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Washburn County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Moving Forward

The Washburn County Health Department plans to request vaccine to hold COVID-19 vaccination clinics each week for eligible groups. If we do not receive our requested vaccine and are unable to hold a clinic for a week, we will notify the public.

Groups currently eligible for vaccination include:

- 1A – frontline health care workers
- 1A – long-term care residents
- 1B – police and fire personnel
- 1B – adults 65 years and older

More information on current and future eligibility groups can be found on the DHS website at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>.

Appointments will be required for vaccination. Online registration is **strongly** encouraged. Registration will open at **8:30 AM on the Monday** for the week of the clinic at <https://www.washburncodisaster.org/>. Individuals unable to register online can call the Washburn County Health Department at 715-635-4402 for help scheduling an appointment. We will not take appointments before 8:30 AM – this is a change from previous weeks' registration opening at 8:00 AM. There is no wait list available.

On weeks where the Monday is a County holiday, registration will open on the **Tuesday** of that week at 8:30 AM. Our office will be closed and you will not be able to schedule an appointment. The next County holiday is Presidents' Day on Monday, February 15, 2021. Registration for that week will open on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 AM.**

Face masks will be required at all Washburn County Health Department (WCHD) vaccine clinics. Do not attend if you are having symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days. If you have a history of serious allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the tongue and lips, difficulty breathing) or have ever had an allergic reaction to polysorbate or polyethylene glycol, please contact your primary care provider about vaccination – you may **not** receive the vaccine at WCHD clinics. You cannot receive the vaccine if you have received another vaccine in the 14 days prior. If you are immunocompromised or on immunosuppressants, talk to your doctor about vaccination prior to scheduling an appointment at our clinic.

Vaccination will take time. Washburn County businesses and residents should continue to social distance, wear masks, avoid gatherings, practice good hand hygiene, and stay home/get tested if ill. We are working hard to get as many Washburn County residents vaccinated as quickly as possible, but precautions must be continued to keep our community safe and healthy.

Visit <https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/public-health/Coronavirus-Outbreak> for general COVID-19 information. Visit <https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/public-health/COVID-19-Vaccine> for more information about COVID-19 Vaccine.