

## Dignity Health Elk Grove Q2 Newsletter

**Subject line:** Elk Grove Update: Working Together for a Better Elk Grove



It's hard to believe that it's been more than a year since the Coronavirus pandemic began. As a partner in the Elk Grove Community, we at Dignity Health want to remind you that we are still in this together. While we look forward to the days without masks and social distancing, we must continue to be diligent and continue to encourage our community to get vaccinated.

Over the past few months, we have seen firsthand the strength of this community. Countless people have stepped up to help – from the Elk Grove Fire Department, Elk Grove Unified School District and Elk Grove's elected officials – to of course, health care workers. Together as one, the city and our community has persevered through a worldwide pandemic and has never been stronger.

### **The Next Generation of Healthcare Heroes**

We would like to extend our congratulations to the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) graduating class of 2021. EGUSD had more than 4,500 graduates this year and all are poised to make considerable contributions to our community now and in the years to come. Their ability to navigate all of the challenges placed in front of them undoubtedly has prepared them for the challenges of life.

Dignity Health was proud to enter virtual classrooms around Elk Grove this school year thanks to the Medical Careers Pathway Program. Dignity Health health care professionals shared their knowledge and personal stories with students, while allowing students and teachers the opportunity to ask questions and build relationships. We look forward to seeing these students working in our hospitals and caring for their neighbors following graduation.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about the Career Pathways Program and our partnership with Elk Grove Unified School District.

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento was also proud to provide two \$2,500 scholarships to graduating EGUSD students pursuing an education in health care. It is truly wonderful to support our next generation of health care heroes.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination Update**

Although Governor Gavin Newsom lifted most restrictions on June 15, COVID-19 continues to be a threat to those who are not vaccinated. If you have not done so already, please contact the [Sacramento County Department of Public Health](#) to find where you can get your vaccine.

Dignity Health is proud to have contributed to inoculating the population. In Sacramento County, Dignity Health has administered nearly 150,000 shots to members of our community. We continue our efforts to reach those historically underserved populations and to serve as community sources of truth for those who may have questions about the vaccine.

By doing our part and getting vaccinated, we can continue to keep Elk Grove, Sacramento and California trending in the right direction.

### **Celebrating Humankindness**

We celebrated World Blood Donor Day (June 14) this year with a long-time patient of Dignity Health. Elk Grove resident Alice May Benton (patient since 1932) shared an impactful story about how a simple gesture to donate blood resulted in a life of happiness. We encourage you to watch the [video](#), and if able, [donate](#).

Dignity Health is celebrating Pride Month this June. We believe representation matters and therefore are celebrating this commemorative month by elevating the diverse voices of our LGBTQ+ team members, care providers and allies. Tune in to our social channels throughout the month to hear from employee voices from across our Sacramento Market and how show their [#PRIDE](#).

As an organization, we will continue to listen, learn and improve in our commitment to serving and supporting the LGBTQ+ community this month and beyond.

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### **Building Elk Grove's First Hospital**

Dignity Health remains laser-focused on bringing Elk Grove's first full-service hospital a reality. City entitlements and environmental approvals are already complete for the future medical campus, and work continues in advance of the groundbreaking and construction at Wymark Road and Elk Grove Boulevard. In April, I [met with Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Sing-Allen](#) to discuss the plans for our hospital and what it means for the city of Elk Grove. As the city continues to grow, Dignity Health will be there to grow with it.

Regards,

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