

## A Message from St. Joseph's Health President & CEO, Kevin Slavin

Throughout our long history, St. Joseph's has provided safe and effective care to patients with infectious diseases. Today St. Joseph's Health is again answering the call to serve at a time when our community needs us most. In the past few days, the extent of novel coronavirus in our state and across the country has become clearer, as we see the number of cases continuing to increase. As with many public health issues, this one is both highly complicated and rapidly evolving. Responding quickly to daily information updates from federal and state officials, we have mobilized to care for patients with confirmed COVID-19 as well as those presenting symptoms, while at the same time working to protect all of our health care professionals.

In my role as New Jersey Hospital Association Chair, I have been in constant communication with New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judith M. Persichilli. We have also been in regular contact with County and Local Health Departments, as well as other hospitals and health systems that have also been directly affected by coronavirus, ensuring we are deploying best practices in caring for our patients.

Our St. Joseph's employees at all of our campuses and offices have stepped-up and placed the needs of our patients and community first, working diligently amidst a very stressful time for health care workers. As we continue to maintain the highest levels of care for our patients, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to you for your prayers, words of encouragement and continued support.

Please be assured, during this national emergency, St. Joseph's Health remains prepared to care for our patients and community.

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