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Mecklenburg County Detention Center Central Hosts Third COVID-19 Vaccination Event for Residents

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is committed to preventing and stopping the spread of COVID-19 in county detention facilities. On Friday, December 17, 2021, MCSO detention staff, with the assistance of Mecklenburg County Public health and our contract healthcare provider Wellpath, Inc. administered the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 Boosters to residents housed at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC).

Approximately 78 residents received one of the vaccines provided. Wellpath, Inc. nurses administered the vaccines in a designated multipurpose room inside the detention facility. As of December 17, 2021, there is one active COVID-19 case at MCDCC. No resident deaths have been attributed to the virus.

Sheriff McFadden said, "MCSO implemented a COVID-19 protocol for all persons coming into our facilities and it has proven to be effective. Every person is screened for symptoms, issued a face covering and placed in a quarantine/isolation housing unit for 14 days where they are monitored for symptoms. MCSO expanded its testing when cases began to rise. With more cases found of the omicron variant in the community, we want to be proactive inside the facilities."

All staff and visitors entering detention facilities are required to wear a face covering, screened for symptoms and must practice social distancing.

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