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Southeastern Idaho Public Health Prepares for Vaccine Rollout to Frontline Workers and Ages 55-64

Idaho is continuing to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine across the state to first responders, K-12 teachers and staff, daycare workers, people age 65 and older and others in the first and second phase of vaccinations. The next priority group, will be frontline workers and adults who are ages 55 – 64 who have underlying health conditions for the week of March 15-March 22 and all other adults ages 55-64 beginning March 22nd. The State's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee defines this as:

- Food and agricultural workers
 - Food processing workers, including USDA processing plant inspectors
 - Grocery, convenience store, and food pantry workers (Food service workers i.e., restaurant and fast-food will be included in phase 3, which is estimated to occur in early April)
- Manufacturing workers
- Public transit workers
- U.S. Postal Services workers
- Flight crews
- Subset of essential gas, electric, water, and telecommunications utility workers, who are critical infrastructure employees and who work indoors
- Homeless Shelter residents
- Adults aged 55-64 with an underlying health condition as outlined by the CDC (prioritized March 15 – March 22) [Certain Medical Conditions and Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness | CDC](#)
- Adults aged 55-64 (vaccinations begin March 22nd)

Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) and other area providers will begin scheduling appointments on Monday, March 15th. Idaho still continues to receive a limited number of doses. If the region receives more vaccine, appointments will increase. "At some point, everyone who wants a COVID vaccine will be able to get one. While we aren't there yet, making vaccine available to everyone is our top priority," said Maggie Mann, Southeastern Idaho Public Health District Director.

"SIPH and our community partners are committed to doing everything possible to vaccinate our community, and we appreciate your understanding as we coordinate with the state and community partners to increase vaccine availability," said Mann.

SIPH has a list of vaccine providers on the website at <https://www.siphidaho.org/covid19-vaccine-clinics.php>. If you do not qualify for vaccine in any of the current priority groups, you may sign up for an email update alerting you when

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vaccine is available and how to make an appointment at www.siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php. It is important to note that vaccination in one phase may not be complete before vaccination in another phase begins. Vaccination in these phases will likely overlap.

“This vaccine provides hope, but we are not in the clear yet,” said Mann. “While we roll these vaccines out across southeast Idaho, it is important everyone continues to do their part in fighting this pandemic by wearing masks, washing hands, and avoiding gatherings.”

SIPH has a call center to field questions from the community and is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can reach the hotline at (208) 234-5875.

For southeast Idaho specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit <https://siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php>. For Idaho-specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>.

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