

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
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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>Angie gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 case identified in SMK yesterday, with the press release just recently released - The utility internet cell phone \$100. The holiday card was late arriving to PO boxes, deadline has been extended to <p>Sarah: Situation Report. How can this be shared to reflect new numbers? Yes, can be included in situation report each week. 312 total cases since pandemic began, 4 active cases,</p> <p>MP: what the 18+ population would be? Steckman: 3700 people total in Nome. Electrical grid 750 people. Estimated 500-700 children. What number of those who live and work in Nome and get the vaccine, but not necessarily residents. (teachers ? may not identify Nome as residence, healthcare employees, DOC employees – probably don't classify Nome as residence, FAA employees). 4450 residents, number of people who live and work in Nome but not residents (200ish). Looking at Nome sitting at 40% eligible adults (18). A difficult statistic to identify for such as transient place as Nome,</p>
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State of Alaska on downward trend. Total of 63 cases in the state. Probably not as accurate. 63 is low. Last Monday, was also low. Certainly, a trend down. Large number of nonresident cases (fishing industry, so far – Akutan outbreak). Deaths at 260. Plenty of bed and ICU bed capacity in the state. - NSHC: 4 active cases, 3 in Nome, 1 in SMK. - Village Vaccines: second dose coming this week (Pfizer) as soon as the shipment can get there (delayed due to weather). Getting next first dose of vax coming: 900 Pfizer, 400 Moderna. Each village will be getting similar amounts of first doses as the last first dose shipment. Call your local clinic now to get the vaccine and get on the list. Convince your family and friends to get on the list to be called when the next first doses come. - Nome Vaccine: walk ins now: 9am-12pm, 1pm-3pm. As long as you're 16+ (with parental consent). About 50 doses left for spots available. We expect to have next 1st doses by Wednesday/Thursday. - Saturday, Jan 30th: 5234 total vaccinations given, 3451 first doses, 1783 second doses (completions). 34% of the region has been vaccinated. Individual villages - Get your vaccine. We've administered over 5000 shots and had no issues. People are hearing about . Vaccines are effective for most of those variants. Pfizer & Moderna are making boosters for when variants have arrived. If those variants prove to be more dangerous then the booster should be effective and rolled out. J&J vaccine is a single dose and expected to go to FDA early this month. Quite effective to moderate/severe COVID. Could be 2-3 weeks for FDA to approve. Expect that one to be approved by end of this month (February). Behind that we expect testing vaccines for kids 12+. J&J will take some time to even arrive here in Nome. <p>Percentage of NSHC Employee staff vaccinated: 71% in Nome, 75% in villages.</p>
Question and Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dorothy, WMO: Wondering when WMO can have 16+ vax is available? Not for at least 3 weeks. We will be implementing a plan for bringing Pfizer out to Moderna. We plan on getting that accomplished in the month of

February. Planning still needs to happen. We will first need a list of 16-17yo who want it done. We will be working on that going forward. What will be helpful in WMO: If you could all get with the school system and get all kids 16-17 and get their parents on board, then the clinic can get a consent form out. If we get a list like that we can get that many doses out there and fly it out and get it done. Our PR group will get a list of villages (Moderna only village) and reach out to BSSD to get that information. We can do a single day vax clinic. Reba; We can start emailing the principals in those communities.

- **Toby, GLV:** 54% of Golovin has been vax. IS that 18+. MP: Yes, 54% of GLV has been vaccinated (1st dose)
- **Axel, SKK:** So far elders have gotten their 2nd dose of Moderna vax. Got tested 72 hours prior to testing. Got tested at ANMC. Was told to take picture of where we got tested. Didn't seem to work out. Almost never made it back. Axel: variant? MP: Has been in 30 states, expect it to be in all states soon. Get your vaccine to prevent. The UK variant is more infectious but not more deadly.
- **Toby, GLV:** Keep hearing about how "effective" the COVID vax is. MP: They gave half the group the real shot of Pfizer or Moderna, and half the group a fake shot (placebo). The group that had vax (real) they didn't get COVID very much, while placebo group got lots of COVID. They didn't look at asymptomatic COVID, rather those who got symptoms. Chance of getting COVID-19 is reduced by 95%. And if they did get COVID, they had mild symptoms. J&J reduced chance of getting moderate-severe covid down to 80%. In the J&J study, it reduced infection by 66% overall. In the US, by 85% (based on variant of virus here).
- **Axel, SKK:** Happy to have this teleconference to get information out and took care of a lot of villages. About a week or so from now, I will be fully vaccinated. Will I not have to do travel quarantine but just test? MP: Yes, you'd still have to tested. For City of Nome, no travel quarantine for fully vaccinated. But still testing.
- **Caller:** So you would still have to quarantine/isolate if you received a positive test even if you're already vaccinated? MP: Yes, you'd have to isolate for a week, and quarantine if you're a close contact.
- **Axel:** question for PR, to reach out to people who don't want to get the vaccine? Reba: That wasn't on my radar. We will be working on incentivizing the vaccine, but we didn't want to particularly reach out to some and that may cause a more negative response. I'm always open to other ideas. Can reach out to pr@nshcorp.org or rlean@nshcorp.org
- **Debra, WAA:** Is there an update on whether CTCs can coordinate testing in Anchorage. Angie: We had staff working on that last week. We are coordinating that and hope to have answer by tomorrow. That's a great idea an we do hope to offer that to patients flying in for medical.

%18 & older who received 1st doses as of Jan 30. 2021

- Brevig: 40%
- Elim 24%
- Gam 33%
- Golovin 54%
- Koyuk 45%
- Little Diomede 34%
- St. Michael 35%
- Savoonga 34%
- Shaktoolik 45%
- Shishmaref 47%
- Stebbins 15%
- Teller 41%
- Unalakleet 35%
- Wales 50%
- White Mountain 75%

2nd doses for all 15 communities averages at who've completed their vaccination schedule (received both doses) 30%. End of this week expect most villages to get 45% with second dose