

## All in for Kids

#### A Birth to 3 Program Family Newsletter



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

### Caregivers can get COVID-19 vaccinations

You are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine if you are a caregiver who has a child in a special needs program, like the Birth to 3 Program or the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program.

Paid and unpaid caregivers, including family members, who help children with personal care and other direct contact services should look for places to get vaccinated. Check local public health websites, social media, and news sources to find nearby places to get vaccinated.

While Wisconsin does not require proof of eligibility for caregivers and families, some vaccination locations do. Talk with the child's program coordinator about getting a letter to use as proof of eligibility.

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Many places offer the vaccine, such as providers, pharmacies, and local health departments. Please remember that Wisconsin does not have enough COVID-19 vaccines to vaccinate everyone who is eligible right now, so you may have to wait to get a vaccine.

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect you, your family, and your community from COVID-19. A vaccine can keep you from getting sick and stop you from spreading the virus to others.

The COVID-19 vaccine does not change the need for you to keep doing other actions to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep yourself healthy. Important ways for you to stay safe and healthy include:

- Wash your hands often.
- Stay at home when possible.
- Wear a face covering or face mask.
- Stay physically distant from others when you can.

Wisconsin has a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccines. It will take several months for everyone who needs the vaccine to get it.

Right now, the vaccine is only approved for people who are 16 years old or older. Information about the next group of eligible people is coming soon.

We encourage you to learn about the vaccine, how it works, and how Wisconsin is distributing it. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm">www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm</a>. For more information about vaccine phases and eligibility, visit <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm">www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm</a>.

For recent information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin, visit <u>www.dhs.</u> wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm.

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The Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program is an early intervention program committed to serving children under the age of 3 with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. The program partners with families to assist the child's development and support the family's knowledge, skills, and abilities as they interact with and raise their child. For more information, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/index.htm.

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