

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
April 12, 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>Angie gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This morning NSHC had a 10 am opening due to inclement weather. We're making those announcements throughout the day. - Vaccination numbers are continuing to rise: 74% of eligible 16+ adults have gotten at least the 1st dose of the vaccine. 54% of the total population have been vaccinated. - 3 cases were identified on Wednesday, April 7. A resident from Savoonga (in Nome, community spread), and 2 residents from Nome, who were close contacts of a prior case. -
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director – Megan Mackiernan, PA-C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On average 200 cases per day in the State of Alaska. The graph for the state of ALaska has a slight uptick in cases. 1 additional death in the state, up to 310. Friday Saturday & Sunday were less than 200 though that may be due to decreased testing - We have 5 active cases. Last week we gave 216 first doses, about 2.3 percent of our region. We're up to 56.5% of the entire region vaccinated. We still have people getting Pfizer & Moderna, but we also have distributed a lot of Johnson & Johnson. Many villages last week were able to get their village numbers up for getting people vaccinated, Elim, Golovin, Shaktoolik, Stebbins. We're expecting to get more & more Johnson & Johnson. We're going to have our health aides reach out to let everyone know in the villages that J&J is available. - We're planning on getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to the airport midweek, and planning on bringing it to the post office. Most days, it'll be available there, and we might try and get people available at AC. We hope that'll have a significant effect. In Nome, we're also - We haven't heard of any positives in connection with the State Basketball Tournament. - Megan: There have been at least 1 case of each of the UK, South African, Brazilian variants in the state of Alaska, but our vaccines can help against the different variants. It works the best against the original COVID virus and the UK variant. - Michigan: lots of young people and the variants have had a lot of cases in Michigan. - The UK is close to herd immunity with majority of their cases dropping off. They've been able to

	<p>vaccinate up to ½ of their population, and get less cases in that country.</p>
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Toby: Any updates on the 12-15 vaccine? MP: Not yet, there’s been no word. We don’t expect to have any updates until broad press releases and we’ll learn when the public does. Toby: It’d be really good to get the message out that the earlier you get vaccinated the earlier we can open up. - Charlie Brown: Is the derby still on and when is the deadline? Reba: Still on, and deadline extended until Monday April 19. - Berda: Anything new with mandates? No. Any updates with Alaska Airlines regarding middle seats or evening flights? Glenn Steckman, Middle seats are only blocked for Premium seats. Evening flights may resume May 27th, is the date we’ve heard, but we expect an announcement. What about Bering Air? They require some passengers going to certain villages to test, however some destinations don’t if you’re fully vaccinated. City of Nome; If Nome is your final destination, you don’t have to test if you’re fully vaccinated. - John: What are the numbers like for people who haven’t followed the mandates? Glenn Steckman: We’ll send someone to encourage them to follow the mandates and what they agreed to. However, if they continue to not follow the mandates, there is a possibility of a \$500 infraction. We’re running campaigns for people to get vaccinated, and to offer more vaccines to people when they arrive at the airport. When we do that we can get to herd immunity. - John: How many people from the villages are stuck who stay at nest? Glenn: the numbers are down to 25-27 guests. Many nights they’re seeing 18 people. The nest closes effective April 30th. The day shelter is seeing 12-30 people. The day shelter is getting ready to move to the new location in the new building by the hospital. The hospital has set up opportunities to be vaccinated there and at the nest. These numbers are down, there was a high of around 55 in Jan/Feb. - Berda: Is there any program to get guests at nest to get home and help fund airfare? Glenn: We’d suggest people to reach out to NSHC, and the Nome Community Center, and if anything, me, the Nome City Manager. MP: NSHC can help with that, but please have them reach out to our patient advocate and our staff if you need assistance. We can help with that. - Toby: For people that are staying at NEST, do you know if they were vaccinated? MP: Our response team has gotten as many of them vaccinated, that wanted to. We go down there periodically to get people vaccinated. The population there changes pretty frequently, but we send our staff to check. We’ve been fortunate to not have a large outbreak there so far. - Blanche mentioned the possibility of - Axel: Shaktoolik leadership has removed quarantine for vaccinated individuals from Anchorage and Nome, as long as you test. All of students have quarantined after attending the tournament, and followed our mandates well. We’re happy to have many of our residents of Shaktoolik vaccinated, much appreciated.

- Jolene: Do you know what villages had travel to basketball? Is there a shortage of testing supplies for those who got back from the state basketball tournament? MP: We have plenty of vaccines, if a clinic is low, they just need to get more from us in Nome.
- Toby: It'd be good to congratulate all the players who got vaccinated. MP: We can do that, we can support teams, and those 16-18yo players that got vaccinated.
- Caller: There's in-region travel happening, which is good, and people are being smart about it. So far, no cases or outbreak. It's good, many people are vaccinated.
- Debra: What percentage of Nome employees are vaccinated? 89.5% of our staff. Our doctors and Midlevels are 100% vaccinated.
- Toby: What numbers does NSHC use for the percentage of numbers for the vaccine data? We use the numbers from health aides who've looked over the whole population of Golovin, and to get those numbers.
- Berda: Are they still giving out Lysol wipes in the villages? Angie; Yes, we still are. Megan: We continue to ship them out monthly when they arrive. There should be a shipment every month to all the villages. We'll check it out and see where they're shipped. Blanche: teller may need more due to the use of honeybuckets and their haulers. There are times that we can't find any that will ship.
- Berda; For each village, are all 3 vaccines available? I have one of my boys that wants the J&J vaccine but I don't know if it's available in Shishmaref ,yet. MP: Call the clinic and get on the list for the vaccine. Your son should be able to get either Pfizer Moderna as well. You can have him reach out. We can send it out to the villages. We got a bunch last week that was sent to all the clinics. We have more shipments coming in. We expect to have more and more available with more orders coming in. We'd like to have at least 3 people interested to open the bottle to minimize as much waste as possible. We hope by the end of the week or early next week, at the latest.
- Toby: We had someone who wanted to stay at our house that weren't vaccinated. We'd prefer to not have anyone in your household who's not vaccinated. Any comments to provide to families or friends who aren't vaccinated? MP: I think that's a good idea, it's smart to advocate for your family. You can offer to help them get vaccinated, or scheduled with appointments and mention to them that you want to keep your family safe. You can stay if you're vaccinated.
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