

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
January 26, 2021**

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*Over 30 participants attended today's meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION
Introduction to Meeting – Angie Gorn, NSHC CEO	<p>Today's Reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please keep phone muted unless speaking or asking a question <p>Note- Any questions may be sent to Public Relations at pr@nshcorp.org anytime or text to 907-434-1927 and they will be answered during the 11:00 am call.</p>
Updates	<p>Kelly gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No cases between yesterday and today, 11 active cases. 2 in villages, 9 in Nome. - PR will be going over village travel mandate updates; - Reba: Reached out to tribal coordinators and city offices, and heard back from many. So far, only Nome has officially updated their travel mandates. If you have both shots of your vaccine you don't have to quarantine, however you have to test upon arrival. If you don't have any COVID vaccines, you would have to test upon arrival and quarantine for 7 days and test again (like before). Several communities will be updating their mandates shortly: Unalakleet, Shishmaref, Wales, Diomedede will be officially updating mandates shortly, but awaiting. Savoonga & Koyuk updated their travel mandates recently however, there's no update on whether you'd have to quarantine if you're vaccinated. <p>NSHC IS Dept is working on a schedule to have a meeting on broadband/connectivity. I'm not sure if it will be tomorrow, or Thursday. We'll have PR update via FB when it will be.</p>
Medical Staff Briefing – Megan Mackiernan, PA-C & Dr. Peterson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new cases. - Only 86 cases yesterday in the state, with an additional new death from NWAB (Kotz). It seems to be trending down, however it may be a lapse in case reporting. We'll have to wait & see for today's updated numbers. - Still working with communities on updated travel mandates - Many 2nd doses will be administered this week. NO changes to doses. - 150 doses of 1st dose for Pfizer left today at the Pharmacy. But the number may be updated. <p>Dr. P: There is an online scheduling system with ANMC to get COVID tested there. From our Nome based ANMC liaison, Jackie Crisci:</p> <p><i>Online registration now open for staff and patients at all testing sites</i> <i>December 16th, 2020 by Fiona Brosnan</i></p> <p><i>The COVID-19 Testing at ANMC drive-thru and walk-up locations now offer online registration to reduce waiting time at the testing sites for all patients and ANTHC and SCF staff and members of their households. It also is still available for staff who want to register and pick up their self-swab kit while in the hospital.</i></p> <p>Register online at https://covid19test.anmc.org/. Links to the registration form are on the homepage of ANTHC.org,</p>

ANMC.org and the Hub to help staff and patients find the correct page.

How it works

1. *From your smartphone, home computer or another device that connects to the internet, visit <https://covid19test.anmc.org/>.*
2. *At least 20 minutes before you go to the testing site complete the secure registration form. This form helps verify your contact details in advance. Each person getting a test will need to complete the form.*
3. *At the end, you'll receive confirmation details and directions to your selected testing site, either drive-thru or walk-up. You will receive a text when your registration has been processed.*
4. *When you arrive, you'll check-in with staff using a photo ID. No extra paperwork is needed.*
5. *Remember to bring your ID and wear a mask!*

Not able to preregister?

If you are unable to get online to register in advance, visit the walk-up COVID-19 testing site at 4000 Ambassador Drive. Staff will have tablets to help you complete your registration. Online registration will be required to use the drive-thru site starting today.

Visit <https://anthc.org/COVID19> for more information.

The testing sites are open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Question and Comments

- **Opik:** Read online that people with COVID vaccinations that they might be able to transmit COVID to other people. You still have to wear a mask and socially distance. **Reba:** If you're still a close contact, you would still have to quarantine because you may develop COVID and the vaccine isn't 100% effective. **Opik:** read online that some one may have died from COVID vaccine. **Megan:** That isn't correct, probably just a rumor.
- **Roy:** WMO not changing until later, until 2 weeks after the community's second Moderna shot which is when WMO will be updating their travel mandates.
- **Opik:** With the travel forms you fill online, who receives those forms? Is it the City of Nome or NSHC? **Megan:** The City travel forms are for the city. **Opik:** With the critical infrastructure worker forms, it would be helpful to see a sample forms. They have to fill out a form. **Megan:** There's a form with the State of Alaska that Critical Infrastructure Form that they fill out and its on the State of Alaska information page.
- **Amos:** What happens if they have a vaccination shortage with the second dose with the State of Alaska? **Megan:** When you get your first dose NSHC sets aside your second dose. If you can't get your second dose for a week or two after your first shot, that's okay. You wouldn't have to restart the dosing schedule. The goal is to get it on schedule that's okay. **Amos:** So what's the timeline for when you have to start over? **Megan:** There is not a timeline. If you end up getting your second dose off schedule at this point there aren't set dates for when you need to get it. The schedule is an ideal timeline, but like with children vaccines, you sometimes don't get it right on time.
- **Opik:** Opened the city of Nome travel form. Question 15 mentions that it asks if you have a Cerner acct, what is that? & it asks if you have access to patient portal. **Megan:** Cerner is our medical records provider, along with ANMC. We

	<p>use patient portal, and it takes around 20 minutes or so to establish a new patient account. We like to get people added to our health record system prior to arrival in Nome so that they can get their results quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caller: Wanted to know if its recommended to get the COVID shot if your TSH (Thyroid levels) are high or if you aren't feeling well? MP: It's safe to get the COVID vaccine in that situation. If someone is on Thyroid medication it should be fine to get a COVID shot. It might be a good idea to get that under control if it's a new diagnosis. Whoever that is, the patient can call or email Dr. Peterson or their provider, but it should be fine. ○ Amos: How many total cases of COVID since the pandemic started? Sarah: 309 cases since the start of the pandemic in the region. ○ Roy: To get the region incentivized that the prize is still in the works? Reba: We have an incentive prize plan and our full board is meeting this week. We are getting their approval before we move forward. We'll be offering a short survey that people can fill out to prove they got their vaccine. We will reward individuals, but not a village by village prize. If you've already received your vaccinations, we will offer people to enter the survey. Anyone who gets the shot will be eligible to enter.
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