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Northeast Colorado Health Department does first COVID-19 Vaccination in Washington County

Sterling, Colo. – December 28, 2020: There was new hope on ending the pandemic in Northeast Colorado today as the Northeast Colorado Health Department (NCHD) conducted its first COVID-19 vaccine clinic, also known as a Point of Dispensing or POD. The turnout consisted of 20 Phase 1A and 1B frontline health care workers and first responders who were given their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

“Today’s clinic went really well for our first vaccine administration event. It helped us to figure out where we have some bottlenecks that will be fixed prior to our bigger public PODs coming. Overall, we are really happy how today’s event went,” said NCHD Public Health Director, Trish McClain.

Today’s POD at Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center is the first of many to come for Northeast Colorado.

“It was an honor to be part of something this big to stop the pandemic and to vaccinate people,” said Laura Bacon, NCHD Public Health Nurse.

One of the first people rolling up their sleeve was Tony Wells, Washington County Commissioner and Paramedic. “The shot was just fine it was no different than doing the flu vaccine every year. NCHD did a great job,” Wells said.

Everyone received the newly approved Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and like the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, this vaccine also has a two-dose series, meaning that everyone received the first of two shots today, and 28 days from now, they will get the second. All of today’s participants were observed for 15 minutes after receiving their vaccine and none experienced any reactions or side effects.

NCHD has been planning for the implementation of PODs since last summer and is excited to begin the process of providing vaccination to everyone who wants to be vaccinated. It will likely be a few more months before enough vaccine is available for the general public. Until then, we all need to continue do our part by continuing to wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands and limit the size of gatherings.

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