



# AVIVA HEALTH

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Aviva Health to Hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek**

*People 18-plus eligible for vaccination*

**ROSEBURG, Ore.** – Aviva Health is holding vaccination events in Sutherlin and Myrtle Creek next week, continuing its efforts to administer the vaccination to residents 18 and older in outlying areas of Douglas County.

On Tuesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 8, Aviva Health is administering COVID-19 vaccinations in Sutherlin at the Sutherlin Community Center, 150 S. Willamette Street. On both days the clinics will operate from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 7, Aviva Health will offer COVID-19 vaccinations to Myrtle Creek residents at the Elks Lodge, 106 S. Main Street, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment at one of the events, people must call (541) 672-9596. Individuals do not have to be an Aviva Health patient to schedule a vaccination.

Earlier this week Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) like Aviva Health can vaccinate anyone, including people not currently eligible according to state guidelines.

“Gov. Brown understands the important role FQHCs like Aviva Health play in providing equitable access to health care to Oregonians living in rural, underserved communities,” says KC Bolton, CEO of Aviva Health. “At this point we want to open vaccinations up to anyone who wants one – regardless of someone’s age, one more vaccination in an arm brings us that much closer to ending this pandemic.”

Yesterday Aviva Health for the first time ventured outside of the Roseburg area, taking its COVID-19 vaccination team to North County to administer shots to people living in and around Elkton, Yoncalla and Drain. Aviva Health officials say 147 vaccinations were administered.

The event in North County was also the debut of “Mobile 1,” one of two mobile medical units Douglas County Commissioners gave to Aviva Health to bring important health resources to underserved areas of the county.



*“Mobile 1,” one of two mobile medical units given to Aviva Health by Douglas County Commissioners, made its debut at the North County Vaccination Clinic.*

“The mobile medical units are a game changer for the community,” says Bolton. “It gives us tremendous flexibility to provide care where and when it’s needed.”

In the near term, the mobile medical units will be used for COVID-19-related outreach. In the future, Aviva Health intends to use the vehicles to take primary care services on the road to underserved areas across Douglas County.

“The Douglas County Commissioners are pleased to see Aviva utilizing the extra capacity of the new MMUs for COVID vaccinations in Douglas County. The team at Aviva Health continues to be dedicated in their mission to get the vaccine out to as many of our residents as possible. Now, with their increased mobility for vaccine clinics, they have the ability to offer the vaccines to more residents of our county, without the barriers of location or accessibility. The Commissioners appreciate the great partnership with Aviva and are thankful for all the great work that they are doing. We wanted to also extend special thanks to the community of Drain for stepping up to help with the vaccine efforts,” commented Commissioner Tim Freeman.

### **ABOUT AVIVA HEALTH**

Founded in 1991, Aviva Health is an independent, board-governed, not-for-profit organization that cares for the people of Douglas County by providing high-quality, patient-centered, accessible and affordable medical, dental and behavioral healthcare, regardless of their ability to pay. Aviva Health offers integrated services from eight clinic sites in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Glide and North Douglas County (Drain), including a Teen Health Center located on the campus of Roseburg High School.