



COVID-19 Vaccine
Implementation Collaborative
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Land Acknowledgment

Welcome to the Washington State Department of Health. We start today with a land acknowledgement. We are meeting virtually from all over, but our physical offices are located in Tumwater, on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Nisqually and Squaxin Island peoples. Tumwater and the South Puget Sound region are covered by the Treaty of Medicine Creek, signed under duress in 1854. The employees of the State of Washington are guided by the **Centennial Accord and chapter 43.376 RCW** – respecting and affirming tribal sovereignty and working with our tribal governments throughout the state in government-to-government partnership.

<https://native-land.ca/>

Today's Agenda

1. Partner Highlight 4:05 – 4:10
 1. Pierce County Aids Foundation
2. Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy Panel 4:10 – 4:50
3. Vaccine Hesitancy Small Group Discussion 4:55 – 5:25
4. Closing remarks 5:25 – 5:30

PLWH & COVID Vaccines

Erick Seelbach, Executive Director

Erica Crittendon, Interim Prevention Director



PCAF

PCAF, through education and service, prevents HIV infection, assists persons affected by HIV/AIDS, addresses related health problems, and combats associated stigma and discrimination.

Services:

- Medical case management and care coordination services for PLWH
- Individual, group, and community-level services such as HIV testing, PrEP navigation, and community organizing for individuals and communities disparately impacted by HIV

We provide services throughout the South Sound (Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, and Mason Counties).

Eligibility Confusion

- **“Must Have” criteria in tier language ignores impact of COVID-19 on PLWH**
 - individuals living with HIV would be eligible for vaccine; however, they **MUST ALSO** have another co-morbidity or underlying condition
- The CDC has finally included HIV in COVID-19 vaccine prioritization, but **there’s still confusion about eligibility in WA State. Here's the link:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>
- The language of disability vs. co-morbidity is confusing.



Vaccine Hesitancy

- PLWH and others with co-morbidities are required to disclose their status at appointment
 - **Concerns with this information being tracked by gov't; contributes to vaccine hesitancy**
- Worry about interaction with HIV medications
- Concern about impact of vaccine and side effects for PLWH with low CD4 counts
- Failure of government institutions to equitably serve BIPOC communities also influences BIPOC PLWH



Access Issues

- Locations not accessible to people with transportation barriers
- Times not accessible to people who work 9a-5p which are most essential workers
- **Drive through sites that don't allow walk ups**
- **Providers making BIPOC's show extra verification while white identifying folks are not asked the same questions**
- Online appointment systems not accessible to everyone



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Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy and Building Vaccine Confidence Panel



Community Speakers

- **Jan Olmstead**; American Indian Health Commission
- **Faaluaina Pritchard**; Asian Pacific Cultural Center
- **Rose Mendoza**; Clark County Latino Youth Conference
- **Aaliyah Messiah**; POCAAN
- **Van Dinh-Kuno**; Refugee and Immigrants Northwest
- **Gabriela Ewing** ; Hispanic Disability Support SWWA
- **Zaira Sanchez**; United Farm Workers Foundation
- **Rowan Salton**; Northwest Youth Services

Small Group Discussions

4:40-5:25

Community Agreements

- Transparency
- Respect
- Take space, make space
- Grace
- Confidentiality
- Take care of yourselves and others



Community Small Group Discussion Facilitators

- **American Indian/ Alaska Native**
 - Jan Olmstead, AIHC
- **Black/ African American**
 - Aaliyah Messiah, POCAAN
- **Asian American**
 - Lin Crowley, APIC SPS
- **Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander**
 - Faaluaina Pritchard, Asia Pacific Cultural Center
- **Latinx**
 - Rose Mendoza, Clark County Latino Youth Conference
- **Immigrant and Refugees**
 - Van Dinh-Kuno, RISNW
- **People with disabilities**
 - Gabriela Ewing, Hispanic Disability Support SWWA
- **People incarcerated/jailed/detained**
 - JM Wong and Dorian Taylor, Free them All
- **Agricultural Workers**
 - Zaira Sanchez; United Farm Workers Foundation
- **People experiencing homelessness**
 - Rowan Salton, NW Youth Services

Discussion Questions

- What is going well and/or current challenges you have experienced with vaccine engagement and outreach efforts?
- What vaccine related hesitancy and concerns are you hearing?
- Do you have any recommendations? How can DOH best support?

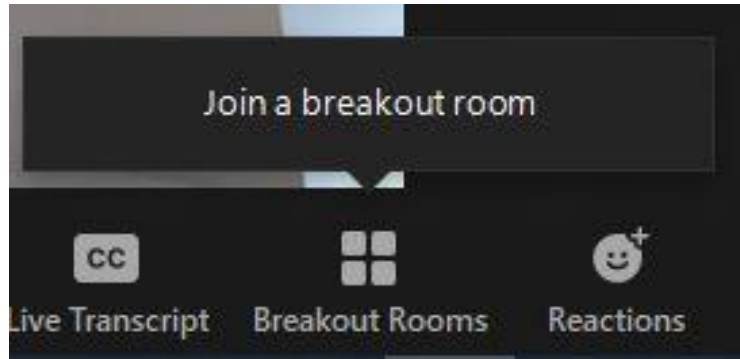
Breakout Rooms

- ASL interpreter paired with Collaborative members
- Spanish Interpretation available in Latinx and Agricultural worker breakout rooms
- Closed captioning available in People with disabilities breakout room

**QUESTIONS
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**Please message us
in the Chat!**

Breakout Rooms



You can select which breakout room you want to join.

Breakout Rooms - Not Started	
▶ #1 American Indian/Alaska Native	Join
▶ #2 Asian American	Join
▶ #3 NHPI	Join
▶ #4 Latinx	Join
▶ #5 Black/African American	Join
▶ #6 People unhoused	Join
▶ #7 Immigrant & refugees	Join
▶ #8 People with disabilities	Join
▼ #9 People detained	Join
▼ #10 Agricultural workers	Join



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Closing Thoughts



Thank You Panelists & Facilitators

DOH Community Partners

- Alefba Group
- Alliance of People with Disabilities
- Arc of Grays Harbor
- Asian Pacific Islander Coalition SPS
- Catholic Community Services
- Cham Refugees Community
- Chinese Radio Seattle on KKNW 1150 AM
- Clallam Mosaic
- Clark County Latino Youth Conference
- Community Health Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees
- Crossings TV
- Faith Action Network
- Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest
- Refugee Connections Spokane
- Runta (The Truth)
- Somali Health Board
- Tesfa Program
- The Arc of King County
- The Arc of Washington State
- The Seattle Medium/Rhythm and News Radio
- U.T.O.P.I.A.
- Urban League of Metro Seattle
- West African Community Council
- Afghan Health Initiative

DOH Community Partners

- Gay City
- Gender Justice League
- Hmong Association of Washington
- KDNA FM 91.9
- Latinos en Spokane
- Latinx Unidos del South Sound (LUSS)
- Lived Experience Coalition (LEC)
- MCNA
- Neighborhood House
- PICA
- POCAAN
- Rainier Avenue Radio
- Asia Pacific Cultural Center
- Chinese Information and Service Center
- CIELO Project Radio Ranch
- Clark County Latino Youth Conference
- Cofa Alliance National Network (CANN) WA
- Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Washington
- Entre Hermanos
- Eritrean Association in Greater Seattle
- Familias Unidas Economy and Ecology Project
- Open Doors for Multicultural Families
- Spokane Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Washington State Coalition of African Community Leaders



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