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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, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be approximately 2,300 first-dose appointments available for eligible Phase 1A, 1B1 and 1B2 residents.

The soon-to-be eligible Phase 1B Tier 2 includes high-risk critical workers who work in certain congregate settings: Agriculture; fishing vessel crews; food processing; grocery stores; corrections; prisons, jails or detention centers; public transit; remaining first responders, people age 16 or older who are pregnant or have a disability that puts them at higher risk. Additional information on Phases can be found on the Washington State Department of Health website.

Eligible county residents can begin scheduling appointments on Monday, March 15 at 8 a.m. This will be the first opportunity for Phase 1B2 eligible residents to schedule an appointment. Those who are interested in receiving a vaccine should complete the Washington State Phase Finder Tool and print out or screenshot their eligibility verification to provide at the time of their scheduled appointment.

After completing the Phase Finder Tool eligible residents should complete the following steps on Monday:

- Step 1: Go to https://www.covidwwc.com and click the "Upcoming Vaccine Clinics," button.
- Step 2: Scroll to the "Schedule an Appointment," section and click "Schedule an Appointment," after confirming eligibility.
- 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 County COVID <u>website</u> or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics and to use the DOH Phase Finder to verify eligibility.

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