Vaccine arrives at Southside

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The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine has arrived in Farmville, but health care workers are warning the area’s “hottest days” are yet to come.

In a Wednesday, Dec. 23, press conference, Contra Healthcare President and CEO Andrea Winder said between 90 and 100 patients were waiting to be vaccinated. The remaining dose will be used for second doses for those who received their initial doses.

Winder added that with the arrival of the Moderna vaccine, Contra has been able to vaccinate 360 patients each day. She said 370 vaccine operators have been trained, but the hospital’s capacity is currently limited by the vaccine supply.

Winder said that as of Wednesday, Contra had vaccinated 450 patients with the Moderna vaccine. The hospital expects to vaccinate 1,000 patients per week once the vaccine supply increases.

The Moderna vaccine requires two doses, with the second dose being given 28 days after the first dose. Winder said that the hospital will be able to administer both doses to patients on the same day.

The Moderna vaccine is expected to remain in Farmville for the next three to four weeks, Winder said. She added that the hospital will be able to vaccinate 3,000 patients per week once the vaccine supply increases.

In addition to the Moderna vaccine, Contra is also planning to use the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which requires only one dose.

Winder said that the hospital will be able to vaccinate 4,000 patients per week once both vaccines are available.

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PROSPECTING: Joint meeting set for Jan. 11

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BONUSES: Approved by 7-0 vote

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