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Mayor Daniella Levine Cava to share an update on vaccines as Jackson begins vaccination of the elderly in Miami-Dade County

Jackson will receive nearly 15,000 additional doses of the Pfizer vaccine

MIAMI (December 30, 2020) — Jackson Health System will receive nearly 15,000 additional doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and is set to begin vaccination for people 65 and older in Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade County's priority is to vaccinate our most vulnerable residents including seniors 65 and older according to state guidance. The County is coordinating closely with public and private partners — hospitals including Jackson, private companies including CVS and Walgreens, cities, and the Department of Health — to ensure all seniors age 65 and older have access to vaccines. The Mayor will share an update on county vaccination plans at today's event.

Beginning this week, Jackson will roll out the vaccine in two steps, and will first reach out to patients who are 65 and older and receiving ongoing care at Jackson. That includes patients in organ transplant, heart surgery and other critical areas where patients are at special risk of COVID-19.

Then next week, Jackson will open an online platform for any Miami-Dade County resident age 65 or older to request a vaccination appointment and will then receive a call back with an appointment date and time.

During a media event, international music producer Emilio Estefan, 67, and Miami Dolphins legend Nat Moore, 69, will be among the first five local residents to get the vaccine at the Christine E. Lynn Rehabilitation Center for The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at UHealth/Jackson Memorial. Estefan and Moore, who both meet the federal and state criteria for vaccination in this phase, are receiving the vaccine in hopes of boosting overall public confidence and lead the charge in the rollout of the vaccine in the Hispanic and Black communities.

In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, footage will be provided by pool photo and video. NBC 6 in Miami will be the pool video, responsible for sharing this footage via multipoint immediately after the vaccines are administered. Getty Images, Associated Press, Reuters and Agence France-Presse (AFP) will provide pool photos.

Shortly after the five people receive their first COVID vaccine, Mayor Levine Cava and Jackson and County leaders will host a press conference outside of Lynn Rehab, to which all media is invited.

Who: Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County

Commissioner Rebecca Sosa, Acting Chairwoman, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman-Elect, Miami-Dade County Don Steigman, Chief Operating Officer, Jackson Health System Dr. Peter Paige, Chief Physician Executive, Jackson Health System Venessa Goodnow, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Jackson Health System

Luis Alfonso, Pharmacy Director, Jackson North Medical Center

Emilio Estefan, 67, International Music Producer

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Nat Moore, 69, Miami Dolphins Legend

Dr. Norman G. Einspruch, 88, cardiology patient

Patrick Range, Sr., received vaccine

What: Mayor Daniella Levine Cava to join leaders at Jackson Health System to share an update on

vaccinations in Miami-Dade.

When: December 30, 2020 — 04:00 p.m.

Where: Christine E. Lynn Rehabilitation Center for The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at

UHeath/Jackson Memorial 1611 NW 12 Avenue Miami, FL 33136

Editor's Note: Media should park in the Park Plaza West Garage off Northwest 16th Street and 12th Avenue,

or the north side of the parking lot of Lynn Rehab (limited spaces)

4:00 p.m. - Photo and video pool of five local residents getting vaccine

4:30 p.m. - Press Conference

Those who are not members of the media can view the press conference via Facebook Live or

Twitter on the Miami-Dade County Government or the Mayor's accounts.

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