center and Surgical Postoperative patients are being accommodated on the Medical-Surgical Unit as needed.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please advise us if any additional information is needed.

With kind regards,

*Scott*

**D. Scott Jones, CHC, CHPC**

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