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PRESS RELEASE

Chinese Hospital pilots community-wide vaccination clinic

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — After a year of leading the community through the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, Chinese Hospital has reached a new milestone by increasing its vaccination efforts and offering COVID-19 vaccine to the broader community. As the COVID-19 vaccine provides the best defense against the virus, Chinese Hospital is committed to expanding access to vaccines by hosting community vaccination clinic events. The first clinic, held on January 29, 2021 at 445 Grant Avenue in SF Chinatown, was opened to community members age 65 and older, in addition to other eligible individuals in tier 1A.

“Chinese Hospital is striving to do everything it can to safeguard this community. I would like to thank SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH) for ensuring that we are equipped to provide the community with the COVID-19 vaccine,” said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. “With the support of SFDPH and our community partners, Chinese Hospital is able to offer this vaccine to more members of our community. We are excited to scale up our vaccination efforts and serve more groups as we receive additional supply and as we progress through the tier-system.”

In accordance with local and state guidelines, Chinese Hospital is now expanding access to vaccines to individuals age 65 and older, while continuing to vaccinate its staff, physicians, and other high-risk healthcare workers. As distribution recommendations evolve, Chinese Hospital will follow these guidelines as it continues to organize more community vaccination clinic events.

“I thank Chinese Hospital for partnering with the City to get our seniors and most vulnerable residents vaccinated as quickly as possible at a time when the State roll-out of the vaccine has been so challenging,” said SF District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin, who was in attendance of the event. “Our local healthcare partners are stepping up and demonstrating that we can safely and efficiently vaccinate San Francisco.”

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About Chinese Hospital

Chinese Hospital is an award-winning, modern, full-service acute care hospital with a main campus on Jackson Street in San Francisco, an Outpatient Center in Daly City, and multiple primary, specialty and East West clinics. Chinese Hospital is the only hospital of its kind in the United States, it is the largest employer in Chinatown, and is a primary economic engine and principal landmark of the community. It has been a unique contributing feature of San Francisco’s healthcare fabric for over 120 years. Known as “The People’s Hospital”, Chinese Hospital serves a community distinguished by a majority of low income, monolingual or linguistically isolated seniors. Of the inpatient population at Chinese Hospital, 88% are over the age of 60, and 91% are Medicare/Medi-Cal



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beneficiaries. While the majority are of Chinese background, the patient pool includes an increasingly diverse mix of ethnicities such as non-Chinese Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, and African American. Everyone is welcome.

Chinese Hospital has recently been granted the prestigious GuideStar 2020 Platinum Seal of Transparency, and Charity Navigator's 100% Encompass Rating, for providing donors with sought-after program and service information, financial disclosures, and performance metrics.

For more info, please visit: www.chinesehospital-sf.org