

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Olympia, Washington

November 15, 2021

Dear Healthcare Provider,

The COVID-19 pandemic has tested all of us personally and professionally. As we work together to combat this pandemic, we feel immense gratitude for healthcare providers like you who have worked to educate and vaccinate as many patients as possible.

We need your continued help as we work towards protecting those who have not yet been vaccinated.

Today, we are asking you to please take the Power of Providers (POP) community vaccination commitment. This means you agree to do four simple steps with your patients to help SAVE lives:

SEEK. Proactively reach out to your patients (or clients) to find out if they have received COVID-19 vaccination and invite them to do so, if they have not.

ASK/EDUCATE. Ask your patients at every visit if they are vaccinated or check their immunization records. Provide information and education on the COVID-19 vaccine, recommend it, and offer it. Check out the www.doh.wa.gov/pop page to get helpful resources to educate your patients.

VACCINATE. If your patients agree, vaccinate your patients right then or give them a referral to a COVID-19 vaccine location using <u>vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov</u> or by calling 833-VAX-HELP.

EMPOWER. Empower your patients to share their vaccination status with friends, family, and others. Empower your staff to talk about the importance of vaccines.

Sign up for the commitment by checking the box on the tear-away card at the bottom of this letter and mailing it back. Postage is on us! You can also visit www.doh.wa.gov/pop to sign up online. Once you commit, we will send you a certificate to display in your office as well as a variety of helpful resources for COVID-19 vaccination.

We thank you for your ongoing work helping vaccinate Washingtonians against COVID-19 and ending this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH Secretary of Health





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