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The first groups prioritized by national, state, and local vaccination plans to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities. Long term care facilities (nursing homes and assisted living facilities) are involved with a state program matching them to pharmacy partners to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, and this is underway. Additionally, local healthcare systems in Door County have begun to vaccinate their own eligible healthcare workers.

Here is a link to more information about which healthcare providers are included in this phase:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02858.pdf>.

Door County Public Health anticipates receiving COVID-19 vaccine in January. At this time, we are planning COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare workers not associated with healthcare systems receiving their own vaccine supply. We need to identify these healthcare workers to plan our vaccination clinics and possible collaboration with healthcare partners in this effort.

If you are a healthcare worker not affiliated with a healthcare system receiving its own vaccine supply, please complete the survey found here:

<https://form.jotform.com/203573792801054>

This survey is vital to our planning for vaccination clinics and ensuring adequate vaccine supply. We do not want to miss any healthcare workers in the county. Please have one person at your clinic or organization complete this survey.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please refer to: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Find the vaccine fact sheet here:

https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download?sm_au=iVVk7IPt0k5sVfrRBLQtvK7BJGKjp

It is extremely important that everyone continue with precautions such as staying home as much as possible (especially when sick), wearing a mask when in public, physical distancing, and good hand hygiene. These good pandemic practices will need to continue for some months even after receiving the vaccine.

We will provide updates as more information becomes available. The next group after Phase 1A, to be prioritized for vaccination, has yet to be completely defined. Please watch for messaging on our COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/909/Situation-Update-December-29-2020> and our Door County Public Health Facebook page. #####