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Chinese Hospital continues to expand community vaccination access

Daly City, CA — 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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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 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