Statement Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The District of Columbia Hospital Association (DCHA) and its member hospitals are prepared for disasters, emergencies, pandemics and other threats. Emergency preparedness is a year-round activity for hospitals and the District of Columbia, along with many other government agencies and entities.

The safety of patients, hospital professionals and the community are top priorities of the hospitals in the District of Columbia. DCHA, our members and many agencies throughout the city have established an infrastructure for government emergency response preparedness that is a continually assessed.

We are actively coordinating with DC Health, local, regional and national public health agencies to enhance our emergency response capabilities, increase information exchange and identify clinical best practices to ensure hospitals are equipped to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and other infectious diseases.

DCHA actively monitors and reports updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DC Health to ensure our hospitals are receiving all the available information on emerging issues. We work with our member hospitals to ensure they have the appropriate resources to safely and effectively respond to the Coronavirus.

If you’re a health care provider, visit DC Health’s Health Notices page at https://dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus.

If you suspect you have the Coronavirus, stay home and contact your health care provider immediately.