

Gaby Moreno: Residents at the Brook Ridge Retirement Living Community are breathing a sigh of relief today.

Robert Snyder: No reaction. No pain. Everything's good.

Gaby Moreno: 80 residents and 30 staff members received their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Residents were eager to be among the first to receive it.

Elsa Rios: Everybody is super excited. Of course, when we announced that we were having the vaccines, it was like, I want to be the first in line. So it is very exciting for them as well.

Gaby Moreno: Because they are an independent living facility, Executive Director, Elsa Rios, [00:00:30] says securing the vaccine was more challenging than it would have been if they were assisted living.

Elsa Rios: We just had to try our best to try and get somebody to come and do it here rather than take our residents and make a line to be able to get them vaccinated

Gaby Moreno: Residents like Robert Snyder were grateful for the opportunity.

Robert Snyder: Oh, thank the good Lord. Yeah. I'm I'm glad they pushed it through. Got it done and I'm very comfortable with it.

Gaby Moreno: Residents were monitored for 15 [00:01:00] minutes after the vaccine for signs of a reaction. Only three residents who had had reactions to medications in the past did not receive the vaccine.

Robert Snyder: We lived through a swine flu, S1N1. We've lived through all of them. This one will pass just like the rest of them did.

Gaby Moreno: For Valleycentral.com, in Pharr, I'm Gaby Moreno.