



Benton-Franklin Health District MEDIA STATEMENT

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VACCINE PHASING OPENS UP FOR ALL WASHINGTON RESIDENTS AGE 16+ THURSDAY, APRIL 15

The best way to stop transmission, stop mutation and protect the vulnerable is to get your FREE COVID-19 Vaccine

All individuals age 16+ in Washington state are eligible for the free COVID-19 vaccine starting Thursday, April 15, regardless of immigration status. Minors will need parent or guardian consent for vaccination. There are providers throughout our counties with vaccine appointments available as early as this week and a fast, convenient drive-through option is available at the mass vaccination site at the Fairgrounds in Kennewick. They are also offering some evening and weekend hours.

Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have shown over 90% efficacy 6 months after the second dose and are the best way to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community. For a safe and healthy community, the Health District urges all eligible individuals to get their COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible. To find a provider, visit vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov or visit the Health District's website at covid19.bfhd.wa.gov.

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