



**CovidWA.com**  
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## **CovidWA.com Delivers Covid-19 Vaccine Appointments to Your Phone**

### **CovidWa.com launches notification system that texts when a nearby Covid-19 vaccine appointment opens**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 2:20 PM - Seattle, WA** - CovidWA.com, the Covid-19 vaccine appointment finder site, has expanded features, data collection, and data availability serving all of Washington State as vaccinations ramp up.

CovidWA.com now texts alerts to users phone when new appointments in their area are available. To use this free service sign up by texting a zip-code to the number listed on the CovidWA web site. George Hu, CovidWA co-founder, shared that “CovidWA website traffic tripled with the expansion of eligibility. We knew those millions of newly eligible people would find it even more challenging to make an appointment. Our new alert system makes it faster and easier to find and schedule vaccine appointments.”

Other features offered by what already is the best vaccine finder site in the country include:

- See new appointment openings live by following @covidwashington on Twitter.
- Checking over 850 clinics every five minutes for up-to-the-minute openings.
- Searching for appointments by zip-code, city, clinic name, county, and/or availability.

CovidWA.com continues to condense vaccine availability information onto one location, providing a link to each clinic’s scheduling site. Since CovidWA.com’s release in early February, the site has served over 700,000 unique users with over 7 million views. In addition, CovidWA.com now provides the Washington State Department of Health with appointment data.

**About CovidWA.com development:** CovidWA.com is the brain child of small team of current and former software developers who started work in early February 2021. The goal of CovidWA.com is to make finding and booking a Covid-19 vaccination in Washington State “easier, less frustrating, and less time consuming” according to team member Kirsten Andrews. Five days from inception CovidWA.com was launched covering clinics in King County. Less than a week later the site covered all of Washington State. CovidWA was developed and continues to be maintained by volunteer working professionals, retirees, community volunteers, and students from within and outside the Pacific NW. Co-founder Dan Morris spoke for the team saying “This initiative provided an opportunity for tech workers to give their skills helping us get through this trying time.”

**Gratitude:** CovidWA.com, including its texting service, is entirely free. Donations have defrayed the costs of the necessary software and other related expenses.

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