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Nooksack Tribe's Data Further Increases County Vaccination Rate

BELLINGHAM, WA -- The Nooksack Tribal Clinic's vaccination data has now been entered into the Washington State Immunization Information System, adding over 1,000 more vaccinated individuals to records for Whatcom County.

About 50.7% of all Whatcom residents are now fully vaccinated, and 67.7% of all residents 16 and older have initiated vaccination. The addition of Nooksack Tribal Clinic's data helps bring the state and Whatcom County that much closer to [the 70% statewide threshold](#) needed to reopen before June 30.

The Nooksack Tribe, like other tribal governments, [has received vaccine shipments directly from the federal government](#), separate from the state's allotment. As a result, some vaccination data from the Nooksack Tribal Clinic wasn't previously included in the Washington State Immunization Information System. This data is now included in [DOH's data dashboard](#).

The Nooksack Tribe and Lummi Nation, who added their vaccination data to WAIS last week, will continue adding new vaccination data to WAIS on an ongoing basis. Since January, when vaccines first began to be distributed in Washington, the Nooksack Tribe and Lummi Nation have been integral to the local vaccination effort, sharing their resources broadly with the community at a time when supplies were scarce.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Tribe," said Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu. "You not only shared your allocation of life-saving vaccines but also dedicated hundreds of hours of staff time to get shots in arms. We will never forget your kindness and generosity."

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