



COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Funding



State Supported



Regionally Coordinated



Locally Synchronized

To meet the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support efforts to provide mass vaccination opportunities to residents across the State of Washington, the Department of Health has partnered with Washington State Public Assistance Program and received approval for expedited funding (from January 21-April 20, 2021) which leverages Local Health Jurisdictions' ability to coordinate and implement an equitable and effective mass vaccination response for local communities.

Successful implementation of an effective statewide COVID-19 mass vaccination program requires precise and close coordination across federal, state, and local jurisdictions, including public and private partnerships. ***In order to potentially receive reimbursement, all mass vaccination efforts must be included in the Local Health Jurisdiction's approved mass vaccination plan, and contractual agreements with the local health jurisdiction must be in place.***

Considerations

Under this Mass Vaccination funding project, only Local Health Jurisdictions are authorized to submit for reimbursement. **Mass vaccination clinics are defined as efforts outside of the usual healthcare delivery methods. Examples of mass vaccination clinics include mobile clinics, pop-up clinics, non-clinical facility clinics.** All reimbursement requests associated with this funding must be tied to mass vaccination activities under the coordination and authority of and contractual agreement with the Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ). Any variations of this process are not covered under this funding.

Duplication of billing is disallowed. If ANY entity is billing ANY third party to pay for ANY vaccination services or supplies, it disqualifies them from participating in this funding opportunity and billing their costs to their LHJ.

COVID-19 vaccinations provided in a traditional healthcare setting such as a doctor's office or in-patient hospital settings are not allowable.

In order to be considered for reimbursement under this funding, entities, including hospitals and health care providers, must be eligible under the definition above of mass vaccination clinic and be a subcontractor of the Local Health Jurisdiction in implementation of the local health jurisdiction Mass Vaccination Plan as provided to the Department of Health.

Entities including hospitals, FQHCs, and other healthcare providers could seek potential funding through the Washington State Public Assistance Program if partnership with the Local Health Jurisdiction is not an option.

All subcontractors must have agreements in place and understandings that they are participating and cooperating with the LHJ to carry out their Mass Vaccination Plan as provided to DOH.

Commitment

The Washington State Department of Health continues to support the national COVID-19 Response Plan by working with federal, state, local, and tribal partners to assist, augment, and expedite vaccinations in the state of Washington. Through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the DOH will expedite 100% reimbursement for eligible mass vaccination projects as appropriate and consistent with approved and allowable activities associated with this project. We continue to work with federal, state, local, and tribal partners to ensure a coordinated approach to vaccine distribution efforts through reimbursement of associated and allowable costs as submitted through the Local Health Jurisdiction.

The Washington State Department of Health remains strongly committed to ensuring every person who wants a vaccine can get one. The Department of Health is leading the implementation of the vaccine distribution effort, which is state supported, regionally coordinated, and locally synchronized.

Together, we are supporting local public health efforts through the administration of this funding to ensure an equitable and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you for the work you are doing to fight this pandemic and create healthier communities. By working together, we take heart knowing that we can beat this virus, and create a safer, brighter future for people

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