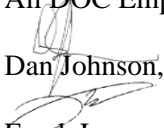




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TO: All DOC Employees

FROM: Dan Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Health Services

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine Allocations

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) notified vaccine providers on January 21, 2021, that vaccine allocations may now be smaller than expected. The State has recently established mass vaccination sites, which means that individual vaccine providers will receive less vaccine than originally anticipated. In past weeks, they did not have mass vaccination clinics to supply. Unfortunately, vaccine supply continues to be very limited and allocation to Washington State is not sufficient to meet demand. This means that although the Department of Corrections will be continuing vaccine clinics for staff, it is with fewer vaccine doses than anticipated.

Please note there are multiple options available to you when seeking COVID-19 vaccination. Currently, the state is in Phase 1B1, which includes Phase 1A.

Local vaccine clinics are being held around the state at DOC facilities in the coming weeks. Please take the time to review the [Phase 1A and Phase 1B1 criteria](#):

- 1) Any worker in a high risk health care setting, meaning any DOC employee in a setting where care is being provided to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients and close contact with them is possible
- 2) All DOC employees aged 65 or older regardless of job duties or location.

If you believe you meet either of these criteria but have not yet been contacted please attend a local DOC vaccine clinic to receive your vaccination.

You also have the option of receiving COVID-19 vaccine in the community. The [Vaccine Location List](#) on the DOH Website is a vetted provider list. The list is made up of providers who are enrolled in the vaccine program and are offering open locations for vaccination.

On January 25, 2021, the Department of Health [announced four mass vaccination sites](#) opening statewide this week. To request vaccination at these sites, you should first confirm you are eligible using [Phase Finder](#). Once confirmed, the next step is to make an appointment. Details are available on the [DOH mass vaccination page](#). Each mass vaccination site is currently using a different registration system.

To make an appointment in [Spokane, go here](#)

- Location - Spokane Arena: Open seven days a week. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat-Sun, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To make an appointment in [Ridgefield, go here](#) or call 1-800-525-0127, then press #

- Location - Clark County Fairgrounds: Tue-Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To make an appointment in [Wenatchee, go here](#) or call 1-800-525-0127, then press #

- Location - Town Toyota Center: Tue-Sat, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To make an appointment in [Kennewick, go here](#) or call 1-800-525-0127, then press #

- Location - Tri-Cities Fairgrounds: Tue-Sat, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You may also contact your medical provider if you wish to make an appointment for the vaccine. If you have been previously notified by DOC HS that you are phase 1A eligible and would like to utilize your provider or another health care provider external to DOC, your original 1A eligibility e-mail notification with DOC letterhead can serve as a voucher for your eligibility. If you need to have this re-sent to you, please contact the [DOC HS COVID Vaccine](#) box.

If you previously declined the vaccine, but now wish to receive it, or think you may have been missed in the phase 1A prioritization, please contact your local Health Services Manager to verify eligibility and arrange for vaccination, based on availability.

We understand the frustration people are experiencing across the state regarding the difficulty of obtaining COVID-19 vaccination. DOH is hopeful that Washington State will see an increase in supply soon that will allow us to vaccinate all eligible individuals.

Please continue to wash your hands frequently, physically distance and wear appropriate personal protective equipment. These are the best methods, in addition to vaccination, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.