## First Dose of Free Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Available Through May 1 at Military Circle Mall

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Norfolk, Virginia — All Hampton Roads residents over the age of 16 may get their free COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at the FEMA-supported Community Vaccination Center located at Military Circle Mall through Saturday, May 1. The center will administer second doses through May 23.

Residents can register for an appointment slot ahead of the time online at <a href="https://norfolk.gov/covid19vaccine">norfolk.gov/covid19vaccine</a> or come to the center and registration onsite. Same day appointments are available based on availability.

The center will continue to administer up to 1,000 additional first doses a day beginning April 19 through the May 1 cutoff for first doses. During that time, another 2,000 shots will be allocated for the necessary booster shot for clients that had previously receive their vaccine in the past 3 weeks.

Together with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Virginia Department of Health, over 27,000 residents have received their first lifesaving vaccine at the site.

"Vaccinations are the most effective form of prevention. The sooner our community gets vaccinated, the sooner we can put the pandemic behind us," said Dr. Parham Jaberi chief deputy commissioner for the Virginia Department of Health and acting health director for the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Health Departments.

The center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome anytime and anyone interested in receiving the free vaccine must bring a document that provides proof of name, like a utility bill or pay stub.



Social distancing measures are strictly enforced at the center and everyone who visits the site must wear a face covering at all times.

All community members are welcome at the vaccination center. Reasonable accommodation for people with access and functional needs is available as well as information and onsite interpretation in a variety of languages, including American Sign Language.

For more on the ongoing vaccination efforts in Virginia, visit fema.gov/disaster/4512 or vaemergency.gov.

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