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## BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT OFFERS CURBSIDE SHINGLES VACCINE

*No out-of-pocket cost to those 50 and over*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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KENNEWICK — Benton-Franklin Health District will be offering curbside shingles vaccinations beginning next week in Kennewick at the Health District office at 7102 W. Okanogan Pl. Shingrix shots will be available to community members age 50 and older on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 509-460-4200.

Adults being vaccinated will remain in their vehicles and must wear face coverings. The vaccine cannot be given within 14 days of the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone who has received their COVID-19 vaccine in the last two weeks or plans to get one in the next two weeks should wait before receiving the shingles vaccine.

Insurance information will be collected at the time the appointment is made. However, anyone who doesn't have insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover the cost of the vaccine will not be charged.

"Routine immunizations and preventive care are still important during this pandemic," said Dr. Amy Person, health officer for Benton and Franklin counties. "Shingles vaccine is the only way to protect against shingles and its complications."

Shingles is a painful skin rash caused by the varicella zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. After a person recovers from chickenpox, the virus stays dormant (inactive) in the body. The virus can reactivate many years later and cause shingles. A shingles rash often includes blisters that usually develop on one side of the face or body and lasts from two to four weeks. Very rarely, a shingles infection can lead to pneumonia, hearing problems, blindness, swelling of the brain (encephalitis), or death. As people get older, the chance of getting shingles goes up.

The Shingrix vaccine is a two-dose series, with the second dose given two to six months after the first dose.

Additional information is available from the Washington State Department of Health at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Shingles>.

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