



WEEKLY VACCINE UPDATE

What you need to know this week!

December 27, 2020 - January 2, 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If you have any questions or would like to know when you are eligible to receive the vaccine, call the GRHC COVID-19 Hotline at (520) 550-6079.

The GRIC COVID-19 vaccination plan is taking place in phases. What is Phase 1A?

In accordance with the GRIC COVID-19 Vaccine plan, **Phase 1A** vaccinations for patients will begin January 2021. Due to a limited supply of the vaccine, GRHC will administer the vaccine in phases, beginning with the following groups:

ELDERS 55+ WITH SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS OR HIGH-RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- Eligible elders will be contacted by a Primary Care Department provider for a one-on-one medical consultation and health screening.

RESIDENTS OF THE CARING HOUSE

- Residents and their families will meet with our Caring House Medical Director and providers for a one-on-one consultation and screening.
- Vaccinations for staff and residents of TCH are provided by Walgreens.

DIALYSIS PATIENTS

- The Medical Director of GRHC Dialysis Department will meet with each dialysis patient to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine, and answer any questions regarding the vaccine.

GRIC FRONTLINE EMPLOYEES

- GRHC is coordinating with the GRIC Tribal Health Department to prioritize GRIC frontline employees who will receive the vaccine in Phase 1A.

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- Vaccinations for GRHC employees involved in direct patient care are underway.

What group will receive the vaccine next? *

We are in discussions with the Indian Health Service Phoenix Area Office regarding our next distribution phase (Phase 1B). We will provide the Community with more information as it becomes available. More vaccines will be available for Essential workers and Elders in Phase 1B with additional details to come once the number of doses is confirmed.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR ELDER VACCINATIONS

Phase 1A vaccine distribution will include Elders 55+:

The COVID-19 vaccine is currently available to Gila River Indian Community Elders (55+) with serious, high-risk chronic medical conditions. These elders are being prioritized to receive the vaccine, as they are more likely to have severe illness if exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

** Subject to change and based on vaccine availability*

What to expect when it is time to receive your vaccine?

1. Those who qualify as Phase 1A elders will be contacted directly by a GRHC provider. The provider will perform a medical screening to determine eligibility for the vaccine and to answer any questions from patients or family members.
2. Once the medical screening is completed, patients will receive a call from the scheduling team to schedule an in-person appointment to receive the vaccine.

What if I don't want to receive the vaccine in-person?

GRHC is only offering in-person vaccination at GRHC facilities at this time. To ensure our clinical team (at our facilities) is available to immediately treat any adverse reactions, it is necessary to observe patients for 15-30 minutes after the vaccination is given.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT (GRPD) SAFETY EDUCATION CHECKPOINTS COMING SOON.



In an effort to keep our Community safe, GRPD will perform Safety Education Checkpoints beginning January 8, 2021. The purpose of the Safety Education Checkpoints is to educate the Community about the importance of Stay-at-Home Executive Order NO. 9. To further protect and serve the Community, GRPD is doing their part to combat the recent rise in COVID-19 cases within the Community and surrounding areas.

Safety Education Checkpoints will occur Friday thru Sunday, daily from 6 pm to 2 am.

**REMINDER: If you see something, say something, call GRPD to report violations.
520-562-4511**

DISTRICT SERVICE CENTERS

If you need assistance from your Elder Service Coordinator, call your district service center.

District 1 Service Center - 520-215-2110

District 4 Service Center - 520-418-3661

District 2 Service Center - 520-562-3450

District 5 Service Center - 520-315-3441

District 3 Service Center - 520-562-3334

District 6 Service Center - 520-550-3805

District 7 Service Center - 520-430-4780



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