



RESOLUTION NO. 70-22

Public Health Proclamation on Advancing COVID Vaccines in the Lower Elwha Klallam Community

WHEREAS, the Lower Elwha Tribal Community, also known as the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (“the Tribe”), is a federally recognized, self-governing Indian tribe in accordance with the Treaty of Point-No-Point of January 26, 1855, its Constitution and By-laws, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 29, 1968, and the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Business Committee of the Lower Elwha Community Council is the constitutionally and duly elected representative body of the Tribe, and is responsible for ensuring the health, safety, education, welfare, social and economic development, law and order, judicial services, and housing of its tribal citizens; and to preserve and protect the culture, treaty rights, natural resources, and otherwise promoting the welfare and interests of its tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article IV, Section 1 of the Tribe’s Constitution, the Tribe has the authority to consult, negotiate, contract and conclude agreements with the federal, state and local governments, to manage the Tribe’s fiscal resources and the use of its property, and to take any and all actions necessary to promote the welfare and interests of the Tribe’s community and members; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death that is caused by a novel strain of the Coronavirus that can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to identify the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as “high,” but has also recognized the effectiveness of the vaccines and has offered new guidance for people who are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease has continued to spread throughout Washington State; and

WHEREAS, in Clallam County, as of July 28, 2022, there was a total of 10,316 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and 118 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Clallam County is categorized as a high risk of community transmission with 604 reported confirmed positive cases per 100,000 persons in the last 14 days, according to the criteria established by the Washington Department of Health risk assessment dashboard; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Elwha Tribal Community has had a total of 577 persons test positive for COVID-19 with 14 active and 563 recovered cases in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Elwha Health Department has been vaccinating tribal members, their families and employees of the Tribe in accordance with the vaccination plan approved by

Resolution No. 4-21 and the COVID vaccination support program remains available to all eligible community members; and

WHEREAS, through prior declarations and resolutions beginning in March 2020, the Tribe has recognized the Public Health Emergency due to the lethal and contagious Coronavirus COVID-19 disease and imposed Public Health Orders for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, its members and the Lower Elwha Reservation and trust lands within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and

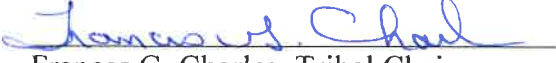
WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has approved emergency use authorization for COVID-19 vaccines for individuals aged 6 months old to 17 years old, and fully approved three COVID-19 vaccines for individuals eighteen and older; and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee finds that although vaccination efforts and infection based immunity from COVID-19 variants have resulted in less severe COVID illness within the Lower Elwha Tribal Community, the COVID-19 disease continues to pose a serious threat to the Tribal Community because the vaccination rate among those eligible to receive vaccines is decreasing, and persons formerly considered "fully vaccinated" are not staying current with vaccine boosters as recommended by the CDC.


THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT, the Business Committee hereby declares that a state of emergency continues to exist on the Lower Elwha Reservation and trust lands within the jurisdiction of the Tribe, and that in order to preserve and maintain the life, health, property and public peace of the Tribe and its members the Business Committee hereby encourages community members ages 6 months and older to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations and remain up to date on their vaccination status according to the CDC COVID-19 vaccination schedules as updated from time to time (see attached COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules, At-A-Glance, dated July 21, 2022).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was presented at a duly called meeting of the Lower Elwha Klallam Business Committee held on the 9th day of August 2022, at which 4 members were present, constituting a quorum, and the Business Committee voted to adopt by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.



Frances G. Charles, Tribal Chairwoman



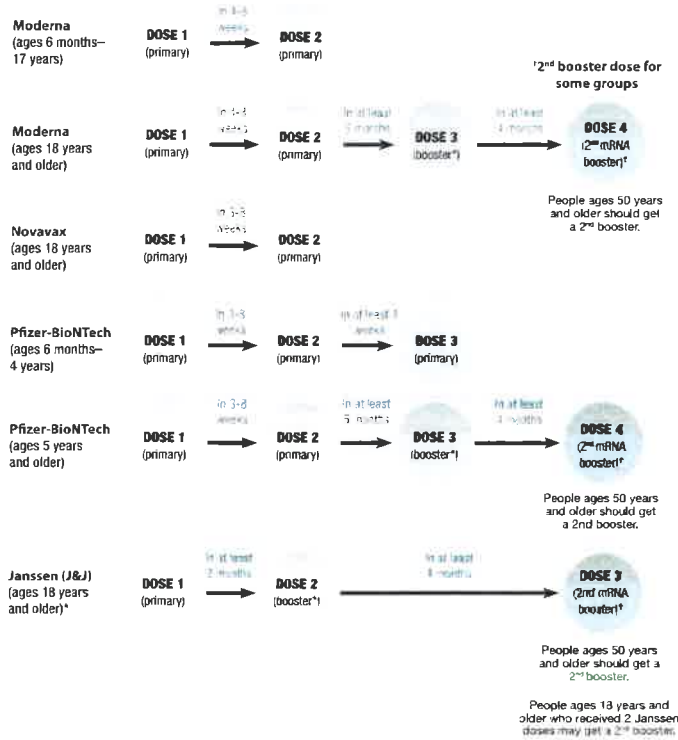
Council Member

COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules

Use the schedules below to determine how many total COVID-19 vaccine doses are recommended based on primary series product, age, and immune status. This schedule does not include clinical details necessary for administering COVID-19 vaccines. For clinical details, see the resources at the end of this document.

COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for Most People

Number and intervals of COVID-19 vaccine doses



COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Number and intervals of COVID-19 vaccine doses



*Age-appropriate mRNA (Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech) and Novavax vaccines are recommended for primary vaccination. For booster vaccination, mRNA vaccines are recommended. Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine should only be used in limited situations for primary or booster vaccination. See <https://www.fda.gov/oc/2021/08/18/covid-19-vaccine-usage-recommendations> for more information.



For more specific clinical guidance, see:

- [Interim COVID-19 Attenuated Vaccine](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines During Outbreaks of Infections in the United States](#)