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## Walla Walla County Vaccine Update Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe

WALLA WALLA, WA – Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and health care partners will open the county's mass vaccination clinic on Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be approximately 1,100 doses available for eligible Phase 1A, 1B1, 1B2, 1B3 and 1B4 residents. Depending on vaccine allocation from the state, the clinic may be extended to 5 p.m. and 2,300 doses would be available.

The soon-to-be eligible Phases 1B Tier 3 and 1B Tier 4 includes people 16 years or older with two or more comorbidities or underlying conditions; all people 60 years and older; people, staff and volunteers in certain congregate living settings; group homes for people with disabilities; settings where people experiencing homelessness live or access services; high-risk critical workers in certain congregate settings: restaurants, food services, construction and manufacturing. Additional information on phases can be found on the Washington State Department of Health website.

Per state guidance, as of March 31, the Phase Finder Tool will no longer be required to verify vaccine eligibility. Instead, Walla Walla County will use the self-verification checkbox on the DCH COVID website as the sole method of eligibility verification. Everyone interested in receiving a vaccine still needs to qualify under the eligible phases of the Washington State Vaccine Distribution plan. Eligible county residents can begin scheduling appointments today, March 26 at 5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, residents should complete the following steps after appointments go live:

- Step 1: Go to <a href="https://www.covidwwc.com">https://www.covidwwc.com</a> and click the "Upcoming Vaccine Clinics," button.
- Step 2: Scroll to the "Schedule an Appointment," section. After attesting to eligibility, click the "Schedule an Appointment," button.
- Step 3: Select an appointment time and complete the registration process.

No walk-in appointments will be accepted. All eligible residents must have an appointment to receive a vaccine.

Residents without Internet or computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they do not have access to the internet or a computer.

We encourage all residents to visit the County COVID <u>website</u> or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

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