

## UMC – A Hospital Leading The COVID-19 Vaccination In El Paso

As the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine was administered across the United States, it allowed Americans to look positively toward the end of a pandemic that has flipped upside-down the structure of everyday lives. As of Jan. 14, Texas became the leader of vaccinations in the United States by reaching one million administered vaccines before any other state. However, in order to reach this milestone, there must be hardworking healthcare personnel needed to step up to this task.



A UMC Pharmacist fills a syringe of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

One of the most important departments is the Pharmacy, which acts as the heartbeat of the vaccination process mixing and distributing more than a 100 vaccines an hour. Yvonne Lazcano, Manager, Inpatient Pharmacy, said “this has been one of the most fulfilling moments of my career by helping out the community of El Paso while also building a better relationship with nurses, physicians and medical students.”

Brandi Hernandez, RN and Educator for Noncritical Care is one of those nurses who is working with the pharmacists in the mixing room. “The team-building and relationships we have built working together will benefit us moving forward,” said Brandi. “I now look at these Associates more as a person than just a coworker or a pharmacist bringing medications.”

This is just one example of a department that adapted and adjusted to the need of the El Paso community. Another department that requires quick turnarounds within 24 hours is the nursing

informatics team which is tasked with entering all vaccinations into the State of Texas ImmTrac system as well as the Cerner system. This results in long weekdays and weekends requiring as many Associates helping out as possible, through the beginning of the registration process to the end portion of submitting the entry to the state.



Debbie Chasco, Director of Nursing Informatics praised the dedication and support of multiple Associates from throughout UMC who volunteered portions of their work days to help with the input of patient information. “We have Associates helping from the gift shop to ED nurses coming in on their days off to Administrators,” said Debbie. “It’s a special feeling when you have people from different job responsibilities helping out for the betterment of the community.”

Debbie Chasco (Left) poses with her Nursing Informatics Team

UMC has vaccinated more than 20,000 El Pasoans and leads all other hospitals in the city in this category. Once again, when El Paso needs the highest level of care, efficient processes, and a hospital that represents the community, our team steps up to the challenge. Kudos to you, UMC Staff!

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## UMC Christmas Project Brings Joy To El Paso Families

On behalf of the Care Management Social Work Team, we would like to thank you for your kind donations to our 2020 Christmas Project. It is due to the kindness, generosity and teamwork of your departments that allows the success of projects such as this. For 16 years, the UMC Christmas Project has brightened the holiday season for our patients and their families during some of their darkest times.

*Thank you for being the light.*

Our deepest gratitude,

Melissa Olivo, LMSW; Nancy Carrillo, LCSW; Monica Gamboa, LMSW  
Care Management Social Work Team

(Below are images from the families receiving the donations)



## Remembering The Life OF Evangelina Fautroy

With a heavy heart, it saddens me to share with you the passing of our dear associate Evangelina Fautroy. Eva was a dedicated worker who truly loved her job and enjoyed working with others. Eva graduated from Bowie High School. While attending Bowie she enrolled in the VOE program to become a nursing assistant. During the time she was in school she began her training at RE Thomason General Hospital in 1971 in the newborn nursery, she loved taking care of the babies.

Eva continued working in the nursery until 1992 when she transferred to Cardiac Services as an EKG Technician. After 49 years of dedicated service, Eva retired on July 10, 2020. Eva had a loving spirit.

She was friendly, caring and always willing to help when needed. Eva passed away on December 15, 2020. She will surely be missed.

*Submitted by Sharon Jordan Supervisor Cardiac Services and Cardiac Services personnel.*



# Reserve your spot online

to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

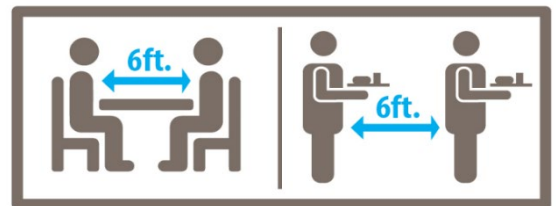
The City is waiting to receive additional COVID-19 vaccines from the State of Texas.\* Eligible residents can reserve their spot by pre-registering online now!

Visit the Vaccination page at [EPStrong.org](https://www.epstrong.org) or call (915) 21-COVID to see if you qualify under the current Phase 1.

\* The COVID-19 vaccine is currently in limited supply



## REMINDER TO ALL:



When dining or standing in line at either the UMC Cafeteria or Bistro, you must observe all social distancing requirements.

Do not sit close together.

Do not move furniture to accommodate each other.

Your actions affect the actions of others.

These requirements apply to breakroom dining as well.

Please set the example by doing what's right for everyone.

