

# SWC Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Coalition (HPAC) Meeting Notes

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## Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

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### AGENDA

#### ➤ COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Pfizer is reporting a 95% efficacy for its COVID-19 vaccine and Moderna is reporting 94.5% at this time. Both vaccines are still in Phase 3 trials and at this time it appears they will meet with the federal government on December 10, 2020, for emergency use authorization for both vaccines. At this time, it appears North Dakota may be able to vaccinate about 20,000 individuals with the Pfizer vaccine and about 15,000 individuals with the Moderna vaccine. There are an estimated 1.1 billion doses to be available through the first half of 2021.

#### ➤ Mass Dispensing of Vaccine

- Because of the ultra-cold requirements for the Pfizer vaccine, hospitals capable of handling those requirements will likely be receiving many of those first doses of the vaccine and distributing it to their appropriate staffing. Long Term Care and group home facilities will likely need to send staff to a Point of Dispensing (POD) that local public health units will conduct.
- An estimated 401 providers in the state have signed up to receive the vaccine directly. If an organization receives the vaccine, it may only distribute it throughout its own organizational network and must perform accounting of its vaccine supplies. A tiered report is expected to be coming from the State's ethics committee with more information. Organizations should consider training for staff for how to dispense the vaccine, as well as how many hours/days/weeks it will take to make sure everyone wanting the vaccine is vaccinated, as well as the organization's capacity to reach outside its walls.
- Health units in the SWC Region (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, Custer Health, Emmons County Public Health and Kidder County District Health Unit) are collecting numbers of healthcare workers that would like to receive a COVID vaccine. If your organization is in Burleigh County, contact Crystalynn Kuntz ([ckuntz@bismarcknd.gov](mailto:ckuntz@bismarcknd.gov)) no later than Friday, November 20, 2020. If you are in Custer Health's coverage area (Morton, Grant, Mercer, Oliver or Sioux counties) call Custer Health's Mandan

location (701-667-3370) and ask for Adrianna Mendoza ([Adrianna.Mendoza@custerhealth.com](mailto:Adrianna.Mendoza@custerhealth.com)). Organizations in Emmons and Kidder Counties are asked to contact their respective local public health office (701-254-4027 for ECPH and 701-475-2582 for KCDHU).

➤ **Vaccine Planning Concerns**

- At this point, the assumption is that a vaccination statement will be able to be given to individuals receiving the vaccine. However, that specific statement has not yet been seen.
- A one-page informational handout will not be developed by local public health units to be given for individuals wondering about vaccine information. At this time, that information will need to come from the State.
- For organizations that are planning to use PrepMod and are having access issues, please call Michelle at (701) 899-0890.
- A 1-hour webinar, “COVID-19 Vaccination Implementation” will be held at Noon on December 3, featuring Dr. Nancy Messonnier and Dr. Amanda Cohn. Register for the webinar at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_LYGoi5xvTheuLISxC9IleQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LYGoi5xvTheuLISxC9IleQ). The webinar will consist of a presentation followed by a Q&A session. Please submit questions ahead of time to [eocevent17@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent17@cdc.gov).
- A COVID-19 Vaccination Tabletop has been provided to the coalition. The fictitious scenario is intended as a way for organizations to plan for a future COVID-19 vaccine.

➤ **PPE/Fit Testing**

- The CDC recommendation for PPE with vaccination is a surgical mask and face shield. Individuals will not wear gloves, but will instead use hand sanitizer in between vaccinations. The general public may be used to seeing nurses in full PPE during COVID-19 testing events and some education may need to be provided prior to vaccination events. If organizations want to use gloves instead of hand sanitizer, and have the appropriate supplies, that is up to the facility.
- Many organizations have reached out to check out the N95 Fit Testing hoods. If you would like to use the hoods to perform fit testing for your organization, contact Crystalynn Kuntz at (701) 355-1546, or by email at [ckuntz@bismarcknd.gov](mailto:ckuntz@bismarcknd.gov).

➤ **Potential Next Meeting:**

- January 20, 9 a.m., via Lifesize. Meeting is not yet finalized and more information will be provided as the date gets closer.