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TO: Burlington Physicians

FROM: Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: March 30, 2020

RE: Joseph Brant Hospital requesting physician support

Please see below for a request for physician support from Joseph Brant Hospital.

Important message from Dr. Ian Preyra, Chief of Staff and Dr. Arshad Hack, Chief of Family Medicine Re: COVID-19 planning

As the impacts of COVID-19 continue to unfold, keeping our patients, families, physicians and employees and the entire Burlington community safe is our top priority during this pandemic. As you know, things are very fluid and the demands on the physicians and staff of Joseph Brant Hospital are increasing daily. Despite these challenges we continue to provide exemplary health care to our patients.

We are requesting community physician support at this time to manage and care for the increased surge of patients that will be coming to Joseph Brant Hospital in the coming days, weeks and months. We are increasing capacity in the hospital to support our community's needs. As such we require more physicians and staff to care for these additional patients.

We are looking to our community physicians to support COVID positive patients and NON-COVID patients in various capacities. This could include providing care in the hospital, temporary sites for lower acuity patients, and on-call duties.

Thank you to those physicians from the community who have already come forward and have started the credentialing process. The JBH credentialing process for new physicians has been expedited to support the onboarding of new physicians. Education to support the onboarding to the hospital and caring COVID positive patients will be provided.

Thank you to all of YOU for all of your continued support and extraordinary care over the years. If you have any questions or wish to learn more, please contact us at dr.arshad.hack@josephbranthospital.ca or ipreyra@josephbranthospital.ca.

Dr. Ian Preyra, Chief of Staff

Dr. Arshad Hack, Chief of Family Medicine

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