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Peachford Provides Update on Coronavirus

Taking proactive steps to keep our patients and team members safe while serving the needs of our community

Dunwoody, Georgia (March 27, 2020) – Matt Crouch, CEO of Peachford Hospital, provides the latest update on coronavirus (COVID-19). As leaders in mental healthcare, we are making every effort to avoid inciting unnecessary panic or anxiety among our clients and families, and we are taking every measure to protect them – along with our employees – during this dynamic situation. We are closely monitoring information provided by key government, regulatory and local entities.

Important Coronavirus Update
We remind our community to follow the guidance: If individuals develop a fever or cough or have difficulty breathing, or have had close contact with someone who has had a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, please seek medical attention by calling your provider’s office. For more information regarding the coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

In the interest of protecting the health and safety of our patients, staff and our community, the following actions have been implemented at our Facility.

Services and Programs
- Our facility is fully operational and serving the needs of our community. We are taking proactive steps to keep our patients and team members safe, including screening all individuals upon entering the facility.
- For those in need of non-emergency behavioral healthcare, kindly contact us rather than the local Emergency Department.
- We are actively monitoring and responding to all recommendations made by the CDC and our local regulatory and health authorities.
- In an effort to reduce the likelihood of community spread, all in-person visitation has been suspended (with limited critical exceptions). We strongly encourage the use of electronic methods to stay connected with loved ones including telemedicine, zoom, and extended phone time.
- We have implemented additional training for all employees on handwashing and hand sanitization, and strict employee and client compliance with washing/sanitizing hands thoroughly and often.
- We have increased the frequency of the required cleaning and sanitization of our facility, including intake rooms, surfaces and common areas.
- Our Facility’s community education programs may be postponed; we ask the community to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for updates.
Prevention
The CDC recommends individuals and families follow everyday preventive measures:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60–95% alcohol.
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay home when you are sick with respiratory disease symptoms.
- Practice ‘social distancing’ in an effort to avoid spread of the virus. Do not meet in groups larger than 10 persons, and maintain personal space when engaging in in-person interactions.
- The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including coronavirus. You should only wear a mask if a health care professional recommends it or if you have the virus and are showing symptoms.

We thank our community for everyone’s cooperation and for being an advocate for the health of your loved ones and all patients in our care.

Peachford Hospital, Atlanta’s largest behavioral health and addictive disease treatment facility, has been providing care to patients with mental health and addictive needs since 1973. Our 246-bed facility offers a compassionate, safe and nurturing environment for children, adolescents, adults and seniors to find hope and healing from emotional, psychiatric and addictive diseases.

Our 45 years of success is a direct result of our 650+ compassionate and caring employees. Peachford hires the most experienced mental health clinicians and professionals including registered nurses, therapists, social workers and mental health technicians to provide compassionate care to our patients. If you are interested in being a part of our team, apply online at www.peachford.com/careers.

Our patients benefit from individualized treatment plans tailored to their unique needs. Interdisciplinary teams work to find the tools needed to enable our patients to build healthy and positive lives. Throughout the treatment experience, we work with our patients and their families to encourage the best possible outcomes and build plans for success.

Our newly renovated facility offers inpatient, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs including off-campus, short-term housing for adults participating in our partial hospitalization or intensive outpatient programs.

Our Assessment Team provides no-cost evaluations via walk-in appointments or scheduled referrals, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may speak with a master’s prepared assessment counselor by calling 770-454-2302.

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