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Dear Colleagues,

The FDA granted emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 11. This means the first allocations of this medication will be distributed very soon. With this EUA, we have full confidence that this vaccine is safe and effective, and the Tulane Health System team is ready to begin administering this voluntary vaccine to our colleagues who want it. Here's an update on our plans to date.

We anticipate our first allocations

The vaccines will be allocated to each state, which will then distribute them to designated facilities. For the past several weeks, our teams have worked closely with the health authorities in Louisiana to better understand their allocation strategies. We anticipate our facility will receive an allocation on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

We are prepared and ready to go

Tulane has been developing distribution plans for the past several weeks, and we are ready to begin vaccinations as soon as supplies arrive. As part of our planning, we've implemented a tiering process to prioritize vaccinations for colleagues at the highest risk of exposure – for example, ICU and Emergency Department personnel. Our focus during these early weeks will be on vaccinating those colleagues who've indicated they want this medication. If you are not selected in the first tier we anticipate additional supply coming in the next 1-2 weeks after the initial distribution. Please remember that if you get the vaccine at Tulane you must be able to return 21 days later for your second dose. You must receive your second dose at the facility where you started the series as this information is being closely followed by state and federal authorities.

We will begin allowing those individuals in the first tier to start selecting their vaccine appointment for days this week this afternoon 12/14/20. You will receive an email with instructions on how and where to go for the vaccine administration. Please watch your email inboxes for this notification.

Sincerely,

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