The COVID-19 Vaccine

Information for Employers

COVID-19 vaccinations are one of the best ways you can protect yourself, your employees, and your customers. The resources below provide information about the COVID-19 vaccine, eligibility in Wisconsin, and what you can do as an employer.

My employees are now eligible for the vaccine. What should I do?

You can support your employees through the following:

- Provide your employees with education on vaccine safety and why it is important to get vaccinated.
- Let your employees know that they are eligible, but help them understand it will be some time before they receive vaccine.
- Understand how many employees are eligible and want to get vaccinated. Consider hosting a
 COVID-19 vaccination clinic in coordination with an approved vaccinator.
- Sign up for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) newsletter for weekly updates and resources on the COVID-19 vaccination program.

You can find detailed descriptions of each group by visiting: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ vaccine-about.htm.

DHS has materials translated in different languages available to print or share with your employees. These materials and more can be found at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-resources.htm.

When can my employees get vaccinated?

Currently, there is a limited amount of vaccine doses available and it may take months to vaccinate everyone eligible.

If your employees are able to work from home or do not have to interact with the public, encourage them to let those who have a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 get vaccinated first.

Every community is different. Some places may be able to start vaccinating your group earlier than others. But everyone will eventually have the opportunity to get vaccinated.



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Where can my employees get vaccinated?

Local and tribal health departments are coordinating local vaccination efforts. Because of this, each community's vaccination options may be different.

- Consider coordinating with an approved vaccinator to schedule a closed vaccination clinic for your employees. Learn more about what this means here: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02942.pdf.
- If hosting a clinic is not an option, encourage employees to seek COVID-19 vaccination in their community and provide them with information about <u>where they can get the vaccine</u> (pharmacies, their health care provider, community-based vaccination clinics, etc.).
- For vaccine-related questions and registration support, individuals can also call toll-free at (844) 684-1064.

Until my employees can get vaccinated, how can I keep them safe and healthy?

The vaccine is just one of the many tools we have to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. That is why we recommend that your employees continue to follow these public health practices to help stop the spread of the virus:



Wear a mask over your nose and mouth



Stay at least 6 feet away from others



Wash your hands often



Avoid crowds



Avoid poorly ventilated spaces



Allow employees to work remotely if feasible

By continuing to follow these good public health practices, you can help protect your community.

Please also share these vaccine facts:

- The vaccine is safe and effective.
- The vaccine is free. It does not matter if you have insurance or not.
- People who live, work, or study in Wisconsin, and are in a current eligibility group may get the COVID-19 vaccine in Wisconsin.

DHS is committed to getting the COVID-19 vaccine to everyone as equitably, quickly, and safely as possible. We thank you for your continued patience.

To stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccine information, eligibility, frequently asked questions, and more, please visit **www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm**.



