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TO: All Hanford Site Employees
FROM: HPMC Occupational Medical Services
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HPMC Occupational Medical Services (OMS) has received many questions on COVID-19 vaccinations and whether HPMC OMS will administer vaccines to the site workforce. HPMC OMS has been approved by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) as a COVID-19 vaccine distributor for the [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#). HPMC OMS is following DOH guidelines for a phased approach to [vaccination distribution](#). As with many COVID-19 related activities, guidance may change as more information is gathered and more vaccine becomes available.

The Moderna vaccine requires two doses, and immunity is achieved one to two weeks after the second dose. Workers will need to continue COVID-19 safety protocols, such as masking and distancing, even after vaccination. When exposed to COVID-19, you [may still spread the virus](#) and infect those not yet vaccinated.

To date, HPMC OMS has received an initial shipment of 100 vaccine doses, plus the second dose for those initially vaccinated. In accordance with DOH guidance, it offered vaccinations to site healthcare workers followed by site first responders, including Hanford Fire and Hanford Patrol. HPMC OMS requests vaccine on a weekly basis, however, receipt is subject to availability and priority. It may take weeks or even months to move through each vaccination phase. Because of the uncertainty regarding

how much and when HPMC OMS will receive vaccine, employees should also consider other available vaccination providers.

HPMC OMS is working closely with the Hanford contractors on a scheduling tool where employees may request a vaccination appointment. More information will be shared about this tool soon. Workers can determine their phase eligibility for receiving vaccine using the DOH Phase Finder (<https://form.findyourphaseswa.org/210118771253954>).

Additionally, HPMC OMS has an informational briefing on the Moderna vaccine [available by request](#). For other questions, please reach out to your [company COVID-19 POC](#) and visit the [Washington State DOH COVID-19 Vaccine webpage](#).

Thank you for your continued efforts to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease, while safely advancing the important cleanup mission at Hanford. We will continue to keep you informed as information comes available.



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