

Community Collaborative Meeting

September 11, 2024

Next meeting:

In-person gathering on October 9th at WSPHA 10:30 am
Room B - Yakima Center 10 N 8th St [Add to calendar](#).

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Agenda

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| 3:30 – 3:40 | Welcome, Land Acknowledgement |
| 3:41 – 4:15 | Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants |
| 4:15 – 4:24 | Other updates |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overdose prevention grants• Nutrition Program |
| 4:24-4:45 | Update on fall vaccination campaign |
| 4:45 – 5:00 | Community Events and Closing |

Meeting Recap

Opening

Collaborative members were welcomed into the space by Todd Holloway, Thought Partner and Senior Independent Living Advocate for the Center for Independence. As part of the welcome and introduction, participants were asked to add their name and what the temperature was on the hottest day for them this summer to the chat.

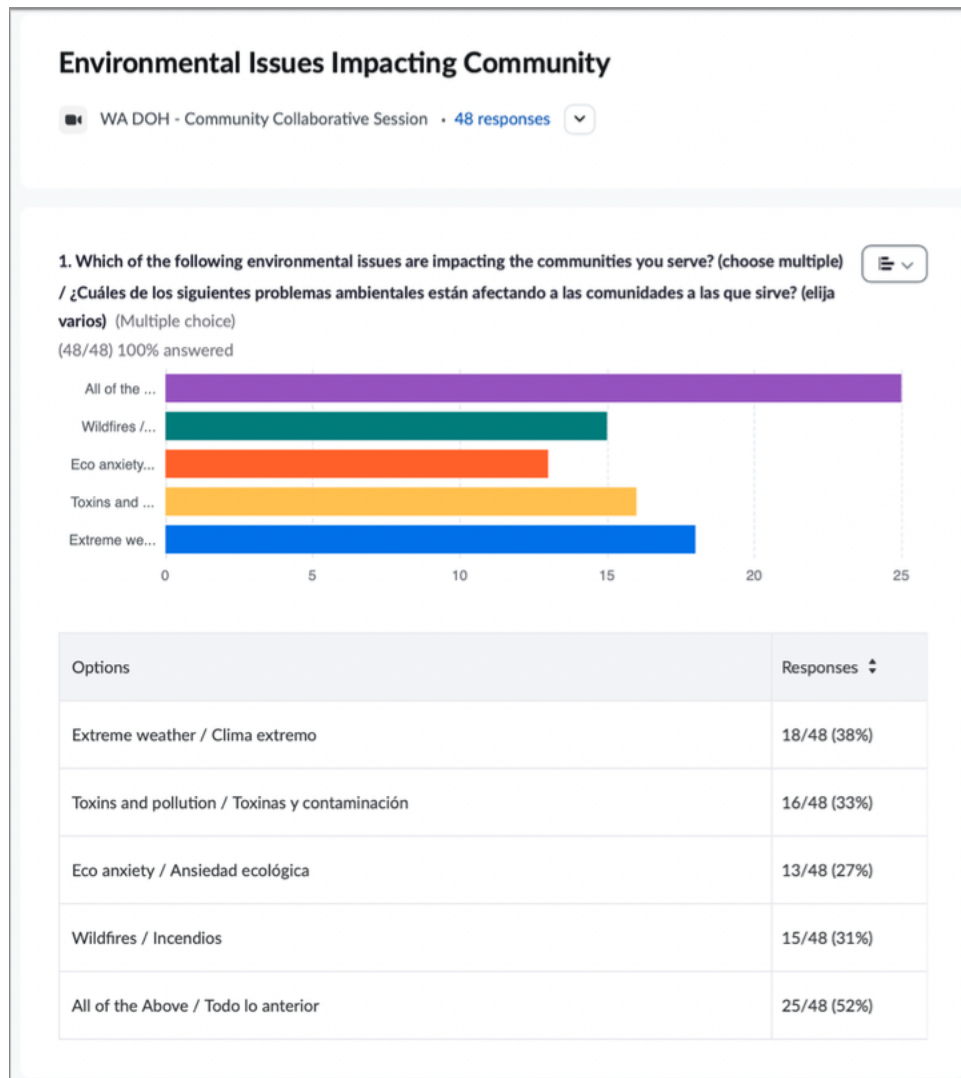


Environmental and Climate Justice Grants

Rowena Pineda, Environmental Justice and Interagency Workgroup Section Manager, with the Environmental Justice Council provided an overview of the Council and its work focusing in on Environmental Justice grants.. She highlighted three specific grant opportunities:

- [HEAL Capacity grants](#)--\$26 Million
 - Application for tribes is open until October 31st
 - Applications for community-based organizations are closed, but five of the grantees will be providing pass-through funding.
- Workplace Safety and Climate Change Grants--\$10 Million/year, ongoing
 - Applications are now open for Tribal Workplace Safety grants
- Community Informed Budgeting--\$36 Million

To explore further use this link: <https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/health-equity/environmental-justice/grants>. As part of this presentation, participants took a short quiz on climate-related issues and responded to the following poll:





Kayla Jackson, the HEAL Act Community Engagement Manager at DOH, reminded participants about openings on the Environmental Justice Working Group that were closing on the evening of 9/11. She also mentioned that the HEAL Act requires agencies to conduct [environmental justice assessments](#) when considering significant agency actions.

She encouraged participants to [subscribe to HEAL Act email updates](#) to learn more about upcoming assessments or the results of ones that have been completed.

Overdose Prevention Grants

Melissa West, Manager of the Community Collaborative at DOH, highlighted new Overdose Prevention Grants open for applications between now and October 15th. Highlights include:

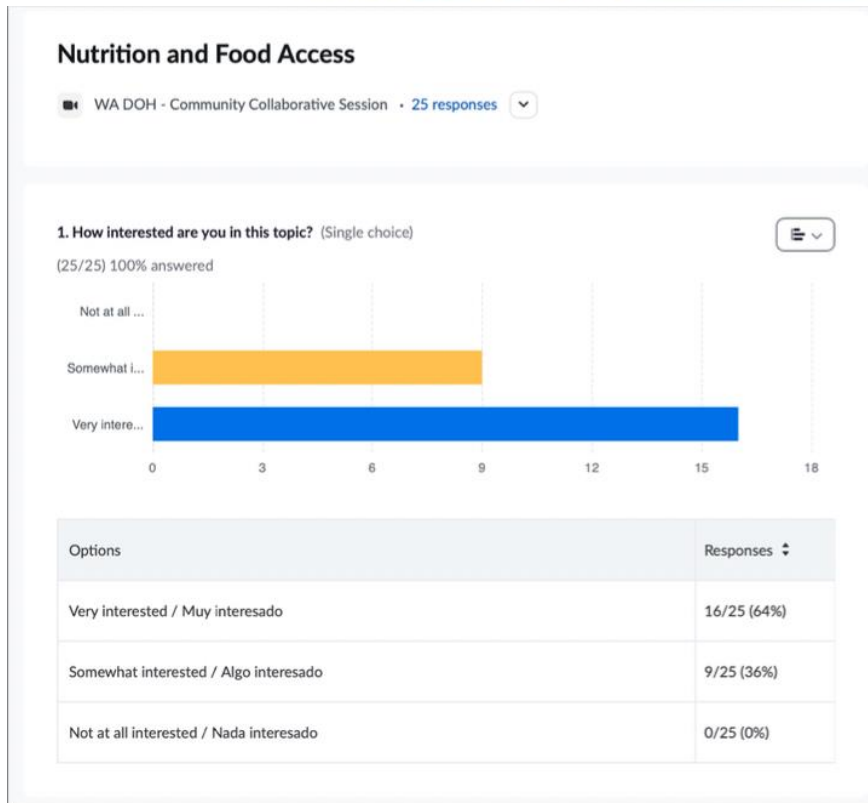
- 5-7 awards will be made to NGOs
- Award size will be \$64,943-\$90,920 in Years 1 & 2, and \$45,895-\$64,253 in Years 3 & 4
- Successful applications must:
 - Show that at least 60% of proposed activities are for direct client services
 - Be located in areas of the state with minimal overdose prevention resources and services currently available
 - Demonstrate a history of existing relationships with the populations of focus.

Nutrition

Participants were asked to respond to two nutrition-related poll questions. When asked about their interest in having future conversations about nutrition, all respondents responded positively. When asked which specific areas they would like to see covered, respondents shared the following:

- Food labels and nutrition facts
- School nutrition
- Youth access to healthy foods
- Diet
- Vitamin D/Iron Deficiency
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Food access for displaced communities and those falling on hard times
- Food insecurity
- Food sovereignty
- Culturally relevant food to encourage food uptake
- Any funding opportunities or campaign efforts in this space
- Water contamination

Melissa closed the nutrition discussion with an invitation to attend the September 13th WIC 50th anniversary event.



Fall Immunization Update

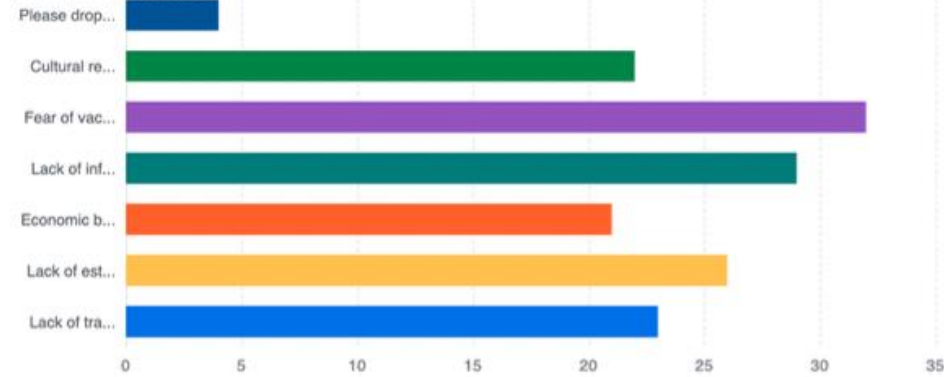
Cheryl Ann Barnes from DOH's immunization team provided an update on the focus of the fall immunization campaign. The conversation highlighted three vaccines that are the focus of the campaign:

- Flu/Influenza Vaccine
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- RSV Immunization

The conversation started with a quick poll asking participants about barriers to accessing vaccines. Fear of vaccines and lack of information were flagged as the biggest barriers.

1. For the communities you serve or represent, what do you think are the biggest barriers to Immunization access? / Para las comunidades que usted asiste o representa, ¿cuáles cree que son los mayores obstáculos para el acceso a la inmunización? (Multiple choice)

(39/39) 100% answered



Options	Responses
Lack of transportation / Falta de transporte	23/39 (59%)
Lack of established health care provider/insurance / Falta de un proveedor de atención médica	26/39 (67%)
Economic barriers / Barreras económicas	21/39 (54%)
Lack of information, or culturally and linguistically appropriate information / Falta de información, o información culturalmente y lingüísticamente apropiada	29/39 (74%)
Fear of vaccines / myths / Miedo a las vacunas/mitos	32/39 (82%)
Cultural reasons for not vaccinating / Razones culturales para no vacunarse	22/39 (56%)
Please drop additional reasons in the chat / Por favor, incluya razones adicionales en el chat.	4/39 (10%)

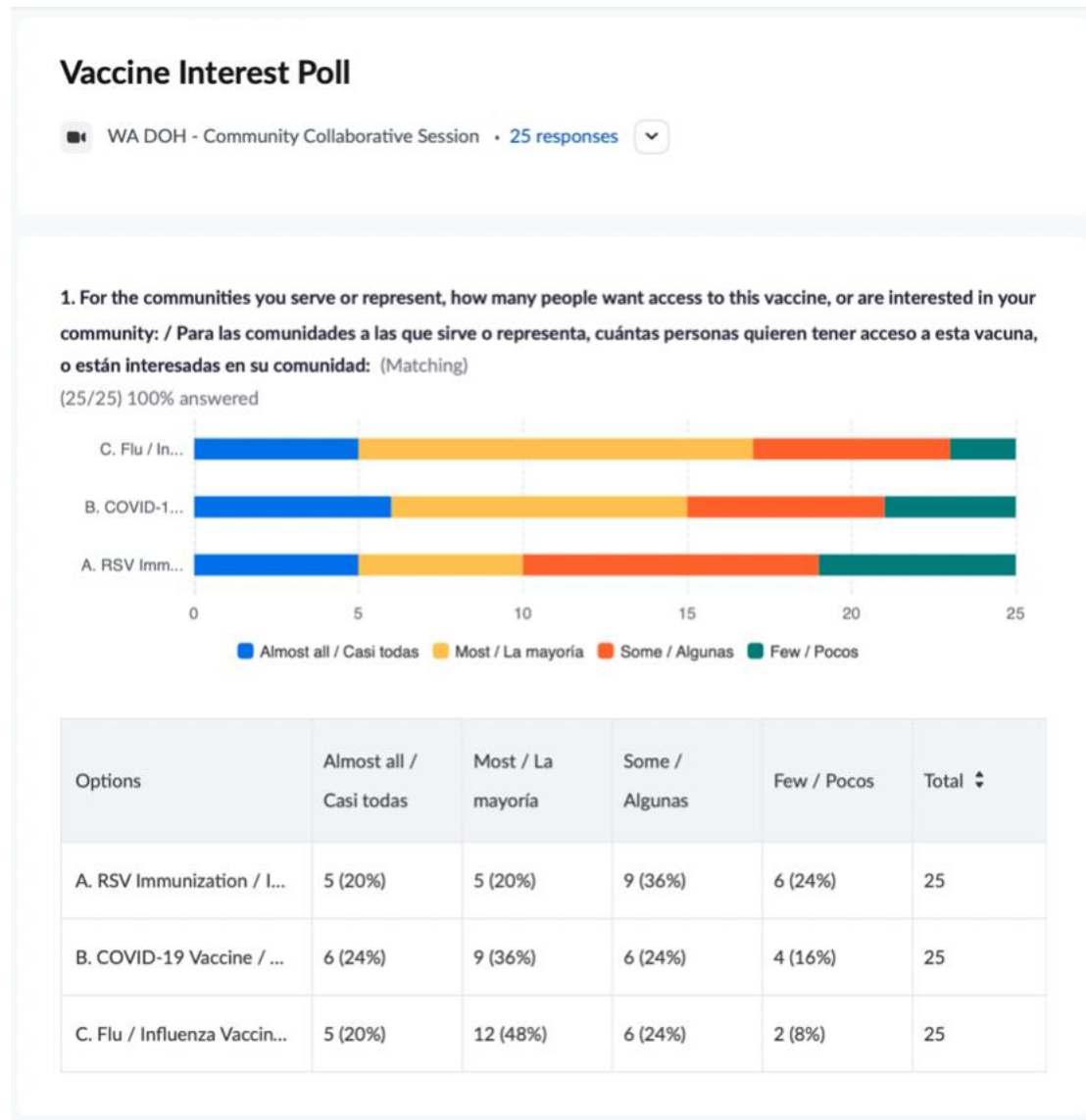
Cheryl Ann highlighted the recommendations for each of the focus vaccines:

- It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older receive a single 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine dose.
- The CDC is supporting the purchase of COVID-19 vaccine for **un- and under-insured** adults.
- Everyone 6 months and older in the United States, with rare exception, should get an influenza (flu) vaccine every season.
- A **single life time dose** of any RSV vaccine (Abrysvo, Arexvy, or mResvia) is recommended for:
 - Adults aged 75 years and older
 - Adults aged 60-74 years who are at increased risk of severe disease



- Pregnant people at 32-36 weeks are recommended to receive a dose of Pfizer RSV Vaccine // Abrysvo during the seasonal administration period (September to January in most of the US)
- A single dose of Nirsevimab vaccine for RSV is recommended for:
 - Infants and children under 8 months of age before October
 - Infants born between October and March—vaccinate within one week of birth

Participants were asked about their perceptions of their community’s interest in receiving these vaccines. The results indicate that there is still work to do to engage communities, especially around the RSV and updated COVID-19 vaccine.



The information gathered will help inform the immunization team as they plan outreach for the fall campaign.



Questions from the audience:

- The audience asked questions about vaccines for immunocompromised individuals and were referred to [a CDC resource](#) and told they could follow up with Lisa Balleaux, Lisa.Balleaux@doh.wa.gov, with additional questions about this issue.
- Finally, participants asked about grants to community organizations to support the vaccine outreach process. Lisa stated that their department did not have access to this type of funding, but she would share with the workgroup a list of grants available. This resource will be added to the resources list for the meeting once it is available.

Highlighted Resources

- U.S. households can order four (4) free COVID-19 tests (starting end of September) at <http://www.COVIDtests.gov>
- The federal ICATT program will continue to provide no-cost COVID-19 testing for uninsured people that are [symptomatic](#) or [exposed](#): [No-Cost COVID-19 Testing \(cdc.gov\)](#).
- DOH COVID-19 testing kiosks: <https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/testing-covid-19/testing-kiosks>
- [Care-A-Van](#)
- [Promotoras: \(Community Health Workers\)](#)
- Flu/Influenza Resources:
 - [Flu Vaccine – Immunize.Org](#) – Spanish Translation
 - [Flu Free WA partner toolkit](#)
 - [“Flu Free at Work” toolkit for employers](#)
 - [Respiratory Illness Prevention co-brandable toolkit](#)

Closing

Melissa West closed the meeting with invitations to the community to share upcoming community events which will be featured in the newsletter. She also reminded the audience that Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is partnering with the Seattle Storm to offer Community Collaborative members [two \(2\) complimentary tickets to a Storm game](#).