

# COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY PUBLIC-FACING ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Public-facing essential workers that live, work, or study in Wisconsin **are able to get vaccinated now**. The vaccine is free to everyone currently eligible regardless of whether or not you have health insurance. There is a limited amount of vaccine doses available, so it may take months to vaccinate everyone who is eligible.

**If you are able to work from home or do not have to interact with the public, please let your fellow Wisconsinites who have a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 get vaccinated first.**

## Who is considered a public facing essential worker?

- 911 operators
- Utility and communications infrastructure: Workers who cannot socially distance and are responsible for the fundamental processes and facilities that ensure electric, natural gas, steam, water, wastewater, internet, and telecommunications services are built, maintained, generated, distributed, and delivered to customers.
- Public transit: Drivers who have frequent close contact with members of the public, limited to:
  - Public and commercial intercity bus transportation services
  - Municipal public transit services
  - Those employed by specialized transit services for seniors, disabled persons, and low-income persons
- Food supply chain
  - Agriculture production workers, such as farm owners and other farm employees.
  - Critical workers who provide on-site support to multiple agricultural operations, such as livestock breeding and insemination providers, farm labor contractors, crop support providers, and livestock veterinarians.
  - Food production workers, such as dairy plant employees, fruit and vegetable processing plant employees, and animal slaughtering and processing employees.
  - Retail food workers, such as employees at grocery stores, convenience stores, and gas stations that also sell groceries.
  - Hunger relief personnel, including people involved in charitable food distribution, community food and housing providers, social services employees who are involved in food distribution, and emergency relief workers.



## I am eligible for the vaccine. When can I get vaccinated?

Vaccine providers are still prioritizing previously eligible groups, such as individuals age 65 and older, before vaccinating groups eligible on March 1. Based on the amount of vaccine doses available, it may take months for all newly eligible groups to get vaccinated, however, education staff are the first priority in the newly eligible populations.

Every community is different. Some places may be able to start vaccinating your group earlier than others. But everyone will eventually have the opportunity to get vaccinated.

## Where can I get vaccinated?

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Check to see if your employer plans to hold an on-site clinic or partnership with a vaccinator.

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Visit the [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-get.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-get.htm) to find vaccine options near you. For vaccine-related questions and registration support, individuals can also call toll-free at (844) 684-1064.

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To find a pharmacy taking appointments nearest to you,

- Call 1-800-Walgreens or visit [www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19](http://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19) to find a Walgreens pharmacy
- Call 1-866-211-5320 or visit [www.kroger.com/rx/covid-eligibility](http://www.kroger.com/rx/covid-eligibility) to find a Kroger's pharmacy.

## Do I need proof that I am eligible for the vaccine?

When you schedule your appointment, ask the vaccine provider what documents you may need. This could include a work ID, a badge, a paycheck stub, or a letter from your employer.



## We ask for your patience.

It will take some time for everyone to get vaccinated. That is why you will need to continue doing your part to protect yourself and your loved ones. This means taking extra steps to stop the spread of COVID-19 even after you are vaccinated.

- Wear your mask
- Keep 6 feet apart from others, if possible
- Wash your hands

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, eligibility, or to find frequently asked questions, please visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm).

