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Klickitat County Expects First COVID-19 Vaccine Shipment

Klickitat County Health Department prepares as COVID-19 cases rise throughout the county

White Salmon, WA, December 14, 2020 - While the exact date of arrival is still unknown, Klickitat County is expecting their first shipment of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to arrive this week. This shipment is highly anticipated as the total case count in Klickitat County is expected to reach 400 this week. KCHD is currently tracking a record number of monthly cases for Klickitat County.

Less than five months ago on July 27, 2020, KCHD announced the 100th COVID-19 case. This was nearly four months after the first case was reported on March 19, 2020. By the end of this week, it is anticipated that there will be over 100 reported cases of COVID-19 since just December 1, 2020.

Per the Washington State Department of Health, the initial shipment of 975 doses to Klickitat County will be focused on vaccinating the following populations. Clinical judgment will be applied to identify who is at greatest risk using the guidance below.

- High-risk workers in health care settings.
- High-risk first responders.
- Residents and staff at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance.

Please visit this website for more information about the vaccine distribution and administration: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccineAllocationPhase1A.pdf>

About Klickitat County Public Health

Klickitat County Public Health is always working for a safer and healthier community. As the region's public health leader and partner, we are committed to excellence through innovative programs, community partnerships and a fundamental dedication to promote and protect the health of all Klickitat County residents.

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For More Information:

Klickitat County Public Health: www.klickitatcounty.org/289/Public-Health

Klickitat Valley Health: www.kvhealth.net

Skyline Health: www.myskylinehealth.org

Northshore Medical Group: www.northshore-medical.com

COVID Testing Information <https://www.gorgeimpact.com/testing>

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>