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COVID-19 Vaccine, Booster, Flu Vaccine Offered to Mecklenburg County Detention Center Residents

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, 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).

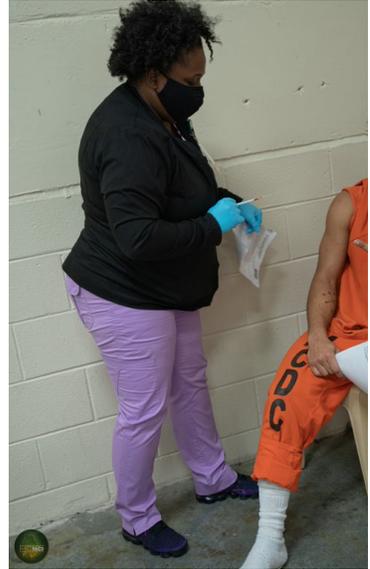
Approximately 200 residents received one of the vaccines provided or a booster during distribution on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Residents were also offered the Flu Vaccine. Wellpath, Inc. nurses administered the vaccines within the resident housing units.

On October 21, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended Moderna COVID-19 vaccine boosters for individuals who meet specific eligibility criteria and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine boosters for adults aged 18 and older.

Sheriff McFadden said, "We're beginning to see COVID-19 cases increase from the zero we reported just two weeks ago. We want to be proactive by offering these vaccines to our detention population to help stop and prevent the spread of the virus while they are in our custody."

As of November 17, 2021, there were 31 active COVID-19 cases at MCDCC. No resident deaths have been attributed to the virus.

*See photos below. Courtesy: MCSO



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