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Community Pharmacy administered full allocation of COVID-19 vaccine

GRETNA, NEB. – Today will end the weeklong rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations for long-term care facilities slotted to be vaccinated by Community Pharmacy in Nebraska and Iowa. This vaccination effort has been coined as Project Hug by the Pharmacy. Last week Community Pharmacy received 7800 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, and by the end of today they will have administered 8500 doses in 77 facilities across the state of Nebraska and Iowa. The “extra dose” in every Pfizer vial has allowed for more residents and staff to be vaccinated.

“It has been a long week and a half for many of our employees. I am so thankful for the 60 selfless teammates here at the Pharmacy who volunteered with Project Hug. Many teammates are running low on the sleep meter but playing a part in the solution for COVID-19 in the industry we serve gives us the boost of energy we need. Some of our staff cancelled their holiday PTO requests so we could prepare for the clinics. This is what we do for our healthcare partners.”

To say I am proud of our amazing people working here at Community Pharmacy is an understatement.” The rest of the 200 plus employees have been making sure the day-to-day operations are running. “I need to say thank you to everyone at Community Pharmacy – all of our employees having given their all to ensure Project Hug is successful.”

Today is the last round of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine that the Pharmacy received on Christmas Eve. The next shipment of vaccine will be received later this week, which will allow Community Pharmacy to administer COVID-19 vaccines to assisted livings starting next week. “Our process is to schedule our COVID-19 vaccine clinics Monday through Thursday with prepping to occur on the weekend prior to the clinics. Scheduling our process this way has ensured us to successfully roll out Project Hug, along with our amazing staff, and the terrific facility staff that are eager to get us in the door!”

One of the four clinics scheduled today will be at QLI in Omaha on 72nd and Sorenson Parkway. It is estimated that over 420 Pfizer vaccines will be administered to residents and healthcare staff.

Community Pharmacy was selected as part of the federal government’s Operation Warp Speed to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to long-term care facilities in Nebraska and Iowa. Community Pharmacy was asked by the CDC to participate as a COVID-19 vaccinations network administrator.