

Rep. Snyder: Votes for additional COVID-19 relief

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Madison... Representative Patrick Snyder (Schofield) voted to pass new COVID-19 relief measures (Assembly Bill 1). Following the vote Representative Snyder made the following statement:

“Today’s vote is an important step in providing assistance to families, businesses, and local communities in Marathon County that continue to struggle due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assembly Bill 1 will provide \$100 million in funding for COVID-19 response efforts. The bill will also provide vaccination coverage for those on SeniorCare, an extension of the elimination of copayments for COVID-19 tests and vaccinations, an extension of the waiver on the waiting period for unemployment claims, and new measures to address the backlog of unemployment claims at the Department of Workforce Development. This bill provides significant relief and response measures to the pandemic and I hope the Governor signs it.”

Assembly Bill 1 also includes provisions to:

- Allow pharmacy students and dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines
- Changes to the open enrollment process to allow parents to better choose education options during this difficult time
- Extension of call center hours for the Department of Workforce Development unemployment insurance hotline and a requirement that the Governor provide a plan by the end of the month to address the administration’s unemployment claims backlog

- Allow local and county governments additional abilities to provide relief for issues caused by the pandemic
- Support for hospitals and health providers combating the pandemic