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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Abbott Laboratories Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 23, 2021

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a paper copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The 2021 proxy statement and 2020 annual report to shareholders are available at:

www.investorvote.com/abt

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Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials - If you want to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for this request. Please make your request as instructed on the reverse side of this Notice on or before April 9, 2021 to facilitate timely delivery.



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Abbott Laboratories Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on April 23, 2021 at the corporation's headquarters, 100 Abbott Park Road, at the intersection of Route 137 and Waukegan Road, Lake County, Illinois.

In light of restrictions and guidelines on group gatherings issued by government and public health officials regarding the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and to support the health and safety of Abbott's shareholders, employees, and communities, shareholders may only attend the Annual Meeting virtually. Shareholders will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

How to Attend the Meeting on the Virtual Meeting Platform. Shareholders will be able to attend, vote their shares, and submit questions during the Annual Meeting at www.meetingcenter.io/290382097. To be admitted to the meeting, you must have the meeting password (ABT2021) and the 15-digit control number printed on the reverse side of this form.

How to Attend the Meeting by Phone. Shareholders who wish to attend the meeting by phone should contact Abbott representatives at 224-668-7238 or abbottshareholders@abbott.com to obtain the meeting telephone number in advance of the meeting. Shareholders participating by phone will be able to listen to the meeting but will not have the ability to vote or submit questions during the meeting.

Items to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommend a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed in Item 1 and **FOR** Items 2, 3 and 4:

1. Election of 13 Directors:

01 - R.J. Alpern	02 - R.S. Austin	03 - S.E. Blount	04 - R.B. Ford	05 - M.A. Kumbier
06 - D.W. McDew	07 - N. McKinstry	08 - W.A. Osborn	09 - M.F. Roman	10 - D.J. Starks
11 - J.G. Stratton	12 - G.F. Tilton	13 - M.D. White		

2. Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors

3. Say on Pay - An Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

4. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation to Eliminate Statutory Supermajority Voting Standards for:

(a) Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

(b) Approval of Certain Extraordinary Transactions

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Items 5, 6 and 7.

5. Shareholder Proposal - Lobbying Disclosure

6. Shareholder Proposal - Report on Racial Justice

7. Shareholder Proposal - Independent Board Chairman

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Instructions for virtually attending the Abbott Laboratories 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are also available in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at www.investorvote.com/abt.



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