Lockheed Martin Donates Flu Vaccine To Orange County Health Department

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Lockheed Martin businesses in Central Florida donated 210 flu vaccine doses to the Orlando Orange County Health Department today to assist the county in providing vaccinations to high-risk residents.

"Lockheed Martin is committed to serving our employees and the communities in which we live and work," said Stan Arthur, president of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control-Orlando. "We were fortunate to have received our order of vaccine before the shortage became apparent. All Lockheed Martin companies located in Central Florida made a conscious decision to immunize only employees who are in the high-risk categories defined by the Centers for Disease Control. Based on that decision, we have a surplus that can benefit those in most need of the vaccination in our community."

Lockheed Martin has formed many charitable partnerships with organizations in Central Florida. The company supports the community through volunteerism, charitable giving and assisting with education programs in math and science. Recently, Lockheed Martin was among two companies named Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation by the Central Florida Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Lockheed Martin partnered with the Orlando Science Center to provide Space Day activities for over 1,000 students. Central Florida Engineers visit K-12 classrooms during Engineers Week to increase awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession. More than 500 employees volunteered for the Heart of Florida United Way Day of Caring. Lockheed Martin leadership is actively engaged in the community by serving on the board of directors and advisory committees of charitable organizations. Employees are always more than willing to help where there is a need in the community.

"The Orange County Health Department sincerely appreciates receiving surplus flu vaccines from Lockheed Martin for distribution to those in the community who have not yet received their flu vaccination," said Bill Toth, public information officer at the Health Department. "Every bit of vaccine we receive for high-risk individuals will be for the better of the community. This is the first time Lockheed Martin has donated vaccine to us and it shows the effort and concern the community has to help remedy the shortage of the vaccine."

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