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At a press conference at 8:30 a.m. on April 5th VNA Health Care and The Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project will launch a COVID-19 vaccination campaign #VaccinateWill! This series of vaccination events has been developed to improve vaccination access for vulnerable populations in collaboration with Congressman Bill Foster and State Representative Dagmara Avelar with support from Romeoville Mayor, John D. Noak, Congresswoman Marie Newman, State Senator John Connor and Joliet Junior College Board Trustee, Nancy Garcia.

"This past year has been indelibly shaped by the emergence of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Throughout this time, VNA has been dedicated to the delivery of care to vulnerable populations at increased risk of health disparities. After a year in which we have not only seen extraordinary challenges and loss, but also courage and resilience, VNA is thrilled to collaborate with The Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project and our legislative partners to bring VaccinateWill! to the Will County community as we know that getting vaccinated helps save lives," said Linnea Windel, RN, MSN, FAAN, President and CEO VNA Health Care.

Ongoing COVID-19 testing and vaccination services are provided by VNA at clinics, community events and homes in Will, Kane and DuPage Counties. Visit: www.vnahealth.com for more information.

"Black & Brown communities have been hit the hardest by this pandemic and have not had access to the covid-19 vaccine in an equitable way. Partnering directly with community-based organizations is a powerful equity tool for outreach, and we are proud to partner with VNA to model what that looks like in bringing this vaccine event to Will County," said José Eduardo Vera, J.D. Executive Director, The Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project.

#VaccinateWill! Community Vaccination Clinic

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

VNA Health Center at 160 N. Independence Blvd. (Rt. 53) Romeoville, IL 60446

April 5, 6, 11

Registration now closed.

Participant parking will be in the lot adjacent to VNA at Valley View High School. Parking for disabled outside Health Center.

Press Conference – April 5th at 8:30 a.m.

VNA Health Center Romeoville (address above) – In attendance: Linnea Windel, President & CEO VNA Health Care, José Eduardo Vera, J.D. Executive Director, The Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project, Congressman Bill Foster, State Representative Dagmara Avelar, Romeoville Mayor John D. Noak, Congresswoman Marie Newman, State Senator John Connor and Joliet Junior College Board Trustee, Nancy Garcia.

VNA Health Care is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in suburban Chicago and operates 16 clinics serving over 74,000 people a year. VNA is recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a Health Center Quality Leader at the Gold level and ranks in the top 10% of health centers nationwide for overall patient outcomes. Outcome measures include prenatal care, adolescent weight screening and counseling, vascular disease treatment, blood pressure control, healthy birth weights, and asthma care. VNA's combination of convenience (by appointment at this time), patient-centered technology and expert, cost-effective care delivered with respect and compassion have led to these results. VNA is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified as a Primary Care Medical Home for all sites. # # #