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** NOTICE: This health alert provides written guidance for health care professionals and others who may need to take action to prevent or control a notifiable condition. It is not intended to provide guidance for the general public.*

COVID-19 Vaccine Update, Enrollment Information, and Safety Webinar

Background:

COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus which has led to a global pandemic resulting in significant disruptions to civic life. As of December 9, 2020, there have been a total of 187,327 cases, 11,841 hospitalizations and 2,967 deaths in Washington State since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are currently two vaccines to be considered for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) later this month. The vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech is scheduled to be reviewed December 10, 2020, and the vaccine created by Moderna is scheduled for review on December 17, 2020. If the EUA is approved the vaccine data will be vetted by the Scientific Safety Review Workgroup as part of the Western States Pact. There are several more vaccines in phase 3 trials.

Initially there will be a limited number of doses of the vaccines. The initial group to be vaccinated includes healthcare workers and first responders at high-risk for contracting COVID-19 as well as staff and residents in long-term care facilities. Vaccination will take place in phases based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and community conditions. The current Washington State COVID-19 Vaccination Plan can be found here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/WA-COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan.pdf>

COVID-19 Vaccine Program Provider Enrollment Information:

1. Clinics, pharmacies, and hospitals interested in administering COVID-19 vaccines must enroll in the federal COVID-19 vaccination program. Dispensing the COVID-19 Vaccine requires a separate provider agreement. In Washington State the Department of Health is coordinating enrollment. Each facility location where vaccines are to be shipped will have to go through the enrollment process.
2. The first step to enrollment is completing the Enrollment Inquiry Form which can be accessed at <https://redcap.doh.wa.gov/surveys/?s=KMXJHMLX3>
3. After the Enrollment Inquiry Form is completed the Washington State Department of Health will contact organizations to follow up. The Provider Enrollment Guide can be accessed at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVID-19-Provider-Enrollment-Guide.pdf>
4. For questions about enrollment process or for technical assistance contact COVID.Vaccine@doh.wa.gov

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Webinar:

The Washington State Department of Health is hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Webinar **December 17, 2020 from 12pm to 1pm PDT**. The webinar is for health care providers and will cover COVID-19 epidemiology, COVID vaccines, the vaccine testing and approval process, vaccine adverse events, and other safety resources. Continuing education credit is available for nurses, medical assistants, pharmacists and physicians. You can read more information about the webinar:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ImmunizationNews/ImmunizationTraining/COVID19VaccineSafetyWebinar>

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And register for the webinar here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8511091222749618187>

Resources:

Washington State Department of Health COVID-19 Provider Preparation Checklist:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/HealthcareProviders/VaccineInformationforHealthcareProviders>

Washington State Department of Health Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine web page:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/vaccine>

CDC Covid-19 Vaccine web page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

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TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY

Voice mail for reporting non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
Day time immediately reportable conditions – Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.	Phone: 360-786-5470
After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency	Call 1-800-986-9050
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is immediately notifiable	1-877-539-4344

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