

INFORMAL NOTES (Molly Gray): Alaska COVID Vaccine Taskforce (State ECHO) Meeting (11/12/20)
344 Online Participants

Vaccine Timeline

- FDA expected to issue an Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer vaccine which is ready very soon, expect an expedited timeline.
- According to CDC, 20 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine could be available by the beginning of December 2020 (FDA has to issue EUA first)
- Shortly after, 15 million doses of the Moderna vaccine could be available a week after the Pfizer vaccine.
- These vaccines CANNOT be interchanged, both have a two day dose schedule.

Planning Update

- While State Plan was submitted mid-October, the State is still continually updating.
- Have further broken down planning team—Phase 1A
 - Targeting main locations to distribute vaccine:
 - Hospitals (Stephanie Holmquist stephanie.holmquist@alaska.gov)
 - Pharmacies (Erin Narus, erin.narus@alaska.gov)
 - Community Health Centers (Wendy Allen, wendy.allen@alaska.gov)
 - Phases 1B, 2, 3
 - One person is assigned to each region—Interior, MOA, Southeast, Southcentral
- Phase 1A Activity Update—Each region has a Technical Assistant (TA) assigned
 - Provider Enrollment still remains the most critical item for the vaccine to be distributed/readiness
 - Hospitals to develop prioritization process due to vaccine being limited
 - Community Health Centers will be vaccinating their own health care workers and will be the vaccination location for other healthcare workers in their location.
 - Pharmacies—Divided into the following areas where partners will be needed Fairbanks/North Pole, Mat-Su Valley, Anchorage/ER, Ketchikan, Juneau, Kenai/Soldotna, Homer, Kodiak. Be ready to evaluate:
 - Physical Resources—location for vaccination
 - Human Resources
 - Time Resources (due to vaccine stability at 2-8 degreesC (5-days), ability to hold a dedicated 4-8 hr COVID vaccination "clinic" for scheduled community based health care providers on two to three consecutive days
 - Looking into Software/admin resources to schedule those clinics/pre-schedule patients to minimize contact/risk mitigation
 - Reaching out to all pharmacies enrolled to get an estimate of all those items together.
 - Federal Long-term care Facilities partners (Walgreens, CVS, Other chain entities noted) will get from Federal Allocation, all other pharmacies will get through the State Immunization Program—pharmacies may be getting a call about this.

Communications and Education

www.COVIDvax.Alaska.gov Will be the main site for Communications and Education regarding the vaccine/tools in progress.

- Target release of second wave of tools is beginning of December

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS ADDRESSED:

Hospitals can complete a redistribution agreement if they work with smaller village sites.

Regarding cold-storage—facilities should order the amount of vaccine they reasonably expect to administer within approximately 72 hours.

Children are not allowed to receive the first phases of this vaccine—it is formulated for adults (ie won't be a caveat for returning to school).

Healthcare workers will show a badge of their employment for receipt of the vaccine.

Around \$35 for out-of-network fee for administration (Insurance/Payers Team—Lori Wing-Heier)