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The South Texas Veterans Health Care System will begin vaccinating veterans against Covid

Veterans enrolled at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital and the Frank Tejada Outpatient Clinic, who are at least 75 years old, will be offered the Pfizer's vaccine. Vaccinations will begin this Saturday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m.

"Large scale vaccination is the key to ending the disruption of COVID-19. My team won't rest until we've vaccinated every veteran enrolled in our health care system. I ask that our nations heroes show their bravery by getting vaccinated, leading this nation as they have so many times before," Medical Center Director Christopher Sandles said in a statement. "We have several thousand doses for veterans 75 and older, of which we have 12,000 enrolled. We are offering the vaccine to this group early, but if unused, will immediately expand the offering to younger veterans."

Veterans must bring IDs and plan for an extended wait time. The vaccines are not available for caregivers or family members.

Reported potential side effects from the vaccine may include injection site pain, tiredness and a headache, according to health officials.