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**“Second Dose” and “First Dose” COVID Vaccine Clinics
Tyler, Texas (Monday, January 25, 2021)**

Anyone who came to the Harvey Convention Center in Tyler and received their first Moderna vaccine on Tuesday December 29th, Wednesday December 30th, or Thursday December 31st, is invited to receive their second Moderna vaccine this week. The scheduled days of these “Second Dose Vaccine Clinics” are Wednesday January 27th and Saturday January 30th. If you are eligible, please sign up for the NET Health COVID-19 waiting list by using either of these two options:

(1) Online registration into our "Waiting List for Your Second Dose" by visiting the “Vaccine Updates” section of at NETHealthCOVID19.org. This webpage provides access for anyone to enroll into waiting lists to receive your first or your second vaccine and is the fastest way for you to enroll into our waiting list.

(2) The call-in option should be used only by persons who do not have internet access. Phone registration is available Mondays through Fridays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., by calling the Center for Healthy Living at (903) 617 – 6404.

Invitations to make appointments for either of these "Second Dose Vaccine Clinic" days are only made available to (a) persons who received their first Moderna vaccine from NET Health on December 29 – 31 and (b) persons who are currently enrolled into our waiting list to receive their second vaccine. Persons who received their first Moderna vaccine from NET Health will also need to bring their "CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card" that was given when the person received their first Moderna vaccine. This card was stamped with "NETPHD" and it shows the date when the person received their first vaccine. Anyone who received their first Moderna vaccine from a different vaccine provider must receive their second Moderna vaccine from the same vaccine provider.

NET Health will resume the “First Dose Vaccine Clinics” this Thursday January 28th and this Friday January 29th. Invitations to make an appointment for either of these "First Dose Vaccine Clinic" days are only being made available to persons who are enrolled into our waiting list and to persons who are eligible to receive the Moderna vaccine (i.e., Tier 1A or Tier 1B [view addendum]).

“Anyone interested in receiving the COVID vaccine is advised to register into our waiting lists and await receiving contact from NET Health before traveling to the Harvey Convention Center in Tyler,” says George Roberts, NET Health CEO.

To enroll into our waiting list as being eligible to receive the COVID vaccine, interested persons must be either (1) over the age of 18 and working in a profession that qualifies you as being Tier

1A, or (2) over the age of 18 with a qualifying health condition that have been identified by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), or (3) over the age of 65.

Anyone who completes the recommended immunization against COVID-19 is still advised to continue practicing the evidence-based COVID-19 safety protocols, which include wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands frequently, and avoiding large gatherings.

NET Health will schedule appointments for “First Dose Vaccine Clinics” and for “Second Dose Vaccine Clinics” each week. Invitations will only be provided to persons on our waiting lists and sent based on the persons who enrolled into our waiting lists first.

Below are the descriptions of eligibility of persons within Tier 1A and within Tier 1B:

Tier 1A – Phase One (highest priority)

- Paid and unpaid workers in hospital settings working directly with patients who are positive or at high risk for COVID-19. Such as but not limited to:
 - (a) Physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and other support staff (custodial staff, etc.)
 - (b) Additional clinical staff providing supporting laboratory, pharmacy, diagnostic and/or rehabilitation services
 - (c) Others having direct contact with patients or infectious materials
- Long-term care staff working directly with vulnerable residents. Includes:
 - (a) Direct care providers at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and state supported living centers
 - (b) Physicians, nurses, personal care assistants, custodial, food service staff
- EMS providers who engage in 9-1-1 emergency services like pre-hospital care and transport
- Home health care workers, including hospice care, who directly interface with vulnerable and high-risk patients
- Residents of long-term care facilities

Tier 1A – Phase 2

- School nurses who provide health care to students and teachers
- Last responders who provide mortuary or death services to decedents with COVID-19:
 - (a) Embalmers and funeral home workers who have direct contact with decedents
 - (b) Medical examiners and medical certifiers who have direct contact with decedents
- Staff in outpatient care settings who interact with symptomatic patients, including:
 - (a) Physicians, nurses, and other support staff (custodial staff, etc.)
 - (b) Clinical staff providing diagnostic, laboratory, and/or rehabilitation services
 - (c) Non-9-1-1 transport for routine care
 - (d) Healthcare workers in corrections and detention facilities

Tier 1A – Phase 2 (continued)

- Direct care staff in freestanding emergency medical care facilities and urgent care clinics
- Community pharmacy staff who may provide direct services to clients, including vaccination or testing for individuals who may have COVID
- Public health and emergency response staff directly involved in administration of COVID testing and vaccinations

Tier 1B – Phase 3

- People 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:
 - a) Cancer
 - b) Chronic kidney disease
 - c) COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - d) Heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
 - e) Solid organ transplantation
 - f) Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m² or higher)
 - g) Pregnancy
 - h) Sickle cell disease
 - i) Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- People 65 years of age and older

For more details about COVID-19 in East Texas, visit <https://www.NETHealthCOVID19.org>.