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To all who live, work, play, and attend school in the City of Greenfield:

We know that the last ten months have been, at times, both challenging and uncertain. Thank you for your dedication to the community and your role in slowing the spread of COVID-19. We hope that COVID-19 vaccine in the coming weeks is a light on the horizon as we look to defeat this pandemic.

Planning for large-scale vaccination campaigns has been a focus of ours for several years. In the coming weeks and months, COVID-19 vaccine will be available to anyone who wants it. The Greenfield Health Department will be following the phased delivery of vaccine consistent with federal and state guidance. This phased approach allows for vaccinating those most at risk as vaccine availability increases. Ultimately, COVID-19 vaccine will be available for anyone who wants it, but patience will be required as vaccine availability expands. I understand patience is difficult, but is a necessary step as we gain access to more vaccine for our community.

Wisconsin is currently in Phase 1A of the vaccine prioritization guidelines. As of today, the Greenfield Health Department has received only 200 doses that are targeted to frontline health care providers – including our Greenfield Fire-EMS personnel – and skilled nursing facility staff and residents. We know there are nearly 1,000 persons identified in Phase 1A, and expect it will take several weeks to vaccinate everyone eligible in Phase 1A.

Simultaneously, we are actively planning for a transition to the next phase of vaccination (Phase 1B). The specifics of those included in Phase 1B are expected from the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee within the next few weeks, but we anticipate vaccinating non-health care frontline essential workers, school personnel, and older adults in the community. In Phase 1B, the Greenfield Health Department will have scheduled clinics for residents who meet the prioritization groups; we will require everyone to make an appointment for vaccination for a specific date and time due to logistical challenges with the use of this vaccine within a specific time frame. More importantly, we believe that other providers – including pharmacies and local medical providers – will have COVID-19 vaccine for Phase 1B creating other opportunities for residents to obtain vaccination within the community.

We will continue to keep you informed through various communication methods, our [website](#) and social media ([Facebook](#), [@GreenfieldHealthDepartment](#) and [Nextdoor](#)) platforms. These sites will be updated with additional information as it becomes available, and should be the primary resources for residents to get additional information.

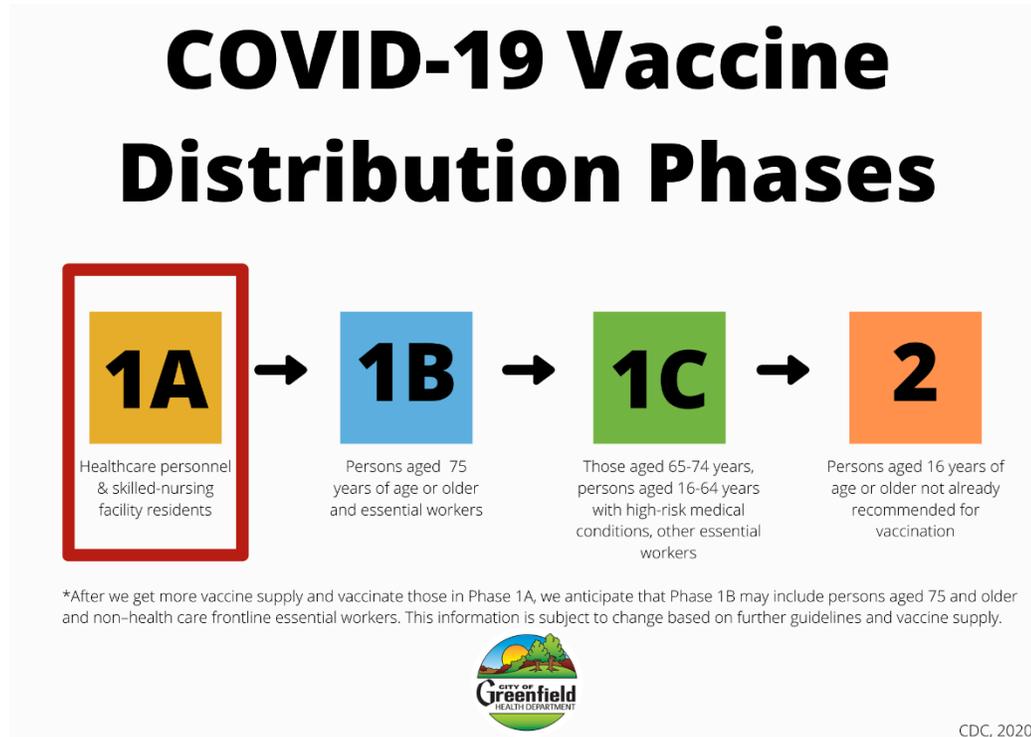
Yours in Health,



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## Frequently Asked Questions – COVID19 Vaccine 1/11/2021

Greenfield is currently in Phase 1A of vaccination and have limited supply that is prioritized to frontline healthcare workers and skilled-nursing facility staff and residents.



### When will vaccine be available for me?

The federal government and the State of Wisconsin are endorsing a phased vaccination approach for COVID-19 vaccines. This phased approach allows for vaccinating those most at risk as vaccine availability increases in the coming weeks. COVID-19 vaccine will be available for anyone who wants it, but patience will be required as vaccine availability expands. We understand that patience in the middle of a global pandemic is challenging.

Wisconsin is currently in Phase 1A of the vaccine prioritization guidelines. Right now, in the early weeks of Phase 1A, the few doses the Greenfield Health Department has received are available to frontline health care providers and skilled nursing facility staff and residents. As vaccine supply increases, other health care personnel and long-term care facility residents and staff will be offered COVID-19 vaccination. We expect that it will take several more weeks to vaccinate everyone eligible in Phase 1A.

After we get more vaccine supply and vaccinate those in Phase 1A, we anticipate that Phase 1B may include persons aged 75 and older and non-health care frontline essential workers. This information is subject to change based on further guidelines and vaccine supply.

**Is distribution of the vaccine different in other parts of the state of Wisconsin?**

The State of Wisconsin will be moving through the priority groups strategically and at the same time statewide.

**Why did a friend in a different location get vaccine already?**

Again, at both a national and state level, we are using a phased approach. Due to this approach, only those who meet the Phase 1A definition (frontline health care providers and skilled nursing facility staff and residents) should be getting vaccine. We can only control our vaccine allotments and who receives these.

The Greenfield Health Department has only received 200 doses to date (as of 1/1/21). We will continue to prioritize frontline health care providers and skilled nursing facility staff and residents, and believe this population is approximately 1,000 persons. We understand that the State of Wisconsin will be moving through the priority groups strategically and at the same time statewide. We cannot speak to why your friend received vaccine already.

**I am not a resident of a skilled nursing facility, however, I am at an age where I could be. Why can't I get the vaccine?**

Skilled nursing facility staff and residents have been identified by the state as a priority group, likely due to increased exposure in this specific setting.

**Where will I learn of vaccine availability?**

We anticipate that the State of Wisconsin will move through the priority groups strategically and at the same time across the state. As such, we anticipate that there will be a large media presence (TV and radio), including social media (**Facebook**, NextDoor, others), that will identify when the next phase is ready to begin. At that time, your local health department will have clinic availability and registration open for you. Because of the specific challenges with the use of this vaccine within a specific time frame, we will require everyone to schedule an appointment for vaccination on a specific date and time.

**Will I be able to obtain the vaccine from somewhere in the City of Greenfield or will I have to go to a different community?**

As we move into phase 1B and phase 1 C and more vaccine becomes available, we anticipate more locations will open and offer vaccinations to the public. Other locations may include local pharmacies and medical providers. The Greenfield Health Department will offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics to the public as soon as we are able.

[Click here](#) to visit the DHS Wisconsin Webpage for COVID-19 Vaccine  
[Click here](#) to learn more about registering to get the vaccine in Wisconsin.