

Goodwin House Incorporated Vaccine Clinic Media Coverage

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Retired RN one of the first to get COVID vaccine at Alexandria retirement home

By: Kristen Schneider
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (WJLA) — Peg King was one of the first in line Tuesday - and for good reason.

King is a retired registered nurse. She's also a Goodwin House resident, one of the first to get the vaccine.

Goodwin House Alexandria was also one of the first - in regional facilities to get the COVID vaccine, that is. On Tuesday, they started vaccinated residents and staff, including King.

The former nurse even gave a thumbs up as she got her injection.

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[Goodwin House Alexandria Residents and Staff Receive COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

By Kevin Dauray
December 29, 2020

ALEXANDRIA, VA – For the last few months, people across the country have followed the development of the COVID-19 vaccine closely. In recent weeks, news of a vaccine rollout has given hope that an end to the pandemic is in sight.

Earlier today, some residents and staff at [Goodwin House Alexandria](#) received the vaccine. Before the end of 2020, it is estimated that 125 residents and employees will be vaccinated.

The CVS vaccine team administered the first of two doses to Peg King, a retired RN, one of the first to get the shot in her arm.

Goodwin House Alexandria is one of the first locations in the region to have a medical team administer the vaccine.



Goodwin House Alexandria resident and retired RN Peg King receives her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. (Photo courtesy of Finn Partners/Used with permission of Goodwin House Alexandria)



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[Alexandria's Goodwin House residents among region's first to receive COVID-19 vaccine](#)

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Health-care staff and residents at the Goodwin House Alexandria senior living facility on Tuesday were among the first in the region to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

An estimated 125 residents and staff at Goodwin House will receive the first dose of the vaccine before the year ends. Staff members welcomed the CVS vaccine team Tuesday morning with signs and waves.

Health care workers, first responders and long-term care facility residents and staff are part of the Centers for Disease Control's priority "group 1a" receiving the vaccines first. Currently, vaccine distribution across Virginia is limited to those in the priority group but will be expanded as supplies and resources to administer the vaccine increase.



Peg King, a retired nurse and resident of Goodwin House Alexandria's Memory Care Unit, was one of the first at the facility to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Courtesy Goodwin House Alexandria



A welcoming committee for the CVS vaccine team's arrival at Goodwin House Alexandria. Courtesy Goodwin House Alexandria



Interview with Sande O'Keefe

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*Segment ran during 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. news hours



[Goodwin House residents and staff receive COVID-19 vaccine](#)

December 31, 2020

By Cody Mello-Klein
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Residents and staff at Goodwin House Alexandria, an elder care facility that provides independent and assisted living, were among the first in the city to receive the first dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday.

In partnership with CVS, which, along with Walgreens, is administering the vaccine in long-term care facilities around the state, Goodwin House was able to provide the initial dose of the vaccine to more than 300 residents and staff. A second dose of the vaccine will be administered to those who received the vaccine this week on Jan. 19.



Momah Wolapaye, a certified nursing assistant at Goodwin House Alexandria, was the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the long-term care facility. (Photo/Cody Mello-Klein)

On Tuesday, Goodwin House prioritized nursing home residents and staff who regularly interact with residents in those areas of care. This is in line with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health. Due to the amount of doses Goodwin House had access to the long-term care facility was also able to vaccinate select assisted living residents who were deemed at high risk for the coronavirus.

Certified nursing assistant Momah Wolapaye was the first to receive the vaccine on Tuesday, and although he was in and out of the clinic in only a few minutes, he was greeted with much fanfare from staff. Cheers went up and cameras snapped as Goodwin House celebrated a significant milestone in the pandemic, which has resulted in significant physical and mental health risks for residents.

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By [Julia Hollingsworth](#), Adam Renton, Melissa Macaya and Mike Hayes, CNN
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Nearly 2.8 million Covid-19 vaccine doses have been administered in US, CDC says From CNN Health's Lauren Mascarenhas

A total of 2,794,588 coronavirus vaccine shots have been administered in the United States, according to the latest numbers from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Meanwhile, 12,409,050 doses have been distributed across the country, according to the CDC.

Through the federal partnership with long-term care facilities, 167,149 shots have been administered and 2,166,200 doses have been distributed, the CDC reported.



A pharmacist dilutes the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine while preparing it to administer to staff and residents at the Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, a senior living community in Falls Church, Virginia, on December 30. Brendan Smialowski/AFP/Getty Images

Numbers of vaccine doses distributed and administered among each state are also displayed on the [CDC website](#).

Reporting delay: Federal officials have acknowledged a delay in the reporting of numbers of vaccines distributed and administered.

More than 14 million vaccine doses have been distributed to date, but the CDC tracker hasn't yet reported the additional doses, Operation Warp Speed chief operating officer Gen. Gustave Perna said Wednesday in a news briefing.

[Saginaw Co. launches COVID vaccine registration for healthcare, critical infrastructure businesses](#)

December 31, 2020



The Saginaw County Health Department has started an online COVID-19 vaccine registration for non-hospital affiliated health facilities that fall under priority three, also known as Phase 1A.

The county health department said this is for independent, non-hospital affiliated facilities and practices.

Healthcare workers employed or who have privileges through one of Saginaw County Health Department's health systems will be vaccinated there.

"This will be a large group," said Christina Harrington, health officer for the Saginaw County Health Department. "We anticipate our community will need 3-4 weeks to complete this part of Phase 1A. Saginaw County is much larger than surrounding counties like Midland and Bay. Our medical infrastructure includes not one but four hospitals and a wide variety of independent outpatient practices and facilities."



Vials of undiluted Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are prepared to administer to staff and residents at the Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, a senior living community in Falls Church, Virginia, on December 30, 2020. (Photo by Brendan Smialowski / AFP) (Photo by BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP via Getty Images) © BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI

The health department said it's already planning for the next phase, Phase 1B, which includes adults older than 75 and essential workers.

At this time, the health department is not yet taking registrations for individuals older than 75, which will come as a separate process.

The Saginaw County Health Department is asking essential workers do not register individually, at this time.

Instead, the business, and one main contact, should fill out the registration form for that business.

When the form is completed, a staff member from the health department will follow up with necessary paperwork, scheduling information, and vaccination location based on vaccine availability.

"Remember, essential workers (Phase 1B) will not be vaccinated until after Phase 1A is completed in our county," Harrington said.

[The latest on the coronavirus pandemic and vaccines](#)

By Nectar Gan, Adam Renton, Kara Fox and Harry Clarke-Ezzidio, CNN
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Covid-19 vaccine is safe for those with food and drug allergies, allergist group says
From CNN's Virginia Langmaid

Most people with common allergies can safely get the coronavirus vaccine, allergists said Thursday.

"Patients with severe allergies to foods, oral drugs, latex, or venom can safely receive the Covid-19 vaccines," Dr. Aleena Banerji, clinical director of the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, and colleagues wrote.



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The two ingredients in both the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine that are mostly likely to cause allergic reaction are polyethylene glycol and polysorbate, they said. But people can easily be watched and treated for such allergic reactions, which are rare, they noted.

"As allergists, we want to encourage vaccination by reassuring the public that both FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines are safe," Banerji said in a statement. "Our guidelines are built upon the recommendations of U.S. regulatory agencies and provide clear steps to the medical community on how to safely administer both doses of the vaccine in individuals with allergic histories."

The report also offers guidance as to how physicians can make sure patients are informed about the safety of the vaccine, but also prepared for adverse reactions.

Patients who have an adverse reaction to the vaccine should "have the requisite information and support needed to decide if and how to receive the second dose," they said. There is not much data yet on what happens to people who get a second dose of vaccine after suffering an allergic reaction to the first.

"To provide reassurance and support during widespread vaccination across America, allergists must offer clear guidance to patients based on the best information available," they wrote in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice*.

Allergists are advised by the report to prepare to keep people with severe allergies informed and supported throughout the process of getting a Covid-19 vaccine.