

# 1803 West Maxwell Ave Spokane, Washington 99201-2831 Clinic: (509) 483-7535 + Counseling: (509) 325-5502 + Administration: (509) 325-5502

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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. This pandemic is very real and we are doing all that we can to protect you and the community. We will be dispensing the vaccine in order to protect you, your families and the greater Spokane community. The NATIVE Project will begin offering COVID-19 vaccines for *current or established patients seen within the last 24 months*. We're still accepting new patients, but on a limited basis. We will begin scheduling for the vaccine in groups according to the Patient Priority Populations recommended by the CDC and the State of WA DOH.

# COVID-19 vaccination schedule will begin Monday, December 21, 2020.

### **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
- Essential workers \*
- 6. American Indian or Alaska Native patients age 16 and older (with parental consent)
- 7. Other remaining patients

### **Before The Vaccine:**

- Patients must be fully registered and insurances assigned to NATIVE Project as their PCP.
- Patients must call (509) 483-7535 to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination visit.

## **After The Vaccine:**

Our excellent medical, pharmacy and behavioral health teams are trained to assist our patients with any questions regarding the Pfizer and eventually the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. They will be offering patient education on side effects, patient concerns (including fears about getting the vaccine), vaccine aftercare and follow-up. Our Patient Portal Assister will be sending out additional information regarding the CDC's V-Safe smartphone, COVID-19 vaccine app. V-Safe assists patients with aftercare Q&A on the COVID-19 vaccine. Please check our online resources at: <a href="https://www.nativeproject.org">www.nativeproject.org</a>; Facebook; Instagram; and <a href="https://www.nativeproject.org">myhealthrecord.com</a> which is NATIVE Project's Patient Portal.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Contact:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Clinic Director, Dylan Dressler at (509) 483-7535. Slowing the spread of this disease and keeping you and your family safe is our main goal. We appreciate all of you during these unprecedented but exciting times as we all work together to eradicate this horrible disease.

Respectfully,



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



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