

Speaker 1: Fox 12's Drew Reeves spoke with one senior citizen to get her thoughts.

Drew Reeves: We are just days away from COVID-19 vaccines being distributed to senior citizens in Oregon. Now, senior citizens who live here at Summerfield Estates Retirement Community and retirement communities all across Oregon, are feeling ready for that vaccine.

Nancy Foot: Hurrah. Absolutely.

Drew Reeves: When Nancy Foot heard a vaccine was being approved, she was excited at the thought of getting back to a normal way of life.

Nancy Foot: But it's going [00:00:30] to be better when we get the vaccine. I'm just excited about that.

Drew Reeves: Nancy lives at the Summerfield Estates Retirement Community in Tigard and also teaches art classes. She says the pandemic has been difficult on many people living there.

Nancy Foot: It's been hard. There's a lot of people that have been depressed. A lot of them are real sad.

Drew Reeves: She says many have been missing how life used to be, especially when they aren't able to see the ones they care about most.

Nancy Foot: When you're cut off from all of that and the things that made it wonderful, like your family, [00:01:00] it's been hard for a lot of people.

Drew Reeves: But she thinks the vaccine will be the thing to turn all that around.

Nancy Foot: By golly, normal seems to be coming right around. I know we're going to have a great new year and by next Christmas, we'll have a regular Christmas again. At least that's what I'm hoping.

Drew Reeves: Nancy says that she knows many people are hesitant about getting the vaccine. She says most people inside Summerfield are excited for it, but a few are skeptical. She says she hopes that seniors getting the vaccine can show the world just how safe it is.

Nancy Foot: [00:01:30] I think it'll make a big difference if we get it. I think people, especially, if they see it, they'll see us doing it and we'll be just fine.

Drew Reeves: Summerfield, like many care facilities, says it's not exactly sure what day the vaccines will come in and who will be the first residents to get them. But Nancy says, she's excited for everyone inside to be able to get a breath of relief.

Nancy Foot: Kick up our heels.

Drew Reeves: Care facilities we've talked to said that they are reassuring their senior citizens that this vaccine is safe and that it's an important thing to get.

Drew Reeves: Reporting in Tigard, Drew [00:02:00] Reeves, Fox 12.