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MEDIA ALERT

Winter Park to salute health care partners with lights, sirens and well wishes

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award-winning city with multiple accredited agencies (August 17, 2021) On Wednesday, August 18, at noon, the entrance of AdventHealth Winter Park located at 200 N. Lakemont Ave., will briefly become a runway for members of Winter Park Police, Fire-Rescue and Electric Utility departments to salute our health care partners with a “we appreciate & salute you” short parade of vehicles.

“With the surge of COVID-19 cases and the many other health care needs, this is a simple yet visible way to show our doctors, nurses, staff, patients and entire medical community how important they are. This display of our first responders and electric workers sounding their sirens, waving their hands, and sharing well wishes is a small gesture our city can do to say thank you and let them know we appreciate their commitment to caring for our community,” said Winter Park Mayor Phil Anderson.

On August 2, the City of Winter Park implemented a program to encourage employees to voluntarily receive their vaccination by September 15 that included two incentives: \$150 and a full day off. In addition, the city is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines of requiring face coverings while in public indoor settings.

“We are blessed to have an amazing support system within Winter Park, including our first responders,” said Justin Birmele, CEO of AdventHealth Winter Park. “The current surge has proven tough on our teams. Our front-line health care workers are true heroes and have been working incredibly hard to care for our community, so they appreciate this show of support.”

The city joins the health care community in encouraging the public to do everything they can to protect themselves, each other and our community. Please access cityofwinterpark.org/emergency for any updates relating to City of Winter Park COVID-19 protocols.

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