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**Georgia Alliance For Community Hospital Statement Following Gov. Kemp’s Announced Plan to Increase Coronavirus Testing Capacity to 3,000 Per Day**

**(Atlanta, GA)** – The Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals (GACH) today released the following statement from Monty Veazy, spokesman of GACH’s “[Georgia Alliance for Community Hospitals](#)” initiative, after Governor Brian Kemp’s announcement to increase coronavirus testing in the state of Georgia:

“I first wish to extend my gratitude to the hospital workers who are battling this pandemic on the front lines and are seeing first-hand the devastation of this virus. I further want to thank Governor Kemp and the Coronavirus Task Force members for taking actionable steps towards addressing the coronavirus crisis and working with our health experts to better understand the threat our patients and hospital workers face every day. The equipment being supplied to increase testing will help our hospitals gain a clearer picture of the spread of the virus, thus giving them better insight to more adequately prepare for any influx of coronavirus patients while still being able to treat and care for those with other medical emergencies.

“With Georgia having one of the highest uninsured and underinsured rates in the country, our community hospitals serve as a literal lifeline for hundreds of thousands of residents. It is mission critical that they continue to be able to care for their patients, especially during these unrepresented times.

I recognize and appreciate Governor Kemp’s and the Task Force’s commitment to bringing an end to this pandemic as soon as possible.”

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