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Dear Patients:

On behalf of the NATIVE Project, I'd like to update you on how we're handling the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

The NATIVE Project is cognizant of our vulnerable patient populations, including our elders, the AI/AN community, our disenfranchised patients, and patients with compromised health. We will be following Washington State Department of Health Guidelines with respect to distribution of the vaccine.

In an effort to maximize our COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the NATIVE Project will begin vaccinating **current or established patients seen within the last 24 months** who are in the following categories:

**Patient Priority Populations**

1. Healthcare personnel and first responders: providers, fire, ems, law enforcement, caretakers
2. Elderly patients living in congregate care
3. American Indian or Alaska Native patients age 55 and older
4. All patients over the age of 65
5. Essential workers \*
6. American Indian or Alaska Native patients age 16 and older (with parental consent)
7. Other remaining patients

\*Essential workers include: Energy, childcare, water/wastewater, agriculture/food production, critical retail, critical trades, transportation, nonprofits, and social service workers.

COVID-19 Vaccine **SCHEDULING begins: Monday, December 21, 2020**

COVID-19 Vaccine **CLINICS begin: Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

If you have any questions, please contact our Clinic Director, Dylan Dressler at (509) 483-7535 for more information.

We believe that vaccinating most of us will lead to better health for all of us.

We appreciate all of you during these demanding times.

Sincerely,

*John McCarthy*

John McCarthy, MD  
Chief Medical Officer

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