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### GREETING

Through our partnership with King County, we are able to bring real-time relevant information on what is happening with regards to vaccine. We will be sending you these updates on a regular basis (every two weeks) so that you can stay apprised of what is happening. In each of these emails, there will be **two things** for you to **read** or **watch** to help answer questions that are emerging.

### Update on Vaccine Rollout

President Biden announced last week that he anticipates there will be an increase in vaccine supply from the federal government that will allow for first doses to be given to the entire eligible population by the end of May. He also directed all states to add teachers, school staff, and childcare workers to current phase-eligible populations.

Governor Inslee announced on March 11 that our state will move to Tier 2, the next phase of vaccine eligibility, on March 17, five days earlier than previously announced. Newly eligible individuals will include:

- Critical workers in some congregate settings including agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, corrections, public transit, corrections, fire and law enforcement, staff and volunteers in congregate living settings
- People ages 16+ who are pregnant or have a pre-defined disability that puts them at higher risk.

The Governor also announced dates certain when more people will be eligible:

- April 12: People ages 50+ with two or more comorbidities
- April 26: People 16+ with two or more comorbidities and people living in congregate settings, people experiencing homelessness that live in or access services in congregate settings.

Collectively, this is a dramatic increase in the number of people becoming eligible when we don't have a true understanding of how quickly the supply chain will open. We do not expect a significant increase in doses before the end of the month.

Public Health is refining its population estimates based on last week's announcements. We know that the school staff and childcare worker population in King County is at least 70,000 people, which will be added to the estimated 100,000 adults ages 65+ who have not yet received dose one, approximately 35,000 of whom are BIPOC elders.

- This is exciting news! Over 300,000 people have already been vaccinated in King County, with significant progress with the elderly and BIPOC communities over the past three weeks.

- However, there continues to be a material mismatch between vaccine eligible people and vaccine supply even before last week's announcements. People will need to remain patient because we do not expect to see a significant increase in doses for at least the next 3 weeks.
- President Biden and Washington state have indicated that pharmacies are the best place for school staff and childcare workers to access vaccine. Pharmacies across the state will receive more doses and have been asked to honor their current appointments but prioritize school staff and childcare workers for all new appointments.
- King County Partnership Vaccination Network will continue to prioritize targeted outreach BIPOC and vulnerable population. All sites will also be open to school staff and childcare workers, but the doses are still very limited so it may be challenging to get appointments at our high-volume vaccination sites until supply increases.
- As the supply chain increases, we are ready to get more shots into arms.
  - King County is currently administering 100k doses per week, and as the supply chain increases we have the capacity, plans and partners in place to administer up to 300k doses per week.
  - Lumen Field, which [opens as a mass vaccination site](#) on Saturday, will have capacity to administer 20,000 daily doses, once supply is available. While vaccine supply remains limited, the site will be open two to three days a week and distribute 4,000 to 5,000 doses of vaccine a week. This site will serve all county residents.
  - We are prepared for at least 3 more mass vaccination sites that will be stood up very quickly, timed with additional supply availability.

### Two Things to Read & Watch

#### 1) How to get vaccinated in King County

*King County has developed an easy way to [check your eligibility](#) and find a provider.*

#### 2) Read about the three approved vaccines and common questions [here](#) from the Mayo Clinic