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Central District Health opens vaccine to anyone 16 and older in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties, effective immediately

CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH — Central District Health (CDH) invites anyone who is 16-years and older and wants to receive protection through the COVID-19 vaccine, to seek an appointment if they are a resident of Ada, Boise, Elmore, or Valley Counties; no medical condition is required. The move, which is effective immediately, comes just one day after the COVID-19 vaccine was opened statewide to those 16 years and older *with* a medical condition, and nearly a week ahead of Governor Little's timeline to open vaccine to everyone 16 and older by April 5, 2021.

A significant increase in state vaccine allocated to CDH's region combined with vaccine received by some providers through federal sources has boosted the volume of available vaccine in the four counties served by CDH. Recent conversations with vaccine providers to assess vaccine supply and appointment demand indicate adequate vaccine doses and appointment availability among providers, particularly major healthcare systems.

Vaccine locations list now indicates type of vaccine allocated

CDH has updated its vaccine provider list to include what type of COVID-19 vaccine providers are receiving through state/local and federal allocations. It is important to note that while a provider may receive a specific brand of vaccine, they may offer the various vaccines in different settings, such as designating it for a workplace vaccine clinic or offering it to the general public through appointments. Additionally, some providers with multiple locations may have designated sites where they offer specific types of COVID-19 vaccine. Information listed on CDH's list of vaccine providers includes what is known at the time of this release and is subject to change.

The latest vaccine provider list can be found on the CDH website at <u>https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine.php</u>. The list is updated regularly as additional providers begin receiving vaccine allocations or other changes occur. Residents can also use the state's <u>pre-registry vaccine tool</u> to be added to a list that enrolled vaccine providers use to directly connect with those eligible to receive vaccine.

If you need help by phone with navigating the vaccine provider list or do not have internet access, CDH's Call Center can share information on providers who offer a phone scheduling option. Call 208-321-2222 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

As a reminder, those who are 16 and 17-years old and wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccine may only receive the Pfizer vaccine because it is the only one currently authorized for these ages. The Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines are <u>authorized for use</u> in those 18-years and older.

Information Resources

- Call Center: 208-321-2222 Open M-F, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Vaccine webpage: <u>cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine</u>
- Sign up for vaccine information updates: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/8DO2cZ9/vaccine
- Enrolled vaccine provider list: <u>https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/enrolled-COVID19-vaccine-providers.pdf</u>
- Information for Businesses Vaccine webpage: <u>https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine-businesses.php</u>
 - Mobile vaccine provider list (for businesses/industries): <u>https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/Mobile-Provider-List.pdf</u>

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Reminder: Upcoming vaccine information session on Thursday, April 1 from 12:15 pm to 1 pm

On Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 12:15 pm to 1 pm, CDH will offer a free, virtual vaccine information session to the public. The session will include the latest information on the three COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for use and will address vaccine-related questions from the public. Session panelists will include CDH Medical Director, Dr. Sandy Mudge, and CDH Clinician, Ryan Atwood. The session will be streamed live on <u>CDH's YouTube page</u> and will be posted once it has ended. American Sign Language (ASL) services will be available for this session.