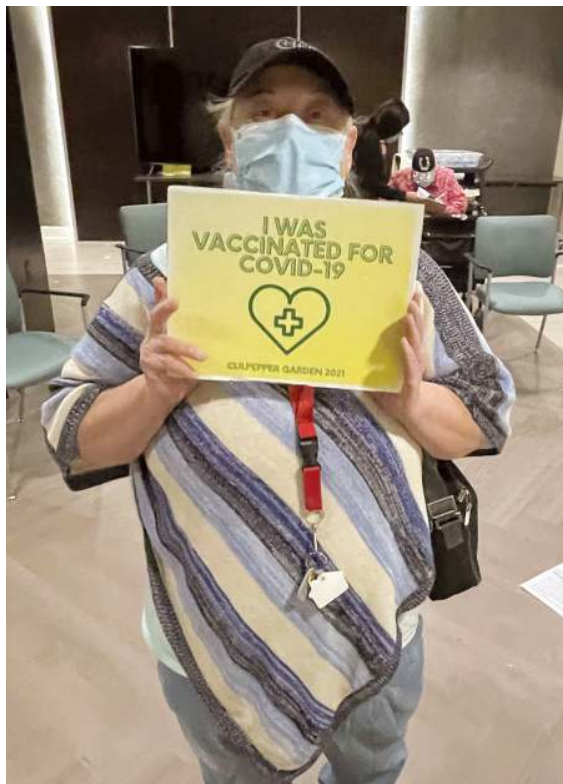


From One Side of COVID to the Other



The Pfizer COVID vaccine came to Culpepper Garden low-income senior residence on Wednesday, Jan. 13. It was a long day with 225 doses administered to 189 residents and 36 staff in five minute appointments during the first of three clinics. The additional clinics will be held in the next three weeks to administer second doses and give the first shot to those who may have missed the first clinic. Evelyn Congigiare, a Culpepper Garden resident, rests for a few minutes after the vaccine to be certain there are no side effects while Paul Tiimpane, the Property Operations Director, receives his first dose of the vaccine.



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Cars fill every parking spot in front of the Urgent Care Center at Lee Harrison Shopping Center on Friday, Jan. 15. Each car has a large number on the windshield indicating its spot in line for coronavirus testing.

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Vaccine Shortage Limits Arlington's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Arlington County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti said today that the County's ability to inoculate those eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is limited by the availability of vaccine supply.

"Today Arlington will be inoculating 900 Arlington County teachers, after inoculating 900 on Saturday," de Ferranti said. "We have the capacity to do at least 2,000 doses per day or 14,000 per week, and we can do more if we were assured a greater supply. The County Manager and our Public Health Director have informed me that currently, we are being promised only 1,400 doses this week of the first-dose vaccine."

"Arlington has the infrastructure, staff, and preparation in place to continue to deliver the vaccine at the scale of these

two events, and we are ready to use considerable additional staff from our Fire Department to scale immediately to do more vaccines. Supply of vaccine is the only limitation on our ability to put shots in arms," de Ferranti said. "While we are aware that the uncertainty of federal distribution to the states seems to be affecting our local supply, we seek a commitment from the Virginia Department of Health that more doses will be allocated to Arlington. We are ready to expand our weekly throughput immediately to 10,000 doses per week, but we need assurance from VDH on delivery of first vaccines and greater clarity about the arrival of second doses."

Visit the County website for more information on COVID-19 testing. <https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/>

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