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UMC, EPCH AND TTP OF EL PASO HEALTHCARE TEAMS TO BEGIN RECEIVING VACCINATIONS WEDNESDAY

EL PASO, Texas – University Medical Center of El Paso anticipates the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines Tuesday morning (tentatively 8:30 a.m.), bringing nurses, physicians and many others who are exposed daily to COVID-19 long-sought protection to continue caring for El Paso.

Of the more than 2,900 doses expected to arrive, UMC has asked its partners at El Paso Children's Hospital, Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso, the Medical Examiner's Office, affiliated community physicians, and emergency medical technicians, to provide names of frontline healthcare staff to be vaccinated at UMC. These healthcare workers will be vaccinated throughout the next week at UMC.

"The arrival of these vaccines brings light at the end of a very long tunnel for all of us," said Jacob Cintron, UMC President & CEO. "All of our Associates and partner healthcare teams treating COVID-19 patients at UMC will have confidence that coming to work will no longer put their health in jeopardy. Their families, their patients and our community can soon rest easier."

Many of the teams at El Paso Children's Hospital and Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso will also be lining up shoulder to shoulder to be vaccinated, beginning Wednesday.

"2020 has been a year that has been unlike anything we have ever seen in our lifetime. Through this all, the HEART values that are part of the culture of El Paso Children's Hospital has stayed strong in all of our employees. This vaccine

continues to give us hope for 2021. We are blessed to be part of the El Paso County Hospital District and will continue to provide safe quality care for the pediatric population of our region,” said CEO Cindy Stout.

“Both Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso are ready to work with our hospital partners to bring brighter days to the Borderland community,” said Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A., president of TTUHSC El Paso. “We’re incredibly proud of our nursing students, who have eagerly volunteered to be part of this historic moment knowing the profound impact it will have on front-line health care professionals.”

During the vaccination process, Associates from UMC, nursing students from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Hunt School of Nursing, nurses from El Paso Children’s Hospital, and volunteer EMTs will administer the vaccinations.

UMC will not be allowing media during the vaccination of its staff but will be distributing still images and b-roll video of the process. It is extremely important to emphasize to the general public that vaccinations for the general public are not available at this time but are expected to begin in the first two months of 2021.

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MEDIA: Must arrive at UMC’s main lobby no later than 8:20 a.m. Tuesday to access the delivery site.

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