



BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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COVID-19 VACCINE

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – The first batch of COVID-19 vaccine arrived at the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation on December 30, 2020.

The first batch of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine arrived directly from the distributors in Colorado, making it to Dillingham in record time of less than 48 hours. Frontline staff began receiving vaccinations yesterday afternoon. More vaccinations of staff are happening on Thursday, December 31st and Monday, January 4th.

Vaccine supply is still limited and are being administered to specific groups. Following the frontline healthcare workers, vaccines will then be distributed to individuals 65 and older as well as various members of the critical workforce. BBAHC staff will begin contacting eligible groups and residents to determine their interest in taking vaccine. A team of medical personnel will then fly to communities throughout the service area to administer the vaccines in the coming weeks.

For more information regarding State of Alaska COVID-19 vaccine allocation, please visit:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>

In the meantime, BBAHC continues to ask residents take the best care that they can in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the region by practicing **all 3 W's** to be safe:

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Watch your space – keep 6 feet apart and limit group activities with people outside of your household.

We appreciate the continued collaboration with the State of Alaska, community leaders, and the village health clinics within the Bristol Bay region to provide quality care to all.

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BBAHC's mission is to provide quality healthcare with competence, compassion, and sensitivity to all residents of the 28 villages it serves within the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska.

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