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Stark County Hospital Responds to COVID-19

CANTON, OH - All hospitals – locally, regionally, and across the nation – are working hard to respond to a virus where much remains unknown. Hospitals are addressing all capacities, system wide. They are being creative to make best use of not only space and equipment but also how to best care for their staff and sustain their operations in a time where everything is being stretched to limits not previously seen.

They are looking at availability of intensive care units, respiratory care equipment, and negative pressure rooms. They are looking at space within their facilities that has the potential to be converted for COVID-19 patient care and treatment spaces and taking steps to make that happen. In order to preserve PPE and staff resources, all elective surgeries have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Hospital leaders are meeting with Congressional Delegations to discuss support options that are needed to sustain them currently and in the weeks to come.

There are many questions about testing. It is important to understand that not everyone needs to be tested. The responsibility of our hospitals is to prioritize their resources to meet the needs of those who are the sickest. Our hospitals have limited testing supplies and are following the guidelines and protocols of the Ohio Department of Health laid out for testing patients for COVID-19.

These are trying times for everyone. No one remains unaffected. There is a “new norm” and it requires understanding and patience and adjustments on the part of each of us. We ask for your support of our hospitals, their leaders and staff as they maneuver through new challenges in order to continue to provide excellent care for our community.

For up-to-date information, go to any of the websites listed below:

www.aultman.org

www.aultmanalliance.org

www.cantonmercy.org/

www.cantonhealth.org

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