23 December
Special Edition President’s Briefing

9:00 Opening Remarks
9:18 Is it safe to get the COVID-19 vaccine if you have had the virus or recently tested positive, or if you might be asymptomatic?

9:19 Can we still transmit the virus after being vaccinated? What impact does vaccination have on the need to wear masks and social distance, and on our ability to interact with vulnerable family members?

9:21 Is it possible to contract COVID-19 if you get the vaccine?

9:22 UTSW has received the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. Is it possible for UTSW to distribute the Moderna vaccine too? When and which vaccine will be shipped next? And what do we know about how much vaccine UTSW will receive and at what intervals?

9:23 What's the plan for distributing the second dose of the vaccine? How will it be scheduled?

9:24 We've been hearing reports about allergic reactions to COVID-19 vaccines. How are we advising individuals with a history of allergy? What is meaningful versus not meaningful in terms of risks?

9:28 Is there a local source to turn to if someone believe he or she is having a reaction to the vaccine? What should I do if I feel I’m having a reaction?

9:29 What do we know about side effects for the first dose versus the second dose? What should people anticipate when they get the second dose?

9:31 What is an mRNA vaccine?

9:34 When will UTSW be providing vaccine to other work groups, such as those working off-campus? When will patients receive them?

9:35 Is there a reason for immunocompromised patients to be concerned? What do we know about risks, side effects, and efficacy?
9:38 What are we advising women who are pregnant, are breastfeeding, or are trying to become pregnant? What are we advising pediatric populations?

9:41 Do the 5,850 doses that UTSW received last week include the second dose for those who received the first? How many people were actually vaccinated?

9:43 Where do people who work in labs on campus, rather than clinics, fall in the order of progression for receiving the vaccine?

9:45 Patients are asking, "Will I be notified?" when it is time for them to get the vaccine. Can you tell us about that process?

9:46 Will the vaccine work against the new virus mutation that has emerged in the UK?

9:49 If we decide to opt in to be vaccinated, will we be given an option between the Pfizer vaccine or the Moderna vaccine? Are there differences?

9:51 How do we achieve herd immunity?

9:53 Do both shots have to be the same vaccine? Can one be the Pfizer vaccine and the other the Moderna vaccine?

9:54 If I'm not feeling 100%, is it still okay to get the vaccine?

9:55 Should we be concerned about quality control in the rapidly expanding production of the vaccine?

9:58 Can you explain the reasoning behind the Phase 1 vaccine deployment plan on campus, and generally describe who is in the Administrative group?