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A LETTER OF CONCERN FROM YOUR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY, December 11, 2020:

Dear Community Members,

Jennie Stuart Health has seen an increase in patients being hospitalized with COVID-19, and with the holiday season we anticipate that trend will continue. Our staff remains steadfast in their dedication to patient care but we are at a crossroads in this pandemic. We are asking everyone to take extra measures and to be diligent in this fight. Please, wear a mask, stay socially distant, wash your hands regularly, and protect your loved ones by considering reduced numbers at gatherings during the holidays.

With the surge of COVID-19 patients, we are seeing many who are being admitted from their own homes, not from long term care facilities. Recently the hospital had a record high of 30 patients hospitalized with COVID-19. Christian County is experiencing a 48.9 daily case rate per 100,000 with a total of 3,384 total cases and 52 deaths. We currently have a good supply of PPE. The resources we are most concerned about is our staff, we continue to monitor staffing levels in preparation for an increased surge in patient admissions or level of patient acuity.

Jennie Stuart Health will continue providing our community with excellent patient care. We are concerned about the COVID-19 trend, and about the health and safety of the community, and our dedicated, hard-working staff. We want to avoid a scenario where hospitals are full. This is the time to take precautionary measures against an even greater spread of the virus, and to help save lives. Please work with us to protect everyone. Follow the CDC and Christian County Health Department guidelines.

Our community can win this fight if we all pull together and do what is required to minimize exposures.

Thank you,

Eric Lee, CEO - Jennie Stuart Health

Dr. Michael Murray, President - Jennie Stuart Health Medical Staff

Dr. Keith Toms, VP - Jennie Stuart Health Medical Group



About Jennie Stuart Health:

Jennie Stuart is a private, not-for-profit healthcare organization that includes an acute-care medical center, a free standing outpatient surgery center, medical imaging, laboratory, rehabilitation, occupational health and home health services, and an integrated physician network. For more information, call (800) 887-JSMC (5762) or visit our website at JennieStuartHealth.org.