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STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 Island County, April 15, 2021

Island County expands vaccine eligibility to anyone over 16

Governor Jay Inslee announced that effective Thursday, April 15, 2021, everyone in the state above the age of 16 will be eligible for the vaccine.

The expansion of eligibility has been moved up from the original May 1, 2021 date because of the increase of positive cases in younger adults and because a majority of those included in past tiers have already received vaccinations.

Island County is following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to continue wearing a mask in public and to keep a distance of six feet from others after vaccines are received.

“Getting as many Island County residents vaccinated as possible is our best chance at ending the COVID-19 pandemic”, Keith Higman, Island County Public Health Director.

If you need help finding a place to get your COVID-19 vaccine, the state’s [Vaccine Locator](#) website is a great resource. Those who need further help can call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page. The Island County call center may be reached at **360.678.2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.