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January 21, 2021

Wheeler County Public Health and Asher Community Health Center will be having three more clinics to administer the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine next week.

We continue to have limited vaccine available. Therefore, we will **not** be able to provide you with vaccine without an **appointment**. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has published strict guidelines for who is eligible for the vaccine at this time. Please see the following chart to determine if you should get the vaccine now. If you feel that you fit into Phase 1, Groups 1, 2, 3, and/or 4, please call the Public Health Nurse at 971-762-0527 or Asher Clinic 541-763-2725 to determine eligibility and make an appointment. Thank you!

Staff members will be in Mitchell on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the school gym from 10 am to 1 pm. They will be in Spray at the Grange hall on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 10 am to 1 pm. Then they will be in Fossil at the high school gym Thursday, January 28, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Phase 1A December 12, 2020

Everyone in Phase 1, Groups 1,2,3 and 4 are currently eligible for the vaccine.

Group 1

- Hospital staff with frontline patient care responsibilities
- Urgent care
- Skilled nursing and memory care facility healthcare personnel (HCP) and residents
- Tribal health programs
- Emergency medical services (EMS) providers and other first responders
- All health care interpreters and traditional health workers in any setting within Phase 1a

Group 2

- Other long-term care facilities, including all paid and unpaid HCP, all staff and contractors, including residents who meet the age requirements of:
 - Residential care facilities
 - Adult foster care
 - Group homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Other similar congregate care sites
 - Hospice programs
 - Mobile crisis care and related services
- People eligible:
400,000 approximately

Group 1

- Childcare providers, early learning and K-12 educators and staff
- Eligible January 25, 2021**

Group 2

- People 80 and older
- Eligible February 8, 2021**

Group 3

- People 75 and older
- Eligibility date to be determined**

Group 4

- People 70 and older
- Eligibility date to be determined**

Group 5

- People 65 and older
- Eligibility date to be determined**

Educators:

105,000* approximately

People over 65:

795,000* approximately

Beyond Date TBD

Who's getting vaccinated in Oregon next

Subsequent groups will be determined in coordination with the Vaccine Advisory Committee and shared on OHA's COVID-19 vaccine web page. These are examples of groups of people who may be included:

- Critical workers in high-risk settings — workers who are in industries essential to the functioning of society and substantially higher risk of exposure
- People of all ages with underlying conditions that put them at moderately higher risk
- People in prisons, jails, detention centers, and similar facilities, and staff who work in such settings
- General population

* Oregon's vaccine supply is limited. It is estimated to take 12-15 weeks to vaccinate groups 1-5 of Phase 1B.