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Vaccination 2nd Dose Clinics CANCELLED <u>Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe</u>

WALLA WALLA, WA – Due to inclement weather, Walla Walla Department of Community Health (DCH) and county healthcare partners have decided to cancel the second-dose vaccination clinics that were previously scheduled for Saturday, February 13, and Monday, February 15, 2021.

The two clinics will be combined into a single clinic that is rescheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents who received their first dose on Saturday, January 23 or Monday, January 25 should arrive at the County Fairgrounds on Saturday, February 20 at the same time they received their first-dose vaccine. Those who are unable to attend on the rescheduled date should reach out to DCH at (509) 524-2647. Those trying to reschedule should leave their name, phone number, the date of their first vaccine and state that they are unable to attend their rescheduled clinic. A DCH representative will reach out early next week to arrange a new time.

Rescheduling these clinics pushes the date of the second-dose vaccine outside of the recommended 17-21-day window for the affected county residents. While the CDC still recommends the second dose be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible, their <u>website</u> also states, "The second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be administered up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose."

DCH understands that there may be some concern around how this decision may affect future first-dose vaccine clinics. The decision to reschedule wasn't made lightly, but the safety of county residents is our priority. We will continue to prioritize vaccinating eligible residents as allocations and weather permit.

We appreciate the community's patience as we continue to work toward vaccinating all interested county residents. Please watch our <u>website</u> for the latest COVID information, including information on upcoming first-dose clinics, and text COVIDWW to 888777.

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