**SEVTC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION**

*Please note, the responses we are providing are from resources and data from the CDC and/or Virginia Department of Health. SEVTC is not a COVID-19 subject matter expert and defer to the recommendations by those who have vetted the vaccination process.*

1-On the COVID-19 Responsible Party Consent Form from CVS it asks "If you are legally responsible for the resident listed above, please provide the following" which is name, relationship and phone number... For those of us who are Authorized Representatives, are we considered "legally responsible"? ***You would be the decision maker and sign in these specific areas on the CVS form***.

2-I was informed that you now have the Moderna vaccine available? If so, will we now have new forms to fill out or do the forms we received cover for either Pfizer or Moderna vaccines? ***That is correct and yes new forms would need to be completed.***

 3-Have Dr Thorogood and/or Vlada the NP reviewed each individual's medical history to determine if it is safe for them to have the vaccine? ***They are aware of the medical needs of our populations and have deemed that the risk of contracting COVID outweighs the risk of side effects from the vaccination.***

4-What happens if an individual’s medical information has changed between the time the form was filled out and the time they go to the clinic for the vaccine? ***The medical information will be reviewed prior to the vaccination being given. If something has changed that is contraindicated then the Individual will not receive the vaccine until further discussion with medical and the AR.***

 5-Who will be with the individuals, that know them personally, to answer the screening questions the day of vaccination? ***SEVTC staff will be with the Individuals at the time of the vaccination, both with Pfizer and Moderna. The direct care staff in the home will be present and SEVTC nursing***.

 6-For residents that are quarantined due to exposure or have tested positive for COVID-19, but their representative requested to give them the vaccine, will their shot be reserved for a later date, as there is a limited amount of vaccines available? ***SEVTC has enough Moderna vaccination to provide the vaccine to all staff and Individuals and have tentatively scheduled CVS dates. It is not contraindicated to receive the vaccine if you’ve been COVID positive or exposed.***

 7- How do we determine what are the chances of the ingredients listed in the vaccine causing a severe reaction? ***We cannot provide any specific data on this and can only speculate based CDC guidance on previous reactions to vaccinations***.

 8- Will the SEVTC nursing staff, preferably each individual's primary nurse, or a very familiar reassuring face, work directly with the CVS staff when they actually administer the shot? ***SEVTC staff will be with the Individuals at the time of the vaccination, both with Pfizer and Moderna. The direct care staff in the home will be present and SEVTC nursing***

 9- a. What is the plan for monitoring each individual after they have received the vaccine? I have read that a severe allergic reaction can happen anytime from a few minutes to an hour or more after getting a dose. ***The recommendation from the vaccination manufacturer and CDC is to monitor for 15 minutes up to 30 minutes for those with previous allergic reactions to vaccinations. Direct care staff will be bringing the Individuals to designated clinics with nursing staff present along with all necessary emergency equipment in the case of an adverse reaction.***

9- b. Will the individuals go right back to their homes or will they be kept somewhere for a period of observation? ***Per the guidelines they will be directly monitored by nursing for the prescribed 15-30 minute period pending previous reactions. They will return to their homes and continue monitoring by direct care staff.***

 10-Is it possible that we, as authorized representatives and or legal guardians, can get the extra doses that are in each vial? Health Department in D.C. has authorized this in their area. This could add protection for our loved ones and allow for safe visiting. ***At this time there has not been any discussion surrounding use of any additional vaccinations.***

11- What dates are set up to administer the vaccine for the SEVTC on-site clinic? ***At this time, SEVTC is scheduling rotating clinics with the use of Moderna vaccine for employees and have received tentative dates from CVS for the Pfizer vaccine on 1/13, 1/14, 1/19, 1/30, 2/20 & 3/13. These dates have not been confirmed at the time of this Q&A.***

12-In light of the recent increase of COVID cases at SEVTC as of 1/4/21 with 3 positive cases and 4 homes on lockdown. AR was wondering how soon their individual can get the vaccine since they have already sent their paper work back and consented to receive the vaccine so as not to get held up due to other ARs that are still undecided.  ***It’s anticipated that the Individuals will begin receiving vaccines in by the end of January.***

13-When will you know the date for the first vaccine clinic? ***At this time, SEVTC is scheduling rotating clinics with the use of Moderna vaccine for employees and have received tentative dates from CVS for the Pfizer vaccine on 1/30/21, 2/2/210 & 3/13/21. These dates have been confirmed at the time of this Q&A.***

14-Do you have to wait until you have a certain number of consent forms
returned before you can even contact CVS to schedule the first clinic? ***No.***

15-If there are two Authorized Representatives, do you need both consent
forms returned (with saying yes) before including that resident for the
clinic? ***Please follow the same process as you would with medication consents.***

16- Wants to know if staff are going to be required to receive the vaccination? ***No, the vaccine is voluntary however we have seen a large number of employees who are asking to receive the vaccine.***

17-Would like to know about side effects with medications, wants to know how the decision would be made since she is AR as opposed to LG?  The AR is the decision maker for the Individual to include consent for the vaccine. ***Common side effects include pain at the injection site, redness, swelling, fever, chills, tiredness and headache. Signs of severe allergic reaction can include: Difficulty breathing, swelling of your face and throat, a fast heartbeat, a bad rash all over the body, dizziness and weakness.***

18-Will Medical to review the consent form prior to him receiving the vaccine and help complete questions that could not be answered about medical conditions.  When will he be receiving the shot? Percentage of staff not receiving it? ***All screenings will be reviewed prior to receiving the injection and SEVTC will assist in completing questions that were not able to be answered by families/AR’s. Vaccine clinics are being scheduled now, the 1st tentative date for CVS Pfizer vaccine is 1/13/21. We cannot answer the percentage of staff not receiving the vaccine at this time.***

19- Wants to know when they will receive it?    ***At this time, SEVTC is scheduling rotating clinics with the use of Moderna vaccine for employees and have received tentative dates from CVS for the Pfizer vaccine on 1/13, 1/14, 1/19, 1/30, 2/20 & 3/13. These dates have not been confirmed at the time of this Q&A.***

20- Requesting another copy of the consent be mailed. ***New consent paperwork mailed 1/6/21.***

21- Sent back the form consenting to him receiving the vaccine and had some concerns. Put paperwork in the mail and wrote concerns on the forms. He has history of being allergic to bee stings and has an epi-pen; he never had to use it but wants to make sure the epi pen is there after he gets the vaccine. Has history of diagnosis with Bell's Palsy after he received a previous vaccine. Wants Dr. Thorogood to be reminded of that case and wants him to be observed longer than 15 minutes after receiving it.  ***Per the CDC the only absolute contraindication to the vaccine is previous anaphylaxis/severe reaction to the Covid 19 vaccine.  Previous severe reactions/anaphylaxis to other injectables go ahead with 30 minutes of observation****.*

22-Didn’t receive it and wants to know can it be mailed again***. Mailed 2nd packet on 1/6/21***

23- Noted on the form that had received a medication while at CVTC and had an allergic reaction, but doesn’t remember the name of it. She states she doesn’t know if that will affect her being able to receive the vaccination.  Wants her medical history and consent to be reviewed prior to receiving.  ***All prescreening will be reviewed prior to giving vaccination.***

24-How much does the shot cost? ***There is no fee for the vaccine, CVS is charging for injections but this will be processed through insurance and no cost to the families.***

25- How are we going to administer; will she be asleep?  ***No, all Individuals will need to be awake and alert to receive the vaccine.***

 26-Will they receive Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine? ***Both vaccines are available.***

27-And when will the vaccine be administered to the individuals and staff? ***At this time, SEVTC is scheduling rotating clinics with the use of Moderna vaccine for employees and have received tentative dates from CVS for the Pfizer vaccine on 1/13, 1/14, 1/19, 1/30, 2/20 & 3/13. These dates have not been confirmed at the time of this Q&A.***

28- Is there any information about patients who are on multiple medications and the possible contraindications with the vaccine? ***Per the CDC the only absolute contraindication to the vaccine is previous anaphylaxis/severe reaction to the Covid 19 vaccine.  Previous severe reactions/anaphylaxis to other injectables go ahead with 30 minutes of observation****.*