



## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINES

**Island County, January 11, 2021:**

Washington State Department of Health announced that based on Governor Jay Inslee's Healthy Washington-Roadmap to Recovery phase, all eight regions in Washington will remain in Phase 1 until at least January 18, 2021.

Regional neighbors are now eligible to get the healthcare vaccine at WhidbeyHealth in Coupeville or Island Drug in Oak Harbor. We are working diligently to ensure collaboration with neighboring counties in our region in an effort to vaccinate all willing in the healthcare populations. All counties in the region must vaccinate all willing healthcare populations before moving onto the next wave.

Our region has yet to meet the requirement to vaccinate all willing healthcare workers. Because it is a government owned vaccine, we are directed to assist our neighbors to healthcare saturation before proceeding.

Washington State Department of Health controls the vaccination phases and any questions should be directed to the state at 1-800-525-0127.

At this time, Island County providers are pausing the next wave at Island Drug and WhidbeyHealth. Island County will continue to work with our regional partners.

Island Drug and WhidbeyHealth will continue vaccinating healthcare workers. If you made a next wave appointment with Island Drug **your place in line will be preserved**. They will push existing appointments two-weeks backwards for now hoping we can resume at this time. Island Drug will stay in continual contact with its email list as well as post updates to <http://www.islanddrug.com/pages/covidvaccine>

**Island County Public Health** – [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx)  
Call Center # 360.678.2301, Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)