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Hi Team –

On Sunday, the LPGA Queen City Championship completed its final round and crowned Ally Ewing as its winner with a four-round total of 22 under par! During the course of the tournament, crowds were more than three times larger than tournament officials anticipated – meaning even greater exposure for TriHealth through our on-course sponsorship branding and world-class event medicine services. Throughout the four-day tournament, our event medicine team treated more than 100 spectators, as well as players and caddies. The tournament sponsorship also provided an innovative forum for TriHealth to “tell our story” to a new and diverse consumer audience about how we are Getting Healthcare Right.



### Getting Healthcare Right

#### **McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital and Oxford Community Awarded \$2M Grant for Behavioral Health**

I’m thrilled to announce that McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital (MHMH) and the MHMH Foundation have just received a \$2 million federal grant to expand mental and behavioral health services in the community. The four-year grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its Rural Communities Opioid Response Program. Its aim is to increase rural community access to high-quality prevention, treatment, and recovery services in order to improve the care and quality of life for those affected by behavioral health conditions, such as substance use and mental health disorders. Over the next four years, the grant will support the following goals:



- **Address structural-and systems-level barriers to improve rural residents’ access** to quality, integrated substance use disorder and other behavioral healthcare services.
- **Improve the quality and sustainability of rural behavioral healthcare services** by equipping rural healthcare providers to offer coordinated, evidence-based, trauma-informed care services for substance use disorder and other behavioral conditions.
- **Improve the capacity of the behavioral healthcare system to address rural community risk factors and social determinants** that affect the behavioral health of rural residents.
- **Align and integrate behavioral healthcare within our overall population health model** to better support overall health and wellness for all communities.

#### **TriHealth Cancer & Blood Institute Completes Disease-Specific Certification for Acute Leukemia**

The TriHealth Cancer & Blood Institute at Good Samaritan Hospital recently completed The Joint Commission’s (TJC) Disease-Specific Certification for Acute Leukemia, leaving TJC surveyors more than a little impressed! Our Acute Leukemia program is the **only such program in Ohio** that incorporates both the inpatient and outpatient leukemia patients and is **one of only three certified programs nationwide!**

TJC surveyors were extremely complimentary of TriHealth’s commitment to the Acute Leukemia program and team, citing the following notable achievements and stand-out program qualities:

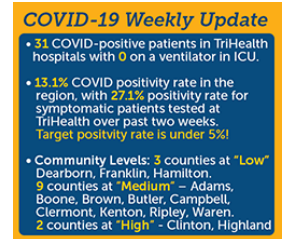
- Our values-based SERVE standards and Always Behaviors demonstrated consistently among all staff
- Our remarkable ability to have more than 50% of nurses with leukemia certification throughout the pandemic

- Impressive retainment of team members on the units during the pandemic
- Multi-disciplinary cancer committee is an industry best practice for holistic treatment
- Outstanding new team member orientation process
- Innovative practice of giving wallet cards to patients at discharge indicating immunosuppression

Benefits of this disease-specific certification include improved quality of patient care via reduced variation in clinical processes, objective assessment of clinical excellence, establishment of a culture of excellence, and increased community confidence in the provided services. Congratulations to our entire TriHealth Cancer & Blood Institute Team on this outstanding achievement – and for all you do to ensure the highest and best quality care and clinical outcomes for our leukemia patients!!

## COVID Update

COVID transmission in our region remains stable, with the latest new case rate at 198/100,000 population, still below the 200/100,000 population threshold. Here at TriHealth we currently have 31 COVID-positive inpatients, with no COVID patients on ventilators (see sidebar graphic for details).



## Bivalent COVID Boosters Now Available!

I'm excited to announce that we are now offering the bivalent COVID booster to our community and team members, following the recent FDA amendment to the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). This new bivalent formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine adds immunity against the more contagious COVID Omicron variants. The booster is a single dose and can be administered at least two months following primary or booster vaccinations.

Patients are able to schedule appointments for the COVID-19 primary series vaccines or bivalent booster at our **Good Samaritan Western Ridge COVID Vaccine Clinic (Mondays 9am-6pm)** or the **former Bethesda North Outpatient Imaging (BNOI) COVID Vaccine Clinic (Thursdays 8am-6pm)**. We plan to have the COVID bivalent vaccine available to team members during certain team member flu clinics this fall. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.



## Retirement Celebration for Cathy French

Please join us this **Friday, September 16, from 11:30am – 1:30pm** in the **Schreiner Conference Room** at **Bethesda North Hospital** for a special reception to thank **Cathy French, TriHealth Chief Information Officer**, for her 44 years of outstanding service to TriHealth and to wish her all the best in her upcoming retirement!

Just over two months into our new fiscal year at TriHealth, and we are already gaining momentum on our journey to **Get Healthcare Right** in this ever-evolving post-pandemic "new norm." And because of **you**, – our exceptional team members and physicians – this new fiscal year is shaping up to be one of our best years yet. Thank you for all you do, *every day*, to help us continue to lead the way as **ONE TEAM, TRIHEALTH STRONG!!**