

COVID-19 Vaccine, testing sites open

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All three vaccine types are available at the clinics, which are on Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Online booking is available at ncphd.org/covid-vaccines, or by calling 541-506-2600. Walk-ins are welcome.

Additional clinics are being held at schools and other sites in all three counties served by the district.

Pacific Islander Vaccination Event

On Saturday, Oct. 16, a Pacific Islander COVID-19 drive-in vaccination event will be held from 1-4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church parking area, 305 E. 11th (across from The Dalles High School.) No insurance or identification is needed to participate. A hot lunch will be provided by Lilo's Hawaiian Barbecue. Gift cards of \$50 (two dose vaccines) or \$100 (single dose J&J) will be offered as well.

The Samoa Pacific Development Corporation and Utopia PDX are working with NCHD to provide the event. "These are incredible organizations, we are happy to be working with them," McDonnell said.

Pfizer booster shots for

those who qualify will also be available. Criteria includes those 65 and older; those who are immuno-compromised; long term care and congregate setting residents; those 50-64 years of age at high risk; and essential workers.

Booster criteria and vaccine types are anticipated to expand in October.

Commissioner Kathy Schwartz noted the county continues to trail behind the state average in vaccinations, and above the state average in infections. "The daily count is still pretty high, so we need to continue taking precautions," she said.

Although contact tracing continues, McDonnell noted health districts are relying increasingly on individuals who have tested positive to reach out to their close contacts. "Health departments are just really overwhelmed," she explained.

She noted that if you are diagnosed with COVID, and you were sitting next to someone at an event, you should tell them they were a close contact. If you are a close contact of someone with COVID, be conscious of symptoms and if you developed any, get tested.

Everyone needs to remain on guard. "Just be really conscientious, wear a mask and keep your distance," she said.

Guidelines for additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the use of additional doses of certain COVID-19 vaccines for specific groups. Please make note of the differences between these two types of additional doses:

Third doses

Third doses are currently approved for individuals who received either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, with the second dose of either occurring at least 28 days ago.

To be eligible for a third dose, you must attest that you are moderately or severely immunocompromised based on one of the following conditions, treatments, or diagnosis: Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood; received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress

the immune system; moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, WiskottAldrich syndrome); advanced or untreated HIV infection; active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

Consult with your primary care provider to find out if you may need a third dose.

Booster doses

Booster doses are currently only approved for individuals that have received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, with the second dose occurring at least six months ago.

To be eligible for a Pfizer booster dose, you must attest that you fall into one of these categories: Age 65 or older; resident of a long-term care facility; age 18-64 and at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of work or residential setting; age 18-64 with one or more underlying health conditions.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parkdale Pumpkin Parade returns

The Parkdale Pumpkin Parade is back on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. Float entries are free and should line up at 11 a.m. on the corner of Baseline and Allen. Parade route will be along Baseline in downtown Parkdale.

Masks are strongly encouraged for the safety of the community.

Prizes will be awarded for float entry creativity and randomly to parade watchers along the route who are wearing masks for safety.

Organizers are seeking two kids interested in opening the parade by carrying a banner. Please submit your children's names to the parade coordinators for a random drawing — April Lara at aprlara@gmail.com or Cara Fischer at cbuck3@gmail.com.

Businesses interested in donating a prize should also contact the parade coordinators.

Find "Parkdale Pumpkin Parade" on Facebook for more details.



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Anderson's: FEMA relief available for families who have lost loved ones to COVID

■ By Trisha Walker
Columbia Gorge News

FEMA — Federal Emergency Management Act — is providing financial reimbursement for funeral and cremation expenses for those who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19, and Jack Trumbull, owner of Anderson's Tribute Center, is providing assistance to anyone interested in accessing these funds, regardless of which mortuary was used.

"There is never an easy when we lose a loved one; however, there are often things that complicate a family's grief," said Trumbull. "COVID-19 is definitely a complicating factor, as it often takes life unexpectedly. Another complicating factor is the financial considerations for funeral and/or cremation expenses. FEMA offering financial reimbursement doesn't ease the burden of the loss of a loved one but it does take away the financial burden."

Families can receive

financial reimbursement up to \$9,000.

Trumbull said he and his staff can provide information at either location: In Hood River, 1401 Belmont Ave., 541-386-1000, and in The Dalles, 204 E. Fourth St., 541-296-2600.

Trumbull said families can make an appointment to meet with staff; with the necessary documentation and the required call to FEMA, it takes approximately an hour. There is no charge for the service, and it is open to all who have lost a loved one to COVID-19, regardless of where the death occurred or which funeral home was in care of arrangements.

According to www.fema.gov, to be eligible for funeral assistance, families must meet the following conditions:

- Deaths that occurred after May 16, 2020; the death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to



Jack Trumbull

COVID-19.

- For deaths that occurred from Jan. 20 to May 16, 2020, any death certificate that does not attribute the cause of death to COVID-19 must be accompanied by a signed statement listing COVID-19 as a cause or contributing cause of death.

An official death certificate is required.

Those eligible for funeral assistance will receive a

check by mail or funds by direct deposit.

Trumbull encourages families to reach out to Anderson's staff for assistance "in hopes that it allows them to focus on their grief," he said.

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To view FEMA conditions in Spanish, visit [fema.gov/es/disaster/coronavirus/funeral-assistance](https://www.fema.gov/es/disaster/coronavirus/funeral-assistance).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walker named to dean's list

Kameron Walker of Hood River has been named to Linfield University summer 2021 Dean's List. The Dean's List identifies students who have earned a term GPA at least equivalent to a cum laude (at least 3.650 GPA) for a given semester. It is computed following the posting of grades at the end of each semester. Linfield University is an independent, nonprofit university with campuses in McMinnville and Portland.

Open House Oct. 18

The Port of Klickitat invites the public to an open house and ribbon cutting event on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon (ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m.) at 151 S. Parallel Ave., Dallesport. The event celebrates the completion of the first of five buildings proposed for Lot 39 in the Dallesport Industrial Park.

Klickitat County Recycling November 1, 2021 New Plastic Recycling Guidelines

No more looking at the bottom of your plastics to find the #1 or #2. We will now accept plastic **Bottles**, **Jugs**, and **Tubs**. All other recyclable material types (cardboard, paper, aluminum/tin, etc.) will continue to be accepted with their same guidelines.

WHO IS CHANGING?

All Klickitat County Recycling, serviced by Republic Services, is changing. These changes are brought to you by Republic Services in cooperation with Klickitat County Solid Waste Department.

WHAT IS CHANGING?

The accepted plastics. No more looking at numbers! We will now accept all plastics as long as they fit into the Bottles, Jugs, and Tubs categories. All other plastic items should be reused, repurposed, or discarded in the trash.

WHY IS IT CHANGING?

The recycling industry has improved since the significant changes brought by the restrictions China placed on imported waste. Recycling is a changing market that we keep a close eye on. We are confident that the market for these materials will continue to thrive.

WHICH PLASTICS TO RECYCLE

BOTTLES

A container with a narrow neck, no handle, and a lid. Used primarily for storing liquids.



JUGS

A large container that typically has a narrow neck, a handle, and a lid. Used primarily for storing liquids.



TUBS

An open-top circular or oblong plastic container. Used primarily for storing dairy products.



Securely attached lids are accepted. If they can easily fall off and are not at least 3", remove and discard them in the trash. Small, loose lids are machine hazards.

***** VERY IMPORTANT *****



Empty - Pour out all liquids and scrape out food



Clean - Give it a rinse or wipe out any food residue



Dry - Let it dry before placing in the bin

KEEP UP-TO-DATE

- Monthly E-Newsletter
- Disposal Search Tool
- Local recycling guidelines
- Programs, including composting, canning, and litter clean-ups



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COMMINGLED RECYCLING

- Aluminum & tin cans
- Cardboard
- Paper, paperboard
- Plastic bottles, jugs, & tubs
- **Empty • Clean • Dry**
- Items must be larger than 3"
- Lids accepted if screwed on or larger than 3"

SEPARATED RECYCLING

- Glass
- Household hazardous & moderate risk waste (e.g., batteries, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs)
- Electronic waste
- Appliances
- Scrap metal

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