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### CNMI COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

Like other jurisdictions across the US, the CNMI is administering COVID-19 vaccines as distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) prorated on phases and population size. Achievements of our vaccination efforts are well underway. Since vaccination began in December 2020, 17,072 doses have been administered to 9,978 people. Of the 9,978, 7,094 people have been fully vaccinated (completed vaccination series of dose 1 and dose 2). About 2,884 people are expected to receive their dose 2 to complete their vaccination series in the next coming weeks.

The CNMI is currently vaccinating individuals in Phase 1a and 1b on all three islands.

- Phase 1a includes healthcare employees, high-risk first responders, homebound/bedbound patients, & Man Amko' ( $\geq 65$  years).
- Phase 1b is expanded to include persons 55 years of age and older. Workers part of CNMI Infrastructure across public and private sectors. A full list of CNMI Infrastructure can be found at [www.vaccinatecnmi.com](http://www.vaccinatecnmi.com)

Here's what you need to know about our efforts, island by island:

Every week, about 2,000 individuals are vaccinated for COVID-19 (dose 1 or dose 2) at the CHCC MCATS and part of the homebound service on Saipan.

A total of 523 individuals on Rota received dose 1 of their COVID-19 vaccination series and 170 have completed their COVID-19 vaccination series.

On Tinian, 373 individuals received dose 1, while 137 completed their COVID-19 vaccination series.

Registration for COVID-19 vaccination was also made available at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinian Pika Festival. For more vaccination data, visit our CNMI COVID-19 Dashboard <https://arcg.is/1LX4mv1>

### How to register:

COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection against the COVID-19 disease.

- Visit [www.vaccinatecnmi.com](http://www.vaccinatecnmi.com) for online registration (use code “over55” for persons 55 years or older and “cisa1b” for workers part of CNMI Infrastructure)

Or

- Call (670) 682-7468(SHOT) to register over the phone

All registered individuals will be verified before appointment confirmation. Registration does not guarantee vaccination.

You will need a valid Government Issued Photo ID (driver’s license or passport) and emergency contact information to register. Insurance information may also be requested; however, it is not a requirement to register. Employment information (employee ID or latest check stub) will be requested for all people registering under CNMI Infrastructure.

People who do not meet the current phase criteria may be able to receive their vaccine through our standby process. The standby process allows for remaining syringes of the COVID-19 vaccines to be used before the end of the vaccination day. Spots are determined around 5pm of each vaccination day and is done on a first come serve basis. Qualified individuals are encouraged to register over the phone and request to be placed on the standby list before waiting on-site at the CHCC MCATS.

**At vaccination:**

- Expect to be at the vaccination site for at least 1 hour, if not longer.
- All patients will be monitored 15-30 minutes after vaccination and will receive/update their COVID-19 vaccination record card.
- Bring your Government Issued ID and confirmation number or email and other information requested (insurance information or employment information)

**After vaccination:**

You will still need to practice the 3w's: Wear a mask, wash your hands, watch your distance!

You may have some side effects after vaccination. These are normal signs that your body is building protection.

Some common side effects include:

- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea
- Feeling unwell
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Pain, swelling, or redness at injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle or joint pain

These side effects should go away within a couple of days. This does not mean you have COVID-19.

- To report any side effects by calling the **Vaccinate CNMI Call Center at (670) 682-7468 (SHOT)**
- If you are worried about side effects or if you don't feel better after 48 hours seek medical attention
- **Call 911 immediately** if you are experiencing life-threatening symptoms.

Still thinking about getting the COVID-19 vaccine? Take our CNMI Vaccination Survey at <https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/covid-19/survey/>

Let's vaccinate CNMI! Protect yourself, our communities, and CNMI!

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