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Getting your COVID-19 Vaccine

Barron County Public Health is asking the community for patience as residents wait for their COVID-19 vaccines. Healthcare systems are working to distribute the vaccine they receive from the state as quickly as possible.

"Right now, the supply of vaccines is very limited, said Health Officer Laura Sauve. "We know there are many more people waiting on the vaccine than there is vaccine available. We ask for patience, as it will take time before everyone is able to get it. Even though it might be awhile before you can get vaccinated, there are things you can do to help right now. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands, stay home when you are sick and avoid unnecessary travel and gatherings."

As of January 26, healthcare providers, police, fire and emergency services staff and anyone ages 65 and older are able to get the vaccine.

If you fit into one of the groups listed above and have a regular healthcare provider, please sign up through that provider. The best way to sign up is through the provider's online registration system. Some providers also have phone lines set up for those without access to the internet. If you do not have a regular health care provider, you can register with the healthcare system of your choosing. Please only register for the vaccine once. Repeatedly calling or registering with more than one system will not help speed up the vaccination process

"It is important that people only sign up on one list, continued Sauve. "When people sign up on multiple lists it slows the process and leads to delays in vaccinations for everyone."

If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, please find your primary healthcare provider and follow the instructions below to register.

- Cumberland Healthcare: Call 715-822-7502 to register
- Marshfield Clinic Health System: Visit the Marshfield Clinic Health System website
 at https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/CovidVaccine to complete a survey for the COVID-19
 vaccine or call 877-998-0880. If you qualify, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment.
- Mayo Clinic Health System: Visit the following website to complete the intake forms and begin scheduling an appointment for your vaccine. https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/covid-19-nwwi-vaccination-phase.
- **Prevea Healthcare**: All vaccinations can be scheduled through <u>www.prevea.com/vaccine</u> or by calling 1-833-344-4347.

Barron County Public Health is matching people to vaccinators as vaccines become available. Please sign up directly with your healthcare provider listed above. Any healthcare worker or police, fire or emergency medical staff who still needs to be vaccinated may sign up using the survey on the Barron County website, barroncountywi.gov or by calling 715-537-6123 and follow the prompts to leave a message. Public Health will be finishing these groups prior to moving to ages 65 and older.

There are four pharmacies in Barron County registered to provide COVID vaccinations. At this time, none of them have received any vaccines.

Public Health urges community members to continue helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as they wait for their vaccines. Stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms and call your doctor to be tested. Wear a mask when in public and wash your hands often. Avoid any unnecessary travel and do not gather with those who do not live in your home.

For more information on the vaccine, please visit https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm or https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html. If you have questions on the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Health at DHSCOVIDVACCINEPUBLIC@wi.gov.

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