

### **Ordering Dry Ice for COVID-19 Vaccine**

Washington Department of Health has a contract with Airgas to provide dry ice for approved COVID-19 Vaccine Providers receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and utilizing the thermal shipping container for vaccine storage.

- Providers will order dry ice recharges <u>directly</u> from Airgas
  - Orders must be placed 48-hours prior to delivery date needed
- Call Airgas at 253-854-6666 OR email <a href="mailto:seattle.dry.ice@airgas.com">seattle.dry.ice@airgas.com</a>
- Provide the following information to Airgas at time of ordering (if there is no answer, leave a
  message, they will return your call):
  - o Contact phone and email address
  - Quantity of dry ice needed (min 1 unit of 50 lbs)
    - One dry ice recharge requires 50 lbs per thermal shipper
  - o Identify DOH Purchase Order #T149035 for payment
    - Airgas has a list of approved providers and will verify your facility
  - o Desired delivery date and receiving hours
  - o Delivery location/contact information

#### After Receiving Shipment

Save your shipping confirmation/receipt

#### • Plan ahead

- o Carefully monitor dry ice evaporation in the Pfizer container and order sooner rather than
- o Ensure that dry ice is stored in a well-ventilated area
- Allow 48 hours for your delivery to arrive
- Some dry ice will evaporate in transit. The amount varies based on shipping method. Work with the Airgas representative when ordering to be sure you will receive the needed amount of product
- Ensure that your staff has been trained to handle dry ice safely

#### Timeline

- o Dry ice should be refreshed within 24-hours of receiving vaccine shipment
- Additional refreshing of dry ice is anticipated to be needed every 5 days with a maximum of
   3 dry ice recharges per thermal shipper
- o Conditions and needs for your facility may vary

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### Store and Handle Safely!

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