

STATEMENT OF KINDRED HEALTHCARE ON COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS – March 20, 2020



Kindred Healthcare has been following the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak for several months. We take this situation very seriously and we have convened a COVID-19 Task Force to actively curate any new developments so we can provide our team members across all of our business lines with the most up-to-date information possible. We receive near daily updates from the CDC, AHA, FAH, WHO, SHEA, Healthtrust GPO and some Health Departments, and incorporate that guidance into our practices.

Our priority is to protect our patients, our employees, and our communities from exposure to this virus by a measured, science based series of interventions. Our strategy is to address these in three categories: Patients, Employees/Families, Supply Chain.

Patients: Currently, none of our patients or employees have been infected. Because the majority of admissions to our specialty hospitals follows a traditional hospital admission, we are at low risk for admitting a patient who is infected without knowing it. For the limited number of patients directly admitted from the community, we have a robust screening process conducted prior to accepting the admissions. However, should a COVID-19 positive patient require the specific care delivered in our hospitals, we have a reputation and history of highly effective Infection Control and Prevention with active protocols and practices in place.

Employees/Families (visitors): Our employees and visitors to patients in our hospitals have the potential to both carry and spread infection and are our most visible concern today. As such we have processes to verbally screen, identify and document

all individuals planning on entering our hospitals – employees, all visitors, and vendors – who have recently travelled, and temporarily (currently 14 days) prohibit entry to those who have returned from an endemic area, have worked without full protective personal equipment (PPE) in a setting with a known COVID-19 patient, have had close contact with a CDC-identified Person Under Investigation (PUI) or a person under formal CDC directed voluntary quarantine.

These interventions are in place in each hospital and monitored between operations, clinical operations and HR, and formally through a standing weekly update. Should a hospital's market become a broadly infected area, we will coordinate with local health departments and the wider healthcare community to provide crisis level patient care.

Supply Chain: Our supply chain integrity is being actively monitored and managed by our GPO HealthTrust, and so far has not been threatened.

Kindred Healthcare has a unique expertise in infectious disease control and prevention protocols because of our successful ability to address and contain previous infectious outbreaks, such as SARS, and in preventing the transmission of multi-drug resistant organisms among the most medically-complex patient populations.

We are committed to be a strong partner in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and where necessary, to deliver life-saving respiratory solutions to COVID-19 patients in a tightly-controlled, protected medical environment by clinicians with a long history of infection control.