

VACCINE FAQs

Is NCH going to be providing the vaccine when one is available?

NCH is working diligently on becoming one of the distribution centers for a COVID-19 vaccine for our community once one has been approved by the FDA. We are working closely with state government officials and have sent communication to the Governor's office.

What has NCH done to become a vaccine administrator for our region?

Two months ago, NCH purchased large capacity freezers capable of maintaining temperatures below -60 degrees Celsius for any vaccine that may become available. Those freezers were installed and operational in mid November. We have also prepared physician order sets and built partnership links with other state organizations, like with Florida Shots, the state vaccine tracking system, to keep track of administered shots. NCH is prepared and standing ready to be able to administer the vaccine.

Where can I find more information about the vaccine that is in the news recently?

Pfizer is the manufacturer of the two-dose vaccine (currently before the FDA for approval). More information can be found on their website by clicking [here](#) or visiting www.pfizer.com

When would the vaccine be available to the community?

Healthcare and government leaders are working on a phased approach to vaccine availability. Once those have been established and NCH has received approval to administer the vaccine, we will strictly follow the rules set forth in dispensing the vaccine in this phased approach.

When will the vaccine be ready for phase one?

While timing remains uncertain, if all goes as planned and the drug receives FDA approval, vaccine could be available as early as the end of 2020.

Is NCH the only place administering the vaccine in our region?

While we cannot say for certain, we anticipate that the DOH and other healthcare organizations will also be able to administer the vaccine to our community to help get it out more quickly to our residents, just as there are multiple administrators for the flu vaccine.