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Vaccination Clinic Update

Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe

WALLA WALLA, WA – Walla Walla Department of Community Health (DCH) and county health partners have successfully stood up six mass vaccination clinics since January 18, 2021. A large part of the success can be credited to community volunteers, who helped ensure the on-site vaccination process ran smoothly. As the county continues to receive vaccine allocations from the state, the need for volunteers will increase. To make the registration process easier for DCH and volunteers a new website, https://volunteer.covidwwc.com, was launched to collect names and information for all county residents interested in helping at vaccine clinics.

We would like to remind county residents that currently only those in Phase 1A and Phase 1B Tier 1 of the <u>Washington State Vaccine Distribution plan</u> are eligible to receive the vaccine. If residents do not meet the criteria, they should not schedule an appointment or show up to the fairgrounds to receive a vaccine. Residents are screened at these events and will be turned away if they're ineligible according to the Washington State Vaccine Distribution plan. Screening is done to ensure we are administering the vaccine in accordance with Washington State guidelines, as not doing so could affect future allocations.

DCH and community health professionals have received questions from people who have developed COVID-19 symptoms after scheduling an appointment to receive their vaccine. Individuals should follow the CDC guidance related to isolation to determine when vaccination may occur.

We appreciate the community's patience and support as we work within Washington State guidelines to vaccinate our county.

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