

**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>President/CEO Angie Gorn gave the following update: NSHC will be sending vaccinated individuals a card that is laminated</p> <p>2 active cases, here in Nome. No new cases since Wednesday.</p> <p>3 prior COVID 19 cases of P.1. variant earlier this month. This variant is a strain that was first identified in Japan with travelers from Brazil. It is more transmissible than the original COVID 19 strain.</p> <p>Yesterday we have totals tallied up, Eligible fully vaccinated: (12+) 69% Total population (included <11): 54%</p>
Blessing	A blessing was given by Anchorage based Patient Advocate, Jason Harrell.
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director – Megan Mackiernan, PA-C	<p>State of Alaska announced 30 new cases on Friday and 20-30 cases on Saturday and Sunday. It seems to be trending down which is good. We continue to test a decent number of people.</p> <p>Any positive case we have, we send it to the state laboratory for sequencing to identify if it is the “wild type” or original COVID 19 or if it is another variant.</p> <p>The P1. variant isn't necessarily more dangerous, but rather it spreads faster among close contacts and within populations. The COVID 19 vaccines aren't as effective with the variants as with the wildtype COVID virus.</p> <p>Let's all get vaccinated, so that we can keep everybody safe.</p> <p>Our target is to get 70% of the region vaccinated. White Mountain is at 61% of total population is fully vaccinated. Nome is also at 61% vaccinated. We've given a lot of vaccines for the 12-15%. There have been a few cases of myocarditis of young people who may have developed the condition due to the vaccine. The number of cases of myocarditis aren't high, but they will monitor it to see if it's causation or just correlation. I wouldn't be concerned about it, as the vaccine being administered to 12-15. Just giving an overview since it was in a PR recently</p>

<p>Question and Comments</p>	<p>- Pfizer has announced that there vaccine is stable and able to be refrigerated for up to a month.</p> <p>Blanche: I was surprised everyone in Nome still wore masks. I went to the store. MP: I think some people continue to wear masks. Many businesses have their own mask policies, as well as the personal comfort level. It would be nice going forward to wear masks anytime you have a cold or cough to limit the transmission. MP: I think we'll see that going forward. It would be good to not judge anyone for wearing a mask for their comfort level or protecting themselves from germs.</p> <p>Debra, Wales: You mentioned that some young people might develop a heart condition.</p> <p>Caller, SMK: In the porch of the hall in Stebbins, there were people offering vaccines. MP: In our system for SMK: 468 total population, 345 are 12+. Over 220 people are fully vaccinated. The percentage of eligible people vaccinated is 64% of people 12+. The entire village is at 47%.</p> <p>Please keep trying to vaccinate everybody. We'll continue to educate and reach to individuals for getting their vaccine.</p> <p>Debra: I have a question about the cards NSHC will print to show proof of vaccine. Will they include space for a booster? Angie: We'll include their first doses and second dose (if applicable). We don't know just yet what will happen if and when a booster is available. We're going to offer a verification process and a phone number on the back. We'll make sure that someone can verify it here at NSHC if there's any issues.</p> <p>Debra; Who do I speak to about Wales population numbers/totals? I think it includes people that no longer live in Wales and it's making our vaccine percentages lower than they actually are. MP: Please give the names of those you know who've moved to the health aides and the pharmacy.</p> <p>Debra: I'd like to acknowledge NSHC and BSRHA for supplying the villages with cleaning supplies. Thank you.</p>
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The daily tribal call ended at 11:55