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Public Health Alert: Moderna Vaccine Fact Sheet

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Introduction: The Tribe has been given the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to administer at no cost.

- The CDC recommends the Moderna vaccine be given as a two-dose series to adults 18 years and older and a third primary series dose at least 28 days after their second shot to individuals 18 years of age and older who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise.
- The CDC also recommends a single **booster shot** for those who have completed a primary series with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after completion of a primary series.

Mechanism of Action: The Moderna vaccine uses mRNA containing materials from the virus that causes COVID-19, which then gives your cells instructions for how to make a harmless protein that is unique to the virus. After your cells make copies of the protein, they destroy the genetic material from the vaccine. Your body will remember how to fight the virus that causes COVID-19 if you become infected in the future.

Primary Vaccination: The Vaccine is two shots to the arm muscle given 28 days apart.

Booster Dose: The CDC also recommends a single **booster shot** for those who have completed a primary series with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after completion of a primary series to individuals **18 years of age and older**.

A single booster shot of Moderna can also be given to individuals who have completed primary vaccination with a different authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

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.

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

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.

Vaccine Administration Location: The PYT Nursing Dept. will be administering the vaccine at the Pascua Yaqui Health & Social Services Family Center, 4567 W. Tetakusim Rd., Tucson, Arizona 85746.

For any questions, you may contact community health nursing at 520-879-6119 or Dr. Renteria may be available at: Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

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