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Walla Walla County Vaccine Update Reminder to Stay Healthy, Get Vaccinated, Keep our Community Safe

WALLA WALLA, WA – As vaccination clinics at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds wrap up on May 16, Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and health care partners will move to smaller, more frequent clinics at the Southgate Community Vaccination Clinic on the Providence Southgate campus, located at 1025 S. 2nd Ave. in Walla Walla.

Next week, Walla Walla DCH and partners will open three first-dose vaccine clinics on Tuesday, May 18, from 3-5 p.m., Wednesday, May 19 from 3-5 p.m. and Thursday, May 20 from 3-5 p.m.

There will be approximately 100 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine appointments available at each clinic. Walk-in appointments are welcome. Those arriving at the clinic for a vaccine should use the main entrance of the building and are asked to not use the urgent care entrance of the facility.

Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children ages 12-15 years old, Walla Walla DCH is awaiting approval from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) before administering the vaccine to that age group. Information from DOH is expected later this week.

Appointments are live now and all individuals ages 16-years old and over can schedule an appointment. Residents interested in receiving a vaccine must be at least 16-years old, those who are not 16 are not eligible to receive the vaccine. People younger than 18-years old must have written parental consent or bring a parent or guardian with them to their vaccine appointment.

Everyone interested in scheduling an appointment should complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Go to https://www.covidwwc.com/clinics.
- Step 2: Scroll through the list of first-dose clinics and click the "Schedule an Appointment," button after confirming eligibility under the selected clinic.
- Step 3: Select an appointment time and complete the registration process.

Residents who are homebound or without Internet/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 are homebound or 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.