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Department of Health and Human Services provides update on State vaccine allocations

Carson City, NV — The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services received an update from the Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the state’s second allocation of the December COVID-19 vaccine.

The State has already received 25,350 doses of Pfizer vaccine this week and vaccinations of hospital staff have been taking place. Of those doses, 17,550 were available for the State to distribute to counties for acute care hospitals and 7,800 were set aside for staff and residents of long-term care facilities who will be vaccinated by our pharmacy partners.

Each county and Local Health Authority has developed their own distribution plan for the COVID-19 vaccine and will implement the process individually, while following the Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Playbook.

The second allocation of Pfizer’s vaccine is now expected to be 17,550 doses and is slated to go directly to the State’s pharmacy partners, CVS and Walgreens, to vaccinate staff and residents of skilled nursing and long term facilities. Originally, the state anticipated receiving 30,255 doses. This equates to a 42 percent drop.

Today, the Food and Drug Administration’s, Vaccines and Related Biological
Products Advisory Committee recommended the Moderna vaccine for emergency use. If this product is deemed safe and effective by the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, this vaccine could be delivered to Nevada in the coming week.

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