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**CHATHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PARTNERS WITH SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGES TO SECURE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR COURTHOUSE STAFF**

Savannah, GA – Today, over 50 courthouse personnel members received COVID-19 vaccinations in the Chatham County Courthouse. Partners worked with Scott and Amy Pierce and their team at Coastal Care Partners and My Nurse Now to develop the on-site vaccination clinic. The vaccination clinic follows a prior successful partnership with Coastal Care Partners and COVID Testing Appointments (CTA). Josh Mallard and his team at CTA have been providing on-site COVID-19 testing for the courthouse community and the Chatham County Grand Jury since January. This COVID-19 management plan is part of a joint effort to get Chatham County courts restarted as soon as safe and feasible. Over 300 cases have been presented to the Chatham County Grand Jury and jury trials are scheduled to restart in April.

“Securing testing and ultimately vaccinations for our staff and our colleagues in the courthouse community was critical to bringing our criminal justice system back online. Our first responsibility is of course to the health and safety of our staff and their families, but we also care about the health of our courthouse colleagues and our community at large. We are excited that this important step moves the needle in both the safety of our community and the full reactivation of our courts,” Chief Assistant District Attorney Michael Edwards said.

The vaccinations received were the Pfizer first round shots; Coastal Care Partners will return in 3 weeks to administer the second round. The Supreme Court of Georgia recently encouraged courts to move forward with restarting trials and other proceedings. With this vaccination clinic, Chatham County courts are ready and leading the way for the State of Georgia.

For more information about Coastal Care Partners, visit www.coastalcarepartners.com. For more information about COVID Testing Appointments, visit www.covidtestingappointments.com.

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