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Door County Vaccine Update

Door County Public Health (PH), Door County Medical Center (DCMC) and the local pharmacies, have worked through the first round or Phase 1A of vaccines for Door county. Phase 1A included Health Care Personnel, (this includes health care providers that have direct contact with patients) as well as Long Term Care Residents. Between DCMC, PH, and the pharmacies, we have provided the vaccine to the majority of healthcare workers and long-term care residents who wanted it. This accounted for approximately 1,450 first doses given. Second doses will be given in three to four weeks.

We want people to know that we, as community partners, are working diligently and have been meeting several times per week to coordinate our efforts. How we receive the vaccines and who is eligible for these in each phase of our role out is determined by the State Department of Health Services. We must follow those directions given to remain eligible to receive ongoing doses and as a result are following those directions closely.

Once we are given the direction of who is eligible, we work to determine the number of vaccines we need, and one or both DCMC and PH can request doses. Vaccine can be ordered weekly and must be used within the time frame designated by the state, generally less than one week. We are currently getting confirmation of what we will receive one to two business days before it is shipped to us. Neither entity decides what type of vaccine they receive. To date we have received both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. We also do not control the amount or times we receive the vaccine.

At this time, the state is about halfway through getting all those in the 1A category immunized. We know that law enforcement and fire protection staff will be the next group eligible beginning on Jan. 18th. We have seen a preliminary list of individuals who will be included in Phase 1B but we are waiting for specific eligibility criteria to be finalized. When we receive those directions, we will continue to work with those eligible to administer the vaccine as quickly as we are able.

A vaccination campaign of this magnitude has never happened before. We want you to know that the partnership between Door County providers has been outstanding and we are confident we will continue to provide vaccines as efficiently and quickly to the community as we can. We will try to provide a brief weekly update as we go. For more specific information, please visit the COVID-19 pages on please on the Door County website at [Door County, WI | Official Website](https://www.doorcountywi.gov/covid-19) , the Door County Public

Health Facebook Page at [Door County Public Health | Facebook](#) or the Door County Medical Center website at [Door County Medical Center - Home \(dcmedical.org\)](#).

The Department of Health Services (DHS) announced today a newsletter the public can sign up for to get direct information about the COVID-19 response and vaccine rollout. Every Friday, a COVID-19 update newsletter will be sent via email to people who sign up to receive it. Registration is now open, and archived copies of the weekly newsletter will also be available. [DHS Announces Weekly Newsletter](#)