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“Slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus is critical to ensuring Ohio’s health care system can manage the predicted surge of infected patients while also treating uninfected patients with urgent medical needs. Social distancing measures are key to flattening the curve, and we commend Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Lt. Gov. Jon Husted and Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton for extending the Stay at Home order in our state. This necessary measure grants hospitals and health officials additional time to prepare and compels the public to do its part in protecting our frontline health care workers and all Ohioans through containment of this virus as much as possible.”

**- Mike Abrams, President and CEO, Ohio Hospital Association**