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GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE ANNOUNCES MORE RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

Klickitat County will soon be offering the COVID-19 vaccine to more residents

Goldendale, WA, March 18, 2021 – Today Washington Governor Jay Inslee announced the next group of Washington residents that will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.

Starting March 31st the following groups of people will be eligible:

- Anyone with two or more comorbidities (medical conditions)
- Anyone between the ages of 60 and 64
- Anyone living in congregate settings (e.g. correctional facilities, group homes for those with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness)
- Additional workers in congregate settings (e.g. restaurants, manufacturing, construction)

Governor Inslee's full press release can be read here:

https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-extension-of-eviction-moratorium-expansion-of-vaccine-eligibility-long-term-635b34eb0ca?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

This news of increased vaccine eligibility comes on the one-year anniversary of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Klickitat County that was reported on March 18, 2020. There have been over 745 cases of COVID-19 and 9 deaths impacting county residents since that first case was reported. After a challenging year, the first vaccines were administered in Klickitat County late December of 2020. Nearly 10,000 vaccinations have been administered since December.

Klickitat County residents who meet the current vaccine phase criteria are encouraged to call and schedule an appointment with any local health care providers who are offering COVID-19 vaccinations including: Klickitat County Health Department, Klickitat Valley Health, Skyline Health, and NorthShore Medical. If you are unsure if you qualify for the vaccine, you can call your provider or visit: <http://www.findyourphaseswa.org>.

As previously announced, Klickitat County will move to phase 3 on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Guidance for that phase 3 can be reviewed at:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start/whats-open>

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-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard:

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