

Drew: All right, Rod, let's get to our top story this half hour. Big picture, we know about 20% of Oregon's population has gotten at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. Smaller picture, now. Seniors at a retirement community in Tigard are going to get their first dose today. It's part of a vaccination clinic there, and we have Bryant Clerkley covering the story live for us in Tigard with more on exactly how this clinic is going to work. Good morning, Bryant.

Bryant Clerkley: Good morning, Drew. Here at Summerfield Estates, around 150 residents [00:00:30] that live here will be vaccinated with the first dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at 10 this morning. I talked with Steven Eatman. He works here at Summerfield, and his mom is actually a resident here too. According to guidance from Oregon health authority, these adult care facilities are in the state's 1a group meeting. They should have gone first, but Eatman says independent living facilities were not given the same priority as nursing homes or assisted living communities. So it has taken a while [00:01:00] to get this clinic set up for its residents. Since the pandemic started, they like everyone else, have had to follow CDC guidelines. They haven't been able to visit with each other or participate in a lot of activities. Steven's mom, Paula, says to her, this vaccine means freedom.

Paula: Freedom for me means getting out more. It means visiting with my new residents I've met here. I've met some of them, but I could probably have a fuller [00:01:30] life if I can meet with more and talk with more. I like people.

Bryant Clerkley: Albertson's is sending two nurses to administer the vaccine for residents. Then, they'll have that second dose three weeks from today. And officials here at Summerfield say that there has not been one positive case of COVID in the last year, and they hope that having their residents and staff get the vaccine today will help further [00:02:00] keep everyone safe. Back to you guys.

Speaker 4: We are all hoping the same thing. Bryant, thank you.