

Weekly COVID-19 Update from the CEO

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Vaccinations continue in Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

Jamestown Family Health Clinic is planning to begin vaccinations for those over age 70 and their spouse/domestic partners (phase 1B of the general public), starting next Thursday, January 14th.

The exact location and time for vaccinations is still being worked out in conjunction with Sequim Police, Fire District #3 and public health officials. Information will be publicized on the JFHC website (www.jamestownhealth.org), local radio stations (KSQM, KONP) and newspapers (Peninsula Daily News and Sequim Gazette) as well as my weekly update.

Vaccines will be offered Thursday and Saturday next week, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday the following week.

It is important to recognize that even as vaccinations are becoming available, we are not out of danger yet. Until about 75% of the entire country has developed immunity to the virus, it can still spread. The studies done prior to issuing the emergency use authorizations (EUA) for these vaccines did not include the determination of whether those who have received the vaccine might still be able to transmit the virus to others. Those studies are underway now. Until that is known, and until we reach a 75% national vaccination level, it is essential that we continue to wear masks to prevent any spread of the virus.

On Tuesday, Gov. Jay Inslee announced "Healthy Washington—Roadmap to Recovery," a new phased reopening plan for businesses. Beginning on January 11, 2021, the state will follow a regional recovery approach with every region beginning in Phase 1. We will find out in the upcoming days and weeks how being part of the region that includes Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap and Mason Counties might impact our return to normalcy.

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council is incredibly proud of JFHC and how we can serve the greater community in such a meaningful way through providing vaccines during a pandemic.

Be patient and stay safe!



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