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Mr. Stefan Gildemeister
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Dear Mr. Gildemeister,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding the bed capacity at United Hospital, within the East Metro Area, that would be available as surge capacity.

- United Hospital has a licensed bed count of 546 hospital beds and 40 bassinets.
- The current number of daily use inpatient beds as of May 2018 is 398 beds without bassinets.
- We would be able to bring that number to 444 beds without bassinets within twenty four hours, without structural change or reorganization of patient rooms. We would do this by converting single patient rooms to double rooms that still maintain appropriate medical gasses to support two patients and by reestablishing patient rooms that are being used for other purposes.
- With minor structural changes we would be able to surge up to our full licensed bed count of 546 beds without bassinets. With the approval of the MN Department of Health we could surge to 578 beds.

Critical to the success of any emergent surge needs in the community is our support infrastructure provided by agencies such as the Regional Hospital Resource Center, the Metro Hospital Compact, and many other Multi-Agency Coordination Systems in the Minneapolis and St. Paul Metro Area. These agencies work closely with our Hospital Incident Command Structure during any community surge event that may stress health system capacity. Their main function is to coordinate and direct communications between hospitals and collect and disseminate real time information about equipment, supplies, bed capacity and other hospital resources. In any disaster or significant surge event, these agencies can help us to place patients or move patients in order to free up critical resources for those patients that need it the most.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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