Join us tonight for our Lunar New Year celebration

Happy Lunar New Year! We hope you, your family, and friends will join us this evening at 7pm to celebrate the Year of the Ox.

Our program will feature a lion dance, drum show, music, cultural dances, and Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean Lunar New Year traditions.

Visit [www.cisc-seattle.org/lunarnewyear](http://www.cisc-seattle.org/lunarnewyear) to watch the program starting at 7pm this evening, February 18 via YouTube.

We appreciate the following sponsors who are supporting our mission and this event:
- Presenting Sponsor: Tai Foong USA
- Supporting Sponsors: Uwajimaya, East West Bank, DoorDash, and Hsiao-Lin & Lo-Yu Sun
- Community Sponsor: Viet-Wah Group

Vaccine access for older adults

CISC has formed a Vaccination Task Force that includes bilingual staff who speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish. Since late January, we have provided assistance in nine buildings in the Chinatown International District and Seattle and in East King County that house low-income and/or disabled seniors. Starting next week, we will revisit these sites to help with the second dose.

We are coordinating with Seattle Fire Department, Seattle Housing Authority, King County Housing Authority, and local government officials. Our team calls seniors in advance to provide information so they can make an informed decision. On the day of the event, we are onsite to facilitate vaccination efforts by providing interpretation and logistical support.

Together, we are working to improve equitable access to vaccines by bridging unique language and cultural needs and the digital divide. To ensure our most vulnerable neighbors are protected, we urge
continued efforts to address disparities in vaccination rates especially among Latino, Black, and Pacific Islander communities.

Photo caption: CISC staff provided logistical and interpretation support to help more than 70 seniors get vaccinated by the Seattle Fire Department at International House in January.

Sharing Lunar New Year Traditions

CISC is proud to provide Kaleidoscope Play and Learn, which helps families prepare their young children for success in school and life. Currently this program reaches families virtually, but is normally available at libraries and other community spaces in neighborhoods across King County.

Kids, family members, and caregivers take part in play activities that include stories, music, games or crafts to support children’s early learning. We operate this multilingual program in partnership and/or with funding from Best Starts for Kids, Child Care Resources, King County Library System, Seattle Public Library, and Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation.

To celebrate the Year of the Ox, our team created videos that highlight their creativity, enthusiasm, and passion to share the stories, traditions, customs, and food of the Lunar New Year. We hope you enjoy the videos with your family.

Lunar New Year Traditions
Mandarin video
Cantonese video
Arts & crafts
Cantonese video
Vietnamese video

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