



# Yakima Health District

## Media Release

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### **Update #11: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Efforts Continue in Yakima County**

**YAKIMA, WA-** Yakima County continues to receive additional doses of COVID-19 vaccines. This week (Week 13 of Washington State COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution), Yakima County received 10,868 doses of the vaccine, which includes 9,848 first doses and 1,020 second doses. This vaccine allocation is from state allocation from the federal government, Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Program and Federal Pharmacy Program. See **Table 1** for more information. At the time of the report, the Yakima Health District did not have information on the updated number of doses from the Safeway Pharmacy locations. Additionally, please note that this information does not include doses administered from the Federal Walgreens Long Term Care Program.

### **Local Vaccine Roll-Out**

Yakima County continues to be in Phase 1B Tier 1 of COVID-19 vaccinations. Those eligible include:

- All healthcare workers in Phase 1A
- All people 65 years or older
- All people 50 years or older in multigenerational households
- Educators and staff for pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (added on March 2, 2021)
- Child care providers (added on March 2, 2021)

Once individuals have determined their eligibility, they should check the [Yakima Health District](#) website to find a location that is currently distributing vaccines. Community members are encouraged to visit the Yakima Health District website regularly for updates on locations and pop-up clinics. Individuals who do not have internet access can call the state COVID-19 Hotline at **1-800-525-0127** to get help with scheduling their COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

### **Upcoming Dates of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution**

Washington State Department of Health updated their [guidance](#) on COVID-19 vaccine distribution. These dates are subject to change based on the demand and supply of vaccines.



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Phase	When it will open	Who is in it
1B Tier 2	March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All critical workers in certain congregate settings (<i>change: no longer tiered by age; list of qualifying congregate settings has been expanded</i>)</li> <li>• People age 16 or older who are pregnant (<i>new qualification</i>)</li> <li>• People age 16 or older who have a disability that puts them at higher risk (<i>change: moved up from a later tier</i>)</li> </ul>
1B Tier 3	April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with 2 or more comorbidities age 50 or older</li> </ul>
	April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with 2 or more comorbidities age 16 or older</li> </ul>
1B Tier 4	April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who live in congregate housing</li> <li>• Staff and volunteers who work in congregate settings not covered in 1B tier 2</li> </ul>

## **Johnson & Johnson Vaccine**

In this week's COVID-19 vaccine allocation, Yakima County did receive Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires a single dose. The Yakima Health District anticipates getting more of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the coming weeks. All three vaccines are highly effective against protecting individuals from COVID-19. When individuals do become eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the best vaccine is the one that is available to them. Community members will be informed of what type of vaccine they are receiving at the time of their appointment. For more information on the differences between the three FDA approved vaccines community members can go to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) website.

## **Quote**

“This week we were one of the counties who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. We are thrilled to have additional supply of vaccine available. The more vaccine available, the quicker we can move through our vaccine prioritization schedule. We hope to be able to meet the President’s directive of having vaccine available for all by the end of May 2021. When you are eligible, don’t hesitate in receiving the vaccine that is available.” -Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator

**Table 1:** Yakima County COVID-19 Vaccine Received and Administered

Total Amount of 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose Received	Total Amount of First Dose Administered	Total Amount of Second Dose Received	Total Amount of Second Dose Administered
48,905	33,448	19,975	16,627



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DATA NOTE: At the time the data is collected, clinics, pharmacies and hospitals have just received their allotment of COVID-19 vaccines. This explains why there are COVID-19 vaccine doses that have not been administered yet.

## **Additional Information**

[Phase Finder Tool](#)

[Yakima County COVID-19 Vaccine Locations](#)

[COVID-19 Information Hotline](#)

[Washington State Department of Health: Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance](#)

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