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Trinity Health Of New England, Yale New Haven Health and Nuvance Health Partner to Educate Community on COVID Vaccine

HARTFORD, Conn. (December 9, 2020) – Trinity Health Of New England, Yale New Haven Health and Nuvance Health, three of the largest health systems in the state of Connecticut, have joined forces on a statewide strategy which will seek to educate and support local communities throughout Connecticut on the COVID-19 vaccine.

“I am pleased that Trinity Health Of New England is part of this extremely important initiative,” said Reginald Eadie, MD, MBA, President and CEO of Trinity Health Of New England. “This partnership will allow each of our health care organizations to combine all our resources together in order to provide the very best care for all of our communities across the state of Connecticut.”

Trinity Health, Yale New Haven Health, and Nuvance Health will work to educate community members about the COVID-19 vaccine with emphasis on at-risk residents and vulnerable populations. Clinical leaders from all three organizations, including infectious disease specialists, nursing staffs, and laboratory partners will team together to provide community education and coordinated care.

Education will cover who will get the vaccine first; administration of the vaccine, including when and where it will be available, as well as how the doses will be given; possible side effects patients can expect to experience; effectiveness; and dispelling common misconceptions. Clinical teams will deploy into local municipalities to work on dispensing vaccines through access centers, pop-up clinics, and mobile units.

“Speaking with one voice will allow us to more effectively communicate with our community and allow us to better inform and guide our patients,” said Christopher O’Connor, president, Yale New Haven Health. “This winter will be a particular challenge due to the addition of COVID to the usual cold and influenza viruses. Working together, we’ll be able to better serve you and your family.”

In addition to COVID-19 vaccine education, the partnership will also look to educate the public on the “Twindemic” of influenza and COVID-19. Team members will look to increase access to flu vaccinations through clinics and mobile units, while also providing education on the differences between flu and COVID symptoms and encouraging all community members to also receive their flu vaccine.

“We have a herculean task ahead and collectively, we are up to the challenge ensuring our patients and communities have timely and accurate information and access to the vaccine in the most inclusive and effective way. Simply put, we are stronger together,” said Nuvance Health President and CEO, Dr. John Murphy.

About Trinity Health Of New England

Trinity Health Of New England is an integrated nonprofit health care delivery system formed in 2015 and is a member of Trinity Health located in Livonia, Michigan, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation serving communities in 22 states. Trinity Health Of New England is comprised of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut; Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home & Community Health Services in Stafford Springs, Connecticut; Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut; Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts; Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke, Massachusetts; Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts; Brightside for Families and Children; and Mercy Continuing Care Network that includes Mercy Homecare, Mercy Hospice and Mercy LIFE. Visit TrinityHealthOfNE.org for more information and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @THOfNewEngland

About Yale New Haven Health

Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS), the largest and most comprehensive healthcare system in Connecticut, is recognized for advanced clinical care, quality, service, cost effectiveness and commitment to improving the health status of the communities it serves. YNHHS includes five hospitals – Bridgeport, Greenwich, Lawrence + Memorial, Westerly and Yale New Haven hospitals, several specialty networks and Northeast Medical Group, a non-profit medical foundation with several hundred community-based and hospital-employed physicians. YNHHS is affiliated with Yale University and Yale Medicine, the clinical practice of the Yale School of Medicine and the largest academic multi-specialty practice in New England. Yale New Haven Hospital is the primary teaching hospital of Yale School of Medicine. www.ynhhs.org.

About Nuvance Health

Nuvance Health is a family of award-winning nonprofit hospitals and healthcare professionals in the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut. Nuvance Health combines highly skilled physicians, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, and compassionate caregivers dedicated to providing quality care across a variety of clinical areas, including Cardiovascular, Neurosciences, Oncology, Orthopedics, and Primary Care.

Nuvance Health has a network of convenient hospital and outpatient locations — Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Sharon Hospital in Connecticut, and Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in New York — plus multiple primary and specialty care physician practice locations, including The Heart Center, a leading provider of cardiology care, and two urgent care offices. Non-acute care is offered through various affiliates, including the Thompson House for rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, and the Home Care organizations. For more information about Nuvance Health, visit our website. TTY: 1-800-421-1220