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Dear Tulane Health System colleagues,

In order to best deploy our health system's resources to meet our community's needs, the Tulane Lakeside Hospital emergency department will temporarily close at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

Tulane Lakeside has no patients being treated, or awaiting test results, for suspected COVID-19. Closing the ER here will allow us to move key clinical staff and physicians to the downtown Tulane Medical Center ER, which is experiencing a surge of COVID-19 and suspected COVID-19 patients.

Tulane Lakeside Hospital remains open for inpatient services, including women's services, neonatal intensive care services, orthopedics and inpatient rehabilitation. This is a temporary closure, and the ER will re-open as soon as possible. We will communicate specific directions to affected ER staff, and we are also communicating this news to our EMS partners and the community.

It is vital that you continue to follow directions on appropriate PPO use, which has been demonstrated over the last few weeks to keep our staff safe. Please accept my continued appreciation to our entire staff for your hard work and selfless efforts to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bob Lynch
CEO
Tulane Health System