



# CHINESE HOSPITAL

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### **Chinese Hospital begins initial community vaccination as it awaits more vaccine supply**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** — After nearly a year of leading the community through the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, Chinese Hospital is proud to take part in the public health vaccination efforts and administer the COVID-19 vaccine for its community. The COVID-19 vaccine has been considered the best form of defense against the virus and will be the first major step towards economic recovery and return to normalcy.

In accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Chinese Hospital has provided initial vaccinations to its staff, physicians, and other high-risk healthcare workers in the Chinatown community, a two-dose process. As distribution recommendations continue to evolve, Chinese Hospital is beginning to vaccinate the broader community, starting with its most vulnerable patients ages 75 and older with pre-existing health conditions.

“Given how effective the COVID-19 vaccine is, we know everyone is eager and anxious to get vaccinated,” said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. “Because vaccine distribution has been logistically challenging for everyone, Chinese Hospital’s vaccine supply has been very limited. However, we will be able to vaccinate more people as we receive more vaccines from local and state health authorities. Once that happens, Chinese Hospital will be ready to quickly begin vaccinating individuals ages 65 and older, followed by other groups as recommended.”

“Chinese Hospital has been here safeguarding the community since day 1 by delivering community education, offering access to testing, and providing care and treatment to all patients,” said Kitman Chan, Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman. “We want to assure the public that our focus now extends to making sure you have access to the vaccine when it is your turn. We ask for your cooperation and patience and in the meantime, please continue to wear your mask and practice social-distancing to protect yourself and your family during this concerning COVID-19 surge.”

To receive updates on the COVID-19 vaccine, please be sure to follow Chinese Hospital on Wechat (ID: ChineseHospital-SF) where we will communicate key vaccine updates. Additional information will also be available on our COVID-19 webpage ([www.chinesehospital-sf.org/covid19-resources](http://www.chinesehospital-sf.org/covid19-resources)).

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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 and/or Medi-Cal 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.

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