When will the vaccines be made available to patients?

In accordance with the GRIC COVID-19 Vaccine plan, the first phase of patient vaccinations (Phase 1a) will begin the week of January 6, 2021. Additional distribution phases will begin in the coming weeks when more vaccine is available.

Patients included in Phase 1a are:

- Residents of The Caring House
- Dialysis patients
- Elders 55+ with serious health concerns

Vaccinations for healthcare workers involved in direct patient care will begin week of December 27, 2020.

IMPORTANT: Priority group patients will be contacted directly by a provider to discuss the vaccine and answer any questions you may have.

Has GRHC received the vaccine?

Yes, GRHC has received both Moderna and Pfizer vaccine and we’ll start immunizing patients in 1a as detailed above. Right now we don’t have enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone, that’s why we are prioritizing who will receive the vaccine as outlined by GRIC vaccination plan.

What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Reported side effects include: Pain, swelling or redness where the shot was given, mild fever, fatigue, headache, chills, muscle and joint aches.

What can I do to protect myself until a vaccine becomes available?

You should stay home as much as possible. If you must go out for essentials, remember to wear a mask, avoid close contact with others, do not gather, and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Get more information about these and other steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 at GRHC.ORG/HUB.

Will I still need to wear a mask after I am vaccinated?

Yes. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help stop this pandemic, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others.