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Additional COVID-19 Death Confirmed

Albany, Ga. – Phoebe reported an additional COVID-19 death Saturday after the system received more test results on inpatients and those isolating themselves at home. As of noon Saturday, these were all Phoebe-related COVID-19 test results:

- Total Positive Results – 83
- Total Positive Deaths – 5
- Total Positive Patients in Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital – 35
- Total Positive Patients in Phoebe Sumter Medical Center – 0
- Total Positive Patients in Phoebe Worth Medical Center – 0
- Total Positive Patients at Home – 43
- Total Inpatients Awaiting Test Results at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital – 65
- Total Inpatients Awaiting Test Results at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center – 10
- Total Inpatients Awaiting Test Results at Phoebe Worth Medical Center – 0
- Total Other Patients Awaiting Test Results – 630+

“While our resources continue to be taxed by this public health emergency, our care teams and support staff are doing amazing work to care for the ill and serve our community. We are cohorting patients – those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and those for whom we are still awaiting test results – in multiple areas of our main hospital. We have dedicated two of our three ICUs to caring for COVID-19 patients with critical medical needs, and two and a half of our general floors to caring for other COVID-19 patients. At times our ICUs have been full, but we have not run out of capacity on our general medical floors,” said Steven Kitchen, MD, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Chief Medical Officer.
Phoebe fully supports the joint statement issued Friday by Gov. Brian Kemp, Congressman Sanford Bishop, all members of Dougherty County’s delegation to the General Assembly, the Dougherty County Commission Chairman and the Mayor of Albany addressing the critical nature of the situation in Albany and encouraging people to follow guidance to try to limit the spread of the virus. According to the statement, “In the days and weeks ahead, we each have a responsibility to each other to implement social distancing, use best practices, be mindful of potential exposure and pray for our fellow Georgians. We are in this fight together.”

Late Friday, the Dougherty County coroner announced two additional deaths from COVID-19 that are not included in the numbers Phoebe is reporting. “From the beginning of this public health emergency, we have been committed to sharing accurate and timely information so the people in our community fully understand the seriousness of the situation in Dougherty and surrounding counties. We are aware additional deaths have been reported in our community. Those patients were neither tested nor treated at Phoebe facilities. We will continue to publicly share testing numbers from all our facilities that we are reporting to the state, and we will continue to work closely with any and all public officials to protect our community,” said Scott Steiner, Phoebe Putney Health System Chief Executive Officer.

For updated COVID-19 information, visit phoebehealth.com/coronavirus and cdc.gov.

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