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BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

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BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. C/O AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY 59 MAIDEN LANE NEW YORK, NY 10038

Meeting Information

 Meeting Type:
 Annual Meeting

 For holders as of:
 April 1, 2019

 Date:
 May 29, 2019
 Time:
 10:00 a.m. EDT

 Location:
 BioCryst Corporate Offices 4505 Emperor Blvd. Suite 200
 Jurham, North Carolina

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

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- Before You Vote -

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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: 1. Election of Directors

- - Nominees:

 - 01) Stephen J. Aselage 02) Kenneth B. Lee, Jr.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2, 3 and 4.

- To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for 2019. 2.
- 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation.
- To approve an amendment to the Stock Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the Stock Incentive Plan by 4,000,000 shares. 4.
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PERSONS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTORS AND FOR PROPOSALS 2, 3 AND 4. IN THEIR DISCRETION, THE PROXY HOLDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENT THEREOF, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 14A-4(C) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED.

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