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A Message from the COVID safety team

As part of our ongoing work to keep you informed about COVID safety practices and protocols we wanted to share information about vaccine eligibility, how to make an appointment and frequently asked questions about vaccines and current health and safety protocols.

Vaccine eligibility expands to all people ages 16 and older

Governor Inslee announced that [effective today, Thursday, April 15 all Washingtonians age 16 and up are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination](#). This means that all students 16 and up are eligible. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is [approved for use in people ages 16 and up](#): PeaceHealth has a limited supply of Pfizer vaccine at a clinic Saturday, April 17. [Students or families can follow this link to sign up](#).

Another great resource for locating vaccination opportunities by brand is [VaccineFinder.org](#). If seeking a vaccine for someone 16-18, please choose “Pfizer-BioNTech COVID Vaccine” in the first step of [VaccineFinder](#).

Find COVID-19 Vaccines Near You

VACCINES

- Moderna COVID Vaccine
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID Vaccine
- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID Vaccine
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For assistance finding an appointment, you can call the COVID-19 Information Hotline, 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

Staff should continue to follow workplace protocols

We continue to follow COVID-19 health and safety protocols in our workplace according to [guidance from Labor & Industries](#).

It is important we continue to practice physical distancing and mask use:

- Employees maintain at least six feet away from coworkers and the public when feasible.
- Cloth face coverings must be used for work.

There are no changes to L&I workplace guidance based on vaccination status at this time.

While we are very grateful that many of our employees are vaccinated, vaccination status is personal health information. We continue to protect the health of ourselves, our coworkers, medically vulnerable individuals and our community at large by wearing masks and maintaining physical distance.

From [FAQs about COVID-19 Vaccination in the Workplace: For Employers \(cdc.gov\)](#)

After employees have been vaccinated, can they stop practicing other preventive measures such as social distancing and wearing masks?

No. CDC recommends that people continue to take these and other preventive measures after they are vaccinated. Even if employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine, it will be important for them to continue other preventive measures such as wearing a mask, staying 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, washing hands often, and cleaning high-touch surfaces frequently. It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination, and the COVID-19 vaccine may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot (dose). Together, getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and following [CDC's recommendations for how to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.