

Speaker 1: First group to receive a dose, a retirement living community right here in the Rio Grande Valley. Camila Pena brings us the details.

Camila Pena: The brokerage community has a large number of residents that are considered high risk to COVID-19, a group that will be prioritized whenever the vaccine is available. 86 year old Robert Snyder is one of the more than 90 patients that live in the retirement center. According to the brokerage community development director, the majority of the residents have agreed to take the vaccine as soon [00:00:30] as it is ready for distribution.

Robert Snyder: Yes, I would be happy to receive the vaccine. I think that there's some questions about side effects. I don't worry about it. I made my peace with the Lord years ago. And if the vaccine's going to help, more power to it.

Camila Pena: Snyder says that despite his age and having diabetes, he will still be receiving the immunization. This center will be one of the first ones in the US to receive the doses free as a collaboration between CDC and pharmacies like CVS [00:01:00] and Walgreens.

Vianey Garcia: We really want them to go back to normal and just to have them to have that peace of mind and for them and for us as well, especially for them as a senior community, they're afraid to go out.

Camila Pena: Garcia says this is a great opportunity for residents that have spent many months communicating with their loved ones virtually. Receiving the vaccine will allow them to slowly transition into interacting with their family members and help combat [00:01:30] stress and depression levels among the community. Preliminary reports by Pfizer indicate they have requested the FDA to approve their vaccine. If accepted, they will start distribution that same day. Reporting for Fox News South Texas, Camila Pena.