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A county wide coordinated vaccination effort by Bay Area Hospital, Coast Community Health Center, Coquille Valley Hospital, Southern Coos Hospital and Coos Health & Wellness is happy to report that vaccination efforts have been highly successful in addressing the parts of our population that are currently eligible. Currently those who are designate as Phase 1a health care workers and Phase 1b early learning, childcare providers, K-12 educational staff and adults over the age of 70 are eligible for vaccination.

Older adults age 65 and above will become eligible to get a vaccine next week. This doesn't mean that you will be able to make an appointment to get a vaccine. Every senior will be able get a vaccine, but most seniors will not be able to get immunized for many weeks. We are committed to getting vaccines out as quickly as possible but we will not be creating appointments until we have vaccines at our facilities.

Coos Health & Wellness has a registration list on the website that you can sign up to receive information about upcoming vaccine opportunities. This is the most effective way to find out when vaccine events are happening in your area. We have been contacting those on the list this week with information for vaccine events. You can partner with us to help save lives. We hope you will assist seniors, family members and caregivers in signing up for the individual registration on our website. Please be patient and stay safe as we work together to vaccinate every eligible member of our community. <https://cooshealthandwellness.org/>

Coos County Pharmacies have begun receiving doses to provide to residents also. They also follow the current vaccine distribution plan. Please check your pharmacies website for details on when vaccine appointments will be available. Please assist those who do not have computer access in booking appointments when they qualify for vaccine.

Coos County has worked diligently on getting vaccines out to those who have been eligible so that we can begin vaccinating seniors as quickly as possible. In Coos County, more than 6766 total people have received the vaccine so far with 3,014 of those having received the second dose. You can watch Coos County numbers growing [HERE](#).

While we are excited to get vaccines administered in Coos County we will need to continue to take the precautions that we have been taking to prevent Covid-19 spread in our community. Continue to wear mask, stay physically distant from those outside your household and wash your hands frequently. We also need to continue to test and to work with contact tracers as these are some of the best tools we have for reducing the spread of Covid-19. To find more information about Covid-19 vaccine plans or other information about Covid-19 vaccine please visit <https://cooshealthandwellness.org/public-health/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

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