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**UAMS to Host Aug. 25 Virtual Presentation
on ‘Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines and Pregnancy’**

LITTLE ROCK — Two physicians from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will speak Aug. 25 on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy.

Nirvana Manning, M.D., and Robert Hopkins Jr., M.D., will present “Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines and Pregnancy” at noon, Aug. 25 on Zoom. There will be a Q&A session at the end of their presentation. Joseph Sanford, M.D., director of the UAMS Institute for Digital Health & Innovation, will act as the moderator.

The session is free and open to the public. The link for the presentation is uams.health/COVID19Lecture.

Manning is the chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UAMS, where she also serves as director of women’s health services and as vice chair of clinical care. She is a member of many professional organizations including the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the American Medical Association.

Hopkins is a professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and serves as the chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine, associate program director for the Med-Peds residency and in 2020-21 has served as medical director for COVID-19 testing and vaccination at UAMS. He has held a number of national and local leadership positions including current service as chair of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee and as a member of the Arkansas Department of Health Vaccine Medical Advisory Committee.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital

Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* recognized UAMS Medical Center as a Best Hospital for 2021-22; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide for the third year; and named five areas as high performing — colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke. *Forbes* magazine ranked UAMS as seventh in the nation on its Best Employers for Diversity list. UAMS also ranked in the top 30% nationwide on *Forbes*' Best Employers for Women list and was the only Arkansas employer included. UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and six dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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