

Anonymous Attendee 12:06 PM

If one is scheduled for a vaccine but the appointment is canceled due to no vaccine availability, does that person automatically get contacted and rescheduled, or do they have to start the searching process over again?

The person will be contacted if the clinic has a phone number or email address. When this happened last Sunday the same times were honored for an alternate day and notifications attempted if contact information was provided.

Sarah Kelly 12:13 PM

Is the effective rate of the vaccine the same for all age groups or is it more effective for younger people and less effective for older people?

There has been no significant difference noted for age groups in effectiveness to date.

Lisa Nielsen 12:25 PM

Where can unpaid caregivers, who are under 70 yrs. of age, of medically fragile 70+ adults (group 3) sign up to receive the vaccine? St. Charles site only allows for people 70+ to sign up.

Those who qualify as Phase 1a or Phase 1b, Group 1 are asked to submit an attestation form online. Staff will reach out to eligible individuals to schedule their vaccine appointment. You can double check if you fit into phase 1a as a caregiver on this list: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3527.pdf>

Katherine Austin 12:26 PM

It looks like you are getting both vaccines. Are you changing which vaccine you are getting and administering? Is that a problem for second doses?

We dispense whichever vaccine is available to us and you will be scheduled for the same manufacturer vaccine for the second dose.

Ginger Theis-Stevens 12:28 PM

Great info! If we are at about 12% vaccination rate currently, and we started vaccinating several months ago, will we be about 20-24% vaccinated (approximately) in April/May? (As an event planner just trying to predict the rate of things "opening" and people being protected to attend events. Thank you!)

I wish we had that clear of a line of sight on our vaccine availability. I am hoping we are further along than that but there is no definitive availability of supply going forward.

Anonymous Attendee 12:29 PM

It has been stated that the vaccine clinics being run at the Deschutes Fair Grounds are run by volunteers. What are the medical degree requirements for those filling the needles and administering the actual shots? What different kinds of medical professionals are administering the shots?

The state has established clear guidelines for the qualifications of medical personnel administering vaccinations. We have followed those guidelines. We have had St. Charles's nurses, COCC student nurses, and mostly now National Guard medical trained administrators. We have had physician volunteers and pharmacists also.

Deby DeWeese 12:30 PM

I just want to be sure my question I sent in beforehand will be answered here:

Will seniors 60-64 be vaccinated before others in the 16 to 64 age group because those people are seniors also. According to an article in the Bulletin on Sunday, "Oregonians 60 and older account for 91% of the states COVID-19 deaths." So, with the line drawn at 65, those seniors 60-64 are being ignored.

This vaccination sequence is set by OHA and we are not currently aware of their intentions after the 65 plus category.

Katherine Austin 12:45 PM

What I am hearing from fellow seniors is a difficulty in going onto a computer to arrange an appointment. South Central LA has found a way to reach seniors that can walk in as well as use a phone to get an appointment. Have those ideas been considered. Can we have a central location in Bend that is easier to get to?

We have been trying to accommodate those with different limitations to accessing scheduling and location of the mass vaccination site. We have a phone line and if people walk up we will get them scheduled for a future date. We have partnered with local charities to arrange transportation if needed and with the help of Mosaic, Deschutes County and other community partners we have access to the vaccine in smaller venues. This information should be available via the Deschutes County Website.

Anonymous Attendee 12:57 PM

At what moment in time will appointments for the 65+ be released?

We still do not know. Stay tuned!

Carolyn Meece 12:57 PM

Once you are signed up, what happens next? How is scheduling done?

When appointments are available you can call or schedule on-line. As allocations stabilize we hope to get into a more regular cadence on when information is released and when vaccine opens. The best way to access this is still through signing up at: <https://vaccine.deschutes.org//>

Jennifer Peters 12:59 PM

I haven't heard anything about people with underlying conditions being offered the vaccine earlier than others. Why ask that question on the registration form?

Although we aren't sure of the details of who qualifies after those age 65+, we know that other categories will include essential service workers and possibly those with underlying conditions. We don't know the details of exactly what that means or when it will be available for those groups but we attempted to gather what may end up being pertinent information so we can notify those people when their turn comes.