

Dept. of Health Services: Gov. Evers, DHS mark one-year anniversary of COVID-19 vaccine arriving in Wisconsin

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More than two -thirds of Wisconsin adults now fully vaccinated and nearly 90,000 children ages 5 through 11 have received at least one dose

Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) are marking the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 vaccine administered in the state. Wisconsin first began administering the COVID-19 vaccine on December 14, 2020. In one year, over 6.8 million COVID-19 primary series doses have been administered to more than 3.5 million people. DHS has also made updates to the [COVID-19 Vaccines for Wisconsin Residents dashboard](#) to include data on vaccinations in the 5- to 11-year-old age group.

“Wisconsin has been a national leader of getting available shots in arms, and this work has been essential to keeping our kids, families, and communities healthy and safe so we can put this pandemic behind us,” said Governor Tony Evers. “We couldn’t have gotten here without the dedication of our vaccinators, partners, and Wisconsinites in every corner of our state. I thank everyone for their hard work and tireless efforts.”

Since December 2020, the state has mobilized the largest vaccination effort in its history to make COVID-19 vaccines available to all eligible Wisconsin residents. Over the past year, nearly 3,000 providers registered as vaccinators and more than

2,500 providers are actively administering vaccines currently. These providers have administered over 8 million COVID-19 vaccinations, including more than 1.2 million additional and booster doses. More than 67% of Wisconsin adults 18 years of age and older have been fully vaccinated, including 82% of Wisconsinites 65 years of age and older, and nearly 90,000 children ages 5-11 years have received their first dose in just six weeks after becoming eligible.