



**JESSIE TRICE  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH SYSTEM**

Since 1967



# Community HEALTH

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the Jessie Trice  
Health System  
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### President's Message

Greetings!

Welcome to the fall edition of Community Health, our informative newsletter for the Jessie Trice Community Health System.

As you know, our mission at the Jessie Trice Community Health System is to provide comprehensive primary health care services by increasing access and improving the quality of life of our diverse South Florida community.

This edition of Community Health is jam-packed with news, updates and information. We invite you to learn more about us and join us in celebrating 50+ years of serving the community.

Annie Neasman, RN, MS  
President/CEO



## The JTCHS Barbara J. Jordan Community Health & Wellness Center

**T**he Jessie Trice Community Health System (JTCHS) is committed to cultivating

healthy initiatives and serving as champions of healthcare. On September 1, 2021, JTCHS continues with the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art facility, the **Barbara J. Jordan Community Health & Wellness Center**.

“The Barbara J. Jordan Community Health & Wellness Center is part of our ongoing commitment to provide affordable and accessible quality healthcare to the community we serve,” said **Annie Neasman**, CEO of JTCHS.

The center bears the name of former Miami-Dade County Commissioner **Barbara Jordan**, a legend, hero and champion in the healthcare field.

It is comprised of approximately 15,000 square feet of welcoming space and will deliver innovative care for the entire lifecycle. Features of the center include exam rooms for Adult

Medicine/Primary Care, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Oral/Dental Health, a Behavioral/Mental Health and Substance Use Services Laboratory, an onsite Pharmacy and a 4,000 square foot multi-purpose room that will be used for nutritional classes, healthy cooking demonstrations and other community-based activities.





## COVID-19 Outreach, Testing and Vaccination



## COVID TESTING, THE FIRST INDICATOR

Since 2020, the **COVID-19** pandemic has affected our daily lives in an unforgettable way. Funded by **Miami-Dade County** using federal CARES Act CRF funds, JTCHS is doing all that we can to administer COVID-19 TESTING to help keep the community safe. “**The Jessie Trice Community Health System** is committed to making the vaccine available to everyone, regardless of income or ethnicity,” says **Dr. Joycelyn Lawrence**, Chief Medical Officer. One of the only testing locations at the time, JTCHS has consistently conducted COVID-19 testing since March of 2020. We met the needs of the community by providing testing during the week and on weekends as necessary. We are continuing to test Monday-Friday at our health center at **5361 NW 22nd Avenue** and on select days in **Miami Gardens**. We are also continuing with outreach partnerships across Miami-Dade County throughout the week.

## Curbing Transmission

JTCHS has been able to consistently vaccinate the community since January 2021. We were able to sustain operations by not closing our doors or laying off staff because although we are considered essential, we felt that servicing our community was essential. “We are doing our part to ensure that the most vulnerable populations, particularly minorities, are reached and are able to receive the vaccine. It’s the first step towards stopping the spread of the virus and putting an end to this pandemic” says **Irene Taylor-Wooten**, JTCHS Board Chair. Until August 2021, JTCHS provided all 3 vaccines. Because of the cease in distribution of the Jansen/J&J, JTCHS only provides the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Those looking to get vaccinated or receive health care from JTCHS can rest assured that we have adjusted to the new norm and implemented new guidelines to keep patients and visitors safe. The following standards have been put in place:

- No visitors are allowed with adult visits unless providing physical assistance.
- Pediatric patients may be accompanied by **one** adult.
- All guests must wear a face covering or face mask.
- Screenings will be conducted that will include questions about possible exposure to COVID-19, any current symptoms and will include a temperature reading.
- Patients scheduled for a procedure may be tested in advance by JTCHS prior to the procedure.
- Patients that are uncomfortable with coming onsite to see their provider may ask for a virtual visit.
- Facility changes have been implemented to help maintain social distancing. These changes include spacing of chairs to avoid crowded waiting rooms and requesting that patients wait in their vehicle to be called in when the provider is ready to see them.

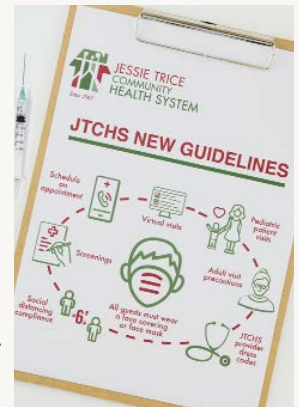


## Other News and Highlights

### JTCHS Has New Patient Guidelines

To ensure everyone's safety and well-being, JTCHS has implemented new patient guidelines. Among the key new guidelines are the following:

- No visitors allowed with adult visits unless providing physical assistance. We welcome your loved one(s) to participate virtually via your smartphone or tablet. JTCHS staff can help you make that connection.
- Pediatric patients may be accompanied by one adult.
- All guests must wear a face covering or face mask. Please remember to make sure it covers your nose and mouth at all times, and do not remove it unless asked to do so by your provider. Please note that children under two years of age do not need to wear a mask.
- Screenings will be conducted that will include questions about your potential exposure to COVID-19, any current symptoms, and will include a temperature reading.
- If you are scheduled for a procedure, you may be tested in advance by us prior to the procedure. For your convenience, we will provide COVID-19 testing at multiple sites. Call (305) 694-6268 to schedule an appointment.
- If you are uncomfortable with coming onsite to see your provider, you may ask for a virtual visit. Please note the instructions for this posted on our website at [www.jtchs.org](http://www.jtchs.org).
- You may notice your provider without a tie, suit jacket, dress, or lab coat. That's because we are wearing clothes that can be washed daily as we return home to our families.
- You will notice changes in our facilities that have been implemented to help maintain social distancing. These changes include spacing of chairs to avoid crowded waiting rooms and you may be asked to wait in your vehicle and be called in when the provider is ready to see you.



All of these aforementioned guidelines have been put in place to help our patients feel safe.

## JTCHS Specials Highlights

### Moderna Co-Founder Visits Jessie Trice CHS.

Moderna Co-Founder and Chairman, **Dr. Noubar Afeyan**, visited **Jessie Trice Community Health System's** Main Office.

Dr. Afeyan had never seen the **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine** being administered as a result of the pandemic and had the opportunity to witness it for the first time at **JTCHS**.



## JTCHS Doctor Recognized by Health Foundation of South Florida



**Dr. Deborah George** is currently the Chief Dental Officer at Jessie Trice Community Health System. The dental expert was recently recognized as an **Inspiring Woman of Health** by the Health Foundation of South Florida. She has been with JTCHS for more than 25 years in several progressive leadership roles and currently provides preventive and comprehensive dental care to patients.

Dr. George earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Georgetown University School of Dentistry in Washington, DC and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Hampton Institute in Hampton Virginia. She is a native Floridian. Her career spans the breadth and depth of public health and university-based clinical and dental health care.

Dr. George is passionate and committed to helping ensure that individuals have access to high quality health care and education.

### Visit us at one of these key locations:

#### **JTCHS Main Center**

5361 NW 22nd Ave  
Miami, Florida 33142

#### **JTCHS at Lotus Village**

217 NW 15th Street  
Miami, Florida 33136

#### **JTCHS – Florida Memorial Univ.**

15800 NW 42nd Avenue  
Miami Gardens, Florida 33054

#### **Jefferson Reaves House Women’s Residential**

2985 NW 54th Street  
Miami, Florida 33142

#### **JTCHS – Children’s Wellness Center**

1190 NW 95th Street  
Suite 304  
Miami, Florida 33150

#### **Barbara J. Jordan Community Health & Wellness Center**

20612 NW 27th Avenue,  
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

#### **JTCHS – Flamingo Center**

901 E. 10th Avenue  
Bay 39  
Hialeah, Florida 33010

#### **JTCHS – Norland Center**

18360 NW 7th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33169

#### **Frederica Wilson/Juanita Mann Health Center**

2520 NW 75th Street  
Miami, Florida 33147

#### **JTCHS – Women’s Health Center**

1190 NW 95th Street  
Suite 100-102  
Miami, Florida 33150

#### **JTCHS – North Center**

1190 NW 95th Street  
Suite 110  
Miami, Florida 33150

#### **JTCHS – Opa-Locka Children’s Wellness Center**

490 Opa-Locka Boulevard  
Opa-Locka, Florida 33054

The Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc (JTCHS) is one of Miami-Dade County’s preeminent federally qualified community healthcare centers, governed by a remarkably dedicated Board of Directors (51% of which are users of the medical and dental services) and a diverse, incredibly talented, committed family of providers and staff. The 1st Federally Qualified Health Center in the state and 5th in the nation, Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc. is a Florida 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization that has been serving Miami-Dade County since 1967. JTCHS served its first patients from a trailer. Now, more than fifty four (54) years after its founding, JTCHS owns and operates nine (9) Comprehensive Primary Care centers, a 40 bed Women’s Residential Center for substance use, and are located in one (1) university and forty (40) school-based health suites. JTCHS knows and specializes in comprehensive health, offering a myriad of services to improve the health of the community. This includes: dentistry, family medicine, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, behavioral health, transportation, healthy start, obstetric & gynecological care, school-based health, community health promotions, health & wellness center, pediatrics, and ancillary services.

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