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UCSF Health, Chinese Hospital Sign Collaboration Agreement



UCSF Health and Chinese Hospital have signed an agreement to collaborate on neurology and stroke services that meets the needs of the Asian and Chinese communities.

UCSF Medical Center is ranked #1 in the United States for neurology and neurosurgery, according to the 2021-22 Best Hospitals survey by U.S. News & World Report. The collaboration aims to improve neurology and stroke care, and establish a primary stroke center at Chinese Hospital.

"UCSF is delighted to partner with health systems serving our diverse San Francisco community, with the goal of offering enhanced care close to home," said Shelby Decosta, President of UCSF Health Affiliates Network and Chief Strategy Officer. "We are proud to collaborate with Chinese Hospital, which has a longstanding reputation for providing culturally sensitive, quality health care to patients across all socioeconomic levels."

As part of the agreement, UCSF Neurology will provide teleneurology services, where a UCSF neurologist is available 24 hours, 7 days a week to provide video consultation on stroke and other neurology cases at Chinese Hospital. UCSF will also support Chinese Hospital's effort to build a certified stroke center to provide high quality care for stroke patients.

"UCSF neurologists will be supporting Chinese Hospital in a way that allows them to treat stroke patients quickly and efficiently," said Anthony S. Kim, MD, Medical Director of the UCSF Comprehensive Stroke Center. "For these patients,

this will lead to better care and outcomes because every second counts when treating stroke.” Additionally, patients at Chinese Hospital will have access to inpatient teleneurology consultations for any neurological problem beyond stroke, he said.

“This partnership is working to address a public health problem in the Asian American community, for whom stroke is among the leading causes of death,” said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. “In particular, our patient population is considered at high-risk of developing this condition and will surely benefit from this program. We are pleased to partner with UCSF who shares our vision for health equity and enhances our ability to provide this important service to the community.”

Neurology is one of the many programs that UCSF and Chinese Hospital have recently partnered on. In the past year, the two institutions entered into agreements to collaborate on other service areas, including ophthalmology and palliative care, and continue to explore other opportunities of mutual interest.**About UCSF**

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Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr Accepts Board Advisor Role at Chinese Hospital



The Honorable and Former San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr recently accepted the invitation to serve as an advisor to the Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees. Mayor Brown will be the first to serve in this newly created role.

As the committee co-chair of Chinese Hospital's perennial Charity Golf Tournament, Mayor Brown has been a strong supporter of the Chinese Hospital community for many decades. In his expanded role as Board Advisor, Mayor Brown will be working closely with Board members and advising on long-term strategies for the Hospital and government relations.

"It's an honor to be invited to serve as an Advisor for the Chinese Hospital," said Mayor Brown. "This healthcare institution earned high marks from the City for its very professional and caring participation in the pandemic crisis facing our city. As the only independent hospital in San Francisco, it presents the most flexible opportunity for quality healthcare for the whole city."

Mayor Brown will provide guidance and advice to Chinese Hospital as the Hospital vigorously regroups and plans for its future beyond the pandemic. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Chinese Hospital has been leading the efforts in preventing COVID-19 transmission through education and testing; responding to community outbreaks; providing clinical support and linkage of care; and administering vaccinations. As a result of its leadership during this critical time, Chinatown was consistently reported as having one of the lowest case positivity rates throughout the pandemic and was also among the areas with the highest vaccination rates in San Francisco.

"On behalf of the Board, I am excited to welcome Mayor Brown to guide our team forward," said Chinese Hospital Board Chairman Kitman Chan. "For decades, Mayor Brown has made significant contributions to Chinese Hospital and our community. In his new role, Mayor Brown will be a tremendous asset to us as he brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and leadership that will strengthen our organization and our work in the community."

"I am pleased that Mayor Brown has accepted our invitation to serve as an advisor to complement and enhance our community board with his unique expertise as a visionary leader," said Chinese Hospital CEO Dr. Jian Zhang. "Chinese Hospital is a nonprofit hospital that was established by the community and to serve the community. I would like to emphasize this point—Chinese Hospital is owned by the community, which is why it is crucial that every one of us steps up and supports Chinese Hospital so it can continue to safeguard the community for another 122 years," Dr. Zhang further stated, "The best way that the community can support the Hospital is to use our services or enroll in our health plan, CCHP."

"Chinese Hospital is not just a hospital, it's a part of our Asian American history," Dr. Zhang added.

In the late 1800's, Chinese Hospital was founded to serve the Chinese railroad workers who were denied access to health care and were blamed for spreading tuberculosis. Today the Hospital is leading the fight against the pandemic and anti-Asian hate crimes, at a time when the virus is being called "the Chinese virus" and used against the Asian community.

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Canopy Health Announces the Addition of Chinese Hospital to its Network Alliance



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Canopy Health is pleased to announce the addition of Chinese Hospital to its network alliance effective October 1, 2021. Chinese Hospital provides medical, surgical and specialty care to a multicultural community in the San Francisco area. "Chinese Hospital is a great addition to our strong network of hospitals in San Francisco which includes UCSF Health, Dignity Health and Zuckerberg San

Francisco General Hospital,” says Canopy Health CEO, Mike Robinson. “We partner with UnitedHealthcare and Health Net to offer more affordable access to Canopy Health’s powerhouse network of hospitals and medical groups, which now includes Chinese Hospital.”

Canopy Health has grown rapidly, adding four hospitals to its alliance since 2019. With this recent addition, the network now encompasses 23 distinguished Bay Area hospitals. A feature unique to Canopy Health is the *Alliance Referral Program* which empowers members to seek referrals for care anywhere in the Canopy Health network. This program allows members convenient access to care where they live, work and play.

“Chinese Hospital, a healthcare institution serving the SF community for over 120 years, is excited to become a partner in the Canopy Health alliance and serve a broader community in the Bay Area,” says Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. “With the shared vision of delivering high-quality and affordable care, we are committed to working together with Canopy Health providers to improve health care for its members.”

Members accessing Chinese Hospital will be referred in through their physicians at Hill Physicians Medical Group, the largest independent physician association in Northern California. “We are pleased to see the addition of Chinese Hospital to Canopy Health’s alliance, bringing greater access to high-quality care for the San Francisco community,” says David Joyner, CEO of Hill Physicians and a Canopy Health Board Member.

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Chinese Hospital & Community Leaders Promote Vaccinations, Safety Measures Amidst Delta Variant Spread



As part of its ongoing efforts to safeguard the community during the pandemic, Chinese Hospital partnered with Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) and the SF Department of Public Health (DPH) on Friday, August 13th to publicly address the latest COVID-19 trends and provide updates on safety recommendations to the community.

Chinese Hospital and DPH leaders discussed the recent surge in COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations due to the Delta variant, urging the community to get vaccinated to slow the spread and prevent severe disease and death.

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, Chinese Hospital has worked closely with its partners to protect the community through robust access to testing, vaccination, and linkage of care,” said Chinese Hospital CEO Dr. Jian Zhang. “Our fight against COVID-19 is not over due to the highly infectious Delta variant. Thankfully, we have a vaccine that is extremely effective in preventing hospitalization and death from COVID-19. If you’re not yet vaccinated, please get vaccinated to protect yourselves and your families from these severe health risks.”

San Francisco Director of Public Health Dr. Grant Colfax, who was not in attendance, echoed the same sentiment about vaccinations.

“With the highly transmissible Delta variant, San Francisco is in the middle of a surge of cases. However, we are still in a better place than many other jurisdictions due to our high vaccination rate,” said Dr. Grant Colfax. “The best way to decrease the spread of COVID-19 is through vaccination. Therefore, the City is requiring proof of vaccination for customers and staff of certain indoor businesses such as bars, restaurants, clubs, and all large indoor events with 1,000 people or more. The past year was a difficult one for everyone and especially for businesses. We want to ensure our economy can thrive once again and that our residents and visitors are safe. Everyone who is eligible should get vaccinated as soon as possible so that we can manage this pandemic as soon as possible.”

Community collaboration, with the support of the City and DPH, has been instrumental to Chinatown’s success in containing outbreaks and minimizing COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations.

“I am proud that through Chinese Hospital and its partners’ efforts, Chinatown has remained one of the safest neighborhoods in San Francisco during the pandemic,” said Chinese Hospital Board Chairman Kitman Chan. “Chinese Hospital remains committed to keeping the community safe and working with organizations such as CCBA and SF Department of Public Health to ensure that our community has access to accurate, timely information and testing/vaccination services.”

“Early last year, CCBA and Chinese Hospital held a press event that helped prevent a devastating outbreak and saved lives,” said Larry Yee, CCBA President. “Today our organizations are coming together again in a united effort to prevent another crisis in Chinatown. I am grateful that the community can easily receive vaccination and testing services at Chinese Hospital, as well as a dedicated COVID-19 hotline for any questions or concerns. I encourage everyone to access and use these resources, which will help mitigate the impact of the virus on our community.”

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Chinese Hospital remains open despite the CNA strike activity



The California Nurses Association ("CNA"), which represents our registered nurses at Chinese Hospital, is going forward with its planned strike today starting at 7:30 a.m. until Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:29 a.m. CNA has refused to cancel its strike, even though the Hospital has offered the nurses average wage increases of 6.4%.

While the CNA strike is disruptive, the Hospital will remain open and ready to serve the community as it has done every day for over 120 years.

"Our goal has always been to serve our Chinatown community, which has had to endure so much, including horrible physical attacks," said Hospital CEO Jian Zhang, herself a nurse practitioner. "The CNA strike is just the latest obstacle we face. But Chinese Hospital will never waiver from its mission of being the People's Hospital."

As a precaution, the Hospital will have extra security on hand to make sure that patients and employees can safely enter and leave the Hospital. "Patient safety is the most important thing," said Zhang. "We have prepared for every contingency."

The Hospital has also quickly addressed the scheduling problems CNA created. In a short-sighted and risky decision, CNA has set the strike to start at 7:30 a.m., which is 30 minutes after the start of the nurses' day shift. During the first 30 minutes of the day shift, nurses are responsible for talking to the night shift nurses and learning about the patient's condition during the night. This is

called the “hand off” and is critically important to making sure that patients are safe and that the nurses are up to date on any developments in their condition.

Based on the union’s strike notice, the day shift nurses are scheduled to show up to work at 7 a.m. and, after 30 minutes, they are supposed to leave work, leave the patients, and join the picket line. This puts the nurses in a terrible position. The Hospital does not think this is fair to the nurses and has taken steps to have other nurses available to take the “hand off” so that the Hospital’s nurses are not faced with this difficult decision.

The Hospital will always respect and consider the nurses to be an important part of the Chinese Hospital family. “It is sad that the CNA strike causes so much disruption when we know that the nurses and the entire Hospital community care so much for the patients” said Hospital Board Chair Kitman Chan.

“Chinese Hospital is an important part of our community,” Mr. Chan added. “Every time I walk into the Hospital, I see nurses proudly caring for this underserved community. When the CNA strike ends, I know that the nurses will come back where they are needed.”

The negotiations over a contract between CNA and the Hospital began in February of 2020. Soon afterwards, the Covid-19 global pandemic hit, but the parties continued their negotiations. CNA’s proposed wage grid has an average increase of 21%. In addition to the various terms the parties have agreed to, the Hospital has offered:

- An average increase of 6.4% to our nurses after we reach an agreement, which is an average hourly rate before increased extra pay of \$73.87 per hour.
- Increased extra pay for those who work nights and weekends.
- Tuition reimbursement of \$2,500 per year for 40 hours of classes.

The Hospital is ready, willing and able to continue negotiations with CNA, finalize the collective bargaining agreement, put this strike behind us, and continue to focus on what is important: providing high quality healthcare to the community.

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Assemblymember David Chiu receives his second shot of COVID-19 vaccine at Chinese Hospital and reminds the

community to get the second shot



Assemblymember David Chiu received his second shot of the COVID-19 vaccine at Chinese Hospital in San Francisco today, to complete his inoculation against the deadly disease.

Starting from April 15, California has expanded the vaccine eligibility to all individuals 16 and older in California. According to SFGov.org, 60% of San Franciscans have already received their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccines. However, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report showed the number of people missing their second shot of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine nationwide has been doubled since the vaccine's first rollout in January; there are more than 5 million Americans have missed their second shot.

"It is important to complete the two-shot series to be fully vaccinated," said Assemblymember David Chiu. "Having both shots will provide stronger and longer protection against the coronavirus and its variants. I encourage all eligible residents to get vaccinated and complete the two-dose series for both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines."

The first shot of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provides some immunity and the second shot is a booster to the first shot that will keep you protected against COVID-19 and its variants.

"By receiving the second shot, you stand to benefit from the vaccine's 94-95% effectiveness. With one shot, the effectiveness of the vaccine is much lower," said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO.

To provide better accessibility of the vaccines for the community, Chinese Hospital is hosting a walk-in COVID vaccination clinic in San Francisco Chinatown at 845 Jackson Street, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH). Chinese Hospital is also part of the California MyTurn system (myturn.ca.gov), we encourage all the eligible community members who haven't received vaccination to come forward and get vaccinated. We also offer COVID-19 vaccination appointments at all of our clinic locations for your convenience. To schedule a vaccination appointment at one of our clinics, please call 1-628-228-2828 or visit <https://chinesehospital.iqhealth.com/appointments/search/flex-new>.

"Our goal is to protect more people quickly, so we can reach herd immunity and

get the virus under control sooner,” said Dr. Zhang.

In addition to the Covid-19 vaccine, Chinese Hospital also provides other COVID-19 related services since the beginning of the pandemic. We have been working closely with the city and state authorities and officials, media, and other community partners to provide testing, contact tracing, vaccination, treatment, education, and outreach to meet the needs of the community.

To learn more about our COVID-19 response, please visit our website www.chinesehospital-sf.org/covid19-resources.

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CNN INTERVIEW: Early Chinese Americans were blamed for diseases and denied health care. So they built their own hospital



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When diseases have historically spread in the US, so too has discrimination and hate against Asian Americans.

Asian Americans have been verbally harassed, spat on and attacked throughout the coronavirus pandemic. More than a century ago, something similar happened.

During disease outbreaks in the 19th and 20th centuries, Chinese immigrants in San Francisco were depicted as harbingers of infection, placed under racist quarantines and denied access to health care.

Just as Asian Americans have protested racism against them today, Chinese Americans in San Francisco at the time fought back, building their own hospital to provide the critical services that their local government had denied them.

Their response is one of numerous historical examples of Asian American resistance in the face of anti-Asian racism – and its legacy lives on today.

It started with anti-Chinese sentiment in the 1800's

Chinese immigrants began making their way to American shores in the mid-1800s, among thousands of people hoping to improve their economic fortunes during the California Gold Rush.

Eventually, they would come to be exploited for cheap labor, working in industries such as farming, restaurants, laundry and most notably, railroad construction. And when an economic panic swept the US in the 1870s, White citizens scapegoated Chinese immigrants for taking away jobs.

Anti-Chinese sentiment continued to rise throughout the late 1800s, laying the groundwork for discriminatory policies such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and resulting in White mobs violently driving out Chinese communities across the West.

At the same time, the US was battling disease outbreaks including the Bubonic Plague and small pox, said Laureen Hom, an assistant professor of political science at California State Polytechnic University who wrote a case study on Chinese Hospital when she was a public health researcher in 2013.

Chinese immigrants in San Francisco were forced to live in poorer, overcrowded neighborhoods under unsanitary conditions, where such diseases were more prevalent, Hom said. On top of that, the prevailing scientific theory at the time held that diseases were caused by breathing “bad air.”

The result: Chinese communities were blamed as sources of the disease.

“They were neglected by mainstream institutions and that fed into how they were blamed for these diseases,” Hom said.

Chinese people faced barriers to health care

Instead of working to improve the poor conditions of Chinatown, officials in San Francisco subject the neighborhood and its residents to countless inspections and responded with punitive measures against Chinese immigrants, Hom said.

Public health laws allowed police to harass Chinese immigrants for living in crowded conditions and shut down Chinese businesses because they were deemed as sources of illnesses, according to Hom.

Restrictive quarantines prevented Chinese people from leaving Chinatown while White people could pass through without issue, wrote Grace Chen, in an October 2020 article published in the Yale Undergraduate Research Journal.

The Chinese community also faced challenges in accessing health care, Hom said.

There were few services in or around their own neighborhood, and traveling to hospitals elsewhere meant potentially risking harassment and violence. They often faced discrimination in the hospitals that agreed to admit them, such as higher taxes and fees than White residents. There were cultural barriers, too: hospital staff couldn't speak Chinese and many immigrants were skeptical of Western medicine.

"Chinatowns were severely neglected by mainstream institutions," said Hom. "And so the communities themselves took care of each other."

So they took matters into their own hands

The Chinese Six Companies, a group of merchant-led community organizations formed to assist Chinese immigrants with life in the US, eventually came together to provide health care for Chinatown residents.

Despite resistance from local officials and lobbying groups, the Chinese Six Companies finally opened the Tung Wah Dispensary in Chinatown around 1900.

Staffed by both Western-trained physicians and Chinese herbalists, the dispensary served as an early model of community-based health care. It also provided free or low cost services to patients who couldn't afford it.

Then an earthquake hit San Francisco in 1906, and resulting fires devastated much of Chinatown, including the Tung Wah Dispensary. Though it was quickly rebuilt, the dispensary soon began to outgrow its capacity and the community started making plans for a modern hospital, Hom said.

The Chinese Six Companies and several other community organizations banded together in the early 1920's and raised funds for a new facility, according to the Chinese Hospital website.

On April 18, 1925, Chinese Hospital opened its doors to the public, the first and only institution in the nation of its kind. It was a bold move, given that anti-Chinese sentiment was still high at the time.

"It's part of this story about Chinatown as a neighborhood and how it resisted the community leaders at the time," Hom said. "Chinese Americans pulled together resources and were able to establish this despite the exclusion and racism that they were facing."

Over the decades, Chinese Hospital continued to expand its facilities and services, creating its own health insurance plan and opening new community clinics to accommodate Chinese Americans that had moved out of Chinatown to other

neighborhoods. It also established a clinic that integrates Chinese and Western medicine.

The hospital is still in existence today

Nearly 100 years later, Chinese Hospital continues to provide community-oriented, culturally sensitive care to Bay Area residents, with numerous locations and clinics across the region.

And it played a crucial role in protecting San Francisco's Chinatown from the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic, says Chinese Hospital CEO Dr. Jian Zhang.

Leaders at the hospital saw early on how Covid-19 had the potential to hit their community especially hard, Zhang said. The virus had been spreading rapidly in Wuhan, China. Chinese New Year was around the corner. And at the time, there were direct flights running from Wuhan to San Francisco.

"Covid could have and should have spread like wildfire," said Dr. Jessica Li, the medical director of Chinese Hospital's emergency department. "But it didn't.

That's because the hospital took a preventative approach. They created a bilingual hotline to answer questions about Covid-19 in both English and Chinese. They went directly into communities to educate them about how to properly wash their hands and clean common spaces. When they did encounter their first cases of the virus, they were diligent about contact tracing and providing areas where exposed residents could quarantine.

As a result, the toll of the virus on the community wasn't as bad as it could have been.

Zhang says this past year has proved even further how significant an institution Chinese Hospital is.

"For Chinese hospital to be here to provide culturally and linguistically competent care, it's just really important to the community," she said.

For Zhang, Chinese Hospital isn't just a hospital.

It's a reminder of how the Chinese American community in San Francisco has come together to help each other, time and again.

Assemblymember David Chiu receives vaccine at Chinese Hospital and

encourages the community to get vaccinated



Assemblymember David Chiu received his COVID-19 vaccination at Chinese Hospital in San Francisco today. As eligibility guidelines continue to expand to more groups, Chiu encourages the community to get vaccinated early to protect themselves, their families, and their friends.

"I am relieved and incredibly grateful to be receiving this life-saving vaccine," said Assemblymember David Chiu. "As of today, any San Franciscan over the age of 50 is eligible to receive this vaccine; as of April 15th, anyone over the age of 16 can receive it. I encourage all eligible residents to get vaccinated as soon as possible. As we all get vaccinated, this is the first step to resuming some of our normal activities, visiting family and friends, and ensuring our businesses can thrive once again."

"Receiving a vaccination early not only can protect yourself but also those around you," said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. "Vaccination is the most effective measure to prevent infection with COVID-19 and reduces the occurrence of severe complications as well as the risk of fatality. I encourage all eligible community members to seize the opportunity and get vaccinated, to safeguard the health and well-being of our community."

Since the onset of the pandemic, Chinese Hospital has been working closely with the city and state authorities and officials, media, and other community partners to provide COVID-19-related services, such as testing, contact tracing, vaccination, treatment, education, and outreach to meet the needs of the community. Under its community COVID vaccination program this year, Chinese Hospital has vaccinated thousands of community members in phase 1A and 1B, in accordance with state and local county guidelines. Starting April 1, Chinese Hospital is pleased to be able to offer the vaccine to those age 50 years and older.

"Chinese Hospital is thrilled that we can now serve and vaccinate more individuals in our community. We look forward to continuing to work with our local county and state partners to administer vaccines to our community as quickly as possible," said Dr. Zhang. "Chinese Hospital remains committed to leading our community through this pandemic, and this means getting as many people vaccinated as we can."

Chinese Hospital has set up a COVID-19 hotline at 1-628-228-2828 for our patients and members to schedule a vaccination appointment at one of our clinics in San Francisco and Daly City. We also host a walk-in COVID vaccination clinic in San Francisco Chinatown at 845 Jackson Street for other eligible community members. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit our website www.chinesehospital-sf.org/covid-19-vaccine.

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Chinese Hospital continues to expand community vaccination access



After months of providing thousands of COVID-19 vaccinations to the communities in San Francisco and San Mateo County, Chinese Hospital is augmenting its COVID-19 efforts by expanding access to vaccination at Gellert Health Services in Daly City. Beginning March 11, Chinese Hospital Gellert Health Services will offer daily vaccination appointments and walk-ins for eligible individuals living and working in San Mateo County. In accordance with state and local county guidelines, Chinese Hospital is currently vaccinating individuals of phase 1A and 1B, which includes seniors age 65 and older, healthcare workers, and essential workers such as teachers, child care providers, first responders, and food and agricultural workers.

“Chinese Hospital is focused on meeting the needs of our community, especially during the ever-evolving pandemic,” Dr. Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO said. “Our staff has been working tirelessly to ensure that the community has access to culturally competent health care services and to accommodate the growing demand for vaccinations. We hope that, as supplies allow, we will be able to vaccinate additional eligible groups, including individuals with underlying health conditions starting March 15.”

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President David Canepa and Daly City Mayor

Juslyn Manalo express appreciation and support for Chinese Hospital's vaccination efforts and seek to encourage eligible residents and employees to get vaccinated.

"Chinese Hospital is a critical and trusted partner ready to vaccinate our most vulnerable residents, in their own language, with speed and efficiency even as the state roll-out has been a challenge," Canepa said. "From day one, Chinese Hospital, in its Daly City clinic setting, has made incredible strides to safeguard residents in north San Mateo County from this deadly virus. To end COVID, we must get shots in arms."

"Having localized vaccinations in Daly City community is so important, also within our most underserved populations. Thank you Chinese Hospital for providing this service and helping ensure access to those in need," Manalo said.

Scaling and expanding vaccination is but another milestone for Chinese Hospital, who has been on the frontlines safeguarding the community since beginning of the pandemic early 2020. In addition to remaining open during the pandemic and providing timely care to all patients, Chinese Hospital has continued providing COVID-19 education and outreach, conducting contact tracing activities, and maintaining community access to testing. Chinese Hospital's COVID-19 prevention and mitigation accomplishments have been made possible through the dedication of its staff, as well as its close partnership with several community organizations.

"I am proud of our team for leading the COVID-19 response efforts for over a year and now during this critical period of widespread vaccination," Dr. Zhang said.

"I would also like to offer my sincerest thanks to our community partners, including Teochew Community Center, NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, Self-Help for the Elderly, and Neighborhood Emergency Response Team, among many others, for supporting our efforts to protect the community and enable economic reopening and recovery. Our community has proven that together, we will prevail over this terrible disease."

For more information on Chinese Hospital's vaccination clinics, please visit our webpage (www.chinesehospital-sf.org/covid-19-vaccine) or our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/chinesehospitalsf).

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