PeaceHealth gives update on COVID-19 vaccine

PeaceHealth Medical Group is proud to play a pivotal role in helping end this pandemic. Following federal and state guidance, PeaceHealth has provided a COVID-19 vaccine to more than 12,000 health care workers.

The local healthcare provider is eager to begin offering the vaccine to others in its communities as more vaccine becomes available and states indicate more people are eligible.

Here are a few questions people have been asking PeaceHealth:

Should I get vaccinated for COVID-19?

Most people should get vaccinated. The two vaccines that have been approved by the FDA for use in the U.S. have been proven very safe and are 94-95 percent effective in preventing people from getting COVID-19. The more people that get vaccinated, the safer our communities will be — and the quicker we can get back to "normal."

Find out more about the vaccines in the FAQs on our COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Center, www.peacehealth.org/coronavirus/vaccine-information.

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine at PeaceHealth right now?

You can get vaccinated at PeaceHealth if you are eligible according to the rules in your state, and if PeaceHealth has vaccine available. Vaccine doses are allocated each week at the federal level and distributed through states, and we follow state and local public health orders on who is eligible to receive those doses.

PeaceHealth is committed to ensuring that patients who receive a first dose also receive the second required dose.

You can check who is eligible in your state from our COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Center. Eligibility does not guarantee that the vaccine will be available.

How will I know when I can get vaccinated?

You can visit www.peacehealth.org/coronavirus/vaccine-schedule to sign up for general COVID-19 vaccine email updates on eligibility and availability. MyPeaceHealth patients will also be notified when medical or age-related information in your electronic health record indicates you are eligible.

If you haven't done so already, now is a good time to set up your MyPeaceHealth account and make sure all your contact information is up to date so you can make appointments, receive test results and manage prescriptions.

Do I need to make an appointment to get the vaccine?

Yes, appointments are required to receive the vaccine at PeaceHealth at this time. This is to ensure that we're delivering the vaccine in an orderly way to people who are eligible, and for the health and safety of people at the vaccination sites.

Vaccination appointments are not available now, but will be soon.

You'll be able to make an appointment using My PeaceHealth or by calling a phone number we'll provide when our vaccination clinics are accepting appointments.

How much will a COVID-19 vaccine cost?

There is no out-of-pocket expense for COVID-19 vaccines delivered to any patient at PeaceHealth vaccination sites.

We look forward to offering the vaccine to as many people as possible in the coming months. Thank you for trusting us with your care.

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Watershed Council plans annual meeting

The community is invited to the Siuslaw Watershed Council's Virtual Watershed Community Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

During the meeting, people will hear a presentation on the innovative and award-winning Five-mile-Bell Restoration Project, given by Paul Burns (USFS) and Kyle Terry (SWC), who have many stories and observations to share from a decade of work on this recently completed project.

People will also be able to connect with their neighbors; hear about the SWC's diversity, equity and inclusion work; participate in the SWC's Board of Directors elections; and participate in the confirmation of the SWC's Leadership Body Members.

The council will be accepting nominations for Leadership Body and Board of Directors positions up to and during the meeting, and all members of the council are eligible to vote.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council staff and volunteers hope to increase interest in joining the council's membership, leadership body, and board of directors. To learn more, or to become involved, contact SWC at siuslaw.org.

In other news, SWC is accepting submissions for its Winter Photo Contest, with the theme "Birds of the Siuslaw." Visit www.siuslaw.org for information on how to submit photos. Deadline for entries is Jan. 31.

In addition, the Native Plant Distribution program is still taking requests for native plants to be planted along streams in the Siuslaw Watershed. Distribution day is Feb. 6.

To log in to the Watershed Community Meeting, follow the Zoom log-in information below. If you are new to Zoom, or would like help making sure that you can attend the meeting, people can email watershed@siuslaw.org, or call 541-268-3044.

Zoom Log-on Info:

Topic: SWC's January 2021 Watershed Community Meeting

Time: Jan 27, 2021--5:30 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting at this link: zoom.us/j/94728126804?pwd=R0I-0UXdyMU00NWpDN-jI3TEJKVkxZUT09

Join by phone by calling the following number and providing the Meeting ID and Passcode:

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For more information about the Siuslaw Watershed Council, visit siuslaw.org.

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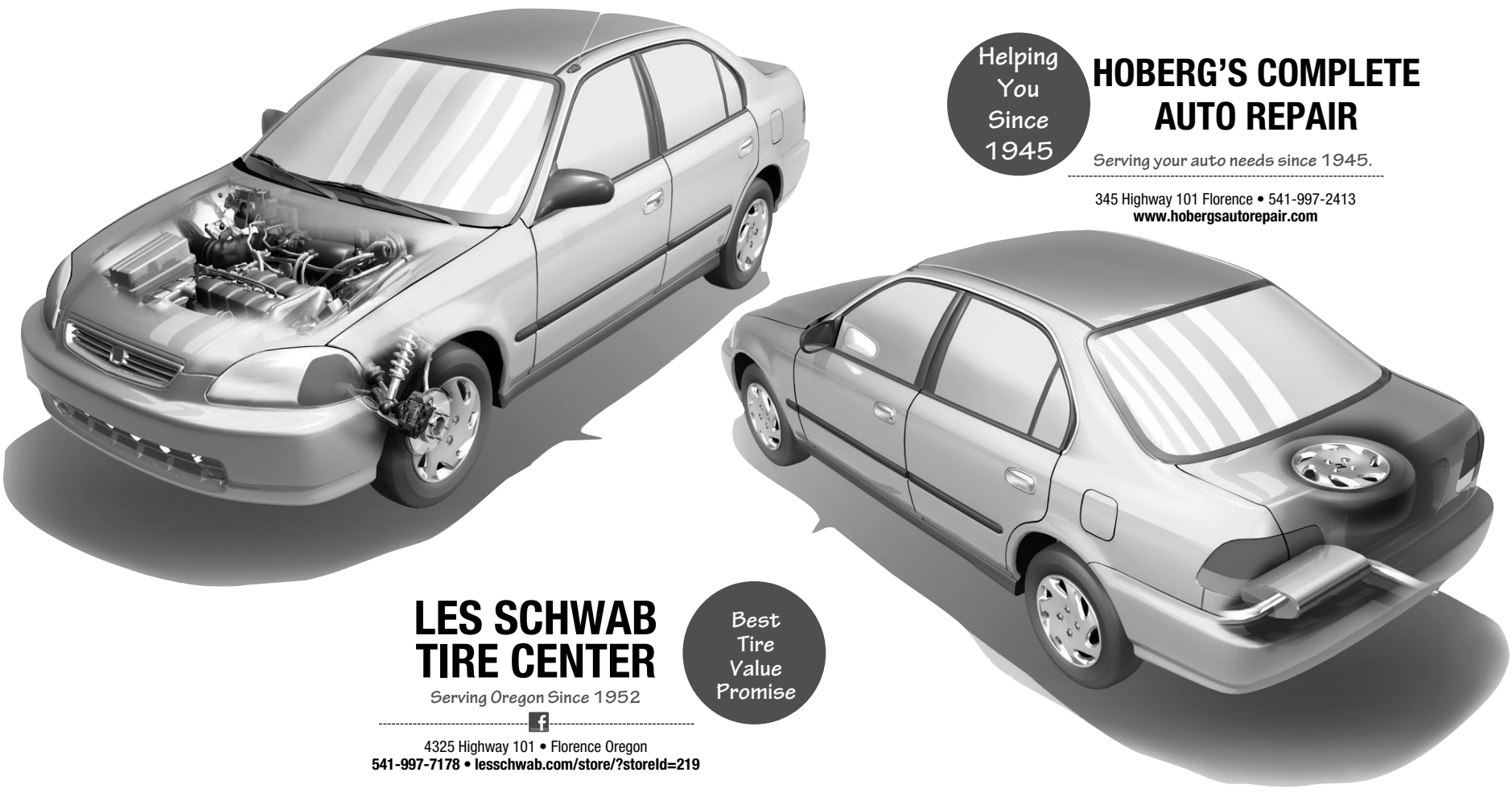

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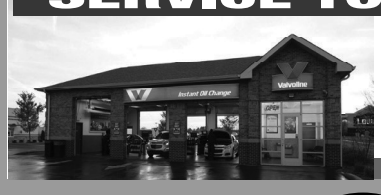

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