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CLEAR CREEK COUNTY RECEIVES FIRST SHIPMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINE

Nearly 10 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, 100 doses of the FDA-approved Moderna COVID-19 vaccine arrived today in Clear Creek County. The County Public Health Department and the Emergency Operations Center worked diligently to develop the county-wide distribution plan following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and in coordination with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Explains County Public Health Director, Dr. Timothy Ryan, “Along with the rest of Colorado and the nation, we are now in Phase 1 of providing vaccines for the highest-risk health care workers and first responders.” Public Health staff have contacted county departments and response partners to be ready to receive the vaccine.



Crystal Brandt (right), Public Health Nurse, accepts delivery of the County's first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Moderna vaccination has a 95% effectiveness rate and requires two doses administered 28 days apart to be effective. Some temporary arm soreness, slight fever, and fatigue are expected with each dose. Says Dr. Ryan, “Mild side effects from the vaccine are normal, this is your body’s way of fighting the virus with an immune response.”

Due to the limited supply and worldwide demand of the COVID-19 vaccine, Phase 2 is expected to take place in the Spring of 2021. Phase 3 for the general public is expected to take place in the Summer of 2021. CDPHE’s established phases can be viewed at– <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/vaccine-for-coloradans>.

As plans are finalized for each phase, County Public Health will contact members of the appropriate community sector to receive vaccinations, which will be offered at no cost. Notifications will be made via phone, email, newspaper announcements, virtual public meetings, website and social media postings. This timeline is subject to change based on the supply and distribution system.

According to the County’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Olivia Watson, “For Phase 2 and 3 vaccine administration in Clear Creek County, we hope to have our new Public Health trailer up and running so that we can go mobile and make the process more convenient for the residents and employees of Clear Creek County.”

CDPHE has launched a dashboard to track vaccination data at covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine. For frequently asked COVID-19 vaccine questions, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-faq>

Until the majority of the population is vaccinated, the best way to keep our community healthy is to avoid in-person social gatherings and when in public, wear a mask and keep your distance from others.



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