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**EXCELA HEALTH LAUNCHES COVID VACCINE REGISTRY**

**GREENSBURG, PA, March 26, 2021** ... Excelsa Health has now developed a vaccination registry to collect information for ALL individuals interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine administered through the health system. The creation of the registry coincides with the opening of a dedicated vaccination clinic in North Huntingdon for inoculation, and allows anyone to join Excelsa's waiting list regardless of current eligibility. As vaccine becomes available, registrants will be notified to schedule an appointment for vaccination in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines.

Individuals may visit the health system's public web site, [ExcelsaHealth.org](http://ExcelsaHealth.org) and sign up online or call the Excelsa Health vaccine information line at 724-689-1690. Those who submit information via the web site will receive email notification; callers will be contacted by phone when it's their turn to schedule. The web site offers 24/7 registration while the phone line is open Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and answers calls on a first come, first served basis.

"Over the past several weeks, our clinicians have been administering vaccines as rapidly as we receive shipments of doses, and our Information Technology team has been refining the signup process in anticipation of a more widespread availability of

vaccine,” noted John Sphon, Excelsa Health Chief Executive Officer. “We are pleased to be able to offer our community this streamlined option for being served in a timely and efficient manner.”

Excelsa Health is administering COVID-19 vaccine according to the guidelines released by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Currently, the health system is vaccinating individuals in the 1A group: health care workers, individuals over the age of 65 and individuals with certain underlying conditions. **An appointment is required to receive a vaccine and no walk-ins will be accepted.**

By signing up in advance, individuals can join the health system’s wait list so that as the state recommendations change, their interest in being vaccinated is already known. Registration is not a guarantee of appointment, merely an expressed desire for vaccination. Should individuals receive the vaccine from another provider while waiting, they are asked to cancel their registration with Excelsa, thus freeing up vaccine for others.

Currently Excelsa Health is administering the Moderna vaccine, which is offered as a two-dose regimen. At the time the appointment is made for the first dose, registrants will also receive the appointment for the corresponding second dose in the appropriate time interval.

Excelsa Health’s COVID Vaccine Clinic is located at 8885 Norwin Avenue, North Huntingdon, inside the former Galaxy Fitness Center. Vaccines are administered between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays currently, but hours and days of operation are subject to change as vaccine availability allows. This facility is administering vaccine by appointment only.