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COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Vilas County

We would like to take this opportunity to address the concerns that we know you have regarding distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. We want you to understand the process we follow to obtain and distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to the Vilas County population. As you are most likely aware, there is tremendous demand for the vaccine on a national, state and county level, and not nearly enough supply.

How many Wisconsin residents are eligible to be vaccinated?

There are over 700,000 Wisconsin residents aged 65 and older, which means we need 1,400,000 vaccines for this group. This does not include all of our health care workers and essential workers who are also eligible for the vaccine at this time. Generally speaking, the state-wide weekly request for vaccine is 4x the amount that the State is able to provide. Currently the State of Wisconsin receives between 70,000 and 90,000 doses per week from the Federal Government.

How does Vilas County Public Health order COVID-19 vaccines?

We along with every other vaccination site in Wisconsin, follow the same process to request either Moderna or Pfizer vaccines from the State. On Monday, we submit our order for vaccine for the following week. We get notified of how much vaccine we will be receiving anytime between Friday and Sunday and then our vaccine allotment is delivered to us on Tuesday. We then vaccinate the maximum number of individuals possible on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We do not have control over how much vaccine we receive. The State determines the allocation of vaccines per county based on population, and the amount we receive may be a fraction of the amount we request.

How many vaccinations has the Vilas County Public Health Department administered?

To date, the Vilas County Public Health Department has received and administered 262 COVID-19 vaccinations. The first group to be vaccinated were the 1A Unaffiliated Health Care Providers and First Responders. Area medical systems such as Marshfield Clinic, Aspirus, Ascension, and Lac Vieux Desert Clinic, and pharmacies such as Walgreens, Trigs, and Hometown Pharmacies have also enrolled to be vaccinators for the County. It will take a coordinated effort between all county vaccinators to vaccinate all of the

residents of Vilas County See below for the full list of vaccinators who are enrolled in the State Vaccination program. Not all vaccinators have received vaccine at this time, but they will in the coming weeks.

How can I get on the Vilas County Public Health vaccination list?

Please call our main line, 715-479-3656, and leave your name, phone number, and birthdate to be placed on our waiting list. Please be aware that our list is already very lengthy and it will take many weeks to reach everyone on the list.

When and how will access to vaccinations improve?

For those of us who work in Public Health, the pandemic has been a daunting battle for the past eleven months. We chose to work in this field because of our genuine desire to look after the health and well-being of our community. It is extremely frustrating that we are not able to supply and vaccinate each and every one of you on a timely basis. Fortunately, we know that as the supply of vaccine increases, either through the addition of new vaccines like Johnson & Johnson, or through increased production from Moderna and Pfizer, that we, along with our other area vaccinators, have the infrastructure in place to perform vaccinations on a rapid and efficient basis. Until that time, we hope that you will remain patient and continue to practice health measures that minimize the transmission of the virus.

Where will I be able to get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

If you qualify* for the COVID-19 Vaccine (i.e. Phase 1a: first responders, nonaffiliated health care workers, 65 and older adults, etc.), please see information below. Please be patient with our healthcare systems as we all work on vaccinating our community:

Ascension

Ascension will be contacting their clients to set up appointments. Please do not contact them at this time.

Aspirus

Please call the COVID hot line number at 1-844-568-0701 to schedule an appointment.

Marshfield Clinic Health System

Online: <https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/CovidVaccine> to complete a survey for the COVID-19 vaccine or call 877-998-0880. If you qualify, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment.

Lac View Desert Health Center

302 W Pine St STE 2, Eagle River
Please call 715-337-2247

St. Germain - Hometown Pharmacy

252 State Hwy 70E, St. Germain

Online: <https://hometownpharmacyrx.com/Covid-19-Vaccine> to complete a survey for the COVID-19 vaccine or please call 715-479-7608.

Trigs Pharmacy

25 E Wall St, Eagle River

Online: <https://www.trigs.com/covid-19>

Please call 715-479-6411

Walgreens Pharmacy

108 W Wall St, Eagle River

Please call 715-479-1069

Wall Street Drugs – Health Care Pharmacies

123 E Wall St, Eagle River

Please call 715-479-3306

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While you are waiting for your turn to get the vaccine, there are a few things you can do.

1. Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine on the CDC's website and become a vaccine advocate for your friends and family.

*2. Bookmark this website, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>, and check back in a few weeks as we update information frequently.

3. Remember to wear masks, observe social distancing, and wash your hands. Get tested and isolate if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

If we continue to use all these COVID-19 precaution tools, we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces “moving forward” sooner.

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