

Vaccine is here!

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December 23rd, 2020 Brown County Public Health received limited doses of Moderna Vaccine. Clinical trial have shown that the vaccine is 95% effective in clinical trials and healthcare workers at Brown County Public Health are confident that the vaccine is safe.

The initial doses will be given to individuals identified to be in phase 1a, sub-priority 1. This priority group consists of; healthcare workers, long term care staff, and residents, emergency response services, and public health staff who will

be participating in the vaccination process.

“Vaccine is one way to help us get ahead in the pandemic,” said Brown County Public Health Director, Karen Moritz.

Brown County Public Health staff has been trained to handle Moderna’s vaccine as it does require specific handling and storage. All of Brown County Public Health’s vaccination team will be vaccinating with confidence as they have all been trained on proper handling, storage, administration, and providing education regarding the vaccine.

While vaccine is an important step in the pandemic, it is also still important to practice the protective recommendations which include:

- 6 foot social distancing,
- staying home when sick,
- wearing a mask when inside in public and outside if you cannot social distance
- wear a mask over your nose AND mouth
- If your healthcare provider has told you not to wear a mask due to health problems please consider wearing a face shield
- diligent hand hygiene and cleaning of high touch surfaces

It is extremely important that everyone take the protective recommendations seriously, to reduce COVID-19 transmission. It will take time before vaccine is offered and available to the general public so the protective recommendations are still very important to follow.