



BIOCRYST TO RELEASE THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS ON OCTOBER 24, 2001

Birmingham, Alabama - October 17, 2001 - BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: BCRX) will release its financial results for the third quarter 2001, before the market opens on Wednesday, October 24, 2001. The Company will also sponsor a conference call at 10:00 am EDT. Interested investors can listen to the call live over the Internet from the investor relations website at www.biocryst.com or by dialing 1-800-946-0715, and providing the passcode number 460813.

What: BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Third Quarter Financial Results Conference Call
When: Wednesday, October 24, 2001, 10:00 am, EDT
Where: <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=1566>
How: Live over the Internet -- Simply log on to the web at the address above, or
Live conference call -- Dial 1-800-946-0715, passcode 460813.

Founded in 1986, BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of pharmaceuticals for the treatment of antiviral, inflammatory/autoimmune and cardiovascular diseases and disorders.

For those unable to listen at the designated time, the webcast will remain available for replay over BioCryst's investor relations website until December 30, 2001. A conference call replay will also be available from approximately 1:00 p.m EDT on Wednesday, October 24 to midnight on Friday, October 26, 2001 by dialing 1-888-203-1112 and entering passcode 460813.