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March 19, 2021

Mayor Will Hall

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

17500 Midvale Ave. N.

Shoreline, WA 98133

Dear Mayor Hall,

Thank you for your interest in creating an opportunity for a COVID-19 fixed vaccination site as outlined in your letter dated March 9, 2021. King County's Unified Regional Strategy is to equitably, efficiently and quickly vaccinate a minimum of 70 percent of our population eligible for the vaccine, in order to decrease serious health effects and control the COVID-19 pandemic. Government entities, the health care system, community and faith-based organizations, and the private sector in King County are working together in partnership to achieve this ambitious undertaking.

The majority of vaccine dose allocation is determined by the State Department of Health. Public Health – Seattle & King County makes recommendations to the State based on the criteria listed below. Sometimes these allocation recommendations are accepted by the State; other times they are not. Below is the list of considerations when making plans for a fixed vaccination site:

- Overall vaccine supply to King County
- King County's Principles for Equitable Vaccine Delivery
- COVID-19 disease and mortality prevalence in the proposed geographic region
- Vaccine uptake coverage in the proposed geographic region
- Limited existing community access points for vaccine in the proposed geographic region

The State does not expect to see a sizeable increase in doses through the end of the month. As more doses become available, we feel confident that King County's robust network of high-volume sites, hospitals and clinics, mobile teams, pharmacies and commercial vaccinators are prepared and have the capacity to rapidly deliver over 300,000 doses per week across the entire region. However, we are currently assessing the geographic distribution of enrolled providers and throughput capacity to identify if there are any gaps in vaccine access points.

If Shoreline Fire would like to be considered for a fixed site, we recommend they become an enrolled provider. Information on the program can be found here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/HealthcareProviders/VaccineInformationforHealthcareProviders/FederalProgramEnrollment>. This does not guarantee that doses will come to Shoreline Fire for a fixed site, but does ensure that Shoreline Fire would be eligible to receive doses. Another option is to explore a partnership with pharmacies and community health centers because they are receiving doses directly from the federal government.

We appreciate the partnership of Shoreline and our other North King County partners. We will continue to assess and share information as it becomes available. Thank you for all that you are doing to support our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patty Hayes, RN, MN
Director, Public Health–Seattle & King County

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