



COVID-19 RESPONSE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS PREPAREDNESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NCH Healthcare System has incurred significant costs to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including PPE supplies, equipment, facility upgrades, clinical staffing and needs related to the well-being of our frontline healthcare workers. Many of these investments – equipment and facility upgrades, in particular – are not only assisting with the current pandemic, but improving our readiness for future public health crises. Thank you for considering a tax-deductible contribution to help protect the health and safety of our community.

COVID-19 Antibody Testing

- VITROS 6700 antibody testing equipment: **\$245,000** (\$161,000 still to be raised)

This equipment can detect if a person has been exposed to COVID-19 with 99% accuracy and test results within an hour. NCH will be able to facilitate 1,000 tests starting in mid-May and 2,000 tests by mid-June. As of April 2020, NCH is one of only four hospitals in the country to have this testing equipment.

Expanded and Repurposed Facilities

- Upgrade and expand lab at NNH to increase turnaround time on COVID-19 testing: **\$260,000**
- Convert patient rooms to negative room pressure. (Negative room pressure is an isolation technique used in hospitals and medical centers to prevent cross-contaminations from room to room). At the downtown hospital, this will be a *permanent* upgrade that will help NCH be prepared for any future pandemics.

Downtown Baker Hospital:

- 55 inpatient rooms permanently converted at an estimated cost of **\$100,000**
- 20 new ER rooms permanently converted at an estimated cost of **\$350,000**

North Naples Hospital:

- 45 inpatient rooms have been temporarily converted at an estimated cost of **\$200,000**
- 8 ER rooms have been converted at an estimated cost of **\$75,000**

COVID Response Operational Needs

- Medical Premium Relief (Supports NCH financially as it suspends multiple months of medical premiums that frontline care providers are assessed) - **\$3,000,000**
- Charity Care (As Collier County's only non-profit hospital, NCH cares for the county's poor and uninsured residents. No one is turned away) - **\$1,000,000**

Patient and Family Support

- 90 iPads and protective cases to enhance communication between nurses through FaceTime and to help connect patients with their loved ones at home during the visitation restrictions in place during the pandemic - **\$100,000**
- Spiritual/Pastoral Care. Fund chaplain positions to make prayer and emotional support available by phone to patients and loved ones who are sheltering-in-place. The spiritual care team is also creating relaxation rooms for frontline healthcare workers. - **\$100,000**

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About NCH Healthcare System

The NCH Healthcare System is a not-for-profit, multi-facility healthcare system located in Naples, Florida, and is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. The System is more than just two hospitals (referred to as the NCH Baker Hospital and NCH North Naples Hospital) with a total of 713 beds. NCH is an alliance of 775 physicians and medical facilities in dozens of locations throughout Collier County and southwest Florida that offers nationally recognized, quality health care to our community. Our mission is to help everyone live a longer, happier, healthier life. For more information, visit <https://nchmd.org>.