Hiawatha nursing home receives COVID vaccines

(KNZA)--Residents and staff at Hiawatha's Maple Heights Nursing & Rehabilitation Center received the first of two COVID vaccines on Monday, December 28th.

Maple Heights Administrator Denise Wolney said a CVS pharmacy team was on-site to administer the first vaccine. The second vaccine is scheduled for January 18th.

The government contracted with CVS and Walgreens to administer the vaccines to long term care facilities.

Wolney said they are pleased to be one of the first long term care facilities in the state to receive the vaccine. "This generation of elders that we serve have been through epidemics in the past, and most were eager to take the vaccine. We hope we are one step closer in reducing visitation restrictions."

Wolney and Director of Nursing Lori Rieger were the first employees to take the vaccine.

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