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**Re: COVID-19 Moderna Vaccination Update
New Eligibility**

As of March 5, 2021, KMC administered 680 First/Prime Doses and 490 Second/Booster Doses of the Moderna Vaccine. KMC is following CDC guidelines, widening eligibility as more vaccines become available. Please note the updated eligibility:

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS (ALL TRIBES) AGES 18 AND OVER INCLUDING SPOUSES/WIDOWS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS THAT RESIDE IN THE HOOPA COMMUNITY AND ALL HVT EMPLOYEES ARE NOW ELIGIBLE!

KTJUSD EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REGISTERED PATIENTS AT KMC AND WORK IN HOOPA (Eligible!)

All persons who received a first dose were given a “reminder card” and are to be scheduled for their second dose roughly 4 weeks after the first dose. The second dose is critical for further “boosting” of immunity. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should wait 90 days until vaccination.

Each appointment will last approximately 30 minutes. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to complete your paperwork. All persons requesting a vaccination should wear layers to give provider easy access to the area of injection (shoulder).

There has been concern about reactions to the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. To date, there has been no death or hospitalization from vaccinations at KMC. However, it is common to have side effects of fatigue, headache, soreness and other symptoms consistent with an immune system response (as if you were getting a cold or flu). This actually demonstrates that the vaccine is working to build your immune system to fight a true exposure to COVID-19. The majority of individuals who have received both the first and the second dose of the Moderna vaccine experienced more symptoms after their second shot. Please plan accordingly.

To schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine, contact the front desk at (530) 625-4261 ext. 0259 for the Acorn Team or ext. 0221 for the River Duck Team. If you are not sure of your team, dial ext. 0325.