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## **Trinity Health Of New England Prepares to Receive Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine**

*The regional health care system shows a strong start to the vaccine rollout, with more than 1,100 health care workers vaccinated to date throughout Trinity Health Of New England, including Dr. Reggy Eadie, president and CEO.*

**HARTFORD, Conn. (December 21, 2020)** – Trinity Health Of New England is pleased to announce they have administered the first available COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1,100 health care workers since the first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine arrived to its Saint Francis Hospital location Tuesday, December 15, including their president and CEO, Dr. Reginald Eadie, co-chair of the Governor's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Board. Through a detailed and comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination program for colleagues and other health care workers throughout Connecticut and western Massachusetts, distribution of the vaccine continues at Saint Francis Hospital, Johnson Memorial Hospital, Saint Mary's Hospital and Mercy Medical Center, located in Springfield, Massachusetts.

"I have full confidence in the safety and efficacy of the vaccine," said Reginald Eadie, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Trinity Health Of New England. "I am proud of our Trinity Health Of New England team who are working tirelessly 'behind the scenes' to ensure an efficient, safe vaccination program day in and day out, allowing colleagues within our health care system and beyond have access to the vaccine if they choose to receive it. Today, I publicly received the first dose of the vaccine as my personal contribution to ending this global health crisis. The vaccine is our best defense against stopping the spread of COVID-19 long term. I'm encouraging my family and everyone I know to get the vaccine as soon as supplies are available for them, too. "



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Connecticut hospitals will receive an additional shipment of 975 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine this week. In addition to the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine, Trinity Health Of New England expects to receive a two-part shipment of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine beginning Tuesday, December 22. According to the Connecticut's Department of Public Health, Trinity Health Of New England will receive 5,500 doses of the Moderna vaccine specifically designated for its Connecticut hospitals.

Trinity Health Of New England continues to follow CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC ACIP) and state guidelines on phased distribution. We are also following CDC recommendations for vaccine prioritization, including ensuring health care workers who provide direct care to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and wish to be immunized, as well as residents of senior care facilities, receive the COVID-19 vaccine first. From there, we are distributing the vaccine to all other colleagues and to community members based on CDC ACIP prioritization and vaccine supply made available to us.

Trinity Health Of New England urges everyone to continue to follow current safety measures. It is crucial that we all remain vigilant with avoiding crowds, practicing physical distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene. People who are vaccinated must also stay committed to CDC safety guidelines until there is widespread vaccination.

The links below provide more information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for our Community](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)

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### **About Trinity Health Of New England**

Trinity Health Of New England is an integrated nonprofit health care delivery system formed in 2015 and is a member of Trinity Health located in Livonia, Michigan, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation serving communities in 22 states. Trinity Health Of New England is comprised of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut; Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home & Community Health Services in Stafford Springs, Connecticut; Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut; Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts; Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke, Massachusetts; Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts; Brightside for Families and Children; and Mercy Continuing Care Network that includes Mercy Homecare, Mercy Hospice and Mercy LIFE. Visit [TrinityHealthOfNE.org](http://TrinityHealthOfNE.org) for more information and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @THOfNewEngland