

Hood River luncheon honors vaccine volunteers



Director for the Hood River County Prevention Department, Belinda Ballah, speaks to the crowd of volunteers during an appreciation event. On June 21, the organization held a luncheon for those who enlisted their help with setting up vaccination clinics and call centers. Noah Noteboom photos



Giftbags line the counter at Toll Bridge Park during an appreciation lunch on June 21 for volunteers who helped vaccinate Hood River residents.



Volunteers sit down to enjoy their lunch mask-free at Toll Bridge Park. The Department for Prevention offered free lunch and drinks to volunteers who gave their time to help coordinate vaccinations in Hood River County.



The musical group "Noche Cabana" entertained the crowd of volunteers with a heavy mix of Mexican music. DJ Zur, Debo Di Nero and Chido-1 (from left to right) stood huddled around the mixer and took turns queuing songs.



Hood River resident Michael Steinbeck picks up his lunch. A big thanks to all of the other volunteers who helped Hood River County reach the 70% vaccination mark. Hood River remains a leader among the state.



Volunteers patiently wait in line to pick up their free lunch given to them by the Department of Prevention at Toll Bridge Park. They had the options of ham or turkey sandwiches, and other vegetarian selections.



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