



TULE RIVER TRIBE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY

Notice of Pfizer Vaccine for 12-15 years old

Dear Tribal Community,

Yesterday, May 10, the Food and Drug Administration authorized¹ the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for anyone 12-15 years old. The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses, given no earlier than 21 days apart. This is a great step forward to protect our whole community, and especially our youth, from Covid-19.

The process is still being finalized. If you have a child between 12-15 years old, you should be able, by this Friday (5/14), to schedule a vaccine appointment through this website: <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/covid-19-vaccine/make-a-vaccination-appointment/>, or by calling 1-888-634-1123.

The Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc (TRIHCI) does not currently have any Pfizer vaccines, which require ultra-cold temperatures for long-term storage. TRIHCI only has the Moderna vaccine, which is authorized for 18-year-olds and above. So, if your child is under 18, please go to the County to schedule a vaccine appointment by calling 1-888-634-1123.

The PHA encourages all Tribal members to get vaccinated. If you have any questions about any vaccines, or just want to learn more, please call the Public Health Authority at 559-853-6123.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Coles".

May 11, 2021

Dr. Eric Coles. DrPH
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¹ <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use>