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Good afternoon,

The LCC Emergency Team has compiled the most recent information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for our students and employees. The distribution of vaccine supplies is determined by the [Washington State Department of Health](#) and [Oregon Health Authority](#) (for those who reside in Oregon). Cowlitz County Department of Health <https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/2806/COVID-19-Vaccine> is updating its web site multiple times throughout the day as vaccine information changes. Vaccines will be distributed according to [phases](#). Your eligibility for vaccination depends upon the phase you are grouped into. Once the state has approved your phase, you may contact your healthcare provider to schedule an appointment for vaccination. You can use Washington's "[Phase Finder](#)" tool to determine what phase you will be in.

Here are the latest updates:

- **Phase 1A eligible** — As supplies allow, vaccines are being offered to people who meet Washington and Oregon Phase 1A eligibility including front-line health-care workers, individuals working in corrections facilities, residents of skilled nursing facilities, tribal health programs, public health workers, and more.
- **Phase 1B eligible** — As supplies allow, vaccines are being offered to people who meet Washington and Oregon Phase 1B (Tier 2) eligibility. Providers are beginning to vaccinate those who are eligible in Phase 1B (Tier 1), which includes:
 - **People who are 65 and older**
 - **People age 50 AND older who live in multigenerational households (more than one generation apart).**
 - **People who are 50 and older and are either receiving long-term care from a paid or unpaid caregiver, or are living with someone who works outside the home.**
- **People who are eligible to receive the vaccine may need to wait for an available appointment.** Although Washington State Department of Health announced the approval of Phase 1A & 1B vaccination groups, there is still a limited number of vaccines available at this time. Please be patient, more doses are on their way.
- **Community vaccination sites** — State and county organizations are currently working to expand vaccination centers. We should have more information on these locations in the coming days. We will share this information as soon as it becomes available to us.
- **If you eligible to receive a vaccine and you are currently a member of [Kaiser Permanente](#),** you should contact them directly to schedule an appointment.

- **If you are eligible to receive a vaccine and you are a member of [Peace Health](#)**, you should wait to be contacted by your provider. Peace Health is currently working through their patient database and reaching out to eligible patients directly to schedule appointments.
- **If you are eligible to receive a vaccine and do not have a primary care provider**, you should contact your local Department of Health:

- Cowlitz County Department of Health phone (360) 414-5599 ex 6425,
or email askcowlitzhealth@co.cowlitz.wa.us.

- Wakikum County Department of Health (360) 795-6207

- Columbia County Department of Health (518) 828-3358

For more information regarding LCC's response to COVID-19 please visit https://lowercolumbia.edu/_resources/emergency/emergency.php.

Stay safe! Nolan

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