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Klamath County Public Health

COVID-19 vaccination update

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Following a number of statewide meetings yesterday, Klamath County Public Health would like to highlight some important information:

- There is not enough vaccine available nationwide to serve everyone who would like to be vaccinated.
- If you call for an appointment and hear a message saying there are no appointments available, you need to try calling at another time. That message means there is no vaccine available. Always call between the business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Public Health cannot register you for vaccination at another clinic. Also, you will need to call the same number used to schedule your first dose.
- The only groups currently eligible are those who are in Phase 1-A, Phase 1-B, group 1, and people 80-years-old and older.
- On Feb. 15 people 75 and older will become eligible. Klamath County's population over 75 is 5,000. It will take more than a month to serve this group if current shipments of vaccine do not increase.
- Second doses are also being scheduled through the clinics where you received your first dose.
- Week-to-week shipments of vaccine are subject to change. Public Health works with its community partners to best distribute the vaccine available.
- Just because an individual is eligible for vaccine does not mean there is vaccine available. Thank you for being patient.
- The 65+ population numbers 15,000 in Klamath County. It will take months to serve everyone who would like to be vaccinated. Individuals must be patient and wait for availability of vaccine.

Oregon Health Authority has announced the following eligibility days for those 65 and older:

- February 8: People 80 and older
- February 15: People 75 and older
- February 22: People 70 and older
- March 1: People 65 and older

There is no promise of increased vaccine access as more people become eligible.

The statewide Vaccine Advisory Committee made its final sequencing recommendations for those to be served after the aged 65+ and before the general population. These individuals will most likely be served in the summer months. The recommendations can be found at <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3580.pdf>.

Updates are made on the Public Health vaccine line at 541-885-6753. More updates will be made as information becomes available.

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