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Subject: FOR REVIEW- COVID-19 Update 4/1/21

Dear Baptist Health Family,

We remain cautiously optimistic as we move into April. While some parts of the country are experiencing a spike in new COVID-19 cases, we also continue to see positive signs of recovery. Vaccine accessibility is expanding and it is becoming much more widely available. Starting Monday, all Floridians will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as prescribed by the FDA.

This Week's Numbers at a Glance

- Currently, there are **200** individuals throughout our facilities who are COVID-19 positive or suspected to be positive, which is a decrease of 16% from two weeks ago.
- We have discharged more than **13,500** patients who were treated for COVID-19.
- At Baptist Health, we have vaccinated a total of more than **38,000** people including eligible employees, medical staff and eligible members of our community, with more than **34,000** of those having received the second dose of the vaccine.

Vaccine Update

We continue to focus on vaccinating our frontline healthcare personnel while we support the wider vaccination efforts for our community. As of next week, every employee is eligible to receive the vaccine according to the state's guidelines.

Employees: If you would like to be vaccinated, please submit your request using [THIS FORM](#). If you have questions about your appointment, please call 1-833-mybaptist.

As of Monday, we will be providing vaccines for individuals age 16 and older. Family members of employees and medical staff members, along with anyone in the local community may make an appointment to receive the vaccine with Baptist Health via our website, baptisthealth.net/vaccine, as supply allows. We notify our community about available appointments on social media. Please follow us @BaptistHealthSF for the latest information, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. We expect to continue to post new appointments as our supply of vaccine allows.

If you'd like to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, [click here](#), to see Dr. Mark Hauser comment on the differences between the vaccines, the science of how they work and their proven efficacy.

PBS Town Hall Hosted by Dr. Michael Zinner

This week, Dr. Zinner served as co-host for another “Ask the Experts: Fact vs Fiction,” Virtual Town Hall on the South Florida PBS Health Channel. This special program was a follow-up to January’s Vaccine Town Hall featuring Dr. Anthony S. Fauci. It offered the public around the country the opportunity to get answers to their questions surrounding the COVID-19 vaccines, virus variants and CDC guidelines.

You can watch the rebroadcast on <https://allhealthtv.com/townhall/>.

“Say Yes” Vaccine Campaign

Next week, we are launching a marketing & communications campaign aimed at encouraging our community to “Say Yes to the Vaccine,” featuring photos and testimonials of our own healthcare personnel, offering their personal reasons for getting vaccinated. The campaign will have elements in English, Spanish and Creole. Everyone has their own motivation to protect themselves, their colleagues and families, and I urge you to consider yours. You can view a sneak peek of the campaign on [Pineapple Connect](#).

Pharmacy News

Congratulations to the pharmacy team on their official grand openings this week of three new Baptist Health Pharmacy locations at Baptist Hospital, South Miami Hospital and West Kendall Baptist Hospital. Employee insurances are accepted for prescription medications and all employees can enjoy discounts for over the counter medications and other items, regardless of where you work.

Doctors Day | March 30

A hearty congratulations to all of our physicians for National Doctors Day. While we may pause on a special day to celebrate the vital leadership and contributions of our physicians, your sacrifices and your dedication are appreciated every day of the year.

As always, thank you for all you do every day. And, to all who celebrate Passover and Easter, my best wishes to you and your families.

With immense gratitude,

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