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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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Boozhoo,

We are aware of the many questions our community has regarding the vaccine and when you will be able to receive it. We have many of these same questions and are working with federal agencies to get answers as best as we can. Unfortunately, receiving these answers and our needed vaccine doses has been extremely challenging. We understand that there is a lot of anxiety and stress in trying to get vaccinated against the covid-19 virus, but we like many other communities across the country, are doing our best to obtain the vaccines which have a very limited available supply and extremely difficult shipping/storage logistics.

There are currently two vaccines approved for Emergency Use Authorization. The Pfizer BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine. As of this report, Red Cliff received 60 doses of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine and 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine, which is a fraction of what we need. This is the first dose of a required two dose series. When we do receive shipment of some of our allocated vaccine dosage, we immediately schedule patients in accordance with our priority tiers. Those tiers are:

Tier 1A: healthcare workers, EMS, PD, critical infrastructure personnel

Tier 1B: Elders 75+, frontline essential workers

Tier 1C: Elders 64-75, Elders 55-64 high risk, 16 – 54 with underlying conditions, other essential workers

We are diligently working our way down the priority tiers as vaccine dosage becomes available. As soon as we receive more, we will continue to follow this priority list until all are vaccinated. **We will call patients and schedule so please do not call clinic staff unless you are called.** The clinic staff has been receiving an enormous amount of calls from those wanting to get the vaccine. While we understand your frustrations, repeated calls about the vaccine only takes staff away from their other critical medical duties.

We ask for your patience as we work to overcome these challenges and fulfill our goal of vaccinating all who want it.

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