



Clinical Questions about the Vaccine

We encourage everyone in our community to talk with their provider about their specific health concerns regarding the vaccine. Skyline Health Hospitalist Director Matt Swanson, M.D., and Pharmacist Amy Knowles have provided answers to some Frequently Asked Questions on our website. Click here to access this document. myskylinehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SKY-FAQs_External-Audience.pdf.

Questions about the Vaccination Process

The COVID-19 vaccination campaign is the largest in U.S. history. Currently, vaccine details are still being worked out and information may continue to change. We'll do our absolute best to share information as it becomes available.

Here's what we can share with you as of today:

1. The initial supply of the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. will be limited and will be given out in a phases. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is providing recommendations to state and local governments about who should be vaccinated first. The recommendations are made with these goals in mind:

- Decrease death and serious disease as much as possible.
- Preserve functioning of society.
- Reduce the extra burden COVID-19 is having on people already facing disparities.

2. Washington State and Klickitat County are currently in the beginning of "Phase 1a" of the State Vaccination Plan. This includes health care workers and first responders. Employees at Skyline Health, Klickitat Valley Health, Klickitat County Health Department and NorthShore Medical Group have begun receiving vaccines. Residents of Klickitat County who are high-risk health care workers or first responders can call Klickitat County Health Department to schedule their vaccine starting Monday, December 28.

3. Last week, the CDC set the vaccine prioritization for later phases. Each state uses this guidance to set it's decisions about who will be eligible for the next vaccination. Washington State has not yet released the details for the next vaccination phase. You can reach the CDC's recommendations here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations.html>

4. Health care organizations in Klickitat County are working closely together to make sure people receive the vaccine when it is available to them. Skyline Health, Klickitat Valley Health, Klickitat County Health Department and NorthShore Medical Group are committed to this collaborative approach.

Organizations, businesses and the public will be provided instructions on how to get vaccinated we have approval to move to the next phase.

5. The vast majority of county residents will have access to the vaccine by spring or summer, according to federal reports. Please keep an eye on our websites and social media channels for the most up-to-date information. For other COVID-related information, visit www.myskylinehealth.org