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MHA statement on COVID-19 preparedness and Gov. Tim Walz's stay at home order April 8, 2020

Minnesota's hospitals and health systems are working around the clock to prepare for a surge of COVID-19 patients. Community mitigation efforts – including staying home – are slowing the spread of infection and buying hospitals precious time to continue our intense collective preparations throughout the state. This is why we all need to take seriously our role in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

We fully support the governor in asking Minnesotans to continue to stay at home and practice diligent social distancing. It is working. We thank Gov. Walz for working closely with hospitals and health systems across Minnesota. We also thank Minnesotans for your willingness to disrupt your daily lives and your patience to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Hospital capacity is directly dependent on the intensity, duration and severity of an outbreak, and we and our front-line care teams ask for your active and continued help to flatten the curve.

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