

# In these trying times, we are working our hardest.

## COVID-19 cases are rising, hospital beds are filling up and

### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Our doctors, nurses and people working in health care are doing everything we can to take care of you when you're sick. Yet every day we're seeing avoidable illness and death as a direct result of COVID-19.

#### The situation is critical.

Our emergency departments are crowded, and patients fill every hospital room – with some waiting in hallways for an opening. The pandemic has strained our operations and stressed our people. Care in our hospitals is safe but our ability to provide it is threatened.

At any time, you or a loved one might need our support. Heart attacks. Car accidents. Cancer. Stroke. Appendicitis. Flu Season is here and sure to increase our patients. Now, an ominous question looms: will you be able to get care from your local community hospital without delay? Today, that's uncertain.

How does this happen in 2021 -- almost two full years since this deadly pandemic began? How can we as a society stand by and watch people die when a simple shot could prevent a life-threatening illness? Your access to health care is being seriously threatened by COVID-19. We need to stop the spread!

#### Today, we ask you to:

- Get vaccinated and get your booster
- Wear a mask (even if you are vaccinated) and socially distance
- If you feel sick, get tested for COVID-19
- Get your flu vaccination
- Encourage your neighbors and loved ones to take these steps



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