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## NMC nearing finish of 1st phase of vaccinations



COURTESY NORTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER  
Sarah DeSilvey receives a vaccine recently at Northwestern Medical Center.

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**S**T. ALBANS — Northwestern Medical Center is edging closer to completing its share of the first phase of vaccinations.

As of this week, NMC has vaccinated over 1,700 hospital staff and community providers with either Pfizer-BioTech or Moderna vaccines, according to a notice from the hospital.

“Following the [Vermont Health Department] guidelines, we feel fortunate to be able to vaccinate our partners from EMS, home health,

police and fire first responders as well as our other healthcare partners in the community,” said Chief Medical and Quality Officer Dr. John Minadeo. “We are all in this together...We are also proud of our staff who planned out and began operating a vaccine clinic in the midst of all the rest of the work that must continue to provide care for our community.”

The hospital reported few incidences of allergic reactions to the vaccines, with different effects between doses. Hospital officials said some experienced “mild and very

tolerable” after the first dose, with “stronger side effects” after the second dose, for those who experienced

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## Police in touch on rumored protests

Franklin County officials: No local activity at this time

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**S**T. ALBANS — Following warnings from federal law enforcement about more potential protests occurring in state capitols across the country next week, local and state officials are staying vigilant and watching for potential threats.

These protest rumors swirl as President Donald Trump was impeached for the second time by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday.

So far though, law enforcement officials in Franklin County haven’t heard of any specific protests planned for the run up to the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

“We have not gotten any real updates for this area as of yet,” said St. Albans City Police Chief Maurice Lamothe on Wednesday morning.

Lamothe said a conference call was scheduled Wednesday afternoon with state and local law enforcement officials regarding any potential protests. He said there have been “social media pockets” discussing protests in certain areas around the state.

“There is definitely intelligence coming across the whole state,” Lamothe said, adding that any

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