



Yakima Health District

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Update #3: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Efforts Continue in Yakima County

YAKIMA, WA- Yakima County continues to receive additional doses of COVID-19 vaccines. As of January 12, 2020 Yakima, County has received 9,600 doses and administered 4,666 doses. These numbers do not include doses that have been administered to staff and residents of long-term care facilities through the Federal Pharmacy Partnership. At this point in time, the WA State Department of Health continues to allocate varying amount of vaccines to counties on a weekly basis.

Across Yakima County, all three hospitals, and all three federally qualified health centers have received the COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, several local pharmacies have received vaccine to administer to staff and residents of long-term care facilities as well as other Phase A individuals. Yakima County continues to focus on vaccinating only those who fall within the Phase A category of the [Washington State COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#). At this point in time, both Phase A1 and Phase A2 are being vaccinated.

The Yakima Health District continues to work closely with partners to publicize which facilities are currently vaccinating Phase A providers. According to the Washington State Department of Health, at least 150,000 Phase A providers have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine. Providers who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment and get vaccinated right away before the next phase of distribution. Any Phase A1 or A2 provider that is seeking a vaccine, may visit the Yakima Health District's [website](#) to see a current list of providers currently scheduling for COVID-19 vaccination.

The Yakima Health District is working with our partners to begin setting up mass vaccination sites in preparation for moving into Phase B of the WA State COVID19 Vaccination Plan. The first tier, Phase B, will include those that are 70 and older and those that are 50 and older that live in a multi-generational household. It is estimated that at least 30,000 additional individuals in Yakima County will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in Phase B1. While the WSDOH has done a soft launch of a tool called "Phase Finder", it is recommended community members obtain the most current distribution information from YHD's website until WSDOH has fully launched the Phase Finder tool.

The Yakima Health District will continue to provide weekly updates on local COVID-19 vaccine distribution to the community. These updates will be available directly to the community and media on our vaccine webpage at: yakimacounty.us/2472/COVID-19-Vaccine.

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“As we move beyond Phase A individuals, we will need to work with many partners to ensure we can quickly and efficiently vaccinate everyone who would like to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine. We will continue to work with our current vaccination partners, but will also be setting up mobile vaccination sites, and potentially utilize our existing testing sites to offer both testing and COVID-19 vaccine in these high-volume areas.”- **Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator**



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Additional Information:

[Yakima County COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution](#)
[Web Site WA State Tier A1 and A2 Guidance](#)
[WA State Tier B1 and Timeline](#)
[Washington State COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
[COVID-19 ACIP Vaccine Recommendations](#)

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