

Dignity Health Folsom Q1 Newsletter

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It's hard to believe, but it has been over a year since the first stay-at-home order went into place. Throughout the past year, we have seen firsthand the hardship and resiliency that bonds our community together. During the most difficult times, we came together for a common good, and like you, I am hopeful and confident we are on our way back. Below is an update on what has been going on with Dignity Health and Mercy Hospital of Folsom over the past few months.

COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccinations are currently underway. In conjunction with the Sacramento County Department of Public Health and regional partners, Dignity Health has been able to host 15 vaccine clinics in Folsom and vaccinate over 2,500 residents. Those who have received the vaccine at these clinics include health care workers, nursing home staff, educators and those 65 and older.

As of March 15, patients can now access [MyTurn](#) – the California Department of Public Health state-wide scheduling platform – and self-select through the eligibility criteria, including age, occupation and self-certification of medical conditions. If qualified, you will be directed to schedule a vaccination appointment. The *MyTurn* platform is health-system agnostic—if qualified, patients from any health system will be able to book an appointment at any vaccine clinic linked to the site.

Although supply continues to be a challenge, Dignity Health remains committed to the safe, equitable, and rapid distribution of the vaccine in our community. Remember, it is still vital that we continue to practice public health and safety measures such as wearing a mask, social distancing and washing hands.

When it is your turn to get vaccinated we encourage you to do so. [This video share's Dignity Health employee, Cecilia Sandoval's thoughts](#) on why she chose to get vaccinated and what #doseofdignity means to her.

Community Outreach

I continue to meet with members of the Folsom City Council, Folsom Planning Commission, and other key leaders throughout the city. In January, I was invited to speak at the [State of the City](#) by Folsom Mayor Mike Kozlowski. Alongside Stem Express CEO Cate Dyer, we discussed “How is Folsom Positioned to face the COVID challenge in 2021?” This conversation centered around how we can work together to solve the challenges presented by our community. Dignity Health is proud to play a key role in the health of Folsom as we continue to vaccinate and solve the challenges our community faces together.

Dignity Health Celebrates Black History Month

In February, Dignity Health and Mercy Hospital of Folsom celebrated Black History Month. Dignity Health is proud of the diversity of our staff and wanted to take the opportunity this year to elevate their

stories. Through a series of videos put out on our social media channels, we highlighted our staff members, their path to Dignity Health, and how their individual experience contributes to the success of our organization. Here is a recap of that effort:

[Dignity Health Black History Month](#)
[Lloyd H. Dean, CommonSpirit Health CEO](#)

As we continue to grow in Folsom, we will continue to elevate these voices both inside and outside our organization for the betterment of our community. Let's commit to continued progress moving forward.

I remain grateful to lead Mercy Folsom and be part of this incredible community. As we move into spring, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the Folsom community and our mission to uplift the health and vitality of our neighbors, family and friends.

Regards,

Michael Korpiel
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