



Weekly COVID-19 Update from the CEO

April 22, 2021

We are all devastated and still processing the loss of Tribal Councilman Kurt Grinnell, who was killed in a car crash on Tuesday evening. Kurt was a hard-working, generous and kind person; he was dedicated to his family and Jamestown community. He spent his life working for and with our Tribal programs – as a social worker, fisherman, businessman, Council member, and friend. Kurt's steadfast leadership throughout the pandemic helped our Tribe immensely, he will be missed in ways that words cannot express.

Jamestown's Drive-Through COVID Vaccine Clinics are winding down:

1. There will be no more scheduled Moderna Dose 1 events at our drive-through vaccination tent.
2. Moderna vaccine Dose 1 will continue to be given to patients at the Jamestown Family Health Clinic, and we will be sending notifications to patients via MyChart.
3. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is on hold and our plans for that vaccine are dependent on what is announced after the pause.

Vaccines will continue to be available through Clallam County Public Health and local pharmacies. Eligibility for anyone age 16 and older opened last Thursday. It is estimated that in Jefferson and Clallam Counties, about 60% of adults have received their first dose, and about 45% are fully immunized. This is good news, but we still need more people to get vaccinated. I encourage anyone who is eligible to make an appointment and get vaccinated. We won't be back to normal until we get to 75% vaccinated.

Officials expect that by summer, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be approved for ages 12-18, and that possibly by the end of the year, vaccines will be approved for children under the age of 12. Is it expected that the one dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will resume soon, with restrictions in place for those at high risk of blood clots.

Let us all take time to express our appreciation to those we love, family and friends.

W. Ron Allen, Council Chair/CEO