

## Community Update: Virginia Hospital Center's Response to COVID-19

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In many ways, the past three weeks have been similar to any other at Virginia Hospital Center. Our clinicians, support staff, and administrators have been providing exceptional care every day of the week, ensuring services are available to anyone who comes to the Hospital, and doing all they can to keep our community healthy. They remain focused on our mission to be the best hospital. ***None of that has changed.***

The COVID-19 pandemic, however, has led to a "new normal" for everyone in the healthcare space. Virginia Hospital Center is no exception. We are seeing a daily increase in the number of admitted patients with confirmed and suspected COVID-19, and we have many patients with COVID-19 in our ICU and on ventilators. This new normal comes with a price tag. **Consider the following investments the Hospital must make over the next three to six months:**

Area of Need	Examples	Projected Cost
Material Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N95 masks (the Hospital uses 350 per day)</li> <li>Other PPE, such as face and eye shields, gloves, gowns, head and shoe covers</li> <li>Testing kits and cleaning and sanitizing supplies</li> </ul>	\$1 million
Equipment and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional ventilators as well as nebulizer treatment and testing equipment</li> <li>Additional security staff to monitor access points</li> </ul>	\$500,000
Facility Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retrofitting ICU rooms for negative-pressure capability</li> <li>Security systems, to support restricted access to the campus</li> </ul>	\$1 million
Medical Practice Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial support, such as rent relief, to independent medical practices located at the Hospital, all of which are seeing dramatic declines in patient volume</li> </ul>	\$500,000
<b>Estimated total:</b>		<b>\$3,000,000</b>

Our promise to our community is that we are here and ready to care for them and their family, friends, employees, neighbors, and colleagues. **But we cannot do it alone.** We have an urgent need for support. These expenses are significant and immediate, and few will be relieved by potential government stimulus dollars. You have the ability to help us mitigate the effects of this pandemic on our community.

**Now more than ever, the Hospital needs strong partners by its side.** Together we can ensure Northern Virginia comes through this crisis and remains one of America's preeminent places to live. Thank you for your support during this critical time in history.

Sincerely,



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