



HEALTH BOARD Discussion Form

March 30, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # : *COVID-19 Vaccine Update*

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BOARD ACTION:	Action Item	Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FYI - Only
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The Whatcom County Health Department began planning for COVID-19 vaccines in the early fall of 2020, and the first vaccines started to arrive in Whatcom County in mid-December. Since then, Whatcom County vaccine providers have developed a strong vaccine delivery system and are prepared for when there is an increase and steady vaccine supply. As of mid-March 2021, there are over 45 individual vaccine provider locations throughout the county, and almost 50,000 Whatcom County residents have been able to receive at least one COVID-19 dose.

Weekly vaccine allocations to Whatcom County providers continue to fluctuate, making vaccine clinic planning a challenge. However, the WA State Department of Health has indicated that vaccine supply will increase in the coming months.

During this time, the Whatcom County Health Department has focused on working with medical and pharmacy vaccine providers to build a coordinated and collaborative approach for vaccine administration. This has included the Community Vaccination Center's launch, the deployment of our Mobile Vaccine Clinic Program, coordination with the National Guard to host clinics, and conducting outreach to our most vulnerable populations.

The Health Department will provide an update on vaccine allocations, prioritization guidance and timelines, vaccine planning efforts, program progress, and ongoing community collaborations to ensure equitable vaccine access for our most vulnerable populations.

BOARD ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

ATTACHMENT(S)

PowerPoint Presentation will be provided the day before the meeting, in order to present with the most updated information.