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## **Georgia Hospitals Prepared for Winter Storm**

**ATLANTA –** Ensuring that patients are safe and well cared for remains a priority of Georgia's hospitals as they prepare for the impending winter storm this weekend. Hospitals plan for these types of situations, and proactive measures are underway to address potential challenges, including testing generators, planning for power outages, and mitigating supply chain disruptions. Many dedicated healthcare workers are also making arrangements to spend the night at their facilities ahead of the storm's arrival to maintain proper staffing levels and avoid transportation delays. Hospitals are continually monitoring storm conditions and have placed additional staff on standby to respond to emergencies and any other challenges. As always, Georgia hospitals stand ready to deliver the highest level of care to all patients who arrive at their doors.

"We're extremely grateful for the tremendous efforts our hospitals have put into preparing for the potential challenges of this winter storm," said GHA President and CEO Caylee Noggle. "Hospitals are the backbones of their communities, providing care 24/7, and they always have plans in place to ensure uninterrupted care. We also extend our gratitude to Gov. Brian Kemp for declaring a state of emergency ahead of the storm so that critical resources are made available to help hospitals as they prepare and respond to any emergencies."

## **About GHA**

Founded in 1929, GHA serves nearly 150 hospitals in Georgia and promotes the health and welfare of the public through the development of better hospital care for all Georgia's citizens. The mission of GHA is to advance the health of individuals and communities by serving as the leading advocate for all Georgia hospitals and health care systems. GHA represents its members before the General Assembly and Congress, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies, and is an allied member of the American Hospital Association. For more information, please call 770-249-4500 or visit gha.org.

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