

PeaceHealth requires COVID-19 vaccination

Unvaccinated caregivers with qualifying medical exemptions subject to heightened masking, distancing, and regular testing protocols

VANCOUVER, Wash. — PeaceHealth announced that starting Aug. 31, 2021, all caregivers will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit a qualifying medical exemption.

Unvaccinated individuals will be subject to regular COVID-19 testing, as well as additional masking, potential reassignment to non-patient care settings, and other safety protocols. The policy will apply to all

caregivers, including providers, students, contractors, vendors, and volunteers.

“Though nearly 80 percent of PeaceHealth caregivers have already been vaccinated, the rise in hospitalizations in our communities is a stark reminder that we are facing a public health emergency and we must do more,” said Dr. Doug Koekkoek, PeaceHealth’s Chief Physician Executive. “We believe all

healthcare workers who are medically able should get a COVID-19 vaccine to keep themselves, our patients, and our communities safe. Doing so is part of our mission to promote personal and community health and our vision to make sure that every person receives safe, compassionate care.”

While the organization has had high rates of voluntary caregiver vaccination, after thoughtful deliberation and a formal ethical

discernment, PeaceHealth joins many health systems across the country, and professional organizations including the Catholic Health Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Nurses Association, and others in ensuring public health by requiring vaccination.

Dr. Bob Pelz, PeaceHealth’s system medical director of Infection Prevention, noted that “New

variants of COVID-19 pose a critical threat to those unable to be vaccinated, including children and the medically vulnerable. It is our moral obligation to first do no harm and act for the common good. COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be the best way to protect ourselves and reduce the likelihood of harming others.”

This new policy is a reflection of the organiza-

tion’s shared commitment to ensure every patient receives safe care at PeaceHealth, the organization stated, and is part of a multi-measured approach to protect caregivers and patients, along with the supply of personal protective equipment, routine testing, masking, social distancing, diligent hygiene, contact tracing and proper quarantining.

Public agencies to auction surplus vehicles and equipment

Each year, Lane County auctions vehicles because of age or mileage.

Lane County Fleet Services will conduct a public, open-bid (with proxy bidding) auction from Thursday, Aug. 26, to Saturday, Aug. 28.

Bids must be submitted online and will be received until Saturday, Aug. 28, at 12 p.m. All bids start with a minimum set amount.

Vehicles may be previewed before the sale by visiting fleetauction.lane-county.org.

In-person viewing is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

Proceeds go to the replacement fund that helps offset the cost to buy re-

placement vehicles. Lane County Fleet Services is located at 3040 North Delta Highway in Eugene.

All bids must be submitted online at fleetauction.lane-county.org.

No faxed, voice or paper bids will be accepted. Acceptable forms of payment include credit cards (Visa, Mastercard or Discover) cashier’s checks, money order or certified check made payable to Lane County Department of Finance.

Personal checks for \$50 or less are also accepted. Full payment is due within 48 of notification.

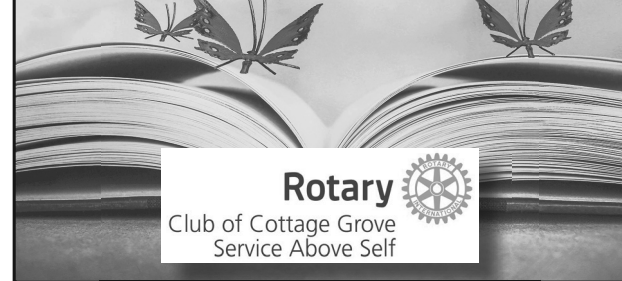
This is the 22nd year Lane County Fleet Services and other municipalities have combined their auctions to reduce the cost of disposing of surplus

equipment. This auction is in partnership with Lane County, Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB), the cities of Eugene and Springfield, Lane Transit District,

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