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Lake City VA Medical Center to offer COVID-19 vaccines at
American Legion Post #57 starting March 9

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System's, Lake City VA Medical Center and the American Legion Post #57 located at 2602 SW Main Blvd., Lake City, Fla. have partnered to offer COVID-19 vaccination services to eligible Veterans who meet current criteria.

"Over the past 2 months we have been administering the COVID-19 vaccines outside in the parking lot of the Lake City VAMC campus. This partnership will allow us to enhance the Veteran's experience by bringing operations inside at a new location" said Dr. James Waller, Associate Chief of Staff, COVID-19 Vaccine Coordinator, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. "Vaccinations will now be able to continue despite the upcoming inclement weather season, will provide a larger space to maintain physical distancing, and will accommodate parking needs for Veterans receiving medical care," he added.

All eligible Veterans enrolled for VA (Veterans Affairs) health care at the NF/SGVHS, regardless of age have the ability to schedule an appointment by calling 352-548-6000 EXT. 103755 <u>or</u> report to the American Legion Post #57 as a walk-in (no appointment necessary) **starting Tuesday, March 9, 2021 to Friday March 12, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.,** to receive the COVID-19 vaccine (while supplies last).

"Collaborating with our community partners allows us to remain agile, receptive, and relevant to the Veterans we serve across our catchment area," said Health System Director, Thomas Wisnieski. "We are very fortunate to be partnering with American Legion Post #57.

To stay up-to-date with operational updates from the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, please visit: COVID-19 Vaccines - North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System.

Veterans who are not enrolled or do not currently receive care at VA can visit VA's Eligibility web page to learn more: Eligibility For VA Health Care | Veterans Affairs.

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- President Abraham Lincoln

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