



Dear Good Hope Residents,

The following message is from Larry Ebert CEO of Piedmont Walton Hospital. I encourage all residents follow the guidelines he detailed in his message. We are in a serious situation and it is everyone's responsibility to take every precaution possible to stop the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know that it is Piedmont's position that Walton County and all municipalities therein should immediately enact a shelter in place order for all citizens. This should require all to stay at home, prohibit gatherings and keep only grocery stores, pharmacies, banks and liquor stores open as essential businesses. If restaurants remained open, they should require that all service be take out only outside the four walls of restaurant (i.e. curbside). As many other major health systems in Georgia have done, Piedmont has modeled its daily COVID-19 patient numbers. Piedmont has used a peer-reviewed, academic modeling made available to the nation by the University of Pennsylvania. Based on Georgia-specific numbers and infection rates, Piedmont's model shows that if a mandatory shelter-in-place is not enacted to flatten the curve by the end of this week, Piedmont Healthcare's entire system will be at capacity with no beds available by Thursday, April 9. It is our

understanding that other health systems' models are similar if not identical. I wanted to reach out to you to provide our justification and our position. Please let me know if you have any questions. I hope you and your family are safe.

The City of Good Hope is in full support of sheltering in place and we urge everyone to do everything possible to keep your families safe and prevent the spread of this Virus.

I want everyone to know that the City Council and myself are in constant contact with Local and State Officials and will keep you informed to the best of our ability through the Cities Website and Facebook page.

I hope and pray that every resident of the Good Hope, our County, State and Nation will be safe during this time of crisis.

Jimmy Guthrie

Mayor, City of Good Hope