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## ELBERT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE PARTNER TO GIVE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN ELBERT COUNTY

Elberton, GA - Elbert Memorial Hospital is dedicated to ensuring the citizens of Elbert County and surrounding areas have quality health care services available to them 24 hours per day, seven days per week. That commitment starts with the health and wellbeing of patients, and preventive services like vaccines help ensure the community is able to stay healthy and avoid a serious illness or hospital stay. Elbert Memorial Hospital is proud to announce a partnership with Athens Technical College to provide COVID-19 vaccines to the Elbert County community. Keeping the community safe from COVID-19 infection means a faster and safer return to "normal," and vaccines are an important tool to ensure we prevent hospitalizations and keep citizens healthy.

Kerry Trapnell, CEO of Elbert Memorial Hospital states, "Our partnership with Athens Technical College will allow us the opportunity to greatly expand the number of vaccines EMH is able to distribute to our community. The hospital would not have been able to do this without the partnership with ATC."

Athens Technical College has committed to assisting both Elbert Memorial Hospital and the Elbert County Health Department with COVID-19 vaccinations at both provider sites. Athens Technical College has over 150 RN nursing students, LPN nursing students, Paramedic and Advanced EMT students who will assist in giving COVID-19 vaccines as supervised by qualified personnel (nursing and paramedic faculty). The students will gain clinical experience while assisting in the pandemic efforts.

Dr. Andrea D. Daniel, President of Athens Technical College, states, "Our students have already been on the front lines of treating COVID-19 patients in a clinical setting and now they will gain hands-on experience by administering a vaccine during a pandemic to fight this terrible virus."

With the assistance of Athens Technical College, Elbert Memorial Hospital plans to increase vaccine doses from an average of 80 vaccines twice a week, to 200 vaccines, five days a week. Information including vaccine clinic hours of operation and scheduling details will be available at a later date. For questions regarding the vaccine clinic, please visit [www.EMHcare.net](http://www.EMHcare.net).

**About Athens Technical College:** Since 1958, Athens Technical College has served citizens by providing quality educational programs in an 11-county service area. The college offers over 130 program specializations in business, health, technical, and manufacturing-related areas. Students attend Athens Technical College on four campuses (Athens-Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Walton), plus career academies, adult learning centers, through business and industry and continuing education opportunities. Athens Technical College is an Equal Opportunity Institution and a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia. To learn more about Athens Technical College visit [www.AthensTech.edu](http://www.AthensTech.edu).

**About Elbert Memorial Hospital:** Elbert Memorial Hospital is a 25-Bed Critical Access Hospital that has been providing care to Elbert and surrounding counties for 70 years. Services include acute care, swing bed, emergency, inpatient and outpatient surgery, state of the art radiology, outpatient rehab and many more.

Our Mission is to continuously seek ways to improve our delivery of healthcare and related services that exceed the expectations of our patients, their families, and all other customers. To learn more about Elbert Memorial Hospital visit [www.EMHcare.net](http://www.EMHcare.net).

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