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| |  | | --- | | **Graphical user interface, application, website  Description automatically generated**  For Immediate Release  March 18, 2021  **Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments for Veterans at AL Post 347**  **THE VILLAGES, FL.** The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System (NF/SGVHS) will increase availability of the COVID-19 vaccine to Veterans. Starting March 22, 2021, the health system will open additional appointments at their off-site clinic in The Villages, Florida.  All Veterans, regardless of age, who receive care from the health system can now schedule their appointment for the COVID-19 Vaccine at The American Legion Post 347 (699 W. Lady Lake Blvd. Lady Lake, FL 32159).  “We have developed a well-organized process to provide vaccinations to as many Veterans as quickly as possible” stated Brian Pinkston, MD, Chief Medical Officer of the Villages Veterans Affairs (VA) Outpatient Clinic. “With the additional allotment of COVID-19 Vaccines received we are now able to provide vaccinations 4-days a week at the American Legion. Veterans who receive care at any NF/SGVHS site are encouraged to schedule an appointment”  Veterans with schedule appointments who receive the COVID-19 Vaccine at the off-site location will enjoy the clinic’s short wait times, quick and easy check-in process, ample parking, and friendly staff.  All Veterans, regardless of age, who receive care with North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System are encouraged to schedule an appointment to receive the COVID-19 VACCINE by calling 352-548-6000 ext.103755.  Learn more about NF/SGVHS COVID-19 Vaccination efforts by visiting our website at <https://www.northflorida.va.gov/NORTHFLORIDA/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp>  ###  **MEDIA CONTACT:** Office of Communications and Outreach North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System  [vhanflpublicaffairs@va.gov](mailto:vhanflpublicaffairs@va.gov) | | VA Healthcare: Defining Excellence in the 21st Century | | **North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System** Malcom Randall and Lake City VA Medical Center’s 1601 Southwest Archer Road | Gainesville, FL 32608-1135 | PH: 352-376-1611  619 South Marion Avenue | Lake City, FL 32025-5808 | PH: 386-755-3016  The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System is one of the nation's leading VA healthcare systems, employing more than 5,600 medical professionals and support staff dedicated to providing high quality care to Veterans residing throughout north Florida and south Georgia. The organization operates fifteen facilities to include two medical centers located in Gainesville and Lake City, and clinics located throughout a 50-county catchment area.  To learn more about the facilities and services offered by the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, please visit [www.northflorida.va.gov](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.northflorida.va.gov%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc75dd608c9c142dc006208d89cff5510%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C637431967936972890%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cMAczYYt%2BZOfp48fL28OoKwiDdk%2FXHbsOi75kEU9QGM%3D&reserved=0) or “like us on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/VANFSG](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FVANFSG&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc75dd608c9c142dc006208d89cff5510%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C637431967936972890%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BGnFkIFU8jp%2B3ck1Q7jPdeQwj7%2F%2BS4ogP5J5dlG0SXA%3D&reserved=0), or follow us on Instagram at [https://www.instagram.com/VANFSG/](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.instagram.com%2FVANFSG%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc75dd608c9c142dc006208d89cff5510%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C637431967936982848%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JBrHu2m2Dplsk%2BCX9sk7hnyxEmtuXRpuUfL71ovwMRM%3D&reserved=0)  For any questions about the content of this message, please contact the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System Office of Public Affairs at 352-348-7130 or email [vhanflpublicaffairs@va.gov](mailto:vhanflpublicaffairs@va.gov). | |