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COVID-19 Vaccinations Begin at Northern Inyo Healthcare District

INYO COUNTY, December 22, 2020 – During the weekend, the much awaited Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination distribution began at Northern Inyo Healthcare District with Emergency Department Registered Nurse Cameron Winston receiving the first dose. The historic moment may very well mark the moment of change in the outcome of the pandemic for Inyo County.

The County of Inyo and Northern Inyo Healthcare District stress that with last Thursday's arrival of the Pfizer vaccine, all available vaccine will be offered to healthcare workers, including non-clinical personnel, and first responders within the 1A Tier of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Allocation Guidelines. It's our hope that this allocation will be enough for everyone within the 1A tier. Should there be leftover doses, they will be offered to 1B individuals as defined and prioritized by the California Department of Public Health.

Under those guidelines, those eligible for the 1A tier vaccination include, as it is written, "persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care settings. This population includes persons at direct risk of exposure in their non-clinical roles, such as, but not limited to, environmental services, patient transport, or interpretation."

In addition, the first 100-dose shipment of the second FDA-approved vaccine from Moderna arrived at NIHD today, with subsequent shipments from Pfizer in two to four weeks. The initial Pfizer shipment was shared between Inyo and Mono counties, with Inyo receiving 615 doses and Mono receiving 360 doses.

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