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COVID-19 Vaccinations

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Sumter County, FL –

According to the Sumter County Health Department website, <http://sumter.floridahealth.gov>, 170 persons had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of December 27, 2020, in Sumter County. The vaccinations are primarily associated with the State of Florida's deployment of CVS Pharmacy to vaccinate the employees and patients in long-term care facilities. The second long-term care facility to receive the vaccinations occurred today, with three more scheduled from January 6-8, 2021.

Separate from the CVS Pharmacy deployment, 2,500 first doses of the Moderna vaccine were received by the Sumter County Health Department on December 27, 2020. These first doses will be used for the hospital employees and medical office personnel in Sumter County in preparation for when more doses arrive to serve the public as defined by Governor DeSantis' Executive Order. The Sumter County Health Department reports all first doses will be used for that purpose rather than holding half in reserve for the second dose treatment.

It is important for interested persons to understand the Moderna vaccine, what you should share with your physician before taking the vaccine, as well as the risks of the vaccine. For an updated fact sheet and additional information about the vaccine, please visit www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua.

The Sumter County Health Department has not yet established a list, line, or registry for an individual to sign up to receive the vaccine as the State of Florida has not defined the schedule and volume of distribution to Sumter County at this time. Please watch the Sumter County Health Department website and press releases for future announcements.

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