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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

Dear Administrator / Provider / Superintendent:

Recently the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced updates to several COVID-19 vaccination web pages including information about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. The CDC also published the new Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine web page, and announced the new V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker. Additionally, the Department of Health has created an online tool called Phase Finder to help people find out if they are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine in Washington State. The following may be useful information related to the COVID-19 vaccine:

- The [COVID-19 vaccination web page for healthcare professionals](#) directs healthcare professionals to clinical information including Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, storage and handling information, and vaccination provider requirements and support.
- The [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine CDC web page](#) has information specific to Moderna's vaccine, including resources to assist providers including a Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs and a link to the ACIP's clinical recommendations.
- The [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine web page](#) has information specific to Pfizer's vaccine, including resources to assist providers in storing, handling, and administering the vaccine. The online information includes the ACIP's clinical recommendations. Slides from a CDC partner call presentation about ACIP recommendations can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/index.html>.
- The CDC recently announced the [V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker](#). V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. The web page provides a link to register and registration instructions.
- The Department of Health has announced [Phase Finder](#), an online tool designed to help people in Washington find out if they are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, and if not, sign up to be notified when they become eligible. The tool asks a series of questions related to the four phases of vaccine distribution to inform eligibility. The web page includes links to the Phase Finder, vaccine locations, and an FAQs.
- Follow these links to find updated CDC COVID-19 [vaccine information for consumers](#), including:
 - [What to expect at your vaccination appointment](#)
 - [What to expect after getting vaccinated](#)
 - [Post-vaccination considerations for healthcare personnel](#)
 - [Post-vaccination considerations for long-term care residents](#)

- Providers participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program can find information about the requirements of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Agreement at [COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Requirements and Support | CDC](#).

To keep up to date with the latest information it is recommend you check these web pages frequently. Also sign up for email updates on the sites to be notified when changes and updates are made.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact RCS policy at RCSpolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Anbesse". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike Anbesse, Director
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