

Kristin Cheatha...: Over the last several weeks thousands of nursing home staff and residents across the upstate have received their COVID-19 vaccine. This morning, residents had Maple Brook Terrace Retirement Community in Mauldin received their first dose of the shot. They said the experience was one they'll never forget.

Lorraine Kirn: I got my shot and I'm so happy I got it. It's an unusual experience. I've never seen anything like it. So many people wanting to get the shot.

Kristin Cheatha...: The community was among the first to enroll in the CDC's national COVID-19 vaccine program. They were able to book their appointments [00:00:30] and receive their shots through Prisma Health.

Lorraine Kirn: I feel better having the shot. I feel protected. With my age I think we all need to have it as seniors, especially.

Kristin Cheatha...: Residents and staff say this is something they've been anticipating for a while now and brings them great relief.

Carol Babbitt: I think it's going to bring a better sense of security knowing that everyone here that's living here, that's working here has been vaccinated and is protected and that we can protect those that want to come here and live.

Kristin Cheatha...: [00:01:00] Directors say they're still working to get their community staff vaccinating. They're hoping to have that done sometime within the next month. In Mauldin, Kristin Cheatham, Seven News.