Tulane doctors were some of the first physicians in the country to receive the COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, Dec. 16, following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s emergency use authorization for the vaccine on Dec. 11.

The vaccine, by Pfizer/BioNTech, is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart, according to the FDA.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, healthcare personnel and long-term facility residents are the first two groups who will receive the first doses of the vaccine.

Suzanne Walker (far right) delivers syringes to fellow nurses (left to right) Jeannine Trabeaux, Amy Lassiter-Holsapple and Ruth Kain, chief nursing officer, in the vaccination room at Tulane Medical Center. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Each vial of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine holds five doses. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Jeannine Trabeaux draws up a dose of the vaccine. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Frontline healthcare workers fill out consent forms while they wait to receive the vaccine. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane resident Angela Volk takes a selfie as she receives her injection. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Prepared doses are lined up, ready to be distributed. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane medical students assist with post-vaccination protocol. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Ruth Kain (left), chief nursing officer, takes a photo of Olivia Cornu (right), as she receives an injection from nurse Jules Van Opijnen (center). (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane doctor Cecilia Gambala, MD, (right) signs paperwork after receiving the vaccine. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)