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Local health officials encourage community to keep up holiday lights

Keep the Lights Up to encourage and inspire healthcare workers, first responders

December 24, 2020 (Elizabethtown, Ky.) — Baptist Health Hardin leadership are asking Central Kentucky to keep holiday lights on display through January 31 as a way to encourage and inspire healthcare workers and first responders who continue fighting on the front lines of the pandemic.

By keeping holiday lights up longer than usual, our community can display their support for the healthcare heroes who have been fighting this virus for the last 9 months.

“There is no denying that our staff is weary,” said Dennis Johnson, Baptist Health Hardin president. “The new vaccine is offering hope, but the reality is that we have months to go in this pandemic. This very small gesture of keeping your Christmas lights up is a way to show our community’s support for Baptist Health Hardin staff.”

Keep the Lights Up for Healthcare Heroes, which was launched in Kentucky by Frankfort Regional Medical Center, wants healthcare staff across Kentucky to see the support and gratitude across the state’s communities. The holiday lights will be a display of support to healthcare heroes as they drive to or from work shifts.

Businesses, families and organization can get involved in multiple ways:

1. Delay taking down your holiday lights until Jan. 31.
2. Help spread this message.
3. Share photos of your neighborhood or your own home Keep Your Lights Up for Healthcare Heroes to your social media accounts with the hashtag #LightsUp4Heroes.

4. If you know a healthcare hero personally, thank them for all they are doing to end this pandemic and treat those who are fighting this virus in our hospitals, doctors offices, and at home.
5. And please send a message of support to our Baptist Health Hardin staff or any healthcare worker.

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About Baptist Health Hardin

Baptist Health Hardin serves approximately 400,000 residents in 10 Central Kentucky counties (Hardin, LaRue, Meade, Breckinridge, Grayson, Nelson, Hart, Bullitt, Green and Taylor). The 300-bed hospital in Elizabethtown, Kentucky includes 270 acute care, 15 psychiatric and 15 skilled nursing beds. Additionally, Baptist Health Hardin includes 50+ outpatient facilities across the service area including a Cancer Care Center, Outpatient Surgical Center and two Urgent Care Centers. There are more than 550 physicians and advanced practice clinicians in over 40 specialties and primary care including Hospitalists available 24/7; Emergency and Urgent Care; Cancer Care, Cardiac, Ear, Nose and Throat, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, Plastic and Reconstructive, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Rehab and Therapy, Urology, and Vascular Services; Medical and Surgical Services; Diagnostic Imaging; Obstetrics including a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU); and Pediatrics. With 2,900+ employees and an active volunteer corps of 140, Baptist Health Hardin is the third largest employer in Hardin County.