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First responders receive first round of COVID-19 vaccine

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More than 350 first responders received the first round of the COVID-19 vaccine Dec. 28 at a drive-in event hosted in Concord by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. The clinic is one of four staged by Contra Costa Health Services, which plans to inoculate fire service employees and other patient contact employees in the county by Jan. 7 as part of its Tier 1A distribution phase.

Patients who were given the vaccine were ordered to remain in their cars for 15 minutes before departing the premises. "We did not anticipate any adverse reactions, and we have received no reports of any," district spokesman Steve Hill said.

The health department says there is a minimum 28-day waiting period before patients can receive the second and final round of the vaccine. "At this point, we are not

sure when that shot will be available," Hill said.

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