

Dear Members,

Many barriers exist to successful widespread distribution of COVID 19 vaccines in our Native communities. Reducing the impact of COVID 19 on Native people over the coming weeks and months will require tremendous efforts by all of us as providers, family, and community members to reduce fear and distrust of the vaccines and of health systems in general. In order to help us understand more fully the message that we need to send to our patients, families, and communities, AAIP is hosting a **COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall this Sunday, the 13th at 2:00 PM CST**. We will be joined by Dr. Jill Foster, Division Director, Pediatric Infectious Disease at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Foster will give a brief overview of the vaccines and then answer our questions. I will be reaching out to the Indian Health Service Administration to ask if they are interested in joining us and/or sending a representative to answer questions regarding the vaccine.

Please email our office for a link to join us at 2 PM CST on Sunday, December 13th for a COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall.

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