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Avow Requires COVID-19 Vaccine for All Staff and Volunteers

Naples, Fla., August 24, 2021 – Avow announces it will require all employees, patient-facing contract staff, and volunteers of Avow Hospice, Avow Palliative Care Services, and Avow Foundation to receive COVID-19 vaccination, in full, by November 1, 2021.

"We are entrusted to care for the most vulnerable patients within the health care continuum. Ultimately, this decision puts their health and safety – as well as that of Avow staff – first, as we are clearly nowhere near the end of this pandemic," Avow President & CEO Jaysen Roa stated in announcing the policy.

Avow currently has more than 84% of staff fully vaccinated due to a policy implemented in June requiring new employees to inoculate and its efforts earlier this year to vaccinate staff with direct patient care, eventually including all employees and volunteers who sought immunization. The vaccine policy coupled with Avow's mask requirement on its campus and while serving patients in their homes or facilities, along with stringent COVID-19 testing requirements, has helped the company achieve its goal of reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission to patients and families as well as throughout the community.

About Avow
Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice. Today, Avow's nonprofit companies provide palliative care consultations for adults facing chronic or serious illness and hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults.

To learn more about the scope of services provided by Avow, call 239-261-4404 or visit www.avowcares.org.

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