



A note from Dr. Susan Ehrlich, CEO

Opening Day (12/15/2020)

This morning, 5 of our colleagues got the COVID vaccine. They were the first here at ZSFG, the first in San Francisco and some of the first in the United States to get it. The administration of the vaccine went like clockwork and from the looks of our fellow staff members, everything went well. Today's 5 pioneers were: Antonio Gomez, Medical Director of Critical Care; Phung Nguyen, RN, Intensive Care Unit (ICU); Starr Knight, Emergency Medicine doctor; Alexandra Ames, Computed Tomography technician; and Otis Morgan, RN, Medical-Surgical COVID-19 unit.



Soon, about 100 of us will be getting vaccinated every day, until everyone who wants the vaccine has received it.

This is an incredible moment of hope for all of us, made possible by an extraordinary team. Led by Dr. Lukejohn Day and Rosaly Ferrer, it includes people from the Urgent Care and Specialty Clinics, Facilities, Occupational Health, the Pharmacy, Health Information Technology and others. I am so grateful to this talented team!

Having an effective vaccine is a tremendously important step forward in ending this pandemic. Today didn't mark the end of the pandemic but we have every reason to be excited – and proud.

Susan

