



Yakima Health District

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Drive-Through Community Vaccination Clinic to Open at Yakima State Fair Park

YAKIMA, WA- The Yakima Health District (YHD), in partnership with Signal Health, the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management (YVOEM) and Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital will open the Drive-Through Community Vaccination Clinic at the Yakima State Fair Park. Over the last few weeks, these partners have been working together to ensure that once enough vaccines were available, a permanent community-based site could open. This vaccine site will work to supplement the Yakima Health District's existing hospital, clinic, and pharmacy partners. It will be open by appointment beginning on March 17, 2021 to people who are currently eligible under the vaccine distribution plan. The hours of operation will be Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00am to 3:00pm, except Thursdays from 12:00pm to 6:00pm.

To start, the site will open by administering 500 doses of vaccine this week. The goal for the Drive-Through Community Vaccination Clinic is to be able to administer **over 500 COVID-19 vaccines per day** if supply allows in the coming weeks. Appointments will be required at this location.

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

Yakima County is currently in Phase 1B Tier 1 of the vaccine distribution plan. Those eligible are:

- All people 65 years or older
- All people 50 years or older in multigenerational households (home where individuals from 2 or more generations reside such as an elder and a grandchild)
- Educators and staff for pre-K through 12th grade
- Childcare providers

On March 17, 2021 individuals under Phase 1B Tier 2 will become eligible. Those include:

- High-risk critical workers who in work in certain congregate settings: agriculture, fishing vessel crews, food processing, grocery stores, corrections, prisons, jails, or detention centers, public transit, remaining first responders
- People 16 years or older who are pregnant or have a disability that puts them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

To make an appointment:

1. Confirm eligibility by using [Phase Finder](#).
2. Visit [Prep Mod website](#) to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.



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3. Individuals with no internet access can call the state COVID-19 hotline at **1-800-525-0127** to schedule their appointment.

Quote

“We are excited to be able to open the Drive-Through Community Vaccination Clinic at the Yakima State Fair Park. We know it is important for us to have accessible and low barrier options for our community. In the coming weeks, we hope to be able to reach even more individuals with this vaccine site. The more community members that we can vaccinate, the more protection our community will have against the virus.” Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator

Additional Information

[Phase Finder Tool](#)

[Prep Mod website](#)

[Yakima County COVID-19 Vaccine Locations](#)

[COVID-19 Information Hotline](#)

[Washington State Department of Health: Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance](#)

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