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Aviva Health Holding Large-scale COVID-19 Vaccination Event at Douglas County Fairgrounds

Officials plan to vaccinate 600 Douglas County residents who fall within OHA's Phase 1a Vaccine Sequencing Guidelines

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Aviva Health is holding a mass COVID-19 vaccination event for selected Douglas County citizens who fall within groups two and three of the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Phase 1a vaccine prioritization schedule Saturday, January 23, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Douglas Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This is not a public event – only individuals invited to pre-register who are in groups two and three of OHA vaccine distribution Phase 1a are eligible to receive the vaccination Saturday.

*****Aviva Health CEO KC Bolton and Douglas County Public Health Officer Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer will be available to speak to members of the media between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. In order to protect patient privacy, reporters and photographers are not allowed inside the facility during the event; however, we are offering media the opportunity to capture B-roll/photographs inside Douglas Hall before the event starts from 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. if they so wish.**

In cooperation with Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN), Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team (DCCRT), Umpqua Health Alliance and other volunteers from across the county, Aviva Health intends to administer vaccinations to as many as 600 people.

A mass vaccination of this size and scale in Douglas County requires broad support from organizations and individuals well beyond the walls of Aviva Health.

“We’re leaning heavily on partner organizations and other volunteers to ensure the event is a success,” says KC Bolton, CEO of Aviva Health. “If there’s a silver lining to the pandemic, it’s that over these last several months different health care organizations from across the county are

coalescing in response to COVID-19, and that kind of partnership and collaboration is critical in the success of this kind of effort.”

State officials have made several changes to the vaccine prioritization schedule. The latest eligibility list published by OHA is [available here](#).

“We know our community is eager to receive the vaccination, and we’re doing everything we can to quickly move through OHA’s Phase 1a vaccine sequencing list so we can begin vaccinating the general public,” says Bolton. “It’s our intent to make the vaccine available to everyone as fast as we can, and we’re hopeful future allotments from the state will arrive expeditiously.”

Aviva Health acquired the supply of vaccines to be used Saturday from Mercy Medical Center and intends to hold similar events for the general public as more vaccine is available.

DPHN pre-registered individuals who fall within OHA’s Phase 1a criteria for Saturday’s event and no more slots are available. A waiting list has been created in case of no shows, ensuring none of the vaccinations, which have a limited shelf life once removed from refrigeration and opened, go to waste.

Individuals who arrive at the fairgrounds without proof of registration will not receive the vaccine.

“The COVID-19 vaccine is a major breakthrough in the world’s fight to end the pandemic,” says Bolton. “We’re working diligently with DPHN, DCCRT, other community partners and OHA to make sure our neighbors in Douglas County receive the vaccination as quickly as possible.”

Public health experts say the vaccine, in combination with other sensible safety measures like masking, social distancing and handwashing, offers the best protection from COVID-19 and continued community spread.

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccine availability in Douglas County, please email vaccines@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org.

ABOUT AVIVA HEALTH

Founded in 1991, Aviva Health is an independent, board-governed, not-for-profit organization that cares for the people of Douglas County by providing high-quality, patient-centered, accessible and affordable medical, dental and behavioral healthcare, regardless of their ability to pay. Aviva Health offers integrated services from eight clinic sites in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Glide and North Douglas County (Drain), including a Teen Health Center located on the campus of Roseburg High School.