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St. Francis Medical Center Opens Emergency Department COVID-19 Surge Tent

(LYNWOOD, Calif., March 26, 2020) St. Francis Medical Center (SFMC) continues to monitor the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). To ensure continuous readiness, the hospital is collaborating with its partners at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to stay up to date on the most current evidence-based practice guidelines.

In preparation for the anticipated increase in COVID-19 positive patients in LA County, the Emergency Department has set up a COVID-19 Surge Tent. The tent provides a dedicated patient care area that is 1) removed from the general Emergency Department patient population, and 2) allows for clinicians to safely triage individuals presenting with respiratory symptoms.

The COVID-19 Surge Tent is staffed with Emergency Department personnel and clinical providers who are experienced with caring for patients with infectious diseases, and



following the policies and procedures SFMC has in place, are well prepared to provide the most appropriate care while ensuring the safety of their patients and themselves.

With the establishment of the Emergency Department Surge Tent, St. Francis Medical Center is well-prepared to safely treat COVID-19 patients while remaining open and ready to provide its comprehensive range of services to residents and meet the health care needs of the community.

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About St. Francis Medical Center

St. Francis Medical Center is a comprehensive, non-profit health care institution serving Southeast Los Angeles. A part of Verity Health System, St. Francis is dedicated to providing vital health care services for the 700,000 adults and 300,000 children who count on the hospital for high quality and compassionate medical care. St. Francis is recognized for its full range of diagnostic and treatment services in specialties including Cardiovascular, Surgical, Orthopedics, Maternal-Child Health, and Trauma and its broad array of outreach programs. St. Francis Medical Center has an essential role in LA County's Public/Private Health Care Safety Net and is an Approved Primary Stroke Care Center and STEMI Receiving Center for Los Angeles County.