

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Olympia, Washington

November 15, 2021

Dear Health Professional,

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 health professionals like you who have worked to educate or refer patients or clients for COVID-19 vaccination.

We need your continued help as we work towards protecting those who have not yet been vaccinated. Your ability to educate and refer is just as important as the healthcare providers who offer vaccination.

Today, we are asking you to **please take the Power of Providers community vaccination commitment**. This means you agree to do four simple steps with your patients or clients 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 or clients at every visit if they are vaccinated. Provide information and education on the COVID-19 vaccine, and recommend it. Check out the www.doh.wa.gov/pop page to get helpful resources to educate your patients.

VACCINATE/REFER. If your patients agree, refer them to a COVID-19 vaccine location using vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov 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 and encourage them to share their vaccination status.

Sign up for the commitment by checking the box on the tear-away card at the bottom of this letter and mail 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 vaccine education and referral.

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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