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Mayor Jacobs Responds to Changes in COVID-19 Alternative Care Site Planning

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs responds to changes in COVID-19 alternative care site planning.

"From the beginning of this pandemic, I have expressed my concerns that we need to have a measured approach," said Mayor Jacobs. "TEMA advised us yesterday that the alternative care site for Knox County is not needed at this time due to current models showing Knox County would not likely require additional bed space. I remain committed to protecting the health of our community and will continue to work with the State to have a contingency plan in place should it be needed."

He continued: "I am also committed to ensuring the health of our local economy. Small businesses have always been the backbone of our community and they will now serve as the engine propelling our economic recovery. It will be more important than ever for us to work together, support one another and move forward as a community."

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