

# City of Poulsbo

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**Mayor of Poulsbo Encourages Residents to Vaccinate and Celebrate,  
Masks Off in Many Situations**

POULSBO WA: Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson has a message for Poulsbo residents now that COVID vaccines are widely available: get vaccinated if you haven't yet, and—for those who have been fully vaccinated—take off your masks and enjoy each other. "I am so happy that the Centers for Disease Control has issued new recommendations," said Mayor Erickson. "Fully vaccinated people can be in most outdoor settings without a mask, visit with other vaccinated people indoors without a mask, and resume domestic and international travel." People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received their second shot of Moderna or Pfizer, or two weeks after the first shot of Johnson and Johnson.

According to the Mayor, it is more important than ever that Poulsbo residents get vaccinated since new strains of COVID are highly virulent and infection rates are rising in our region. "Please get vaccinated!" says Mayor Erickson, "We know that unvaccinated people are putting themselves, and other unvaccinated people at greater risk. Numbers of infections have been increasing in Kitsap since late February, and we're seeing a steady uptick in outbreaks. The last thing we want is to go back to Phase Two and restrict activities because there are more infections and hospitalizations."

According to Kitsap Public Health, approximately 53% of North Kitsap residents have initiated vaccination. "This number is pretty good compared to the national average of 43%," said Housing, Health and Human Services Director Kim Hendrickson, "but we can do much better. There are open appointments throughout Kitsap County, and anyone needing help finding one is welcome to call our appointment assistance helpline at 360 394 9795. We're working with volunteers at North Point Church to identify open slots and make appointments for people who lack internet access or are not computer savvy."





























The City of Poulsbo has been working with community partners, since March of last year, to respond to the COVID outbreak. They have worked with pharmacists at Safeway, Bainbridge Island Community Pharmacy, and Pacifica Medicine & Wellness and the Suquamish EOC to organize "pop up" vaccine clinics for vulnerable populations. A COVID testing site, run by County Public Health and the EOC, operates in the City Hall garage every Friday. The City has worked with Poulsbo Fire Department, Gateway Church, Fishline Comprehensive Services, and dozens of volunteers to provide food, shelter, and delivery services. The volunteer appointment help line has assisted more than 400 residents with appointment and testing questions.

"I would like to encourage everyone who is eligible—and now everyone is eligible who is 16 or older—to get the vaccine." says Poulsbo Councilmember Britt Livdahl. "It was easy to get an appointment, the clinic operated like a well-oiled machine, and the experience was totally painless. Nobody wants to go backwards on this thing."

Residents are encouraged to read the CDC guidelines at and discuss COVID related issues with their doctors and other medical professionals.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

## Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

### Get a COVID-19 vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**



**Take prevention measures**

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask

Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

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