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## **LEADERSHIP UPDATE**

As of this week, our team has administered over 24,000 COVID vaccines to inmates, TDCJ partners, and healthcare staff members. Our rate of positive infection has dropped significantly with declines in the community, continued attention to infection control and safety precautions, and with the significant effort to vaccinate patients and teammates. In light of this trend, it is still important for every TTUHSC team member to hold themselves and others accountable by abiding by the following COVID-19 safety precautions:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Wear a face covering while on the TDCJ Managed Care units
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Disinfect often touched surfaces
- Follow TDCJ unit guidelines for congregating for meetings and meals

All team members are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. If you would like to receive it, please contact your unit vaccine coordinator or regional Director of Nursing. Getting the vaccine and continuing safe practices will keep you, your family, and our patients safe.

TDCJ is continuing exposure mitigation efforts through random COVID-19 testing. As a reminder, TDCJ COVID-19 testing is a condition of employment. However, if you provide proof of full vaccination directly to the TDCJ random testing team, you do not have to undergo COVID-19 testing. Please contact the Compliance and Risk Management team if you have any questions.

We are continuing to monitor the guidelines and requirements being put out by TDCJ for social distancing and mask use on units. As the situation changes, we will make sure to pass the information to you in a timely and efficient manner.

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