

Opportunity Wisconsin: CDC says vaccinated Wisconsinites can travel more freely

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A Surge of Vaccine Availability Has Led to More Travel Options and Protection for Badger State Residents

MADISON, Wis.— Opportunity Wisconsin released a [new report](#) today on how the American Rescue Plan is helping Wisconsinites get vaccinated. This week the Biden-Harris Administration announced that Wisconsin community health centers will [receive more than \\$59 million](#) to expand vaccine distribution, part of a \$10 billion nationwide investment “to expand access to vaccines and better serve communities of color, rural areas, low-income populations, and other underserved communities in the COVID-19 response.”

In addition, today the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced new guidelines for vaccinated Americans looking to travel. The [CDC guidelines](#) now say that Americans, as long as they wear a mask, can travel domestically and internationally without first receiving a negative COVID test or imposing a self-quarantine.

“The surge in vaccines and new guidelines from the CDC only underscore the continuing success of the American Rescue Plan,” said Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh. “Tens of thousands of Wisconsinites have gotten

vaccinated and thousands more are scheduling appointments soon. The American Rescue Plan is working, even after Senator Ron Johnson and Republicans in Congress tried to stop it.”

A copy of Opportunity Wisconsin’s [new report](#) is posted below.

Report: How the American Rescue Plan Helps Wisconsinites Get Vaccinated

Shots in arms. That’s how America is going to get out of this pandemic. That is why the American Rescue Plan provides crucial resources to speed up Wisconsin’s vaccine deployment process and reach our goal of herd immunity by July 4th.

National Vaccination Program

Instead of leaving states to fend for themselves, the American Rescue Plan establishes a national program to rapidly distribute vaccines while also providing funding for testing and public health initiatives. In total, the bill spends \$160 billion to continue our fight against the virus.

Impact on Wisconsin

- 31.3 percent of Wisconsinites have [received](#) at least one vaccine dose, which makes them 10th in the nation on this measure. New federal money will help Wisconsin get to herd immunity even faster.
- Wisconsin will be [receiving](#) \$5.7 billion in state and local aid that can be used for vaccine distribution, as well as preventing essential worker layoffs. Public employees are crucial for ensuring that the vaccine rollout continues smoothly.

- Starting April 5, every Wisconsin who is 16 or older will be eligible to receive a vaccine, weeks ahead of the federal goal of May 1.

Funding for Community Health Centers

The ARP provides \$59,126,375 in funding to Community Health Centers across Wisconsin to help them distribute more vaccines at a faster rate. The overwhelming [majority](#) of CHC patients are racial or ethnic minorities living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, so this money is guaranteed to help underserved communities get vaccinated. Here is the exact amount of money each CHC in Wisconsin will receive:

| Name | City | State | Award Amount |
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| PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. | APPLETON | WI | \$3,338,750 |
| COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC | BELOIT | WI | \$2,437,750 |
| SCENIC BLUFFS HEALTH CENTER, INC | CASHTON | WI | \$1,828,000 |
| NEW COMMUNITY CLINIC INC LTD | GREEN BAY | WI | \$1,459,875 |
| LAKES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC., THE | IRON RIVER | WI | \$4,672,500 |
| KENOSHA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER INC | KENOSHA | WI | \$2,949,750 |
| ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. | MADISON | WI | \$5,476,625 |
| FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF MARSHFIELD, INC. | MARSHFIELD | WI | \$11,549,000 |
| GERALD L. IGNACE INDIAN HEALTH CENTER, INC. | MILWAUKEE | WI | \$858,125 |
| MILWAUKEE HEALTH SERVICES, INC. | MILWAUKEE | WI | \$3,463,500 |
| OUTREACH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. | MILWAUKEE | WI | \$2,147,625 |
| PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. | MILWAUKEE | WI | \$2,609,750 |
| SIXTEENTH STREET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. | MILWAUKEE | WI | \$8,451,500 |
| LAKESHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE, INC | SHEBOYGAN | WI | \$2,553,875 |
| PRIMARY CONNECTION HEALTHCARE, INC | WAUSAU | WI | \$1,715,250 |

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