

## Town Hall Questions Feb. 10, 2021

### **How do you get on the "list" to get a vaccine? This includes personnel who work at Hanscom, Retirees, Dependents and Contractors?**

There is no list to get on the vaccine. Your eligibility is determined based on the prioritization schema and once your phase is eligible, you will be notified through chain of command and social media platforms.

### **Is the second vaccine exactly the same as the first vaccine or is different in some way?**

Yes, the second vaccine dose is the exact same vaccine that you received on your first vaccine.

### **If you are currently eligible under 1b, how does the clinic know? How will we be notified?**

You will be notified through your chain of command when it is your turn to receive the vaccine. If you have not heard anything from your chain of command, you can email public health for more clarification.

### **Does the vaccine being offered on base offer protection against the UK variant?**

All of the data so far indicates that the Moderna vaccine is indeed protective against the UK COVID variant.

### **For people deploying in April, will they be able to get both vaccine shots. How will they be notified?**

If you are deploying in early April, it is desirable that you receive both doses of the vaccine prior to deployment. Please reach out to your unit deployment manager (UDM) who should contact Public Health so we are aware of your need.

### **Please clarify mask wearing in an office with a closed door and full height walls. A lot of workers are double and triple occupancy in such office. My two office mates are less than 20 inches away and five feet away from me. Just wear a mask period indoors and outdoors?**

The [current mask policy is that masks](#) are required for everyone at work unless you are in a private office with the door closed.

### **Do civilian employees, between the ages of 16-64, who are considered to be at an increased risk for severe illness, require some type of documentation from their medical provider in order to receive the vaccine on base?**

We have not fully decided on what documentation will be required (if any) for phase 1c patients. We ask that people be honest with their self-prioritization.

### **Would not the creation of antibodies by the vaccine be mistaken by the antibody test as a positive? If concerned, should someone get an antibody test prior to getting vaccinated?**

No, current studies have shown that the vaccine will not cause a “false-positive” test of the COVID test.

**When can dependents get the vaccine?**

This is currently unknown as it depends on our supply chain and how quickly we can move down the phases. Please keep up to date on the social media platforms as we plan to provide continuous updates of which phase we are in and when people will be eligible for vaccinations.