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(PHOTOS ATTACHED)**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE AGENCIES PART OF MASSIVE EFFORT TO GET RESIDENTS VACCINATED**

Snohomish County fire agencies are taking a lead role in the massive effort to vaccinate our communities against COVID-19. All 23 county fire agencies are collaborating as part of the Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce to operate mass vaccination sites and mobile vaccination clinics.

Mass vaccination sites where Snohomish County fire agency staff are administering vaccine include the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe and Arlington Municipal Airport. Mobile vaccination units are also currently visiting adult family homes and high-risk communities throughout Snohomish County. Trained firefighters and other healthcare personnel are administering vaccines by appointment to residents eligible under Washington state's vaccine phases.

The Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce is one piece of an extensive effort to vaccinate people, and brings together fire agencies, public health, emergency management, law enforcement, human services, transit, public works and other partners throughout the county. All taskforce vaccine clinics are run under the guidance of the Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management.

"Vaccinating Snohomish County residents is an all-hands-on-deck effort," said Jason Biermann, Snohomish County Emergency Management Director. "This massive undertaking is only made possible through teamwork among many people and organizations. Our county fire agencies have taken a lead role from the very beginning. Their operations expertise is invaluable and we know the way out of this pandemic is everyone working together."

To find out if you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.findyourphasewa.org. Eligible residents can schedule vaccination appointments at drive-through locations online at <http://bit.ly/snocovaccine>. Appointment availability may be limited, based on vaccine supply.

Residents without internet access or needing language interpretation can call Snohomish County's COVID call center at 425-339-5278.

While our residents patiently await vaccinations, we can all help stop the spread of COVID-19 by wearing masks, social distancing and frequently washing hands. For more resources, visit Snohomish County's Coronavirus Response and Community Resource Hub at bit.ly/SnoCoHub.

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