

Alaska COVID Vaccine ECHO Meeting, INFORMAL Notes, December 10, 2020 (528 Attendees)

- Alaska Allocation committee meeting today
- FDA is also meeting today to review the Pfizer EUA application.
- Estimate December 12-15th for receipt of vaccine shipments Pfizer (35,100 doses)
- Alaska will receive Moderna vaccine by the end of the month. (26,800 doses)

Who gets vaccine first:

- Phase 1a—health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities. In Alaska includes:
 - hospital based front-line health care workers
 - long-term care facility residents/staff
 - EMS/fire personnel
 - community health aids/practitioners
 - people required to give vaccines
 - (Going from December through January)
- Phase 1b begins next—recommendations from ACIP and AK Allocations committee will meet again then to determine next steps.

PrepMod is coming soon. State sending out survey today/tomorrow about who will actually use system.

Pfizer Storage and Handling (Vaccine A)

- Thermal shipping container can hold vaccine for ten days in that container at the ultra-cold temperature needed. Every five days put additional ice inside.
- If ultra cold storage unit, can keep in there for months.
- Vaccine Thawing—Doses pulled out need 30 minutes to thaw. Must be diluted within two hours, then needs to be used within six hours.
- Closed-lid vial trays containing 195 vials (there are five doses in each vial) removed from frozen storage may be at room temperature for up to 5 minutes for transfer between ultra low temperature environments.
- Open lid trays, or vial trays containing less than 195 vials removed from frozen storage may be at room temperature for up to three minutes for transfer between ultra low temperature environments. or to remove vials for thawing use.
- After vial trays are returned to frozen storage following room temp exposure they must remain in frozen storage for at least two hours.

Moderna Storage and Handling

- Not as sensitive to temperature.
- Flexible and adaptable supply chain
- uses standing existing vaccination infrastructure
- No dilution required
- discard any punctured vial after 6 hours.
- Room temperature up to 12 hours.

Long-term Care Facility Update:

- CDC Federal Long-term care facility pharmacy partnership activated (12/8/20)

- Federal and local LTCF Pharmacy partners begin initial outreach to matched LTCFs to provide information about the program. Federal Pharmacy Partners (CVS & Walgreens) provide webinars.
- Pharmacy partners work with LTCFs directly to schedule up to three onsite vaccine clinic dates, appropriate space, to vaccinate residents and staff.
- Vaccine authorized by the FDA. LTCFs assist pharmacy partners obtaining consent for vaccination. LTCFs provide roster of individuals desiring vaccination and consents to pharmacy partners prior to clinic dates.
- Onsite vaccination clinics with federal partners held on or after 12/28. Pharmacy performs required reporting.

Community Toolkit Resources (Alicia Nelson)

- Many signs available and a "Next Dose" sticker with spot the date can be written on also available. www.covidvax.alaska.gov

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

- Vaccines have proven to be 95% effective. Once you get the vaccine, you're not 100% protected against giving it to other people. The vaccine will protect YOU from getting sick with COVID and keep you safe from major effects of COVID, but it won't necessary protect others catching it from you.
- You do not need to save half the doses for dose two. What is being received now in AK is for DOSE 1.
- Do not purchase ultra-cold storage equipment
- Pfizer has a temperature monitoring system in the package, has a record of all the temperatures. (dataloggers)
- To clarify: there are 975 doses in each tray. There are 5 doses in each vial. Therefore, each tray includes 975 doses or 195 vials.
- The Pfizer Master Convenience kit contains "patient" cards that have the 2nd dose date reminder on them
- CDC—People who have had covid in the last 90 days should wait outside 90 days to get the vaccine, since it is thought once you have it, you are protected naturally from it for 90 days.
- Vaccinators will be giving out an EUA info sheets to people when they receive the vaccine.
- Alaska Public Health Association also working with the state to help educate with empathy.
- Regarding Training—coordinator and back-up coordinators need to be trained (per requirement)
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/EnrolledProviders.aspx>
- Dept of Defense receives their own allocation, as does Tribal Health and VA
- VSafe is an active surveillance system to follow up with those vaccinated to make sure they are doing well.
- (Dr. Ohlsen) We don't necessarily anticipate harms to the person receiving the vaccine since the vaccine works by exposing you to small amounts of the same kind of proteins that are on the outside of the virus- so in a sense the vaccine would be old news for your body. I do not have any reports from trials of problems when vaccines were administered to people who were found to be positive.
- After people get vaccine, it will protect that person. Once MOST PEOPLE have been vaccinated, then the spread will go down.