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Dear Baptist Health Family,

With the beginning of a new administration in Washington, D.C. this week, we remain focused on our mission and optimistic about overcoming the current healthcare crisis. We understand that new administrations bring change, and we will continue to be adaptable as we care for our community.

This Week's Numbers at a Glance

- Currently, there are **422** individuals throughout our facilities who are COVID-19 positive or suspected to be positive. That's a decrease of about 11% over last week, and 5% from two weeks ago.
- We have discharged more than **10,500** patients who were treated for COVID-19.
- We have vaccinated more than **29,000** people including eligible employees, medical staff and eligible members of our community.

The number of patients with COVID-19 across our hospitals has plateaued a bit since the holiday surge. We are still very busy, and I applaud our entity teams for doing a great job of caring for our patients and managing our capacity. Other good signs to report are that hospitalizations are down across the state and the rate of transmission is less than 1.

Vaccination Update

Since the COVID-19 vaccine rollout began in mid-December, we have worked tirelessly to vaccinate our frontline staff and as many eligible community members as possible. In the spirit of our mission to care for our community, and at the direction of the state, we took swift action to build a process and infrastructure to accomplish this goal. Since December 16, we have vaccinated more than 29,000 people across four counties at Baptist Health. We are humbled and honored to have been able to provide these important and potentially life-saving vaccines for our frontline employees and medical staff, community physicians, our most vulnerable patients and those in our community who are at the highest risk of illness from the virus. This week, due to vaccine supply constraints, we made the difficult decision to cancel community appointments for first doses. This will ensure that everyone who has already received a first dose is able to receive a second dose of the vaccine at Baptist Health. If and when we receive additional vaccine doses, we will adjust our vaccine program accordingly. At this time, vaccination is open to the following groups:

- Those who have appointments to receive a second dose. Anyone who has already received a first dose of the vaccine at any Baptist Health Vaccination site, will be able to receive their second dose.
- Frontline employees and medical staff in group 1A . If you are in group 1A, and would like to receive the vaccine, please speak with your leader to help you schedule your appointment. <u>Click here</u> for prioritization details.
- Patients of the Miami Cancer Institute and Lynn Cancer Institute who have booked appointments through those institutes directly.

I'm very proud of everyone who has taken part in setting up our safe and effective vaccination process. As the process continues to rapidly evolve, we will continue to follow the state's directives and provide our services as needed.

Dr. Michael Zinner to Co-host COVID Vaccine Town Hall Featuring Dr. Anthony Fauci

On Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m., Dr. Michael Zinner, CEO and Executive Medical Director of Miami Cancer Institute, will serve as expert co-host for *COVID Vaccines: Ask the Experts*, a live one-hour Virtual Town Hall that is offering the public around the country an opportunity to ask and get answers to their questions about COVID-19 and the vaccines. The event will be available @AllHealthGo's Facebook and YouTube pages and streamed on <u>www.allhealthtv.com</u>.

Dr. Zinner and South Florida PBS' Health Channel host Olga Villaverde, will be joined by a panel of health and medical experts:

- Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- Dr. Atul Gawande, Author, Harvard Medical School; Harvard School of Public Health Researcher and member of the Biden Presidential COVID-19 Task Force
- Dr. Henri Ford, Dean and Chief Academic Officer, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
- Dr. Geeta Nayyar, Assistant Clinical Prof of Medicine of Florida International University

In addition to answering questions about the vaccines, the experts will provide their insights on the pandemic. Viewers can ask their questions in advance by emailing <u>Questions@allhealthtv.com</u>. To RSVP for this free virtual town hall visit <u>click here</u> and to see a video promo of this upcoming event <u>click here</u>.

This program is being sponsored by Baptist Health through the John and Margaret Krupa Distinguished Chair Fund. We thank them for their generosity.

Glint Engagement Pulse Survey



The Engagement Pulse Survey, administered by Glint, is taking place now through Monday, February 1. These pulse surveys are quick, simple and confidential. They are designed to enable our leaders and the organization to effectively receive feedback and measure employee engagement and satisfaction on an ongoing basis and over time. The goal is to use the information to take action and encourage more conversations with teams and between employees and leaders. Survey

invitations were emailed to all employees via personalized links from <u>survey@glintinc.com</u> on Monday, January 18. The survey can also be accessed by <u>clicking here</u> and entering your employee ID and date of birth, or by scanning the QR code with your phone. You can print and post <u>this flyer</u> in your department to help spread the word. Note: the survey is open to employees hired before December 19, 2020. Please take a couple of minutes to participate in the Glint Engagement Pulse Survey.

Thank you for continuously adapting to changes as they arise, and pivoting as needed in support of our mission. Whether you are a direct caregiver, part of the vaccination team, or working behind the scenes to help carry out our purposeful work, please know, you are making a difference and that is appreciated every single day by this organization and our community.

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