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Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center in partnership with Reid Temple AME Church opens Coronavirus COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in Prince George's County Maryland.

(Glenn Dale, MD) Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, in partnership with Reid Temple AME Church, will open a Coronavirus COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in Prince George's County Maryland.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic is open to the public and will begin Saturday, February 13, 2021 by appointment only via registration for eligible cohorts at 9AM-1PM EST. Registration opens Wednesday 2/10/21 and can be found at www.reidtemple.org/events when available. The clinic will be held every Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays at Reid Temple AME Church, 11400 Glenn Dale, Blvd. Glenn Dale, Maryland 20769

"We are excited to work with Doctors Community Medical Center, in Lanham, hospital President Deneen Richmond and staff to vaccinate the community against COVID-19 and potentially save lives," said Rev. Dr. Mark Whitlock, Pastor of Reid Temple AME.

The press is invited to a press briefing on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 at 10AM EST. at Reid Temple AME Church.

The partnership results from the launch of the Reid Temple Healthy Communities Initiative in January 2021, a movement to ignite, inform, educate and empower communities to be healthy and help them navigate through the pandemic. Director Sharon Hawks said, "We can not wait on others to prioritize our health. We must leverage our resources and empower each other to keep our communities healthy and overcome health challenges that impact our communities, including COVID-19."

Reid Temple AME Church has a predominantly Black congregation and is the first church in Prince George's County to open a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Prince George's County has one of the highest Black populations in the state of Maryland. As of Feb. 3, however, only 3.4 percent of residents in Prince George's County have received their first dose of the vaccine in comparison to 13 percent in Talbot County. In disparate contrast, however, there have been nearly twice as many COVID-19 deaths per capita in Prince George's County than in Talbot. Lawmakers are calling for greater focus on equity in distribution.

"The AME Church has historically ministered to the social, spiritual and physical needs of the community through work that is consistent with the goals of the Vaccine Clinic at Reid Temple. The partnership is God sent and will contribute to the work of establishing a vote of confidence when it comes to health within the Black community." said Bishop James L. Davis, Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

About Reid Temple

Founded in 1964, Reid Temple AME Church is located in Glenn Dale Maryland, Prince George's County, with one of the largest AME congregations from all walks of life, Reid Temple hosts 80 innovative ministries designed to provide comfort from the many challenging social issues facing God's people. Reid Temple's affiliated, 501c3 organizations include Reid Community Development Corporation, Reid Temple Christian Academy, Reid Temple Bible College, and the Reid Temple Senior Services Center.

For more about Reid Temple AME visit www.reidtemple.org or follow @reidtempleame on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube

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