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To Our Elected Officials:

Northwest Georgia medical and public health leaders continue to work closely and collaboratively to respond aggressively to the COVID-19 impact in our community. We believe there is clear indication of community spread based on the number and nature of COVID-19 cases in Gordon and Murray counties and our surrounding counties. As your local hospital and health care leadership, we strongly urge you to make the difficult yet necessary decision to order the temporary closure of restaurants, bars and other places of business where individuals gather for socialization, including theatres, gyms and other recreation facilities.

The time to take action is now. We are facing a diminishing supply of the critical protective equipment for our health care providers, their staff and our patients. AdventHealth will continue to work tirelessly to provide the highest level of medical care and protect the residents of Gordon and Murray counties, but we cannot do it alone.

We all have a responsibility to limit exposure and protect those who are most vulnerable, including the elderly, those with existing health conditions and patients with compromised immune systems. We call on our community to mobilize and work with us to slow the further transmission of COVID-19.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Steely".

Karen Steely
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