



# NORTHWEST ASTHMA & ALLERGY CENTER

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Dear Patients and Families:

With sincere regret, we announce the closure of our Yakima office starting April 1, 2023. We have been part of the Yakima community for almost 30 years and have had the great privilege of being part of your lives and entrusted for your care. The past few years have been a struggle for many people. External pressures and logistics have made the practice of medicine increasingly difficult. We have tried to secure the Yakima office for the future. However, recruitment difficulties and pending physician retirements have forced us to make this tough decision.

While challenging, we hope that this decision secures our other offices and practice so we can continue to provide care to all our patients. We will still be able to provide and coordinate care for our Central Washington patients. We have offices in Richland and Issaquah, which can provide in-person care. We will also continue to provide remote telemedicine visits with any of our providers, hopefully accommodating immediate care needs.

Regarding allergy shots, we have always had a portion of our patients choose to receive their injections outside our clinics. This occurs for all our practices in Washington, and we will continue to help coordinate allergy therapy with your local providers ensuring no disruption in care. Unfortunately, we cannot offer home allergy shot injections for safety concerns and is not the recommended standard of care.

Continuing biologic injections (Xolair, Nucala, Fasentra, Dupixent, Tezspire, etc.) can be coordinated with local facilities. Many of our patients have received injections at the local hospitals, and we can help with this transition. Different from allergy shots, some biologic injections are available for self-administration. We can discuss and review options and make the best choice for you as we continue to ensure access to these critical medications.

We want all of you to know how difficult this decision has been. Our providers value and appreciate your steadfast support and trust. We hope to return to the community stronger and better able to provide ongoing care for our patients in the future.

Sincerely,

The Physicians of Northwest Asthma and Allergy