

KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
VIDEO UPDATE
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Good afternoon, it's Dr. Larson here to talk about COVID-19.

The most important thing going on right now is that on April 15, next Wednesday, everyone in Washington state who's older than 16 can get vaccinated. That's a big deal. We have the vaccine and we have spots available next week. Again, everyone older than 16 (including all the high school students who want to be vaccinated) can get a vaccination.

We need people to get vaccinated so we can continue to stay in Phase 3 and move into Phase 4 when it's available. We don't want to have to move back into Phase 2.

The key to controlling the variant disease that you're hearing about is to be vaccinated. The more vaccine in arms, the better.

We have a clinic this Saturday, using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine; it's already full. We'll be doing a vaccine clinic in Upper County, I believe May 1, using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There will be a lot of options for getting the vaccine. We'll be working with Central, helping getting the faculty, staff, and students vaccinated.

This is really exciting news. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears went into getting this thing going. Now, as members of the community, it's time for you to be vaccinated. Your reason could be because you want to protect your grandmother, or visit your father in the nursing home, or you want your kids to go to K-12 school, or you want to go to your favorite restaurant, or you want to go to the Rodeo with more than 9,000 people in the fall, or you want Bares and Broncs to happen in May. The answer to all these things is to get vaccinated. Please get vaccinated, continue to wear masks and to social distance.

We have three to six weeks during which we need to buckle down. Let's not drop the ball. Hang in there for a couple of weeks so

we can get through this. We will have a blip and probably move back into Phase 2 because our numbers are still high (above 100 for the last two weeks). Right now we're at 116 cases and it needs to be below 100.

The responsibility is on us as citizens. It's not the government's or the health department's responsibility, it's ours. Continue to wear your masks. I hope you had a good Easter. Continue to social distance, wash your hands, and whatever your reason -- please go out and get a vaccine. Thanks a lot. Have a good day.

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