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## Additional Allotments of Remdesivir for Treatment of COVID-19 Distributed to Georgia Hospitals

**Atlanta** – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) this week is distributing 18,440 vials of the drug remdesivir received from the federal government. Nearly 85 hospitals in Georgia (complete list below) will receive remdesivir, enough to treat about 1,676 patients with COVID-19 infection, depending on the duration of an individual's illness and treatment needs.

Remdesivir is an antiviral medicine being used to treat hospitalized patients with serious symptoms caused by COVID-19 like low oxygen levels or pneumonia. It has been found to shorten the duration of disease in patients being treated in inpatient hospital settings. Remdesivir is given intravenously (IV) and decreases the amount of coronavirus in the body, helping patients recover faster.

Georgia hospitals receiving remdesivir had patients who met the federal criteria for treatment including COVID-19 positive patients on ventilators, in addition to patients currently being treated with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a machine that takes over the work of the heart and lungs.

Remdesivir has not been approved by the FDA for widespread use because it is considered investigational and it is still being studied. Remdesivir was originally developed for use against Ebola. Clinical trials for remdesivir were done in Georgia at Emory University Hospital.

For more information about COVID-19 visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

For updates on the COVID-19 situation as it develops, follow @GaDPH, @GeorgiaEMA, and @GovKemp on Twitter, and @GaDPH, @GEMA.OHS, and @GovKemp on Facebook.

### Georgia Hospitals/Hospital Systems Receiving Allotments of Remdesivir

Appling Healthcare	Fairview Park Hospital	Piedmont Health System
Augusta University Medical Center	Floyd Medical Center	Redmond Regional Medical Center
Bacon County Hospital	Grady General Hospital	South Georgia Medical Centers
Cartersville Medical Center	Grady Health System	Southeast Georgia Health System
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Habersham Medical Center	Southern Regional Medical Center
Coffee Regional Medical Center	Hamilton Medical Center	St. Francis Hospital
Coliseum Health System	Houston Healthcare	St. Joseph's/Candler
Colquitt Regional Medical Center	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital	St. Mary's Health Care System
Crisp Regional Hospital	Meadows Regional Medical Center	Stephens County Hospital
Doctors Hospital of Augusta	Memorial Health University Medical Center	Tanner Health System
Dodge County Hospital	Memorial Hospital And Manor	Taylor Regional Hospital
Dorminy Medical Center	Memorial Satilla Health	Tift Regional Medical Center
East Georgia Regional Medical Center	Miller County Hospital	Union General Hospital
Eastside Medical Center	Northeast Georgia Health Systems	University Health Care System
Emanuel Medical Center	Northside Health System	Upton Regional Medical Center
Emory Healthcare System	Phoebe Putney Health System	Wayne Memorial Hospital
		WellStar Health System