



NARRAGANSETT INDIAN HEALTH CENTER
Improving health in our community

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Dear Tribal Member:

We are writing to let you know we have a small supply of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine remaining. These vaccines are due to expire on May 28, 2021 and must be administered within the next two weeks.

As we hope not to waste the vaccine, we are contacting you to offer it to anyone who is interested and ask that you contact us as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. This vaccine only requires one dose and you do not need to return for a second dose.

We are able to offer vaccines to non-tribal members, as well, therefore, we are asking that you share this information with others and ask them to call us. We also have the Moderna vaccine available and are working to get the Pfizer vaccine. Both of these vaccines require two doses.

Per IHS, “on Monday, May 10, [the U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for the prevention COVID-19 to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age.

So many young people have missed out on important moments in their life over the past year – sports seasons, proms and school functions, seeing grandparents, or even just hanging out with their friends. Getting vaccinated can help return our kids to their normal lives. This is a significant step in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we are all eager to expand our vaccination efforts, just a **reminder** that IHS will await the forthcoming guidance from the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and adoption by the CDC before implementing vaccination in this age group. We look forward to additional guidance on consents, spacing of COVID-19 vaccine from other routine vaccines, and other practical application information from this group. We can also look forward to the IHS National Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee issuing an Emerging Treatments Update shortly after the ACIP meeting and adoption by the CDC.”

Please contact us at 401.364.1263 ext. 107 or 154 to schedule a vaccine appointment and/or for further information concerning the vaccines, we will do our best to accommodate last minute calls. If you call and need to leave a message, please speak slowly and leave your name, phone number, and date of birth and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Please note, appointments for the Johnson and Johnson vaccines are available Monday through Friday from 9:30AM to 4:00PM. Appointments for the Moderna vaccine are available Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30AM to 4:00PM. When we begin administering the Pfizer vaccine, appointments will be available Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30AM to 4:30PM.

A \$10.00 Stop n Shop gift card is available to tribal members and members of other federally recognized tribes, who have been fully vaccinated by NIHC. Please contact us if you would like to receive the gift card.

Sincerely,

Your NIHC staff