

Covid-19 Vaccine FAQs

Q1: When will I be able to receive the Covid-19 vaccine?

A1: We are working with the Waukesha County Health Department regarding who is eligible to receive the vaccine and when they can receive it. Waukesha County is determining a rollout of eligibility in phases. For example, phase 1a included school nurses, health room assistants and back-up staff for the health rooms. Based on the health department's eligibility, we are creating groups of employees and determining interest in receiving the vaccine.

As of 1/26/2021 this is the latest information from the Department of Health Services:

DHS announced future groups that will be eligible for vaccines. These populations will tentatively be eligible beginning March 1, though the start date is dependent on the vaccine supply from the federal government. Currently, the amount of vaccine allocated to Wisconsin does not meet the amount of vaccine doses requested by vaccine providers. If the federal government increases Wisconsin's vaccine allocation, vaccinations for these groups may begin before March 1. If Wisconsin receives less vaccine than expected in the coming weeks, this date could be pushed back.

Currently eligible populations

- Frontline health care personnel
- Residents in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff
- Adults ages 65 and over

Next eligible groups

- Education and child care
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public-facing essential workers
- Non-frontline health care essential personnel
- Facility staff and residents in congregate living settings

Q2: Who is creating the priority list?

A2: The list is being created by staff in the District Office including HR, Pupil Services, and our School Nursing Staff. The actual eligibility and timing of the vaccine rollout is at the determination of the Waukesha County Health Department.

Q3: How will I know when I am eligible?

A3: As soon as we are notified by the Waukesha County Health Department that vaccines are available and who is eligible, we notify staff by email with instructions on how to register to receive the vaccine. Typically, we receive just a few days notice in advance of when staff can receive the vaccine, so it is important that you register as soon as you receive an email.

Q4: Are staff that are teaching virtually included in our list of eligible employees?

A4: Yes. All active staff members are included as eligible to receive the vaccine.

Q5: I have an underlying serious health condition. Can I get priority to receive the vaccine?

A5: Waukesha County Health Department is creating the phases of the rollout. At this time, having a health condition has not been a priority eligibility factor. If this changes, we will let staff know.

Q6: If I responded “no” to wanting to receive the vaccine in the survey and I want to change my mind, who do I contact?

A6: Please contact Laura Stroika at extension 24101 to let us know you want to receive the vaccine so we can change your status on our list.

Q7: If I responded “yes” to wanting to receive the vaccine and I change my mind, what do I do?

A7: Please contact Laura Stroika at extension 24101 to let us know so we can change your status on our list.

Q8: I believe I should be receiving priority status for the vaccine. Who do I contact about this?

A8: Please contact Susan Muentert at extension 24500 to discuss your personal circumstances.

Q9: Where do staff fall who have had a previous covid positive diagnosis ? Is there a certain time period those people have to wait?

A9: As of now the CDC states that you are safe to get the vaccine as long as you are out of your 10 day quarantine period AND your symptoms have resolved.

Q10: If I responded “no” to receiving the vaccine, will I be notified when the vaccine is available?

A10: No. If you responded no to the survey, we will not be notifying you unless you change your status to “Yes”.

Q11. Do I have to quarantine after receiving the vaccine?

A11: No. You must remain at the site after receiving your vaccination for observation for a period of time to ensure that you do not have an adverse reaction to the vaccine.

Q12: I am currently pregnant or breastfeeding. Can I receive the vaccine?

A12: We strongly encourage you to contact your private health care provider and follow their directives.

Q13: Which vaccine will we be receiving? (Which manufacturer)

A13: We cannot guarantee which vaccine will be available at the time you are eligible.

Q13: Is there a cost to me to receive the vaccine?

A13: No. The vaccine is provided free of charge by the federal government. Any administrative fee charge will be paid by the District if you attend an event sponsored by the District.

Q14: What can I do while I wait to receive the Covid-19 vaccine?

A14: Recommendations from the Department of Health Services include:

While many Wisconsinites continue to wait for their turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we urge you to do your part to [stop the spread of COVID-19](#). Continue to stay home, wear a mask, practice physical distancing, and frequently wash your hands.

We encourage everyone to get their yearly [flu vaccine](#). While the flu vaccine will not protect against the COVID-19 virus, it can protect you from the flu. By doing so, we can help keep health care resources available for those with COVID-19.

Q15: Where can I learn more about the Covid-19 vaccine?

A15: Some additional information can be found on the Department of Health Services website:

- Sign up to [receive weekly email updates](#) about the COVID-19 response in Wisconsin.
- For data about allocation, shipment, and administration of COVID-19 vaccines, visit our [vaccine data dashboard](#). This dashboard is updated weekly on Tuesdays.
- See frequently asked questions for vaccine on our [COVID-19: Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage.

If you want to access the information that was included in the survey or access any of the links, here is the information again:

Covid-19 Vaccination Survey

The Mukwonago Area School District is sending this survey to all current employees to determine interest in receiving the Covid-19 vaccination when it becomes available. It is important for you to know some information before making your decision.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible. You can learn how federal partners are working together to [ensure the safety of COVID-19 vaccines](#).

The CDC has developed a new tool, [v-safe](#), as an additional layer of safety monitoring to increase the ability to rapidly detect any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines.

The COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. Depending on the specific vaccine you get, a second shot 3-4 weeks after your first shot is needed to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer against this serious disease. [Learn more about the benefits of getting vaccinated](#).

After the COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects. This is a normal sign that your body is building protection. The side effects of COVID-19 vaccination may feel like flu and might even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Learn more about what [side effects to expect and get helpful tips](#) on how to reduce pain and discomfort after your vaccination.

The vaccines don't contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 so the vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19. [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#) Please see the CDC website for more information including Frequently Asked Questions located [HERE](#)

Please note that we are encouraging, but not requiring, all employees to get both doses of vaccinations in an effort to protect the health and safety of all of our staff, students, and community.

If you have any other questions regarding the vaccine or vaccination process, please contact Trish Heller at x25509 or Susan Muentert at x24500.