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North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System
Offering COVID-19 Vaccines to all Enrolled, Eligible Veterans Regardless of Age

NORTH FL/SOUTH GA. As we continue to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our team is working diligently to vaccinate Veterans as quickly as possible with our available supply of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Effective immediately, North Florida/ South Georgia Veterans Health System (NF/SGVHS) is now offering COVID-19 vaccines **to all eligible Veterans enrolled for VA (Veterans Affairs) health care at the NF/SGVHS, regardless of age** (or extenuating circumstances as previously communicated - health issues, essential workers, etc.).

"Employees at the NF/SGVHS continue to make it a priority to ensure that we are able to provide the vaccine to all eligible Veterans who receive health care within our system," said Thomas Wisnieski, Director, NF/SGVHS. "We encourage eligible Veterans who are enrolled to get their vaccine. It is very important in ensuring the safety of all."

Eligible Veterans who are receiving health care at the NF/SGHVS can call **352-548-6000 ext. 103755,** to schedule an appointment. If the vaccine is not available at their preferred site of care, Veterans are encouraged to schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine at another NF/SGVHS or attend one of the health system's no appointment needed vaccination events.

The COVID-19 Vaccine website provides information on current vaccine locations via appointment only and no appointment needed drive thru and walk up clinics. Visit the following site periodically, for up to date information:
https://www.northflorida.va.gov/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp

The COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you, other Veterans and our staff by lowering the risk of getting an infection. Vaccines will also slow the spread of the virus protecting our families, friends, and neighbors. Even after being vaccinated, it's important to continue wearing a mask, washing your hands, and staying at least 6 feet from others who don't live with you.

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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 or "like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/VANFSG, or follow us on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/VANFSG/

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