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Belize Receives Pfizer Vaccine Donation from US Government

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Today, the Government of Belize received a shipment of 111,150 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine from the Government of the United States of America.

The shipment arrived at the Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport at 8:03 a.m. on a FedEx cargo flight. A handing over ceremony was held on the tarmac after the arrival of the vaccines, which were immediately transported to the National Vaccine Storage Facility in Belmopan.

Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Health & Wellness, expressed his gratitude to the Government of the United States and all partners who made the donation possible. Minister Chebat also took the opportunity to urge the public to get vaccinated as the Government of Belize strengthens strategies to reopen the economy and the country.

Ambassador Amalia Mai, CEO in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, shared her appreciation, mentioning that this donation will hopefully allow children to safely return to schools.

U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Leyla Moses-Ones remarked that this was her first official activity in Belize serving in the capacity of Chargé d'Affaires. She was thankful to be a part of the occasion, which will help the country vaccinate approximately 170,000 persons.

Belize is one of the first countries receiving this donation from among 15 Caribbean Community member states that will receive the Pfizer vaccine from the United States Government through the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and CARICOM.

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