“Getting the vaccine will keep you, your family, and our elders healthy and safe. With an efficacy of 95%, the COVID-19 vaccine is effective at protecting you from the virus. By getting vaccinated, you can prevent more illnesses and deaths in our Tribal communities and protect our language speakers.”

Michael Hunter, Chairman, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Both vaccines have mild and temporary side effects, including pain at the injection site, headache, fever, fatigue, chills, and muscle and joint pain. Individuals with severe allergic reactions to other vaccines should consult their doctor in case they may be allergic to a component of the vaccine. They should be observed for 30 minutes following injection rather than the usual 15 minutes. It is recommended that individuals who carry an EpiPen for their allergies should bring it to their appointment. CDC notes that women who are pregnant or breastfeeding can be presented the option to vaccinate, but first talk to your health care practitioner if you have any concerns about whether you should receive it.

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