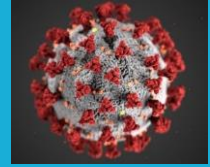




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Executive Summary

October 26, 2020

RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services along with its partners are working together to establish and implement a RMI's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. This plan will provide a guidance to effective distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, preparation efforts to implement mass vaccination based on the supply, critical populations and geography, and community awareness on the vaccine safety and requirements. This plan is flexible and will be updated as needed.

Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination

Based on the guidance provided by CDC, RMI is following the 3 Phase approach. Phase 1 will be allocated for critical populations in Majuro and Ebeye health care workers and selected essential government workers that will be directly in contact with suspected and positive COVID-19 cases. In Phase 2 where in supply likely to meet the demand, RMI will vaccinate general population and mass vaccination stations will be implemented. In Phase 3 where sufficient supply and slowing of demand, RMI will continue to vaccinate those that missed out in the mass vaccination efforts.

Critical Populations

RMI identified its critical populations including health care workers, other essential workers from the Points of Entry, Schools, private businesses, Government workers, airlines, taxi drivers, persons with underlying medical conditions, 65 yrs. old and above, people with disabilities, people in detained in prisons and religious leaders. The sectors listed are not final and can be updated.

Vaccination Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

The Ministry of Health and Human Services is the sole provider that will implement COVID-19 vaccination in the whole RMI. We will enroll only the three main providers: Majuro, Ebeye and Outer Islands.

Vaccine Storage and Handling

COVID-19 vaccine products are temperature-sensitive and must be stored and handled correctly to ensure efficacy and maximize shelf life. Proper storage and handling practices are critical to minimize vaccine loss and limit risk of administering COVID-19 vaccine with reduced effectiveness. RMI Immunization Program will work with its staff in Majuro and Ebeye to ensure appropriate vaccine storage and handling procedures are established and followed.

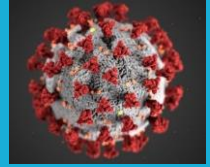
Vaccination Second-Dose Reminders

MIWebIZ, RMI Immunization Information System, will handle the automated second-dose reminders. Immunization staff will be trained to follow proper COVID-19 vaccination requirements. We will be call, send text messaging and emails to vaccine recipients. We will also advertise general announcement of reminders to all radio stations, MOHHS and Government of RMI's social medica accounts.

Vaccination Program Communication

It is vital to have a clear and reliable community message. RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services with its collaboration with National Disaster Committee will work with the Risk

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Communication Group to implement the COVID-19 Vaccination Communication. Communication materials should be translated to Marshallese Language and other languages prominent in RMI and disseminated in traditional and digital medias.

Vaccine Safety Monitoring

Immunization Program will track and report COVID-19 vaccine adverse related events to CDC and HHS.

Vaccination Program Monitoring

Immunization Program will ensure that monitoring and reporting are reliable and consistent.