

The Full Mar Monte

SUPPORTERS EDITION

COVID vaccine rollout for frontline health center staff!

Check out this photo gallery of PPMM frontline health center staff, who care for patients every day, getting their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine. They were able to get the vaccine as soon as the county public health departments where these sites are located made it available. Not all counties are providing the vaccine at the same time, but our staff is closely monitoring when it is available and bringing it to health centers ASAP!



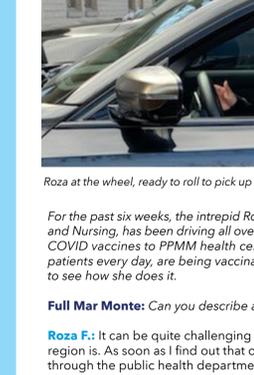
Dr. Dalton (left) holding her COVID vaccine certificate, with Lead HSS Trainer Katie G.

"We are so proud of all the work that has been done to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine to our staff. I got mine in early January, and it was easy and painless! Getting vaccinated was important to me to protect my family, PPMM staff, and the communities we serve! I know people have important questions about the vaccine, and you can more information about that in this edition of the Full Mar Monte." - Dr. Laura Dalton, CMO



Very pregnant Clinician Joy E. gets her vaccine

"Painless!" - Clinician Joy E., health center in San Joaquin County



Center Manager Alex B. getting his vaccine shot from RN Sam W.

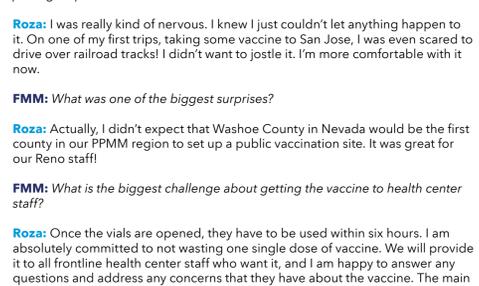
"Didn't feel a thing! Sam, the RN, is the best!" - Alex B., health center in Sacramento



HSS Sheida K., Blossom Hill HC in San Jose

"I just got the COVID-19 vaccine, Moderna. No pain during the injection! I have fatigue and a little muscle soreness in my arm which is not unusual with any shot." - HSS Sheida K., health center in San Jose

Dir. of Quality Management and Nursing Roza F.: One-woman vaccine-road warrior for health center frontline staff



Roza at the wheel, ready to roll to pick up COVID vaccines for our frontline health center staff

For the past six weeks, the intrepid Roza F., our director of Quality Management and Nursing, has been driving all over California to personally pick up and deliver COVID vaccines to PPMM health centers, where frontline staff, who care for patients every day, are being vaccinated. The FMM caught up with Roza recently to see how she does it.

Full Mar Monte: Can you describe a typical "vaccine-delivery day"?

Roza F.: It can be quite challenging because of how large Mar Monte's service region is. As soon as I find out that one county has vials of the vaccine available through the public health department, I make arrangements to drive to pick it up, knowing that I have to be there at a certain time. Then the clock starts ticking for how long I have to get it to a health center, while it's been kept in a special super-cold container, before we open the vials and start administering it to staff.

It's precious cargo! I feel like I'm transporting very fragile, valuable Fabergé eggs or something!

FMM: What was one of your most recent trips?

Roza: Since late December, I've logged hundreds of miles transporting COVID vaccines. I live in Lodi, and a few weeks ago I found out that I needed to go to Fresno to pick up a shipment. I was on the road at 4:45 a.m. to make my 7:30 a.m. pick-up time.

FMM: How did you feel when the vaccine was first available and you started picking it up for our health center staff?

Roza: I was really kind of nervous. I knew I just couldn't let anything happen to it. On one of my first trips, taking some vaccine to San Jose, I was even scared to drive over railroad tracks! I didn't want to jostle it. I'm more comfortable with it now.

FMM: What was one of the biggest surprises?

Roza: Actually, I didn't expect that Washoe County in Nevada would be the first county in our PPMM region to set up a public vaccination site. It was great for our Reno staff!

FMM: What is the biggest challenge about getting the vaccine to health center staff?

Roza: Once the vials are opened, they have to be used within six hours. I am absolutely committed to not wasting one single dose of vaccine. We will provide it to all frontline health center staff who want it, and I am happy to answer any questions and address any concerns that they have about the vaccine. The main thing is that everyone knows we're here to support them.

I'm proud to be able to help our frontline staff, spend more time with them discussing the vaccine - anything that makes them feel safer and cared for.



2021 VIRTUAL EVENT SERIES MOVING FORWARD, FIGHTING BACK

Peninsula Breakfast

Friday, March 5, 2021
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

featuring guest speaker
Meena Harris
Founder and CEO of Phenomenal
and New York Times bestselling author

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte invites you to be a guest at the **2021 Peninsula Breakfast**, with a virtual format that will make this popular event more inclusive and accessible than ever.

We're thrilled to present this year's keynote speaker, Meena Harris, founder of the Phenomenal female-powered lifestyle brand that has been bringing awareness to social causes, including health care equity, and has established a digital audience of over 625 million. Meena is also a New York Times best-selling author of two children's books.

The Peninsula Breakfast is a time-honored tradition for PPMM supporters in the Bay Area, and this special event has grown from its humble roots to be one of the most anticipated events on the Peninsula each year. Our generous community of Peninsula Breakfast donors and volunteers raise more than \$1 million to fuel PPMM's life-changing programs!

Please join us at The Peninsula Breakfast on Friday, March 5th at 8:30 AM. Tickets and sponsorships are available today at ppmmonte.org/PenBreak2021.

Fundraising goal exceeded at January Roe anniversary virtual event

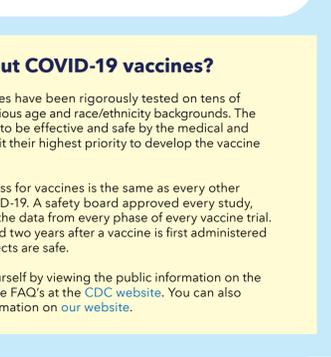
More than 300 Planned Parenthood Mar Monte supporters convened online for our venerated Roe v. Wade Anniversary Luncheon in late January. In addition to commemorating the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision, the event also celebrated 50 years of Planned Parenthood in Santa Cruz County.

Traditionally held in-person in Monterey, this year's virtual format assembled our international PPMM family! Keynote speaker Maria Teresa Kumar, CEO of Voto Latino and Emmy-nominated MSNBC contributor, shared her personal story of growing up Latina in California and learning from her grandmother how difficult it was for women to make their own reproductive decisions.

From the California coast to Alaska to Maine and Germany, viewers heard other powerful testimonials from Rep. Jimmy Panetta and State Sen. John Laird as well as from patients and staff, and attendees were treated to a beautiful musical performance by rising star Diana Gameros.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our family of supporters, we exceeded our \$200,000 fundraising goal! These resources are critical so that PPMM can continue providing over 180,000 patients who rely on us our high quality services including abortion care, STI-testing and treatment, screenings for breast and cervical cancer, and COVID-19 testing.

Following the program, one PPMM supporter shared, "I really thought it was the best pandemic virtual event I've seen yet. I found myself sad at the end that it was already done!"



Keynote speaker, Voto Latino CEO Maria Teresa Kumar, onscreen during PPMM's Roe event in Jan. 2021



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