

## FSM Information Services

### Press Release

#### **10% of the Federated States of Micronesia's Eligible Population Has Taken Their Second Dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine; President Panuelo Calls on the State Governments to Increase Their Vaccination Rates**

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—As of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ten percent (10%) of the adult population of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has received their second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, which translates into fourteen (14%) of the Nation's minimum seventy percent (70%) target.

The State of Yap has vaccinated 38% of its adult population with the first dose of the vaccine, and 25% with the second dose.

The State of Chuuk has vaccinated 13% of its adult population with the first dose of the vaccine, and 6% with the second dose.

The State of Pohnpei has vaccinated 18% of its adult population with the first dose of the vaccine, and 9% with the second dose.

The State of Kosrae has vaccinated 29% of its population with the first dose of the vaccine, and 10% with the second dose.

All adults aged eighteen (18) and up are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Government encourages all citizens to do their part in protecting their families and their communities by getting their vaccine at the nearest available opportunity.

The Government of the United States of America has informed the FSM National Government that it can soon expect to increase its stockpiles of not only the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine but also the vaccine produced by Johnson & Johnson. It is the intention of the FSM National Government for the Moderna vaccine to cover the Nation's larger main islands as the Moderna vaccine is shipped in a solid state and, once it becomes liquid, must be used quickly. By contrast, it is the intention of the FSM National Government to use the Johnson & Johnson vaccine—which is shipped in a liquid state—to vaccinate the remote atolls in the States of Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei.

“The good news is that we are making progress,” His Excellency David W. Panuelo said in a statement. “The bad news is that the progress we are making, as a Nation, is too slow. I applaud the efficiency of the State of Yap, which—if it were judged as a separate jurisdiction—has a higher vaccination rate than the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands; conversely, I call upon the States of Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae to follow Yap’s example, and to expedite their delivery of the vaccine to as many communities as possible. We must all do our part to protect this paradise in our backyards from the COVID-19 virus by taking the vaccine to protect our families and our communities.”

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FSM COVID-19 VACCINATION							
Entity	Population	Eligible population (18 and older)	Vaccine Allocation	Doses Administered			
				1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	% Coverage	
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Kosrae	6,616	3,712	3,800	1,069	361	29%	10%
Yap	11,377	6,951	6,000	2,643	1,730	38%	25%
Pohnpei	36,196	20,799	10,400	3,677	1,804	18%	9%
Chuuk	48,654	27,237	9,800	3,437	1,748	13%	6%
FSM	104,650	58,699	30,000	10,826	5,643	18%	10%

**Pictured Above:** The vaccination update report sent to President Panuelo from the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs