To our valued patients,

This past year has been unlike any other in our lifetimes. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us all to change the way we live, to be apart from those we love, and too many have experienced the personal loss of a friend or family member.

These are incredibly difficult times. We want you to know that Stanford Health Care is here for you, now and always. We are grateful for the trust you place in us; and as your care provider, we feel a deep responsibility for your health and safety.

The status of vaccine supply and who is eligible to get vaccinated changes rapidly. We want to make sure that you get the latest information so that you know what to expect. If you have questions about when you will be able to be vaccinated, please visit our COVID-19 Vaccination website, which we are updating regularly.

From the beginning, we knew that having enough vaccine for everyone who wanted one would be a major challenge—especially in the first few months. We have already been vaccinating thousands of patients daily and have the capacity to expand when we have enough vaccine to do so. Our supply of vaccine comes from each of the counties in which we have patients; and so far, we have received 58,000 doses—which would allow us to vaccinate just a small fraction of the more than 900,000 patients we care for in our community.

With the slow distribution of vaccines nationally, difficult choices are being made by state and county health officials as they decide the order of who gets vaccinated next and when. At Stanford Health Care, we are required to follow guidelines from the state to determine vaccine priority. We are in daily contact with our state and county partners to request an increase in our vaccine supply, and we expect the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will approve additional vaccines from other drug companies for emergency use soon.

We are optimistic that the supply of vaccines will improve in the coming months. When we receive more vaccines, we will quickly offer the opportunity for more of our patients to get vaccinated.

Thank you again for placing your trust in us. We are honored to be your care provider and to serve our community during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

David Entwistle
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