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Walla Walla County Vaccine Update – 3000 doses <u>Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe</u>

WALLA WALLA, WA – Walla Walla Department of Community Health (DCH) was notified that they will receive 1,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses from the State on Monday, February 1. Along with that allocation, Providence St. Mary will receive 1,000 doses to be used for residents receiving their first vaccination. An additional allotment of 1,000 vaccines to be used as second doses for several county residents was allocated to the county.

"I believe that our previous efforts of getting vaccines out quickly and with sizeable volume allowed us to get a more robust allocation," Public Health Officer Dr. Daniel Kaminsky said. "People at the state level seem to be taking note of our hard work and success which perhaps has allowed us to get these additional doses into our community."

The 3,000 doses arriving Monday means more clinics are on the way. DCH and county health partners are standing up their mass vaccination clinic on Wednesday, February 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be approximately 500 doses available during that clinic and an additional 1,500 available on Saturday, February 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for residents in Phase 1A or 1B Tier 1 of Washington's COVID-19 Vaccine phases.

Eligible county residents will be able to start scheduling appointments on the morning of Monday, February 1. After completing the <u>Phase Finder Tool</u> to verify eligibility, those who are interested in receiving a vaccine, should complete the following steps on Monday:

- Step 1: Go to doh.wa.gov and click the "Vaccine Locations," button.
- Step 2: Scroll or search for "Walla Walla County" in the list of counties.
- Step 4: Click "Walla Walla County."
- Step 5: Schedule your vaccine appointment by clicking the "Providence Walla Walla," link.
- Step 6: Scroll to the middle of the page and click "Click Here to Schedule Appointment."
- Step 7: Select an available appointment time.
- Step 8: Click "Submit and Sign Up."
- Step 9: Enter your name, email and other required information.
- Step 10: Click "Sign Up Now."
- Step 11: Check your email inbox. You will receive a confirmation if all steps have been completed successfully.

It is important to note that no walk-in appointments will be accepted. If you are unable to schedule an appointment, please do not show up at the clinic to get your vaccination. To ensure equity in vaccine distribution, the DCH equity task force is working closely with community partners to help reach those without access to computers or Internet, or who may have language barriers. More information will be published over the weekend on the county's COVID website and Facebook page.

For those who received their first dose on Monday, January 18 at the Walla Walla University Church, there will be a second dose clinic on February 8 at the County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Information about appointment times will be made available next week. People will need to bring their CDC vaccination card to show verification of their first dose.

We encourage all residents to visit the county's COVID <u>website</u> for information on upcoming vaccination clinics and to use the <u>DOH Phase Finder Tool</u> to verify eligibility.

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