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COVID-19 Vaccination Update

On December 19, 2020, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force launched the first phase (1A) of COVID-19 Vaccine distribution and continued with phase 1B on December 29, 2020. As a result of an amazing turnout, we have reached the cap of our vaccination openings for this week ahead of schedule. A total of 3,020 first dose covid-19 vaccinations have been administered to the Saipan community.

First Dose Vaccination Phase	Description	Total: 3,030
Phase 1A	Healthcare Settings, First Responders, Homebound Population, and Man Amko' (>65 years old)	2,629
Phase 1B	CNMI Gov't Employees, Education Employees, Telecommunications Employees, COVID-19 Contractors	401

As we continue to execute the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, the current focus for the week of January 4 – 8, 2021 will be on persons who are bed bound/homebound (under Phase 1A) due to health conditions specified by the Office of Aging. By doing so, there will be a temporary pause for Phase 1B of first dose COVID-19 vaccination until further notice.

In addition, second doses for the COVID-19 vaccine will be administered starting Saturday, January 9, 2021, and upon completion, Phase 1A of first dose COVID-19 vaccinations will proceed as planned. Until we've achieved a substantial proportion of vaccinated individuals in group 1A, we will again open vaccination distribution to group 1B. The CHCC will continue to monitor the vaccination distribution numbers. In order to plan for each phase, we will need to monitor each preceding phase.

First Dose Vaccination	Second Dose Vaccination
Saturday, December 19, 2020	Saturday, January 9, 2021
Sunday, December 20, 2020	Sunday, January 10, 2021
Monday, December 21, 2020	Monday, January 11, 2021
Tuesday, December 22, 2020	Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Wednesday, December 23, 2020	Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Do not miss your appointment. It is very important that you make your appointment and receive the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Researchers of the vaccines have determined that community-wide herd immunity is achieved when the level of protection increases dramatically which is after receiving both doses.

Thank you to the CNMI community for your willingness and enthusiasm to get vaccinated against COVID19! As more vaccines are delivered to the CNMI, the community's patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

For more information about CHCC programs, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on vaccination dates and registration, visit www.vaccinatecnmi.com.

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