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

WALLA WALLA, WA – While some vaccine locations around the state did not receive their allocation this week due to inclement weather across the country, Walla Walla County received their full Pfizer vaccine allotment. Plans are in place to administer 3,000 first-dose vaccines on Sunday, February 21 and Monday, February 22 at the County Fairgrounds. As of Friday afternoon, there are still just over 1,000 vaccine appointments available for eligible Phase 1A and Phase 1B, Tier 1 residents. For ease of access, the registration link is now up on the Walla Walla County COVID website, https://www.covidwwc.com. After verifying your eligibility, just click the "Schedule an Appointment" button.

Those who are unable to access a computer or the internet or need assistance when scheduling can reach out to the DCH helpline at <u>509-524-2647</u>. Residents should leave a message with their name, date of birth, phone number, and a brief message stating their need for assistance.

Friends and neighbors of residents who are over 65 years old with limited access to the internet and computers are encouraged to reach out to assist with scheduling an appointment.

DCH and health care partners have assembled a team of volunteers to provide mobility assistance, including golf carts and wheelchairs on-site for those who need it. The Fairgrounds parking lot and the area around the pavilion are cleared and well-maintained to ensure ease of driving and walking.

The entire process from the time of registration to waiting through the observation period should only take 30-40 minutes. Wearing a short-sleeve shirt under your layers for easy access to your upper arm will help quicken the process.

DCH understands there is eagerness around the community to move into the next vaccination phase, however we are unable to vaccinate anyone outside of Phase 1A or 1B, Tier 1 in accordance with directions from the State Department of Health. We appreciate the patience of the community and encourage everyone to continue visiting www.covidwwc.com or text COVIDWW to 888777 for updates.

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