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## Gordon County and Calhoun City Leaders Form COVID-19 Task Force March 3, 2020

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gordon County Health Department, Emergency Management Agency, AdventHealth Gordon hospital and EMS, Gordon County and Calhoun City officials, city, county, and state law enforcement, city and county fire department, city and county school system officials, and long-term care facilities are working in collaboration to closely monitor and prepare for the community's response to coronavirus (COVID-19). Together they have formed the COVID-19 Calhoun Gordon County Task Force that will continue to meet on an ongoing basis.

Although there have been no reported cases of coronavirus in the county to date, community leaders are taking this situation very seriously. Hospital and medical facilities have implemented assessment protocols for all patients and guests.

Health care providers who suspect COVID-19 infection in a patient should report them immediately to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at 1-866-782-4584 and ask for a Medical Epidemiologist.

Schools continue to follow their regular health protocol of disinfecting surfaces and communicating standard precautions. School officials are asking parents with sick children to please keep them at home. Schools continue to update parents with informational fliers and electronic communication as necessary.

Community members who have questions, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.org or call the local Public Health Department at 706-624-1444.

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