

# **UPDATE FROM PROMEDICA CHARLES AND VIRGINIA HICKMAN HOSPITAL**

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ProMedica Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital continues to act upon the ProMedica Health System mission for our local communities by participating in the administration of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to essential patient care staff and community members that fall into the tiers set forth by the federal government.

To date, 494 patient care staff in Hickman Hospital have received first doses and this week began to receive second doses. 643 community members have received first doses and are also beginning second doses based on the previously mentioned tier system. Hickman Hospital has also donated over 250 doses of the Moderna vaccine for use in local long-term care facilities for patients and staff as well.

Initially, when the vaccine began to roll out to the states and then to communities, vaccine was requested and ordered weekly. The allocations received from those orders varied widely from the number ordered and most notably less than the number ordered. Most recently the federal government has developed a new method of allocation to counties and hospitals using a population-based approach based on many factors. We are yet to be fully aware of all of these factors. This means we will no longer be ordering our allocation of vaccine but a pre-determined amount will be dispatched to us.

The new Presidential administration has promised to increase the orders for vaccine and therefore the numbers of vaccine to each state. For that we are grateful. But, we may not see a large surge in vaccines allocated or an increase in availability for weeks.

Rest assured that as soon as an allocation of vaccine becomes available to Hickman Hospital, plans are set to "get shots in arms" immediately.