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ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINES Updated Community Guidance January 28, 2021

Island County Public Health (Public Health) wants to make sure that the citizens of Island County have access to reliable guidance surrounding COVID-19 Vaccines. We update guidance every two weeks to help inform and empower you and our community. Recent updates were delayed due to an increase in the number of Press Releases issued by Public Health regarding vaccines.

Status

Effective immediately, vaccine providers will be matching the number of appointments available to the number of vaccines received to each site. This will fluctuate weekly. Individuals that previously scheduled an appointment, must carefully review the information from the Provider you had scheduled with. Refrain from calling Providers at this time as staff is trying to accommodate this scheduling change.

The Providers and Public Health realize this is incredibly frustrating. Everyone is trying to develop the best method going forward, in response to changing information from the Federal and State governments. By working together, with patience and understanding, Island County residents will get the vaccines safely and in the most efficient manner possible. We all apologize for this difficult adjustment as providers pivot to a system with less future cancellations, postponements, and confusion.

It is important to remember that if an appointment is canceled or postponed, it is still expected that the individual will receive their vaccine within the next two months, as per recent projections from the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH). This delay is temporary.

Vaccination Providers

Public Health staff in partnership with community partners is continuing to coordinate vaccination distributions to Providers for eligible individuals. The community partners performing vaccinations are Camano Island Health Systems, Island Drug, and WhidbeyHealth.

Allocation Updates

Vaccine supply is limited, and Washington State is currently only allocated about 100,000 first doses each week. Washington state is working on increasing the number of vaccines coming into the state. Updates will be provided on the Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine [website](#).

Allocation updates for Washington State are available online with the Washington State Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Progress Dashboard and Data [tool](#).

Mass Vaccination Clinics

Public Health does not have any mass vaccination clinics scheduled at this time for Island County. However, we are continuing to receive guidance from the WA DOH and will update our website and the community, if a mass clinic is created.

Individuals Eligible for Vaccines

Individuals who meet Phase 1B Tier 1 Allocation are individuals over the age of 65 and individuals over the age of 50 who live in a multigenerational household. A multigenerational household is defined as two generations in a household with an adult over 50; does not include adults caring for their own children. Individuals who meet Phase 1A Tier 1 and 2 are also still eligible to receive vaccine.

[Learn more about who gets the vaccine and when.](#)

Find Your Phase

The Find Your Phase tool is available at for individuals to sign up for the vaccine with a nearby provider. <https://form.findyourphasewa.org/210118771253954>

Vaccinations in Other Counties

Each local Public Health office is tasked with managing their vaccine allocation.

If you choose to get vaccinated in another county for your first dose, it is recommended that you receive your second dose at the same location. For this reason, it is best to receive your vaccination within your county.

Facebook Live Event – Ask Keith!

On Friday, January 29 at 3 p.m. Health Services Director Keith Higman will host a Facebook Live event to answer community questions about COVID-19. Individuals must submit questions in advance of the event by email at pubhealth@islandcounty.gov

The Facebook Live event is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/505147863799905>

Additional Questions or More Information

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 Vaccines in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page. For questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 in Washington State visit the WA DOH COVID-19 [website](#).