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VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System selected as one of 37 VA sites to receive initial doses of COVID-19 vaccine

OMAHA, Neb. – VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System announced today that the Omaha VA Medical Center has been selected as one of [37 VA sites](#) to receive initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Omaha VAMC was selected for its ability to vaccinate large numbers of people and store the vaccines at extremely cold temperatures.

In accordance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health System medical personnel will begin vaccinating health care personnel and Veterans in VA's long-term health care facilities once the Food and Drug Administration issues an emergency use authorization for a vaccine. COVID-19 vaccine implementation will include an initial limited-supply phase followed by a general implementation phase, when large supplies of the vaccine will be available to Veterans who want to receive one. VA's ultimate goal is to offer it to all Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated as increased supplies become available.

“We are very excited to provide a vaccine that has the potential to help get COVID-19 under control when used alongside public health measures such as masking, physical distancing and frequent handwashing,” said B. Don Burman, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System director.

Veterans seeking additional information should visit <http://www.va.gov/covid-19-vaccine>.

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