



Manitowoc County Health Department

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Manitowoc County Health Department Expands Vaccination Clinic Enrollment to Adults 65+

This morning the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced that adults aged 65 years and older will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning January 25th. They will join frontline healthcare workers, residents in long-term care facilities, and police and fire personnel to be offered the vaccine.

“This is a great opportunity to protect those most vulnerable to COVID-19,” said Stephanie Lambert, Health Officer. However, she cautioned that vaccinating this population will take time. “While the County is prepared to scale up operations, we rely on the State to distribute vaccine supply.” Lambert notes that the County is not told how many doses it will receive for a week until the weekend, with vaccines then arriving that Monday or Tuesday.

The United States Census estimates that there are over 16,000 people in Manitowoc County over the age of 65. Despite high demand, the State has been unable to meet County requests for vaccine. The Health Department has vaccinated 500 people in the last two weeks, with an additional 200 people scheduled to receive their vaccine this week.

“This is a marathon, not a sprint,” said Emergency Services director Travis Waack. “We will continue operating clinics until everyone in Manitowoc County has been offered a vaccine.” He joins the Health Department in asking the public to remain patient throughout this process.

To stay informed about vaccine efforts in Manitowoc County, please visit the Health Department’s website: <https://www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/departments/health-department/covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Details on how to sign up for a clinic will be posted each week following dose allocation notification from the State.

<http://www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/departments/d-h/health-department/>

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