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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are now in the final phase of re-opening and are working through our new normal. We have resumed all surgeries as well as other procedures and diagnostic testing. Thank you for your steadfast work in caring for our community.

Our priority continues to be the health and safety of our staff, physicians and patients, which is reflected in our many safety measures in place at our locations. Let's make sure we all continue to let our friends and loved ones know that we are ready to care for them.

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Protecting our employees and our patients with the proper PPE is of the utmost importance. Currently, we have a steady supply of all PPE items, and we expect it to remain that way as we continue to diversify and strengthen our sourcing, plan, conserve and use it appropriately. We are continuing to find ways to ensure our supply remains stable. To this end, this week, Baptist Health was one of 15 health systems in the U.S. to partner with healthcare improvement company Premier to acquire a minority stake in Prestige Ameritech, the largest domestic manufacturer of face masks, including N95 respirators and surgical masks. Having a domestic supplier of high quality PPE products is an additional measure that helps to ensure we will be able to secure these important supplies to protect our employees and patients not just during this pandemic, but also for several years to come. We will continue to adjust our sourcing efforts as needed to ensure Baptist Health South Florida is in the best possible positon to secure necessary supplies for our entities.



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## **Recovery Update**



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## Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

Access to essential medications is critical. As a founding member of Civica Rx, Baptist Health is playing a role in expanding generic pharmaceutical manufacturing in the United States. Civica Rx is part of a new U.S. government-funded partnership to produce essential generic medicines and their ingredients at one location in the country. The goal is to manufacture and fill our National stockpile with Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and essential generic sterile injectable medications needed during public health emergencies and beyond. The immediate priority for the partnership will be COVID-19 response.

## **Transfers Resume**

To support the various phases of Baptist Health's ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 emergency response, Talent Acquisition will resume accepting internal transfer requests on **Monday**, **June 1**. Employees who are eligible for a transfer can submit an application online through the <u>Careers website</u>. Anyone with questions regarding the process should reach out to their HR Office or review the transfer policy located on the intranet.

Thank you for all you continue to do for each other and our community.

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