Phoebe Dispels Coronavirus Rumors

Albany, Ga. – Phoebe is aware of rumors circulating that coronavirus cases have been confirmed in patients in multiple South Georgia communities, including Albany. Those rumors are flatly untrue.

As of now, there are no COVID-19 cases anywhere in South Georgia. So far, only two patients in Georgia have tested positive for COVID-19, both in metro Atlanta. Any positive coronavirus cases will be publicly reported. An important way to minimize the spread of the illness and keep our communities safe is by sharing accurate information. Phoebe and our community health partners are committed to providing that accurate and updated information daily.

"As people learn more about the symptoms and spread of coronavirus, it is likely that more patients may visit clinics and hospitals to be checked out for the illness. Our staff is prepared to deal appropriately with those patients. If they meet the current guidelines for testing, they will be tested for coronavirus under Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, but no patients have tested positive so far," said Steve Kitchen, MD, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Chief Medical Officer.

For the latest information on the coronavirus outbreak, visit phoebehealth.com/coronavirus and cdc.gov.

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