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**DANBURY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS
10,000TH INJECTION AT ROGERS PARK CLINIC**

DANBURY, CT – Since the start of the pandemic, the Danbury Department of Health & Human Services has served as a resource to the Danbury community for information and guidance. In December 2020, the Department took on an even greater challenge when it opened a COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

The clinic at Rogers Park, led by the Acting Health Director Kara Prunty and Associate Director of Health Fernanda Carvalho, has just today administered its 10,000th injection. The clinic is supported by the Health Department staff, local volunteers, the Danbury Police Department and Police Cadets, Western CT State University's nursing program, and local RNs who have taken on the additional hours to vaccinate our community.

Danbury's Health Department was amongst the very first municipal department in the State to open a vaccination clinic.

"When we realized there was an opportunity to receive doses and start vaccinating our first responders, my staff didn't question whether or not we could handle it, they just asked 'when can we start?'," said Kara Prunty, Acting Director of Health & Human Services. "Our motivation to vaccinate our community hasn't changed from the 75+ population to teachers, we are here to help fill this need for Danbury, as are our partners at CIFC, CHC, and Nuvance Health."

Outside of VAMS, the Danbury Health Department Clinic has found alternative avenues to reach vulnerable populations. They have worked with the Senior Center and other local agencies/senior living facilities to schedule Danbury seniors, and have offered trilingual forms on the City website to better communicate appointment opportunities to our Spanish and Portuguese speaking residents. The clinic's dose allotment is decided by the State of CT on a weekly basis, which determines available appointment times.

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