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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 65 are eligible for vaccination.

Every senior will be able get a vaccine, but many seniors will not be able to make an appointment to get immunized for several more weeks. There are many who are waiting and we are committed to getting vaccines out as quickly as they arrive. Many community providers such as hospitals and pharmacies have vaccines appointments that are coming open daily. We will continue to share those events through the emails and phone calls that we send out to those who are on the vaccine registration list.

Coos Health & Wellness registration list on the website where 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. 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/

Many Coos County Pharmacies have begun receiving doses of vaccine as well. 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.

Since vaccine became available in Coos County, 10,398 people have received the vaccine so far with 4,526 of those having received the second dose and 5,872 have received their first dose. You can watch Coos County vaccine numbers growing <u>HERE</u>.

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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