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The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor of the State of Washington  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

We are writing to express our deep frustration with the COVID-19 vaccine allocations to our community and to request a meeting at the earliest opportunity with you or your staff responsible for directing state vaccination allocations to discuss.

As background, Island Hospital is a publicly-owned hospital in Anacortes, serving the communities of Skagit County and San Juan County. Island Hospital is the only Medicare Dependent Hospital in Washington State due to our high percentage of older patients. This patient population is also the target population group for COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 1B Tier 1.

Per direction from the state and to meet our community's needs, Island Hospital has established a vaccination clinic with the capacity to administer over 800 weekly doses. We have staffed this clinic and made the investments in the state-required technology, equipment and services.

As of today, Island Hospital has received a total of 650 vaccine doses from regional county public health departments and 1,000 vaccines doses from the WA Department of Health per the chart below. We have an eligible community population of over 7,000 people. In multiple weeks during this crisis, our vaccination clinic has received a state allocation of zero doses.

Date	Dose 1 Quantity	Source
12/21/20	-	
12/29/20	150	Skagit County Public Health + Skagit Peds
12/31/20	500	Island County Public Health
1/4/21	400	DOH
1/11/21	-	
1/19/21	400	DOH
1/25/21	100	DOH
2/1/21	100	DOH
2/8/21	-	
2/15/21	-	
TOTAL	1,650	All 1 <sup>st</sup> doses given. None on hand.

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We always place your emotional and medical needs first and foremost.'*

The state's rapidly changing vaccination strategy has resulted in harmful outcomes in our community. First, we cannot meet community vaccination demand. Second, we cannot make plans for community vaccination appointments when we do not have any guidance as to expected allocations. Third, due to the state's rapidly changing vaccination strategy, we are not able to provide reliable information to our community.

To that end, we have 800 appointments scheduled for next week for patients to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. As of today, we do not have any guidance as to what allocation supply to expect.

This is simply unacceptable and creates a burden on our staff and for our patients that needs to be resolved. Also, we see vast disparities between counties and mass vaccination sites that have plentiful vaccination supply and our community with an extraordinarily high percentage of eligible Phase 1B Tier 1 people.

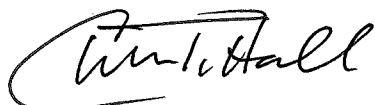
Island Hospital requests the following from the State's COVID-19 Vaccination response:

1. Clear guidance for our community on how and when to expect vaccinations.
2. A predictable supply of vaccines so that we may schedule appropriately. We understand that overall supply remains a primary concern. But not having any allocation information when expectations are being created for our community is unacceptable and unworkable.

Island Hospital has completed 100% of the required directives needed to vaccinate our community that are within our control. We are the front-line communicators to the thousands of people who rely on us to provide to their healthcare needs. The changing allocation strategy and the lack of available supply to our community is unacceptable and our community demands and deserves better.

I would appreciate a meeting with you or your staff responsible for directing state vaccination allocations at your earliest opportunity to discuss further.

Thank you,



Charles T. Hall  
Superintendent & CEO

cc: U.S. Senator Patty Murray  
U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell  
U.S. Representative Rick Larsen  
Washington State Senator Liz Lovelett  
Washington State Representative Debra Lekanoff  
Washington State Representative Alex Ramel