

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan for Snohomish County Overview

The COVID-19 Vaccination Plan for Snohomish County goes through many various topics related to vaccinating the residents of Snohomish County. Below are some topics that summarize the plan:

Vaccine Supply Predictions: The COVID-19 Vaccine is likely to be in limited supply as the first doses are either under an EUA or as a licensed vaccine with a FDA approval, and range in a low, moderate, and high prediction of supply for Washington State. Within the plan, Table 1 describes what the possible allocations of COVID-19 vaccine will be from the total federal supply.

Vaccine Prioritization List: The prioritization of who receives the COVID-19 vaccine in each phase is a process that continues to be refined. Within the plan, the most current update of the Washington State Department of Health prioritization of allocation describes the population groups who are, at this time, identified to be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Estimated Vaccine Distribution Capacity: Snohomish County has large numbers of providers that have the capacity and resources to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Within the plan, there are estimated calculations of the current systems, their agency type, the number of organizations within Snohomish County, and their estimated throughput per week. As more agencies and facilities enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, these numbers will change and be updated.

Pharmacy and Long-Term Care Partnership Program: The Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Program provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process, including cold chain management, on-site vaccinations, and fulfillment of reporting requirements, to facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population, while reducing burden on LTC facilities and jurisdictional health departments

COVID-19 Vaccine Program Recruitment and Enrollment: Reaching out to current providers as well as recruiting new partners will be critical to aiding in the vaccination of the Snohomish County population. Another important aspect of the recruitment and enrollment of existing and new providers is the ability to target appropriate settings that will facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccination services for the identified priority group(s) within each phase.

Storage and Handling Requirements: The Washington Department of Health will implement the Centers for Disease Control's developed recommendations and requirements to ensure adherence to COVID-19 vaccine storage and handling expectations. There will be cold chain management involved with the various presentation of COVID-19 vaccine that will involve distinct requirements for site to be enrolled to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

Best, Probable, and Worst Case Scenarios: In coordination with various partners, a best case, probable case, and worst case scenario were determined to help identify triggers and events that would warrant the discussion of a decision to activate mass vaccination clinics, HUB operations (distribution sites) and Points of Dispensing (POD) locations.

HUB and POD Overviews: With the decision to activate a HUB or POD, there are many moving pieces associated with planning and executing the operations of a HUB or POD. This plan outlines the general overall process and positions related to each.