



Yamhill County
Health and Human Services
Public Health

ALERT

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Care Providers**

To: Physicians and Other Health Care Providers
in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health
Fax number: (503) 472-9731

Date: **6/22/21**

Regarding: *Oregon Immunization Program:
COVID-19 Vaccine Waste Clarification*

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**

Please see the message below from the Oregon Immunization Program:

Vaccinated people are more important than unused vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine providers have done an outstanding job stewarding vaccines when they were scarce.

Now that our supply of vaccine has stabilized, it's time for us to look at distribution through a different lens.

We must vaccinate at every opportunity. Given COVID-19 vaccine vials contain up to 14 doses, we expect some vaccine will go unused. And that's OK.

For example, if someone comes in for their annual medical checkup and it's 5 p.m., we want you to open a vial and vaccinate them, even if that makes the rest unusable. At this point in the pandemic, we are going to stop the spread of COVID-19 one shot at a time.

We are working with our media partners to help them understand the importance of vaccination in ending this pandemic across our state.

Opportunities promote vaccine:

- Use the [Get Vaccinated Oregon](#) tool to list your vaccine availability and clinic hours.
- Make sure your [Vaccines.gov](#) profile is up-to-date (all vaccination sites will go public on Tuesday, June 22).
- Click [here](#) for more information on how to promote your clinic on either the national Vaccines.gov or the state Get Vaccinated Oregon websites.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping Oregonians healthy and vaccinated.

Questions about Oregon's COVID-19 vaccine planning? Start here:
<https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>