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Saint Francis Hospital Receives Mobile Field Hospital

Hartford, Conn. (March 24, 2020)— Today, Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, welcomed Governor Ned Lamont and Department of Public Health Commissioner Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell for a tour of the mobile field hospital that has been set up on the hospital grounds. The mobile field hospital was erected with assistance from the Governor's Foot and Horse Guard. The 25-bed, mobile field hospital is designed to support the state's health care system during significant emergencies. Saint Francis will use the mobile hospital as needed during the potential surge of patients related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Ottlie W. Lundgren Memorial Field Hospital is a state-of-the-art mobile field hospital designed to support the state's health care system in response to emergency, man-made, or natural disasters that could result in a large number of sick or injured individuals.

“We are incredibly grateful to Governor Lamont and to the state Department of Public Health for their continued support during these unprecedented times, and are proud to be one of two hospitals in the state to house the mobile hospital unit,” said Dr. John Rodis, president, Saint Francis Hospital. “On a daily basis, Saint Francis Hospital and Trinity Health Of New England leadership are making the necessary preparations to ensure patient and colleague safety amid concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Additions like the mobile hospital will only enhance our ability to meet the needs of the communities we serve.”

Saint Francis is a 617-bed hospital with dozens of isolation rooms and the ability to scale up as needed, in the event of a sizable surge. Over the weekend, the hospital implemented several necessary actions in order to convert portions of the hospital to designated COVID-19 patient care areas. As the number of patients with COVID-19 in the greater Hartford region continues to rise, Saint Francis is monitoring the situation very closely. Saint Francis will continue to prepare adequately and align our guidance in accordance to the CDC recommendations.

About Saint Francis Hospital

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in Connecticut since 1897. Saint Francis, a member of Trinity Health Of New England and Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center, is a 617 bed hospital and a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT