



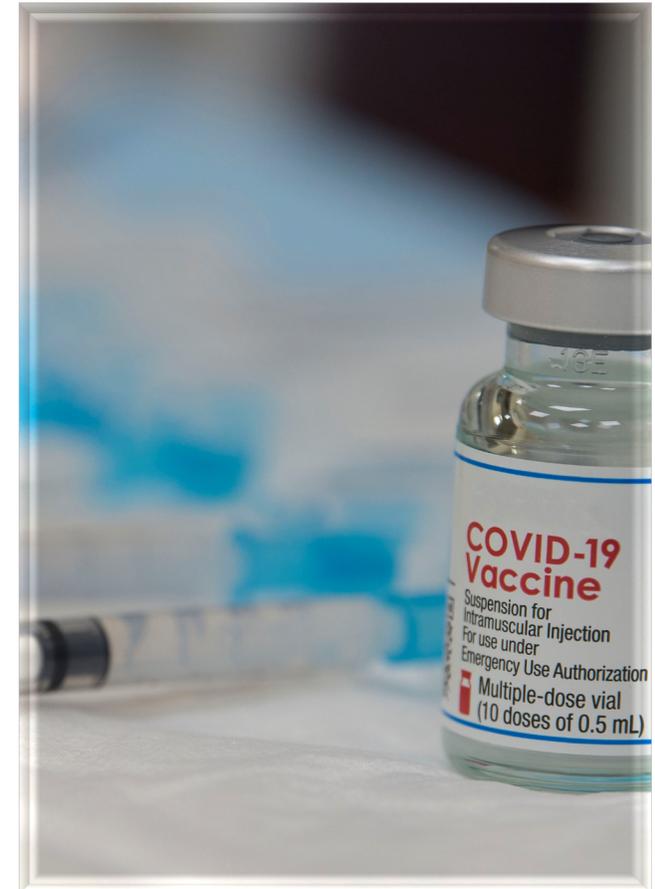
Team COVIDWA.COM

Project Visions, Goals and Team

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Intro

- We are a team of volunteers that started at the beginning of February 2021 to help create a centralized web tool for Washington State residents find and book Covid-19 vaccination appointments, first for King County, then expanding to other counties in Washington State.



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Vision Statement

- Make finding and booking a Covid -19 vaccination in Washington State for each phase easier, less frustrating and less time-consuming.
- Condense first the King County Covid-19 vaccination appointments into one central web page for ease of use and efficiency, to search and in real-time, find open vaccination appointments.
- Add all additional counties in Washington State to search for open/available appointments.



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Goals

1. Produce a website that consolidates and updates available appointments on a real-time basis via the web for booking Covid-19 vaccination appointments for King County first, then all of Washington State.
2. Expand the web site to include all counties in Washington State.
3. To coordinate with other volunteer efforts, King County Public Health, DOH, Microsoft, any other organizations.
4. Help the WA DOH ramp up on scheduling and eventually put ourselves out of business.
5. Possibly combine efforts with other entities and/or states working for the same goal, bandwidth-permitting.



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Who Are We? Co-Fouders

We are a team of volunteers gathered together by George Hu, a technical evangelist, who saw the necessity of creating a centralized website for booking Covid-19 vaccinations in Washington State.

- George Hu was working to try to find an appointment for 80+ year old in-laws and found it extremely difficult. He decided to contact Darren Lim, a student, who jumped on board to volunteer. He also emailed other contacts in the tech industry and posted on Facebook, asking if the community would benefit from a centralized vaccination booking site... needless to say, the response was enthusiastic.
- Dmitry Grigorenko and Olga Illarionova are a couple of software engineers. As the first generation immigrants they did not have any relatives to search appointments for. Once they heard how people are struggling, they knew there must be a better way. Dmitry completed a similar project in the past, so it took them a day to prototype what later became covidwa.com
- Dan Morris is a software engineer with a passion for learning and innovation. Beyond his day job at Microsoft he endeavors to take his technology skills and apply them into social and humanitarian efforts. He works in the space between research and engineering and finds himself at home working with a motivated and driven group of people. He was once told to focus not on solving the most complex problem he could, but on the simplest problem that affects the most people. He tries and lives by these words as much as he can.



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- Darren Lim is motivated to simplify problems for the community. When George contacted him about Washington's appointment scheduling fragmentation-that individuals would have to constantly refresh dozens, if not in the order of hundreds of websites for hours in hopes of obtaining one elusive vaccine appointment, he knew he wanted to help out on the efforts as much as possible to create one centralized booking site.
- Mike Afanasev is a software engineer at Microsoft who is willing and enjoys putting in effort and free time into meaningful things. He is currently living in Norway but works remotely with the Redmond team and he discovered this initiative from Dan. During the last year he was paying close attention to how different countries were handling this pandemic, but didn't get a chance to help the world the way he wanted to, so this is his attempt to help.
- Maureen O'Hara is driven to solve problems – she is highly motivated to bring this effort to fruition having gone through the gauntlet of having to find Covid vaccines for herself and her husband. When she saw the call from George Hu for volunteers, she didn't know how she could help but put her hand up. She hopes to put to use the years of her software project management and the connections she has made through years of community volunteer work.



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- Kirsten Andrews also experienced a challenge booking an appointment for a phase 1b relative. As a reaction to the difficulty, she wrote a letter to the state asking if a centralized booking website was in production and how she could we help. Directly after this, she saw a post from George on the web about his desire to create a centralized booking site. She contacted George and offered to help. Also ex-Microsoft, she loves to utilize her project and event manager skills, contacts and volunteer experience to help the community.
- Konstantin Likhter is a software engineer @ Box who likes to occasionally work on non-profit projects. In the middle of COVID pandemic that would be irrational to not donate your personal skills and time towards fighting the biggest problem in the world, so he decided to join the project.
- Alexander Fenster - I'm a software engineer living in California. Before moving to CA, I worked for Microsoft in Bellevue, WA, and I still have a lot of friends in Washington. Dmitry is one of them, and he invited me to join the project. I'm really excited to be able to help people of Washington with getting their COVID vaccines.



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