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To: NEBComplaints-Reports@ky.gov

Subject: Safe Distancing Violations, Overcrowded Waiting Room & Out of State Patients Infecting Kentuckians at EMW Abortion Facility

Dear Inspector General,

I want to call your attention to my specific concerns and pictures confirming that the EMW surgical Center is violating the Governor's recent coronavirus orders.

The Governor has asked medical facilities to cease elective medical and non-life-sustaining procedures for dealing with the Coronavirus and to minimize the spread of the virus. In addition, medical facilities must abide by CDC regulation which require "spatially separating patients with respiratory symptoms. Ideally patients would be >6 feet apart in waiting areas."

So why is EMW abortion center still open? First, as we know, abortion IS an elective procedure, so they should be closed during the Coronavirus pandemics like other elective surgery centers. Attorney General, Daniel Cameron, CHFS assistance on Friday as well.

Second, EMW is not meeting the **CDC social distancing guidelines** that medical facilities must abide by. Today, 19 mothers and companions entered between 8:00 and 10:00AM which means that approximately 50 people were in one small waiting room. Similar numbers of people crowd into EMW's waiting room 5 days a week. When these people leave, since they come from all over the state, and other states, they are potentially spreading the Coronavirus across a larger area of our people, increasing exponentially the spread of the virus. Also we have noticed out of **state license plates of patients from Tennessee**.

Finally, we are all being asked to do our part as good citizens to minimize the spread of the virus. The Governor asked for churches to be closed along with even theaters, gyms, hair salons and many other businesses where people gather, in an effort to contain the coronavirus. Many business and medical facilities are self-closing, or significantly reducing patients, as part of good citizenship and serving the common good. Yet EMW is not slowing down, and their total lack of regard for the common good is putting the lives of Kentuckians and others at risk.

So why is EMW abortion center getting a pass when everyone else is sacrificing? Lack of action by the Beshear Administration and CHFS is putting Kentuckians lives at risk because of increased exposure to the coronavirus.

I look forward to your response. (see pictures below).

Sincerely,

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