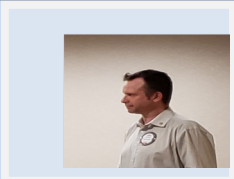


January 15, 2021

January is Vocational Service Month



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### This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Frank Peabody

Today's speaker was Dr Shubrah Kerkar, Medical Director, Desert Regional Medical Center. Since the vaccine was rushed to the market in record time, she addressed 'Winning your trust of two types of Covid-19 Vaccines. She shared a video of a question and answer session with an apprehensive RN. Among the RN's concerns were short- and long-term side effects, does the Vaccine contain virus particles, what if you are pregnant or with HIV? Dr Kerkar, also reviewed the history and success of past vaccines. The present vaccines require two injections within a 28-day period. There were questions regarding distribution and administration of the vaccine.

From **Shubha Kerkar M.D., FIDSA, FACP, AAHIVS-Director of Infectious Diseases**

**Here is the link for the video we saw. Please share with family and friends!**  
<https://youtu.be/CXoFd3IRqIA>

**Here is the Website for NASHP- Website** - Please Share this for some of the granular - details of the vaccine distribution plan- that I talked about.  
<https://www.nashp.org/each-states-plan-for-vaccinating-its-populations-against-covid-19/>



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE HAVE A NEW ZOOM MEETING NUMBER!

**Topic: Palm Springs Rotary Club Weekly Zoom Meeting**

**Time: This is a WEEKLY meeting every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
O'Linn, Richard J (DICK)	1/4/21	
Johnson, Rebecca (BECKY)	1/19/21	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Halftermeyer, Dorys	1/4/17	4
Freytmuth, Peter	1/7/15	6
Fritch, John	1/9/19	2

## This Weeks Program (Continued)

### **From Carole Rogers RN MPH**

COVID-19 testing at our DHS RiteAid drive-through for free.

Go to <https://www.projectbaseline.com/>

1. Click the COVID box
2. Sign in with your email address. If you have insurance, enter the information. If you have Medicare, enter your Medicare number and your group number is "Medicare." (They will ask you for the Medicare Billing address: PO box 6774, Fargo ND 58108)
3. If you have no insurance, indicate that. The system will let you choose the next available date and time and will send you a verification which you take with you (show your cell phone or printed info. along with a picture ID. ) They will put a swab in an envelope and pass it to you while in your car. You insert it in your nostrils (mid-way), then put the swab in the vial they give you and put it back into their tray. Off you go! They will let you know by email if you are negative or call you if positive.

It looks like they are accepting appointments for people over 65 too!

Here is where you can enroll to get the COVID vaccine

<https://www.ruhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine>

We need to reach out to our seniors who are not computer savvy and help them enroll.

### **EDITORS NOTE FROM THE DESERT SUN (1/14/21)**

Along with the health care workers in Phase 1A and frontline essential workers in Phase 1B Tier 1, all residents ages 65 and older can attend vaccine clinics beginning Thursday.

