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TO: All Hanford Site Employees
FROM: HPMC Occupational Medical Services

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****PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOT ON COMPUTERS****

Please remember to keep your second COVID-19 vaccination appointment to prevent waste of a very precious resource. Moderna vaccines are kept frozen, and once thawed for an appointment, they must be used within 12 hours and cannot be refrozen or saved for another day. If the dose reserved for you is not used, you will need to use the HPMC Vaccination Request Tool to sign up for the standby list or obtain the second dose from a [community provider](#).

When you schedule your initial COVID-19 Moderna vaccine dose using the [HPMC Vaccination Request Tool](#), your second dose is automatically scheduled for 28 days later. Please consider the timing of the second dose when scheduling your initial appointment. If you need to cancel an appointment, please do so at least 24 hours in advance.

In order to get the most protection from your COVID-19 vaccination, it is important to receive your [second vaccine dose](#) within six weeks after the first dose. A recent [article by the Cleveland Clinic](#) explains the importance of the second dose for achieving herd immunity.

All Washington residents age 18 and older are eligible for the Moderna vaccine. HPMC recommends that women who are pregnant, about to become pregnant, or breastfeeding discuss the risks and benefits of the vaccine with their primary care physicians or ob-gyns prior to obtaining the vaccine from HPMC.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may schedule a vaccination appointment by calling (509) 376-TEST or by stopping by the HPMC clinic at 1979 Snyder Street in Richland. Please allow for

15 minutes of post-vaccination monitoring (30 minutes if you have a history of severe allergic reaction that required epinephrine).

Thank you for your continued observance of the Hanford Site and CDC COVID-19 safety guidelines and for doing what you can to keep our community safe!

Additional resources:

- [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Public Health Awareness - HPMC Occupational Medical Services](#)
- [Department of Energy Hanford Site](#)

