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COVID-19 Vaccination for Adults 65 and Older

Today, January 19, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced that adults 65 and older will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning next Monday, January 25, 2021. The Washburn County Health Department is ordering vaccine in response to this announcement.

Wisconsin receives around 70,000 first-dose vaccines per week from the federal government to be distributed to vaccinators throughout the state. We are not guaranteed the number of doses we request from the State and we will not know how much of the requested amount of vaccine we will receive until Monday.

We will release information on when and where vaccine clinics for adults 65 and older would take place as well as information on scheduling vaccination starting on **Monday, January 25** based on the amount of vaccine we are allotted.

Groups eligible for vaccination as of Monday, January 25 include:

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

Additional 1B eligibility groups will be voted on by the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) later this week.

Vaccination will take time. Washburn County businesses and residents should continue taking the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Avoid social gatherings with anyone other than people who live in your home, as much as possible.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet from people who do not live together.
- Use of face masks or coverings when in public places.
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water, or sanitize with hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- If experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/symptoms.htm>), isolate yourself as much as possible and get tested. Call your hospital/medical provider before visiting in-person.
- Businesses should follow the WEDC's guidelines for reopening (<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>)

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