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Re: COVID-19 Moderna Vaccination Update; New Eligibility Groups

As of February 4, KMC administered 480 First/Prime Doses and 220 Second/Booster Doses of the Moderna Vaccine. KMC is following CDC guidelines, widening eligibility as more vaccines become available. Please note the updated eligibility groups (status):

Phase 1a: Health care personnel (eligible)

Long-term care facility residents (non-applicable)

Phase 1b: Frontline essential workers (eligible)

Ages 75+ : Tribal members; spouses of; widows of (eligible)

Phase 1c: Ages 65-74: Tribal members; spouses of; widows of (eligible)

Persons aged 18-64 with high-risk medical conditions (eligible)

Essential workers not in Phase 1b (eligible – see details pg. 2).

Phase 2: All persons aged 18+ not having been vaccinated (not yet available)

All persons who received a first dose were given a “reminder card” and are to be scheduled for their second dose roughly 4 weeks after the first dose. The second dose is critical for further “boosting” of immunity. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should wait 90 days until vaccination.

Each appointment will last approximately 30 minutes. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to complete your paperwork. All persons requesting a vaccination should wear layers to give provider easy access to the area of injection (shoulder).

There has been concern about reactions to the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. To date, there has been no death or hospitalization from vaccinations at KMC. However, it is common to have side effects of fatigue, headache, soreness and other symptoms consistent with an immune system response (as if you were getting a cold or flu). This actually demonstrates that the vaccine is working to build your immune system to fight a true exposure to COVID-19. The majority of individuals who have received both the first and the second dose of the Moderna vaccine experienced more symptoms after their second shot. Please plan accordingly.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES UPDATE

2.5.2021

HVT FRONTLINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS (Eligible!)

Frontline and essential workers for the Hoopa Valley Tribe remain eligible. Please bring your ID. Schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine by calling the front desk (530) 625-4261 extension 0259 for Acorn Team; extension 0221 for Riverducks Team; or extension 0325 (no team).

ELDERS (Eligible!)

Tribal elders (and spouses or widows of) 65 years of age and older, who are patients at KMC remain eligible. Schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine by calling the front desk (530) 625-4261 extension 0259 for Acorn Team; extension 0221 for Riverducks Team; or extension 0325 (no team).

HIGH RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS (Eligible with provider recommendation!)

Persons age 18-64 with high-risk medical conditions remain eligible. Eligibility is dependent upon provider recommendation. Please schedule a virtual appointment with your provider if you have questions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

ALL HVT EMPLOYEES (Now eligible!)

Monday, February 8th 9am-4pm at KMC Diabetes: HVT employees who have not been offered the vaccine can get vaccinated on Monday, Feb. 8th. OES will be in contact with the remaining HVT managers with allotted times for those department employees to receive the vaccination. Please bring ID. For questions please call OES contact at (707) 492 2851 or KMC contact at extension 0324.

KTJUSD EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REGISTERED PATIENTS AT KMC AND WORK IN HOOPA (Now eligible!)

Tuesday, February 9th 9am-4pm at KMC Diabetes: KTJUSD employees who are registered at KMC and work in Hoopa can get vaccinated on Tuesday, February 9th. Please bring ID. For questions please call OES contact at (707) 492 2851 or KMC contact at extension 0324.