



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on teachers and childcare workers becoming eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, an upcoming Bloodworks Northwest Pop-Up Donation event, a recap of the February Pop-Up Donation event, earthwork underway at Lake Tye Park, the Monroe School District's Future Bearcat Information Night, and the latest vaccination distribution data for Snohomish County.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

TEACHERS AND CHILDCARE WORKERS NOW ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VACCINE

On Tuesday, March 2, Governor Jay Inslee announced teachers and licensed childcare workers are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the current 1b1 distribution phase. This addition will further the goal of returning to in-person learning at the earliest, safe opportunity. The [Snohomish Health District](#) reminds all



those eligible to receive the vaccine that Snohomish County mass vaccination sites remain by appointment only; even if you are now eligible, please do not arrive at a vaccination site without an appointment. While vaccine supply is expected to improve, it remains limited currently, and the number and timing of available appointments are based on number of available doses. To determine your eligibility and find available vaccine appointments, visit the online [Phase Finder](#).

BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST HOSTING POP-UP BLOOD DONATION EVENT

[Bloodworks Northwest](#) is hosting a Pop-Up Donation event here in Monroe, March 19 and 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. March is [National Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month](#), during which Bloodworks Northwest is highlighting the importance of blood donation and research, a need which is currently



at a critical level. Due to a recent 12% spike in demand for blood, the Pacific Northwest supply of Type O+ blood has significantly reduced over the last 7 days; this shortage has left our region's Type O+ supply at emergency levels, 800 units below the operational level needed to meet patient needs. There are approximately 20 donations spots still available on Saturday the 20th, so make your [online appointment](#) today.

BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST FEBRUARY POP-UP EVENT A BIG SUCCESS

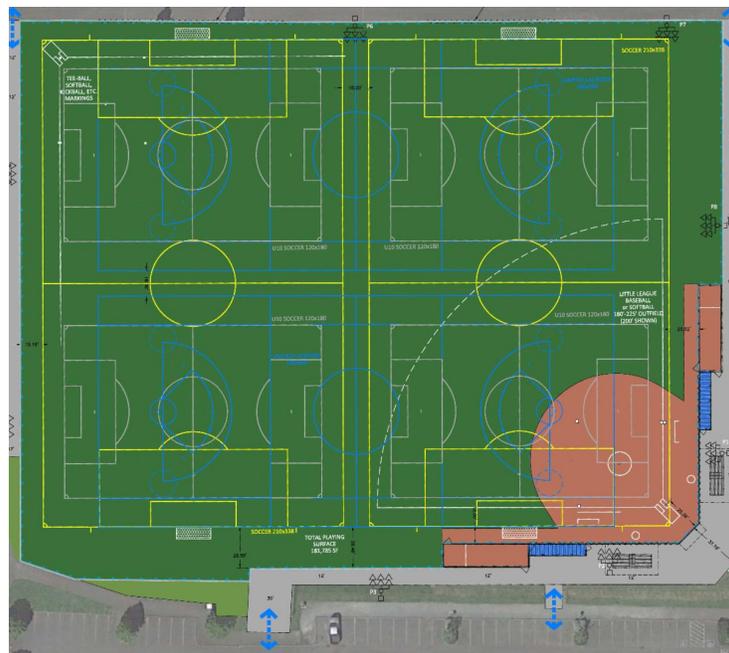
As I shared last month in [Monroe This Week](#), Bloodworks Northwest also hosted a Pop-Up Donation event here in Monroe on February 22 and 23. At that

event, Bloodworks Northwest recorded a total of 103 donors, including 7 first-time donors. From these, 95 units of whole blood was collected. These units will help ensure a stable blood supply for surgeries, medical emergencies, and for supporting patients battling life-threatening illnesses like leukemia and other cancers. Bloodworks Northwest extends their sincere appreciation to all our local donors, and to the volunteers that helped provide space, coordinate logistics, and spread the word to ensure a successful event.



LAKE TYE ALL-WEATHER FIELDS PROJECT UNDERWAY

Earthwork for the [All-Weather Fields Project](#) at Lake Tye park has begun. Contracted firm A-1 Landscaping, Inc. is on site, and we anticipate the project being completed by September of this year. We appreciate your patience while this highly-anticipated construction phase begins. This community high-priority parks capital project will renovate two natural grass, single sport-use, unlighted fields, originally built in 1996, to all-synthetic, LED-lighted multipurpose fields, permitting year-round extended competitive play and practice for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. It will improve the capacity, diversity of use, and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park.



MONROE HIGH SCHOOL HOSTING FUTURE BEARCAT INFORMATION NIGHT

The [Monroe School District](#) is inviting all current eighth grade students and their families to Monroe High School's Future Bearcat Webinar on Thursday, March 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This informational webinar is intended for all students who will be new to Monroe High School in the 2021-22 school



year to learn all about the transition to high school, how to get involved, and what the course registration process will look like this year. Attendance is highly encouraged as 8th grade students will begin registering for their high school courses the following week (week of March 15). A recording of the webinar will be available afterward for those unable to attend the live event. An agenda and link for the webinar can be found on the High School's [webpage](#).

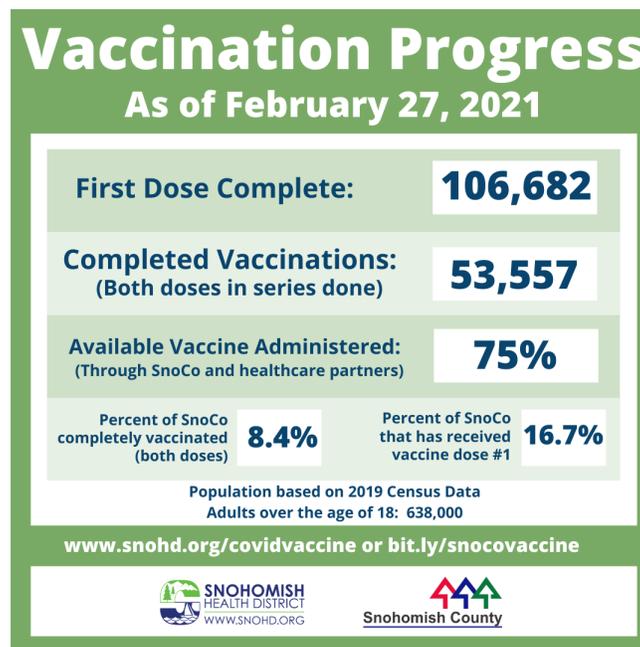
COVID-19 VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

As of February 27, 2021, nearly 107,000 Snohomish County residents have received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, and over 53,500 have received the second dose.



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As reported by the Snohomish Health District, 75% of available doses have been administered. Visit the Health District's [COVID Vaccine Info webpage](#) for more data and to determine your eligibility phase for the vaccine.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the March 9 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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