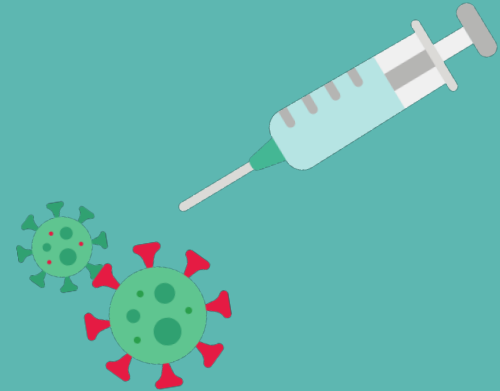


Welcome to the COVID-19 Vaccine Listening Session for the Developmental Disability Community



Monday, December 21st, 2020
6:30-8:00 p.m. on Zoom



COVID-19 Vaccines

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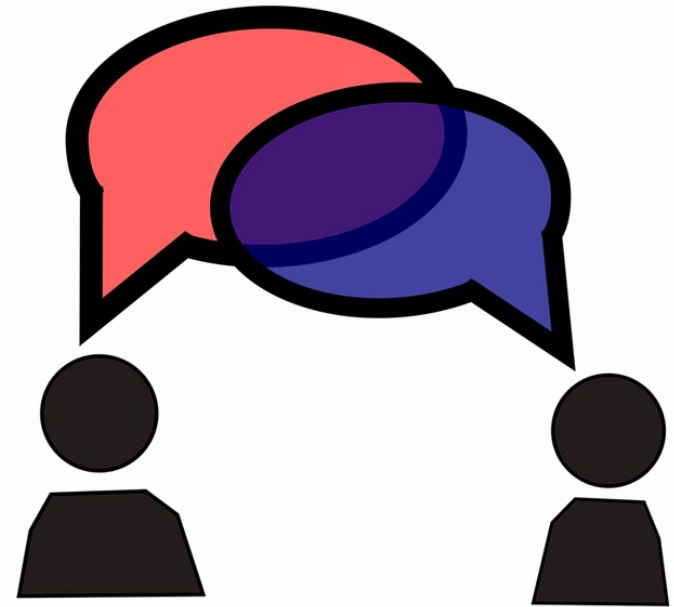
Introduction

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Purpose

- We will share information about the COVID vaccines
- OHA also wants to understand what's important to you
- We want to start a conversation so we can respond to your questions and concerns



Follow Up

- We can't respond to every question today.
- We don't have all the answers today. Information is changing all the time.
- We will save all the questions and work on getting answers for you.
- We hope to continue our conversation in January.



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Acknowledgment

OHA is here today to listen and to work in a different way





Vaccines

Vaccines are important

- Vaccines keep me from getting sick
- Vaccines keep my community healthier too



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How vaccines work

- Your immune system fights infection and illness
- Vaccines prepare your immune system
- You can fight illness without getting sick



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Vaccines for COVID

- Two companies:
 - Pfizer-BioNTech
 - Moderna
- Safe and effective
- Food and Drug Administration (U.S.)
- Western States Scientific Review Workgroup (Oregon)



How the COVID vaccines work

- Teach your body to recognize a protein from the virus
- Your body can fight the virus
- Two shots are needed





Oregon's Vaccine Plan

Who gets the COVID vaccines first

- Not everyone can get the vaccine right away





Phases and groups

- Phase 1: healthcare workers and people at highest risk
 - There are four groups in Phase 1 that we will talk about in the next slide
- Phase 2: people in communities where COVID is spreading most
- Phase 3: everyone



Phases and groups

- Phase 1a groups:
 - Group 1: hospitals; urgent care; skilled nursing and memory care facility health care providers and residents; tribal health programs; EMS providers and other first responders
 - Group 2: other long term care facilities and congregate care sites including health care providers and residents; hospice programs; mobile crisis care and related services; secure transport; individuals working in a correctional setting
 - Group 3: outpatient settings serving specific high-risk groups; in-home care and services; day treatment services; non-emergency medical transport (NEMT)
 - Group 4: all other outpatient; public health and early learning sites; death care workers



People with IDD and their families

- Phase 1a, Group 2 includes residents and paid or unpaid health care and direct service providers who meet age eligibility in:
 - Adult foster homes (people with IDD and staff)
 - Group homes for children or adults with IDD (people with IDD and staff)
- Phase 1a, Group 3 includes:
 - Home care workers, personal support workers, in-home agency direct support professionals and all paid and unpaid healthcare workers or direct care personnel providing services in home health care, in home nursing services, in home supports and day services
 - Parents (including foster parents) and other caregivers of medically fragile children or adults who live at home
 - Adults who live at home and experience a medical condition or disability that requires outside health care personnel or personal support workers or direct support professionals to deliver services in their home (also includes children who meet age eligibility)

How will people get the vaccine?



Many questions

- How will you know if you are in a Phase 1a group?
- Will someone call you and help you make an appointment to get it?
- Will someone arrange transportation so you can get the vaccine?
- Is it possible for someone to bring the vaccine to your home?
- Will they vaccinate your family too?
- Will they come back to give you the second vaccine or arrange transportation for you to get the second dose?
- Where can you get the vaccine – a doctor's office, a pharmacy, a hospital, a community program, your home?

We are working on these answers and will come back to discuss them with you.

Your Questions

How was the vaccine developed so quickly?



- Several factors helped this vaccine get developed so quickly.
- Improvements to gene sequencing technology let us get the genetic sequence of the virus very quickly.
- U.S. government paid companies to start making the vaccines before the clinical trials were done.
- Clinical trials were very large and COVID is spreading widely.
- Vaccine technology lets them be made quickly.

Can children get the vaccine?

What about families of children who are
at high risk of severe COVID?



- Not yet. Children under the age of 16 can't get the vaccine.
- No vaccine trials have been completed with children under the age of 16 yet.
- We don't have the safety and effectiveness data for children and the vaccine yet.
- Families and caregivers of children at high risk of severe COVID are included in Phase 1a, group 3.
- Families should get the vaccine as a way of protecting family members who can't get it.

Is the vaccine safe for people who have seizures?

- The data for both vaccines do not show any additional risk for people with seizure disorders.
- You can always talk to your doctor about specific questions related to your medical needs.



Will the vaccine be required?



- Public health authorities are not requiring people to get the vaccine at this time.
- Emergency use authorization means that anyone who gets the vaccine must consent to it.

Do I still have to wear a mask after I get the vaccine?



- Yes, you will still need to wear a mask and keep your distance from people you don't live with.
- The vaccine is one of many tools that will help us end this pandemic.
- We all need to do our part.

If my family member is at extreme risk due to their medical condition, can they be moved up to get the vaccine sooner?

- At this point, we can't move people up in line based on individual risk.
- Remember that being part of Phase 1a means they will be one of the first Oregonians vaccinated.

Do you have to get the second shot exactly 21 days after the first shot?



- You will need to get two shots.
- Your health care provider will tell you when you should get your second shot.
- It is okay to get it up to 4 days early.
- If you get it late, just make sure to get it as soon as possible.
- If you get it late, you don't have to start over.

Has the vaccine been tested on those with chromosomal deletions, additions, translations or mutations?

- It has not been tested on people with chromosomal deletions.
- We do not have information on whether there is a difference in adverse reactions between this population and those without chromosomal abnormalities.
- We do not expect there would be a difference, but we do not know.

Was there any difference in reactions between the general population and those with complex medical needs?

- People with medical conditions in the trials did not have adverse events at a higher rate than those without these conditions.
- Organ transplant recipients' immune systems are suppressed, so the efficacy of the vaccine isn't as good for them because their immune response is not as strong.
- People with complex medical needs can still get the vaccine.
- All people with complex medical conditions are encouraged to get the vaccine because they are at the highest risk of severe COVID.
- You can discuss specific concerns with your doctor.

If someone refuses to get the vaccine,
does this impact the care they can
receive?



- No, it will not affect their care.
- OHA has recently shared principles of ethical decision making for times like these.

OHA Listens



Our questions to you

- What do you want to know about the vaccine?
- What barriers or challenges would people with IDD face in getting a vaccine? What things do you want OHA to make sure to keep in mind when planning vaccine distribution?
- What information would help you make a decision about getting a vaccine?



Poll for everyone

- How would you like to receive information about COVID vaccines?
 - Email
 - Text message
 - Flyer / brochure
 - Website
 - Social media
 - Video
 - Pictures / infographic
 - Other



Polls for self-advocates

- How do you want to be notified that your group can get the vaccine?
- If you choose to get the vaccine, where would you like to get it?
- If you have to go somewhere to get the vaccine, how would you get there?
- If your group is able to get the vaccine, how would you like to coordinate setting up the first and second appointments?



For more information from OHA

- Questions about COVID vaccines: email covid19.vaccine@dhsoha.state.or.us
- Visit OHA's COVID-19 Vaccine website
 - English: <http://healthoregon.org/covidvaccine>
 - Spanish: <http://healthoregon.org/vacunacovid>

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Subscribe to ODDS COVID-19:

- <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx>
 - Google ‘ODDS COVID 19 Oregon’ and also find the link
- Do you have a suggestion or a questions specific to ODDS?
 - ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us
 - ODDS is currently gathering questions for a future FAQ document that offers questions and answers related to COVID-19 Vaccines



Thank you!



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