December 18 event began just before an evening shift change, with about 60 rescue vehicles circling the PMC campus. Staffers who were leaving for the day or on break made their way outside to greet the first responders and their special guests. The Clauses and the Grinch then climbed into the baskets of ladder trucks supplied by Plainsboro, Monroe, and North Brunswick fire companies so they could be raised to the elevator bay windows and share socially distanced season's greetings with staff members inside. The event was organized by Plainsboro Fire Co. and Chief Scott Kivet, with assistance from more than a dozen fire, rescue, and law enforcement agencies from Middlesex, Mercer, and Somerset counties.

Tisha Payne, BSN, RN, a nurse in the Emergency Department, and David Herman, MD, hospital epidemiologist at Princeton Medical Center (PMC), were the first Princeton Health staff members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 when the vaccine was delivered to the hospital campus on December 17. Also vaccinated the first day were physicians, nurses, technicians, and others who have frequent contact with patients, such as Environmental Services staff. The vaccine has now been offered to all Princeton Health staff and medical staff members. Check your email for messages from Penn Medicine COVID-19 Vaccine Team with the subject line Action Needed: COVID-19 Vaccine Available to Self-Schedule. Vaccination is voluntary. Staff members are encouraged to receive the vaccine as a way to safeguard themselves and our patients.
James Demetriades
Appointed CEO of Princeton Health

The University of Pennsylvania Health System has named James Demetriades as CEO of Penn Medicine Princeton Health. He will begin his new role on March 1, 2021.

“James is a proven leader who we are excited to elevate into a role in which he will help chart and execute Penn Medicine Princeton Health’s journey forward as an institution that sets the highest standards in care for our patients and the community in New Jersey,” said University of Pennsylvania Health System CEO Kevin B. Mahoney.

Demetriades led the overall system planning and execution process to become part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, collaborating with other center leaders to execute the Medical Staff Development Plan and serving as the management liaison to the Princeton Health Board of Trustees’ Strategic Planning Committee that developed a five-year strategic plan for 2020-2025. In addition to his ongoing responsibilities for clinical departments and ancillary and support services, he also provides leadership for emergency management at Princeton Health, including the comprehensive work done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The knowledge and experience James brings to this role will be invaluable as he leads the organization toward even greater achievements in clinical outcomes, quality, patient and employee engagement, medical staff alignment and community relations,” said Anthony Kuczinski, chair of the Princeton Health Board. “We are excited about the combination of James’ strategic thinking and the passion he has for the organization, our patients and community we serve.”

Previously, Demetriades also served as vice president for professional services, and has had operational responsibility for surgical services, laboratory services, radiology/imaging, the cancer program and many other clinical and non-clinical areas. He has also held roles at organizations including the Reading Hospital and Medical Center in West Reading, PA, and HealthSouth Corporation in North Brunswick, NJ.

“I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve Penn Medicine Princeton Health as the CEO,” Demetriades said. “I have spent 17 years here because I believe it is an outstanding organization and I hope to provide the kind of strategic leadership that will continue to propel us forward. I am grateful to have a team of very knowledgeable and caring colleagues, the guidance of a highly committed board and the strength of the entire Penn Medicine system supporting our work.”

Demetriades earned his Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of Business Administration in healthcare administration from the University of Scranton and holds a Master’s of 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