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STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19

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FDA approved the first COVID-19 vaccine

On Monday, August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first COVID-19 vaccine for regular use. Pfizer-BioNTech was previously approved as an emergency use authorization (EUA) COVID-19 vaccine.

Key points are:

- Will now be named as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee),
- For the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older,
- The Pfizer emergency use vaccine is still available for individuals 12 through 15 years of age.

Comirnaty has the same formula as the emergency use authorization vaccine and is given as a series of two doses, three weeks apart.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety, and effectiveness of medical products.

For more detailed information on how the FDA approves vaccines and how the vaccines work, go to www.fda.gov.

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.