Weekly COVID-19 Update from the CEO

June 10, 2021

The rate of vaccinations is moving closer to 70% and COVID infections continue to drop. It is expected that there will still be some outbreaks of the virus among those who choose not to get vaccinated and those with underlying immuno-compromising health conditions. So far in June, there have been 25 COVID cases in Clallam, and 5 cases in Jefferson County, all among the unvaccinated or immuno-compromised. We are lucky to have access to these lifesaving vaccines. Much of the world is not as fortunate as we are in that regard, BUT many people here still need to get the vaccinated, particularly the younger sector!

There is plenty of time, and many places to get vaccinated, with appointments are available at most pharmacies and local clinics. The following resources can help:

- Pop-up clinic locations in Clallam County can be found at: http://www.clallam.net/hhs/documents/Vaccinecliniccalendar-May29 000.pdf
- Clinic locations in Jefferson County can be found at: https://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1429/COVID-19
- Visit the state's vaccination locator at https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov, or by phone at 1-833-829-4357 which allows users to see where appointments are available and which vaccine will be used.
- If you are out of Washington State, contact your state or county's Department of Health.

By now you have probably heard that Washington State is incentivizing vaccinations well beyond the obvious benefit of not getting COVID. If you have been vaccinated, or get vaccinated between now and mid-July, you will be entered into the "Shot of a Lifetime" lottery. With drawings on four Tuesdays in June and a final drawing on July 15th, vaccinated people could win \$250,000 or the grand prize of \$1 million.

Knowing that I am helping keep my community safe by getting vaccinated was more than enough for me, but hopefully the state incentive will motivate others who do not see the community benefit as clearly.

For those who have not gotten vaccinated. Get in line and Good luck!

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