

Atrium Health Navicent Provides COVID-19 Vaccine to Homebound Residents

Vaccinations to be provided to residents in Baldwin, Bibb, Monroe and Peach counties identified by the Area Agency on Aging and Georgia Department of Public Health

MACON, Ga., April 1, 2021 – Atrium Health Navicent is partnering with the Georgia Department of Public Health to vaccinate homebound individuals in four counties who otherwise wouldn't have an opportunity to receive a Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

Nurses began visiting the homes of individuals identified by the Area Agency on Aging and Department of Public Health on Thursday, April 1.

“As a health system, Atrium Health Navicent is working to bridge barriers to vaccine access in the communities we serve, ensuring the most vulnerable among us are able to receive protection against COVID-19,” said Atrium Health Navicent President and CEO Delvecchio Finley. “By partnering to reach those in need, Atrium Health Navicent is working on the front line to slow the pandemic's spread.”

While the Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires one dose to be administered, nurses providing the vaccinations are skillfully working around logistics as they vaccinate individuals over a broad geographic area. Each vial of vaccine contains five doses. Once the doses are drawn up, nurses have just two hours to administer the five doses to five individuals, often in five different locations, before they expire.

“It's a bit of a challenge, but our team has made plans to make the best use out of every single dose,” said Atrium Health Navicent Healthy Communities and Palliative Care Director Carol Babcock.

Homebound vaccinations will be provided in Baldwin, Bibb, Monroe and Peach counties over the next two weeks.

“Vaccinating Georgians is key to ending COVID-19, but for individuals who are homebound and living alone without a support system, getting a vaccine can be extremely difficult,” said Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health. “We want to ensure that homebound individuals are not overlooked in the vaccination process, so this collaboration with Atrium Health Navicent demonstrates our collective ability to get the vaccine to vulnerable individuals in Georgia who need it most.”

About Atrium Health Navicent

Atrium Health Navicent, the leading provider of health care in central and south Georgia, is committed to its mission of elevating health and wellbeing through compassionate care. Providing more than 1,000 beds and offering care in 53 specialties at more than 50 facilities throughout the region, Atrium Health Navicent provides care for health care consumers' through an academic medical center; community, pediatric and rehabilitation hospitals; urgent care centers; physician practices; diagnostic centers; home health; hospice and palliative care; and a life plan community. Atrium Health Navicent is dedicated to enhancing health and wellness for individuals throughout the region through nationally recognized quality care, community health initiatives and collaborative partnerships. For more information, please visit www.NavicentHealth.org.

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