

2022 Division of Nursing Services Nurse of the Month: February

I nominate Christina Morin for Nurse of the Month. Christina is a Community Health Nurse and our facility's Vaccine for Children (VFC) Coordinator, providing vaccinations to all patients ages birth to 18, and is our site's COVID-19 Vaccine Point of Contact and Coordinator.

Christina has always been willing to perform extra duties without hesitation, is very flexible and efficient in performing her duties, goes above and beyond to perform duties, and is an asset to her department and to the facility. She has been an employee at the Quentin N Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility (QNBMHCF) for more than 9 years. She started her career in the Acute Care Department in 2012, managing the Acute Care and OB department Nursing Care Plans, and transferred to the Public Health Nursing (PHN) Department in 2015. She continued to work in various nursing departments outside her tour of duty to assist with nursing staff shortages. Since 2020, due to the increased job duties that she has taken, she has not been able to assist these departments.

The duties Christina performs as the VFC program coordinator are: vaccine inventory, vaccine ordering, monitoring refrigerator and freezer storage temperature and reporting to department supervisors and to the ND Department of Health VFC program. She manages monthly reports and inputs data to our QAPI Committee on our facility 2-36 month immunization rates, borrowed and returned vaccines with the VFC program. She also provides VFC vaccine training to all current and new Outpatient Clinic Nursing, PHN, and other nursing staff in these departments, and performed the annual state VFC site visit for compliance with program requirements of the state and CDC by the ND Department of Health.

Christina also assisted with managing and staffing all COVID-19 vaccine clinics held at the QNBMHCF Outpatient department from the start of administering the vaccines in December 2020, taking over complete duties in May to date. Outpatient clinics and Mass Community Clinics were held daily, weekdays and some weekends and holidays. These clinics at our facility provided over 9,220 COVID-19 vaccines to patients in the community, surrounding communities, statewide, and some from out of state. Christina provided training and performed staff competencies to all health care professionals at our facility identified as being able to administer vaccines. She oversaw the clinics as the clinic manager of staffing, obtaining COVID-19 vaccines for the clinic, drawing the vaccines, vaccine inventory and reporting, and assisting in administering the vaccines. These outpatient clinics and mass clinics were done in the outpatient clinic setting as more patients in the community scheduled vaccinations in the clinic.

Christina has managed scheduling evening Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine Clinics and Pediatric School COVID-19 vaccine clinics that provided over 700 doses (out of 1134 in the county to date) of PEDS PFIZER COVID-19 vaccine to ages 5-11. She oversaw our clinics and staffing, along with performing direct patient care administering COVID-19 and Flu vaccines. These evening clinics have helped to provide over 700 1st and 2nd doses to ages 5-11. The evening Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine clinic has provided around 384 1st and 2nd doses, and the Pediatric School COVID-19 vaccine clinics have helped to provide around 316 1st and 2nd doses to ages 5-11. These clinics after work and school hours helped parents get their children vaccinated.

Christina has participated in many community outreach COVID-19 community vaccine events by drawing the vaccine. These clinics performed by the PHN Department provided over 900 COVID vaccinations in the community to all ages per CDC guidelines, and were held later in the year due to school returning in the fall of 2021.

Christina has managed over 25,000 Covid-19 vaccines for our facility. She tracks and reports on COVID-19 vaccines administered at the QNBMHCF given daily by the multiple clinics. She provides weekly reports on COVID-19 Vaccine Data to the CEO and Safety Officer, who in turn report to the state, ND Department of Health and to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Infectious Disease Consultant.

Turtle Mountain has one of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates in Rolette County, North Dakota and Christina has played a vital role in this success. The facility has administered approximately 63% of the total of COVID-19 vaccines in Rolette County. As of January 20, 2022, the QNBMHCF has administered 14,436 COVID-19 vaccines. In Rolette County, there has been a total amount of 22,982 COVID vaccines administered. Of the 53 counties in the state of ND, Rolette County is the number one county, with at least one dose administered, and 4th in the state for a primary series completed for COVID-19 Vaccines.