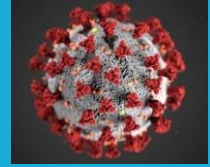


FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA INTERIM COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN



Executive Summary - INTERIM

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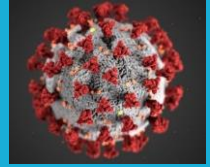
Introduction

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is one of the six US affiliated island jurisdictions in the Pacific region, consisting of four island groups that are referred to as the four states of the FSM. Island groups are Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap; each state with their own unique settings which includes remote lagoon and outer islands that are only accessible by small out boat motors, small commercial 7-seater plane, government or private ships and most with limited or no connectivity at all. FSM is one of the jurisdictions that have the primary responsibility for carrying out the public health assurance functions required to achieve the desired outcomes and performance goals established by CDC. The FSM NIP is seeking funding assistance and vaccine support from US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Immunization and Vaccine for Children Funds to help continue its efforts to plan, develop, improve and maintain its public health infrastructure to help assure high covid-19 coverage levels and low morbidity and mortality rates, by expanding its program activities to reach out to all FSM population starting with the high risk subgroups within the nation. Goal: To achieve high Covid-19 coverage, reduce vaccination disparities, reduce morbidity and mortality rates, improve readiness to respond to Covid-19 pandemic, and implement, develop, and/or enhance the FSM Immunization Information Systems (IIS) to support public health objectives. The Objective: Reduce, eliminate cases of Covid-19; Achieve and maintain effective vaccination COVID-19 coverage levels to all target population; The FSM NIP along with state programs will implement all the activities developed in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operation. Activity: Implement all developed workplan activities and performance measures that link to the Playbook. The FSM NIP will support the state programs in microplanning, implementation, monitoring, assessment, trainings and surveillance reporting of activities to track progress toward the identified measures, surveillance and monitor and timely report adverse reactions from Covid-19 vaccine. Evaluation: FSM NIP and state programs will participate in program technical assistance virtual trainings/calls, CDC-led initiatives to assess and monitor activities, and submit progress reports and provide Situational Reports on progress of Covid-19 Vaccination planning and Mass Vaccination Campaign. The state programs are to submit quarterly and monthly workplans, vaccine inventory reports/requests, and update NIP on a weekly, monthly, quarterly virtual meetings. Key Terms: FSM NIP along with state programs and partners will carry out the public health assurance functions to achieve and sustain high Covid-19 coverage, reduce vaccination disparities, decrease morbidity and mortality rates, implement, develop, and/or enhance the FSM Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and improve readiness to respond to Covid-19 pandemic in the nation.

COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Sections:

Section 3: Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination

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FSM have developed a plan for all the three phases from limited vaccine supply, vaccine temperature criteria to sufficient supply and have also identified key priority groups to target within each of the phases. Frontline and healthcare workers make up Phase 1 target, at risk and immunocompromised groups along with essential workers make up Phase 2 target, and the remaining population is marked for Phase 3.

Section 4: Critical Populations

FSM have identified its estimated populations on the critical population. The critical population identified comprised of healthcare workers, high risk frontline workers, and high-risk population and essential workers.

Section 5: COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

FSM NIP have enrolled and recruited several providers across the country, many of these said providers are existing immunization routine providers. Vaccination providers are government public health entities in each of the States, with nurses who undergoes regular training and assessment to maintain their provider status.

Section 8: COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling

FSM can only store frozen and refrigerated vaccines at the national depot, state public health providers, some dispensaries, private hospital and at the Community Health Centers on the main islands. Currently, FSM do not have the capacity to store ultra-freeze vaccine nor have local vendor in country to support ultra- freeze vaccine storage or sustain dry ice supply.

Section 10: COVID-19 Vaccination Second-Dose Reminders

FSM providers will utilize all forms of reminder recall to ensure second doses are timely utilizing IIS reminder recall functionality, phone call, announcements and in person visits.

Section 12: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Communication

Communication, awareness and education campaign activities will be targeted following phase level implementation via all communication mediums available within the nation.

Section 14: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring

Training and refreshers will be provided to key staff on vaccine safety monitoring and reporting.

Section 15: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Monitoring

Daily incident command debriefs will be shared on a daily basis by State providers to reflect all operations and activities ongoing.

Additional Information

FSM have prioritized vaccination activities to be implemented on the four States' main island. Lagoon and outlying neighboring islands will follow suit once main islands are completed.