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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2021
TO: LPSD Board Members
FROM: R. Luthi
Re: COVID Update

Members of the Board,

As we begin second semester, we are all looking toward the distribution of the COVID Vaccine with hope.....

BUT, even with the vaccine becoming a part of our world it does not free us from the need to take precautions! The vaccine will most definitely be a deterrent but the vaccine is not a cure. Even after receiving both doses a person can still contract COVID and can transmit the virus to others. Simply put – “we cannot let down” our guard.....

A couple of items to share with you:

THANKS: First of all, I want to thank Tammi Peterson and Theresa Wilson for their work on procuring and distributing meals to our sites. Through their efforts we have been able to continue to provide meals under all conditions. Thanks Tammi and Theresa.....

South Central Foundation Update:

On Tuesday I spoke with Dustin Parker the Director of the South Central Foundation. Mr. Parker shared that SCF has inoculated 59 individuals. These folks have been front line workers. SCF is waiting on their second shipment of vaccine. Once they have received their second shipment, they will begin inoculation of folks with pre-existing conditions and elders (65) and older.

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation Update:

I spoke with Bernina Venua Wednesday morning: Ms. Venua shared that the distribution has been hampered by weather. BBAHC has also had requests from some Villages to have a

physician, physician's assistant, or nurse onsite when the doses are administered. BBAHC is working to honor those requests but as a result have had to make adjustments to the schedule. BBAHC's plan is to have doses out to all communities in the next three weeks. Ms. Venua will share a schedule with us as plans move along.

Ms. Venua has also shared a flyer used in Dillingham. I share this with you as their priorities in the Villages will be the same as Dillingham – Individuals with High Risk Conditions and Elder (65 and older).

Mr. Mase has also provided BBAHC a list of staff wanting to receive the vaccine. BBAHC wants to make every dose count when in a community. If after all high risk and elders are taken care of and there are still doses available BBAHC will administer those doses to school staff as essential workers.

Board, I want you to know both organizations have been diligent and helpful in keeping the District informed. Although the process has not always gone as one would want both SCF and BBAHC have met every request for information and sharing.....

Rumor Control:

The best way I know to dispel false information is to share. During my conversation with Ms. Venua she let me know there was a rumor in one of our South Communities (She did not share which one) that BBAHC was only distributing the vaccine to Native members of Bristol Bay. I want you, and everyone else in our Villages, to know that is not true. Any member of a community that has prior existing conditions or qualifies as over 65 will be provided the vaccine. I was disheartened to hear this ugly rumor but want you to know it is not true.....

Village Updates:

Since this seems to be changing so rapidly, I figured I would just update you with information when this report is given. I would share that even with the number of changes taking place I feel the District, Schools, Staff, and Communities are still working as a united front. I also believe our communication is what has kept us so united..... Anyway, I can share more at the time of our meeting.