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Subject: Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout for Seniors - PLEASE SHARE!
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On behalf of Waukesha County Public Health I wanted to share some information in regards to seniors, 65 and older, and the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

The State of Wisconsin announced that starting Monday, January 25, residents aged 65 years and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. However, this does NOT mean that all seniors will be vaccinated on January 25th. Residents 65+ who have a primary care physician will be contacted by their health care provider to make an appointment. This could take several weeks. Because the State has opened the vaccine to a large percentage of Wisconsin residents (65 years of age and older) there will be high demand for the limited supply of vaccine that is available. Until that time, we ask that seniors please refrain from contacting their health care provider or Waukesha County Public Health directly.

As mentioned above, most seniors will receive their vaccine from their usual healthcare provider or pharmacy. When these doctors and facilities are ready to start distributing vaccinations to seniors, they will be in touch with their own patients to set up appointments. The process for seniors to get a vaccine will likely be similar to the way they get a flu shot. When the vaccine is available locally, their healthcare provider or local pharmacy will let them know when it is available and how they can get it. Just like when flu shots are offered each year, there will likely also be additional community events available. When more information is available on community vaccination clinics, we will share that information with the public. While Waukesha County Public Health is not currently administering vaccinations to the public, we plan to start hosting community vaccination clinics sometime in February for those who do not have an established healthcare provider.

When it comes to seniors in long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities began vaccinating their residents and staff at the end of December of 2020. Residents currently in a long-term care facility will be vaccinated by the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program (a partnership with LTC facilities and the federal government). Assisted living facilities will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine beginning on January 25, 2021. CVS and Walgreens pharmacies have been contracted to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities that participate in this program.

We ask that you please share this information with seniors in an effort to keep the Waukesha County public informed. For future updates, you are invited to follow us on social media and keep an eye on our website. If you know any seniors who are not able to regularly access social media or the internet, we ask that you help keep them informed or ask them to identify someone within their community who can keep them informed.

- County Executive Paul Farrow: <https://www.facebook.com/CountyExecutivePaulFarrow>
- Waukesha County Public Health: <https://www.facebook.com/WaukeshaCountyPublicHealth>
- Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County: <https://www.facebook.com/ADRCWC>
- Waukesha County COVID-19 Vaccine Information: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/covidvaccine>

Thank you for your assistance in sharing this information with area seniors!

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