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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update for KershawHealth

CAMDEN, SC (March 10, 2020)- Working in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), KershawHealth has identified two additional patients who tested presumptive positive for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on March 9. SCDHEC is investigating to determine the source of the infection. Test results have been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmation.

KershawHealth understands the concern the increasing number of presumptive positive cases brings to our community and wants to assure the community of our preparedness. The hospital has been prepping year-round for instances such as this prior to the onset of COVID-19 and have implemented all necessary protocols. All staff members that have been exposed to any presumptive positive patient have been identified and are being monitored per guidelines for healthcare professionals provided by the CDC.

We urge our community to stay calm and continue to follow CDC and DHEC guidelines to reduce the spread of illness by practicing proper hand hygiene. It is also strongly recommended to stay home from school, work or social outings if you are not feeling well. KershawHealth is still under limited visitation guidelines until further notice:

- Each patient may have only one WELL visitor. Any visitor experiencing any respiratory symptoms, or a fever, is not permitted to visit a patient—even with a mask.
- Additional WELL friends and family (beyond the one designated visitor) have been asked to remain at home rather than in hospital waiting rooms.

Masks and gowns are being distributed by hospital staff according to infection prevention guidelines. Once again, we want to assure our community that it is safe to come to KershawHealth should you need care. For more information, visit <https://www.kershawhealth.org/>.

About KershawHealth: Founded in 1913 as Camden Hospital, KershawHealth is a full-service healthcare system proudly serving its community members in Kershaw county and the surrounding areas. A part of LifePoint Health, KershawHealth consist of facilities in Camden, Elgin, Lugoff, Bethune and Kershaw, including the 119-bed Medical Center and the 20-bed Geriatric Psychiatric Unit in Camden, Outpatient Center and Urgent Care in Elgin, Sleep Diagnostics Center, and Physical Therapy. KershawHealth employs more than 800 dedicated staff. For more information, visit www.KershawHealth.org.

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