COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY

WHAT TO KNOW

As vaccine distribution continues to grow, vaccine supply will be limited and vaccinations will be targeted to specific groups of people with a higher risk for COVID-19 infection. It will take time to reach all people within each target population and phase.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Currently Eligible

• Frontline health care personnel
• Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
• Police and fire personnel
• People age 65 and older

Eligible Tentatively Beginning March 1

• Educators and child care
• Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
• Some public-facing essential workers food supply, public transit, utility and communications infrastructure, and 911 operators
• Non-frontline essential health care personnel
• Staff and residents of congregate living facilities

Visit the vaccine eligibility webpage for more information: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm

CONCERNED ABOUT THE VACCINE?

Is it safe?

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. Large clinical trials have demonstrated that this vaccine protects you against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

So far, none of the vaccine trials have reported any serious safety concerns. Trials for the first two vaccines—from Pfizer and Moderna—have boards separate from the company who monitor vaccine safety, and safety data are continuously reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other experts.
What about side effects?
After receiving the vaccine, you should be monitored on site to make sure you are not experiencing a reaction. Serious reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine are rare. **Common side effects include:**

- Pain and swelling where you got the shot
- Fever
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Headache

WHAT IS AN mRNA VACCINE?

mRNA vaccines give our cells instructions on how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. Our immune response produces antibodies that protect us from getting infected. mRNA vaccines do not put a weakened or inactivated virus into our bodies and cannot give someone COVID-19. Our cells break down and get rid of the mRNA as soon as it is finished using the instructions. The vaccine does not affect or interact with our DNA in any way.

The benefit of mRNA vaccines, like all vaccines, is that those vaccinated gain protection against COVID-19 without ever having to risk the serious consequences of getting sick with COVID-19.

LEARN MORE

- **DHS:**
  Wisconsin COVID-19 vaccine information: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm)

- **CDC:**