

COVID VACCINE DELIVERY



King County Unified Regional Strategy

Progress Report as of March 23, 2021

Strategic Goal

King County's regional goal is to equitably, efficiently, and quickly vaccinate as many residents as possible in order to decrease serious health effects of COVID-19 and get the pandemic under control, reaching 70 percent or more of all adults for whom there is currently an approved vaccine, with additional emphasis on those at highest risk of complications and death including people of color. With a total adult population of 1.8 million, this means delivering two doses to 1.26 million people, starting with those at highest risk.

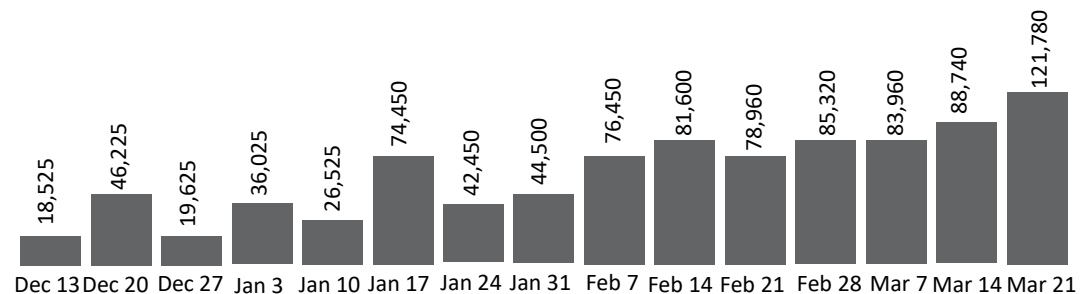
Key Updates

As of 3/22, nearly 575,000 King County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, including 80.1% of adults aged 65-74 and 85.5% of adults aged 75+. Importantly, adults age 65+ across all racial and ethnic groups have surpassed the 70% benchmark except for Black/African American residents at 65.7%. We continue to work toward closing the race/ethnicity gap through targeted outreach, community events, encouraging providers to conduct outreach to established patients of color, and other activities. 121,780 vaccine doses are expected to arrive this week. With approximately 244,000 new people becoming eligible for vaccine last week and another approximately 445,000 people to be eligible starting March 31, limited vaccine supply continues to be a constraint as we work to ensure access for our most impacted community members. Progress toward vaccinating our population is critical in the context of the 23% increase in the number of COVID cases in our county over the last week. We continue to monitor hospitalization rates even as we implement vaccinations.

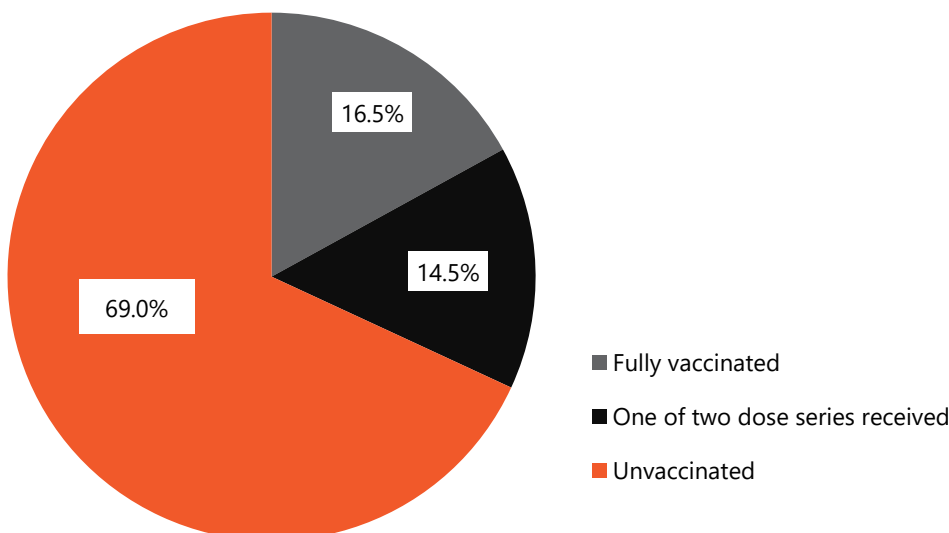
Supply of Doses

The supply of vaccine in at the county, state and national levels is still limited. With more people becoming eligible for vaccine last week and next week, appointments will continue to be relatively scarce.

Weekly allocations of doses to providers in King County



Percentage of 1.8 million adults vaccinated in King County Target: 70% fully vaccinated

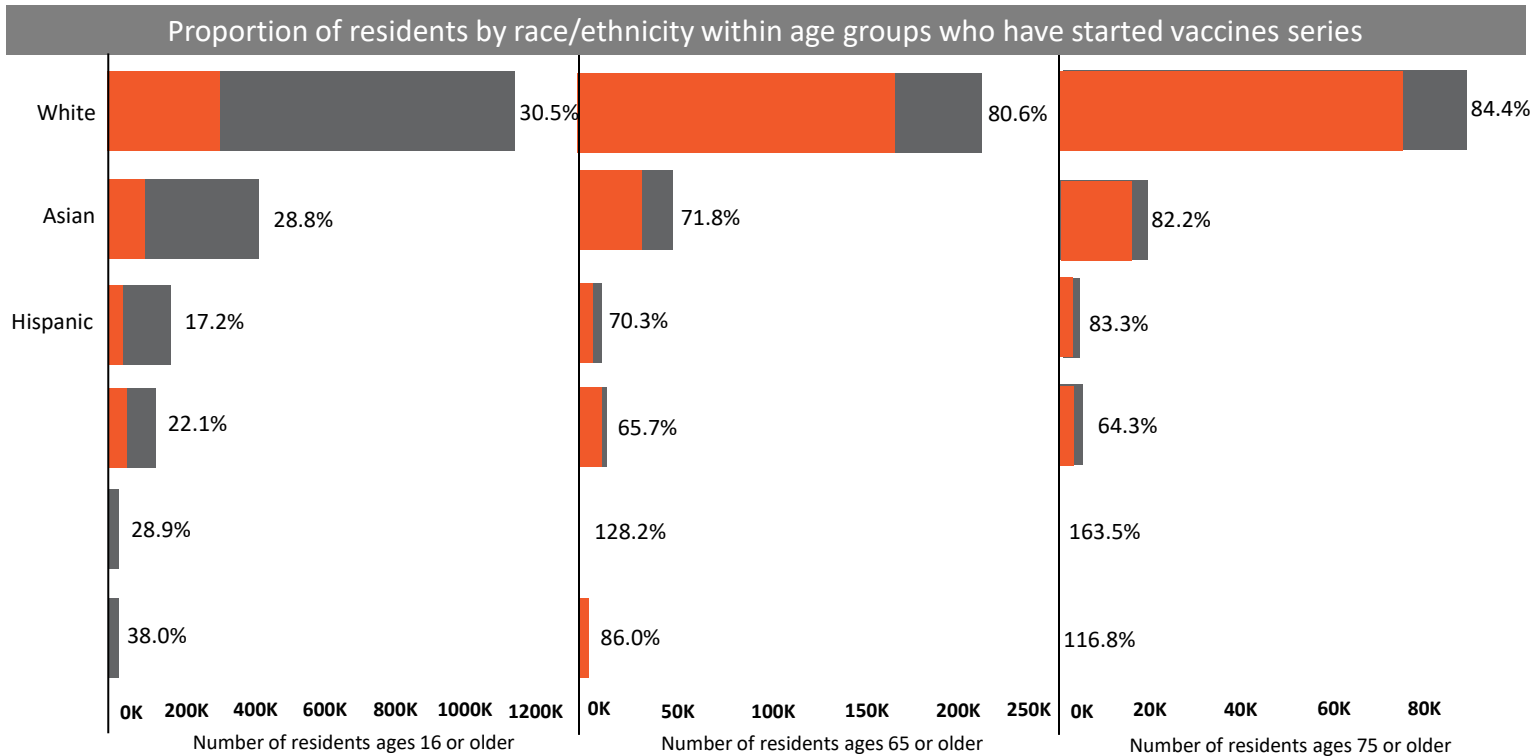


Progress Toward Critical Indicators

Target: At least 70% of adults fully vaccinated, or 1.26 million people, by July 31, 2021. As of 3/22, we have fully vaccinated adults equivalent to 16.5% of the population, with an additional 14.5% of the population having received the first of a two-dose series.

Progress Toward Critical Indicators

Target: At least 70% of adults of all races and ethnicities are fully vaccinated by July 31, 2021. As of 3/22, vaccination percentages for all adults remains highest among White residents. Among older adults aged 65+ and 75+ the racial/ethnic gap is narrowing, with the percentage of Latinx older adults receiving vaccines passing the 70% mark over the last week. Additional progress is needed in order to reach 70% coverage among Black/African American adults age 65+. As eligibility criteria widen to include more adults of all ages, additional efforts are needed to address racial and ethnic disparities in COVID vaccination rates.



Grey bars represent the population estimates (2019) data and the blue bars represent the current number of residents who have started vaccination series. The percentage shown is the proportion of residents within that race/ethnicity and that age group who have started vaccine series. Please note that the population estimates are the best available but actual counts may exceed the 2019 population estimates and lead to greater than 100% coverage, especially among areas or populations with fewer residents

Key Activities

High-volume drive through and walk-up sites: PHSKC's high-volume sites in Auburn and Kent have delivered 51,332 doses of vaccine with a focus on older adults residing in South King County zip codes. 48% of clients who have completed an appointment at these sites identify as people of color.

Mobile strategies to reach vulnerable populations: To date, 19 mobile teams led by Public Health, various EMS departments, Discovery Health and Harborview Medical Center have vaccinated over 16,500 vulnerable residents including serving 535 Adult Family Homes, 159 affordable housing/senior living facilities, and 57 homebound individuals along with 27 of their caregivers.

Community vaccination events: Our community vaccination event team hosted an event in Federal Way serving the Khmer Community on 3/20 in collaboration with Sacajawea Middle School, Federal Way School District, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and the Khmer community, serving over 200 people. Additionally, last week a community event took place in South Park led by the City of Seattle in collaboration with Villa Comunitaria serving the Latinx population. Upcoming events are planned for Burien and Seattle's Central District.

Communications and community engagement: We posted several new communications last week to our [Community Vaccination Resources](#) page, including: "[Learn about the COVID Vaccines](#)," our flyer with at-a-glance information about all three COVID vaccines, [links to communications resources](#) from the Urban Indian Health Institute, and [PSAs for childcare workers about vaccine eligibility](#). Community Navigators deliver the PSAs in Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese. We will soon release versions in Amharic and Somali. Additionally, we delivered presentations and answered questions in several forums hosted by community-based organizations including Senior Virtual Villages, the Equity Education Coalition, Con Confianza y en Comunidad and La Casa. Jeff Duchin alongside youth leader Mehr Grewal gave an interview providing COVID vaccine information tailored for the Indian and Punjabi communities.