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Public Health Alert: Moderna Vaccine Fact Sheet

Applies to Pascua Only

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Introduction: The Tribe has selected The Moderna vaccine instead of the Pfizer vaccine. While both vaccines have been proven to be safe for public use, the Moderna vaccine is less complicated to administer.

- We will receive limited doses for Phase One.
- Children, pregnant women, and immunocompromised people were not studied. There is no current recommendation for these groups.
- People who have previously tested positive can receive the vaccine but will have lower priority.
- Unfortunately, we do not have enough vaccines for Guadalupe and Maricopa County Tribal members. Maricopa County Health Department is responsible for these members. Once we receive more information from the Maricopa County Health Department about their vaccine process, we will share that with you.

Mechanism of Action: The Vaccine produces a protein that prepares your immune system to fight the virus if you become infected.

How many Shots: The Vaccine is two shots to the arm muscle given 28 days apart.

Side Effects: In a small number of cases, people have reported some side effects. Side effects mean that your body is building protection. The side effects feel like the flu and might even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in 1 to 2 days. The side effects are felt more after the second dose. Pain, fatigue, chills, headache, and muscle pain were the most commonly reported symptoms.

- If you have any questions regarding an adverse reaction you may be experiencing call: 520-570-7888

Effectiveness: The Moderna Vaccine efficacy has been found to be 94.5% effective.

Cost: The vaccine will be given at no cost.

Moderna and the Pandemic: Until most people are vaccinated you still need to continue to use a mask, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.

Availability: The CDC recommends the vaccine be given in three phases to adults 18 years and older, depending upon the amount of vaccine we receive.

- **Phase One:** First Responders, Healthcare Personnel, Elderly in Nursing homes and assisted living environments, and those 65 years old and greater with chronic diseases.
- **Phase Two:** Those at elevated risk of transmission because of their working or living conditions, and for whom in-person work is required.
- **Phase three:** General public.

Vaccine Administration Location: The PYT Nursing Dept. will be administering the vaccine at 7465 S. Camino Benem, Tucson, AZ 85757 (Next to Cristo Rey Church).

For any questions, Dr. Renteria will be available at: Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

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