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SD National Guard to support IHS/OST during COVID-19 vaccination events on Pine Ridge

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard will provide support to Indian Health Services and the Oglala Sioux Tribe during two COVID-19 vaccination events on the Pine Ridge Reservation in April and May.

IHS in partnership with the OST requested the support of the SDNG for several vaccination events in Kyle and Pine Ridge. Gov. Kristi Noem approved the request for SDNG support.

The SDNG will provide medical personnel to assist in administering the vaccine and provide administrative support.

Vaccines will be available for residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation and/or a patient of the Pine Ridge Service Unit – IHS, aged 16 years and older. The event will also include a health fair and offer information and small health program items for community members.

Locations/Dates/Times:

Little Wound High School Gymnasium, Kyle, SD
Friday, April 16, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pine Ridge Elementary School Gymnasium, Pine Ridge, SD
Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Little Wound High School Gymnasium, Kyle, SD
Friday, May 14, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pine Ridge Elementary School Gymnasium, Pine Ridge, SD
Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All safety protocols will be followed including wearing masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.

For additional information or questions on the vaccination events, please contact the COVID Nurse Triage Line 605-867-3300 (M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

“We are pleased to be partnering with IHS and the Oglala Sioux Tribe to support these vaccination events and assist the Native American communities on Pine Ridge,” said Maj. Gen. Jeff Marlette, SDNG adjutant general. “During the past year, the South Dakota National Guard has provided a historic level of support to our state during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we look forward to this opportunity to continue to serve our communities.”

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