

## Riverside Health System Announces Intent to Apply for Certificate of Public Need to Establish New Hospital in Isle of Wight County

**Newport News, VA-- June 11, 2021--** Riverside Health System ('Riverside') filed a letter of intent to apply for a Certificate of Public Need ('COPN') to establish a new general acute care hospital in Isle of Wight County. The new hospital site location is near the intersection of Routes US-258 and VA-10, on property owned by Riverside.

The application is an integral part of Riverside's vision to provide trusted, quality care and services that enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves. The envisioned project enhances Riverside's current services in the Isle of Wight community and will provide health care services across the continuum of care, including primary care, specialty care, acute care, and long-term care. Riverside's Chief Executive Officer Bill Downey explains, "Riverside has served the citizens of the Isle of Wight community since its inception over 100 years ago, and this project builds upon this longstanding relationship. It will improve access to affordable, high quality health care for a growing community, provide more timely EMS response, and offer patients a distinct choice for their care."

If the COPN is approved, Riverside's new hospital in Isle of Wight County will include:

- 50 beds, including 34 medical/surgical beds
- 10 intensive care unit (ICU) specialty beds
- 6 obstetric beds
- 4 operating rooms
- An emergency department and
- Other diagnostic, procedural and physician services

Community support for the project has been immediate. The Isle of Wight Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the proposal after a briefing by Riverside President and COO, Mike Dacey, M.D. "We are grateful for the County's support, share their enthusiasm for the project, and look forward to engaging the entire community throughout this process," Dacey said.

Riverside currently provides primary care in Carrollton, diagnostic services in Smithfield, as well as a lifelong health community with Assisted Living, Memory Care, Long term care, and a Skilled Rehabilitation Center in Smithfield.

## **About Riverside Health System**

Riverside Health System is an integrated health network touching two million lives annually. Serving Eastern Virginia since 1915, Riverside is guided by a mission to "care for others as we would care for those we love." The health system offers a variety of services and programs in the areas of prevention, primary care, diagnostics, neurosciences, oncology, orthopedics, aging-related services, rehabilitation, medical education, home care and hospice. Riverside operates four acute care hospitals and a behavioral health hospital, in addition to a physical rehabilitation hospital and Critical Illness Recovery Hospital in partnership with Select Medical. Riverside Medical



Group has more than 700 physicians and advanced practice providers across a broad spectrum of specialties in over 75 locations throughout the region. Riverside Lifelong Health operates six nursing home facilities and three vibrant continuing care retirement communities, and Home Health and Hospice services. In addition to these health care services; Riverside operates the College of Health Careers and four medical residency programs. The company employs more than 9,000 team members throughout Eastern Virginia. For more information on Riverside, visit riversideonline.com.

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