COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION FOR ELDERS

What group will receive the vaccine next?
We will continue to prioritize Phase 1A Community Elders (55+) with severe health conditions. In addition, we are opening up the next phase of COVID-19 vaccinations – Phase 1B – to all Elders 55 + living within the GRIC boundaries and GRIC urban Elders. The COVID-19 vaccine is also available to GRIC & GRHC essential employees.

I am 55 years old, with no underlying health conditions. How can I receive the vaccine?
To schedule your appointment to receive the vaccine, call the COVID-19 Hotline at (520) 550-6079.

I do not have transportation. How do I get to the hospital for my vaccine?
All Community member patients who require transport to a GRHC facility for an immunization may contact Transportation Scheduling and make an appointment for pickup.

COVID TESTING LOCATION CHANGE
In response to the spike in positive COVID-19 cases, we have expanded our testing hours and relocated our surveillance testing teams to better serve the Community.

- Testing is now available 7 days a week from 9 am to 9 pm at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital campus. no appointment is needed
- Komatke Health Center COVID Testing is available Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 3:30 pm by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call: 520-550-6060.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, wear a face mask, practice physical distancing and most importantly – Stay Home.

THE CARING HOUSE
TCH residents and staff received the first vaccinations on 1/6/21. Walgreens Pharmacy administered the vaccine doses while TCH staff assisted. The vaccine administration process went extremely well with a translator available and EMS on site. Forty-two residents and 72 staff members received the first dose of the vaccine.
GRIC ESSENTIAL WORKERS-FIRST RESPONDERS

Vaccinations for GRIC Essential workers will be coordinated by your Human Resources department and your Department Director.

VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS
The vaccine’s common side effects include pain/swelling on the arm where you received the shot and fever, chills, tiredness, and mild headache. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. These side effects may feel like the flu and may even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
To help navigate the multiple unique challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is offering virtual self-care help presentations for employees of GRIC Tribal Departments on topics such as stress reduction, grief, anxiety, resiliency, mindfulness, relaxation, self-care. To find out more, visit: GRHC.ORG/BHS-HUB/ or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (520) 550-6079.

UPCOMING EVENTS
COVID-19 Vaccine Education Forums w/Dr. Anthony Santiago, moderated by Roberto Jackson, will be held on the following dates:

SPECIAL FORUM FOR ELDERS
January 21, 2021
10 am - Noon
ZOOM MEETING: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84444337870?p-wd=Ky9KNIBBMJMcY3F5NlpdRIZC41dQUt09
MEETING ID: 844 4433 7870 PASSCODE: 171333

This event will also be available via live stream on GRBC’s Facebook.
www.facebook.com/gilarivertv

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