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PRESS RELEASE

Assemblymember David Chiu receives vaccine at Chinese Hospital and encourages the community to get vaccinated

San Francisco, CA — 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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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