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**Subject:** COVID-19 Update-- January 28, 2021

Dear Baptist Health Family,

It was exactly one year ago that Dr. Mark Hauser and I sent out the first message to all Baptist Health staff about the novel coronavirus outbreak. At the time, the CDC had confirmed just five cases of the virus in the U.S., and our preparedness taskforce was hard at work developing guidelines, sourcing personal protective equipment and communicating our protocols to patients and employees. As I look back on those days and everything that has transpired and changed since then, I am utterly amazed at this entire team and your sustained efforts to take care of each other and our patients and families throughout this pandemic. [Click here](#) for a brief recap of some of the news and social media coverage we've participated in over the last year.

We have been through three surges, navigated challenges and uncertainty and experienced a lot of different emotions. Fortunately, we are once again seeing some improvement and it appears we are coming down from the most recent peak. In addition, with the recent announcement of the federal government's efforts to boost the nation's vaccine supply, we are hopeful about the coming months.

### **This Week's Numbers at a Glance**

1. Currently, there are **406** individuals throughout our facilities who are COVID-19 positive or suspected to be positive, which is a decrease of nearly 4% from last week, and nearly 15% from two weeks ago.
2. We have discharged more than **10,900** patients who were treated for COVID-19.
3. We have vaccinated more than **30,300** people including eligible employees, medical staff and eligible members of our community.
4. Hospitalizations are down by 11% across the state and the rate of transmission is less than 1.

### **Vaccination Update**

We continue to focus our vaccination efforts on providing necessary second doses to those who have already received their first dose. Both doses of the vaccine are necessary in order to reach the full amount of protection. To date, we have vaccinated more than 30,300 individuals, with about 8,200 people having received the full course of both doses of the vaccine.

As always, we stand ready to work with federal, state and local governments as vaccine becomes available and we will be ready to resume providing first doses of the vaccine if we are asked to do so.

## Dr. Michael Zinner Co-hosted COVID Vaccine Town Hall Featuring Dr. Anthony Fauci

Last night, Dr. Michael Zinner, CEO and Executive Medical Director of Miami Cancer Institute, was the expert co-host for *COVID Vaccines: Ask the Experts*, a live one-hour Virtual Town Hall that offered the public an opportunity to ask and get answers to their questions about COVID-19 and the vaccines. You can find the link to the national broadcast on the homepage of [pineappleconnect.net](http://pineappleconnect.net) (accessible if you're on the Baptist Health network). During the informative program, Dr. Zinner and South Florida PBS' Health Channel host Olga Villaverde, were joined by a panel of health and medical experts, including 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; and Dr. Geeta Nayyar, Assistant Clinical Prof of Medicine of Florida International University.

## Glint Engagement Pulse Survey Reminder



Please be sure to take a few minutes to provide your feedback in the Engagement Pulse Survey, administered by Glint, taking place now through Monday, February 1. These pulse surveys are quick, simple and confidential. The goal is to use the information to take action and encourage more conversations with teams and between employees and leaders. The survey can be accessed by [clicking here](#) and entering your employee ID and date of birth, or by scanning the QR code with your

phone. Note: the survey is open to employees hired before December 19, 2020.

As we focus on our primary mission of taking care of our community, please continue to protect yourself and others by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing, even if you and those around you have been vaccinated. There is tremendous progress being made, and we all need to keep up the great effort and momentum as a team. Thank you for all you do every day.

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