

HIGHLAND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives at Highland District Hospital



Pictured: Dr. Anthony Wetherington, Hospitalist, receiving the first Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at Highland District Hospital. The vaccine was administered by Misty Louderback, Registered Nurse in the HDH Occupational Health Department.

Hillsboro, Ohio, December 24, 2020- Highland District Hospital received an early Christmas present as 40 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine arrived on campus and were administered to frontline staff on Christmas Eve. Supplied by the Highland County Health Department, the two-step vaccine was issued to staff members who have been caring for the community's most critical patients for the last nine months. The first vaccine was administered to Dr. Anthony Wetherington, Highland District Hospital's Inpatient Hospitalist and advocate of the vaccine. "Although this vaccine took only seconds to receive, it will have a lasting impact on the future health of our community. This year has been extremely hard. We've been taking care of very critical patients- our friends, our neighbors, even our own family members. Our frontline staff now have the hope of a better tomorrow, and there's no better time of year to be hopeful! It truly is a merry Christmas." The 40 frontline employees chosen to have the vaccine administered represent multiple departments within the hospital who have direct contact with COVID-19 patients on a



daily basis. As the hospital works closely with the local health department and the state government, its hope is to have access to vaccines for additional frontline staff as quickly as resources are allocated to the area. Randal Lennartz, President and CEO concluded, "It was imperative that we protect our staff during this pandemic- and we have done that with the best personal protective equipment we've had access to. But this vaccine ensures an even higher level of protection needed to keep our employees safe, healthy, and able to provide high quality healthcare to our community during these unprecedented times."

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