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SCHEDULE 14A

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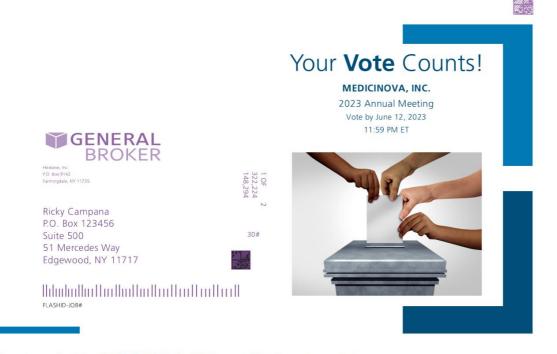
MEDICINOVA, INC

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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You invested in MEDICINOVA, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the shareholder meeting to be held on June 13, 2023.

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice & Proxy Statement, Annual Report online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 30, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



* If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a "legal proxy." To do so, please follow the instructions at www.ProxyVote.com or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

MEDICINOVA, INC. 2023 Annual Meeting Vote by June 12, 2023 11:59 PM ET

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Under New York Stock Exchange rules, brokers may vote "routine" matters at their discretion if your voting instructions are not communicated to us at least 10 days before the meeting. We will nevertheless follow your instructions, even if the broker's discretionary vote has already been given, provided your instructions are received prior to the meeting date.

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