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INCIDENT COMMAND UPDATE ON VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

THE INCIDENT COMMAND, YAKUTAT COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC (YCHC), YAKUTAT TLINGIT TRIBE (YTT) COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION, AND THE CBY CITY COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE WHILE YCHC STAFF WORK DILIGENTLY TO NAVIGATE THE STATE OF ALASKA AND CDC GUIDELINES AND POLICIES, WHILE WORKING TO GET THE AVAILABLE COVID-19 VACCINES ADMINISTERED TO ELIGIBLE AND WILLING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YCHC STAFF HAVE ADMINISTERED 80 OUT OF THE FIRST 100 DOSES RECEIVED. ALL MEDICAL AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN PHASE 1A HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INITIAL VACCINATION. PHASE 1B, TIER 1 IS PEOPLE OVER 65. YCHC IS WORKING TO GET ALL OF THE 73 SENIORS IN YAKUTAT A CHANCE TO GET THEIR INITIAL VACCINATION. MANY HAVE DONE SO AND YCHC EXPECTS TO USE THE REMAINING DOSES IN THIS EFFORT BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

YCHC HAS RECEIVED THE 100 DOSES OF VACCINE FOR THE SECOND VACCINATIONS THAT WILL START ON JANUARY 18. 200 ADDITIONAL DOSES ARE ENROUTE TO YAKUTAT TO FINISH VACCINATING SENIORS AND START VACCINATING PEOPLE IN PHASE 1B, TIER 2. THIS IS FRONTLINE ESSENTIAL WORKERS OVER AGE 50 AND PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN CONGREGATE SETTING NOT COVERED IN PHASE 1A. THE 200 ADDITIONAL DOSES ARE ALLOCATED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA AND IHS. THE YTT COUNCIL AND YCHC CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO DETERMINE ALLOCATION OF THE VACCINE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE CDC ESTIMATES THAT THE VACCINES WILL BE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN THE SUMMER OF 2021. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SOA'S VACCINES MUST BE OVER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS AND MUST FALL WITHIN THE POSTED ELIGIBLE TIER OR GROUP SET BY THE ALASKA VACCINE ALLOCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AVAAC.)

ON BEHALF OF THE INCIDENT COMMAND AS A WHOLE, WE WOULD LIKE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO THE YAKUTAT TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR LOOKING OUT FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN SETTING OUT THEIR GUIDELINES FOR THE LIMITED SUPPLY OF COVID-19 VACCINES.

CURRENTLY YCHC IS GIVING VACCINATIONS TO COVER COMMUNITY MEMBERS 65 YEARS AND OLDER. WITH THE RECEIPT OF 200 ADDITIONAL INITIAL DOSES THE CLINIC WILL BE MOVING INTO TIER 2 AND POSSIBLY BEYOND. YCHC WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ALL THESE DOSES OUT IN 7 TO 10 DAYS. THIS IS AN ENORMOUS LOGISTICAL CHALLENGE. IF YOU ARE CONTACTED ABOUT GETTING A VACCINATION PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY AND BE EARLY FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT.