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Elders COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Following The Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, K'ima:w Medical Center (KMC) has been vaccinating essential frontline workers and will begin COVID-19 vaccinations for tribal elders age 75 and older starting tomorrow, Wednesday, December 29. The COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, but is strongly recommended.

Tribal elders 75 years of age and older, who are patients at KMC and would like to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine, should call the front desk (530) 625-4261 extension 0259 for Acorn Team; extension 0221 for Riverducks Team; or extension 0325 (no team or need to register). Appointments will be scheduled for Dec. 30 (Wed); Jan. 4-6 (Mon-Wed); and possibly Jan. 2 (Sat) depending on staffing availability.

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

- Enrolled tribal elders age 75 and older are prioritized.
- Spouses of tribal elders age 75 and older are eligible for vaccination regardless of tribal affiliation.
- Vaccinations for tribal elders age 65 and older; persons age 18-64 with high-risk medical conditions; and essential workers (not frontline) are expected to begin late next week.
- Vaccines for all others over age 18 will begin when more vaccines become available and after priority groups outlined by the CDC have been vaccinated.