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Panhandle Health District to Vaccinate Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants

Idaho Panhandle — Beginning Wednesday, January 6th, Panhandle Health District (PHD) will be hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics to assist in vaccinating dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants and other frontline healthcare workers who have direct contact with COVID positive patients. This is in line with the Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee's (CVAC) Phase 1a timeframe.

"We are excited to provide this service to this important group of healthcare providers that work in very close contact with the public every day," said Don Duffy, Health Services Administrator for PHD. "Our community is making good progress working through the Phase 1a group. The vaccine has been offered to hospital staff, home healthcare workers, outpatient clinics, long-term care facility residents and staff, and we recently deployed teams with the help of our Medical Reserve Corps and National Guard to vaccinate emergency medical services teams in all 5 of the counties we serve."

The vaccine clinics will be held in Hayden, Sandpoint, and Kellogg. The health district is reaching out to dental offices and assistants and other frontline healthcare workers who have direct contact with COVID positive patients to provide further information on the clinics. If your dental office has not heard from PHD, please contact us at phd1-vaccination-planning@phd1.idaho.gov.

Below is a breakdown of the amount of vaccine that our area has received each week. PHD will be allocating 4,400 doses of vaccine for their clinics this week.

Date	Vaccine Received	Vaccine Distributed
Week of December 14 th	1,950	1,950
Week of December 21 st	4,200	3,246

Week of December 28 th	2,175	400
Week of January 4 th	3,250	975

The federal government has set up a pharmacy partnership program that is deploying strike teams to ensure long-term care facility residents and staff are vaccinated. The vaccine allocation to the pharmacy partnership program is not included in the above numbers.

Panhandle Health District will continue to communicate with the community as greater supply of the vaccine becomes available. If you are a part of the first priority groups, the health district and community partners enrolled to administer the vaccine will coordinate with your employer as vaccine is made available.

Once there is enough supply, COVID-19 vaccination providers may choose to make their location visible on VaccineFinder, making it easier for the general public to find provider locations that have COVID-19 vaccine available. CDC will direct the public to use VaccineFinder to find locations offering COVID-19 vaccine. Panhandle Health District will continue to communicate with the community as greater supply of the vaccine becomes available. If you are a part of the priority groups listed above, the health district and community partners enrolled to administer the vaccine will coordinate with your employer as vaccine is made available.

If you are a healthcare provider and fit within the priority group in Phase 1 and you would like to provide vaccine through your facility, please contact the [Idaho Immunization Program](#) for enrollment information.

More information on COVID-19 vaccine

Panhandle Health District | Visit PHD’s COVID-19 webpage where information on the vaccine can be found under the Frequently Asked Questions section and is being updated as information becomes available. <https://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/covid-19/>

State of Idaho | COVID-19 vaccine information – including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>

Idaho’s COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) | meetings are open to the public and can be viewed online at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/idaho-covid-19-vaccine-advisory-committee/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

Food & Drug Administration (FDA) | <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines>

If you have questions about COVID-19 in our area, call PHD's COVID-19 hotline Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm, 877-415-5225.

Panhandle Health District provides over 40 different public health programs to families, individuals and organizations in northern Idaho. From food and drinking water safety to health education and disease control, public health services are critical to ensure our community is a safe and healthy place to live, work and play.

The PHD team is made up of nurses, nutritionists, environmental health specialists, health educators and many other dedicated professionals with a common goal to deliver vital public health services.

Panhandle Health District is one of seven health districts in the state of Idaho.

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