Officials offer to issue COVID-19 vaccine to entire state by early fall

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Connecticut will be the first state to receive its coronavirus vaccine, according to state officials, and Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said Monday that the state will begin vaccinating people as early as "next week." The vaccine is expected to arrive in Connecticut on December 15 at the earliest, according to Connecticut officials.

"We are very pleased to be the first state in the country to receive its first COVID-19 vaccine, and we are glad to be able to use this opportunity to help protect our residents," Lamont said. "With the anticipated arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine, we will begin vaccinating people as early as next week."

Connecticut has received its first doses of the vaccine, and the state's health department is preparing to distribute it to eligible individuals. The state will begin vaccinating people as early as next week, and the vaccine is expected to arrive in Connecticut on December 15 at the earliest.

"We are very grateful to the federal government for its continued support and for the steps it is taking to ensure that the vaccine is available to all of our citizens," Lamont said. "We are confident that the vaccine will play a critical role in helping us to protect our residents and to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

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DeLauro has also earned a reputation for working with Republicans. She said she will continue to push that approach, with both the GOP majority in the House and the Democratic Senate, where control of the chamber will hinge on the outcome of the Senate elections.

“"I described herself as ‘someone who can work effectively with Republicans as well as with colleagues in both parties who are committed to solving problems’,”’ her spokesperson said.

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In her quest to lead the Appropriations Committee, DeLauro would be the first woman to head that committee, having served as its top Democrat for a decade. As in previous years, ceremonies have been held in honor of the fallen veterans.

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