

Video-Audio Transcript

SOT-OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center Lynn Fulton

Fulton says it was an unexpected Christmas miracle for thrilled frontline Mission Partners' (employees)

“Oh they were so excited. Some of them were even emotional to get the opportunity to get this vaccine. They really viewed it as a gift to be one of the first to receive it.” (:12)

Fulton says too often caregivers for COVID Patients watch the suffering of patients they can't help who are later thanked by grieving family members.

“Those stories are so heartfelt but you think about what that does as people see others suffering from this and so to think that there's a vaccine coming – and it's going to be a while before everyone can get it – but to know that it's one the way really does give that piece of hope.” (:21)

SOT-Kristin Wilkins, Advance Practice Nurse, OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois

Wilkins says she was hit with a wave of relief when she heard she was going to get vaccinated much earlier than anticipated.

“We've been going through quite a bit these last nine months and I think there's a light at the end of the tunnel. I'm hopeful for the community, for my co-workers, my peers that this is the answer we've been looking for.” (:23)

SOT-Savannah Crull-Critical Care Nurse, OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois

Critical Care Nurse Savannah Crull says people don't realize that's so stressful just having to put on so much personal protective equipment – which delays rushing in to help a patient who is taking a quick downward turn. Patients also have multiple issues which complicates care.

“Their lungs are failing, their kidneys are failing, they're bleeding and clotting at the same time so there's a lot going on with them and we have to be a lot more involved in their care which makes it very difficult to stay on top of them – as a person.” (:23)

Crull will be posting on social media about getting the vaccine to push others to do so when it's available.

“We need a 70% vaccination rate for this to work; for this to actually do anything so think about your neighbors, your family, your postal worker who is out there every day being exposed. We need this to end.” (:19)

SOT-Respiratory therapist Jeff Kayfish, OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, Illinois

Respiratory therapist Jeff Kayfish has no concerns about the safety of the vaccine.

“I trust the process. I've been vaccinated against a lot of things after being in the military so this was just another vaccine you gotta get.” (:13)