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**Quartz and UW Health Partner to Deliver Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine to Vulnerable Populations in Sauk**

**SAUK CITY, WISCONSIN** -- Today, more than four dozen people will receive their

second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at Quartz's Sauk City office.

The accomplishment is made possible by a partnership between Quartz and UW Health.

"At UW Health, from the moment vaccines became available, we have focused on vaccine equity, said Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, vice president, chief diversity officer, UW Health. "We are thrilled to partner with Quartz to make vaccines easily accessible."

Sauk County has the third-highest number of Quartz members who receive assistance through BadgerCare Plus--the state's health care coverage program for low-income Wisconsin residents. Before today's event, Quartz and UW Health identified and contacted members from communities of color in Sauk to encourage them to get vaccinated.

"Communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Vaccination rates in those same communities' lags behind their white counterparts," said Carola Gaines, Quartz's BadgerCare Plus community liaison manager. "To make getting vaccinated as easy as possible, we partnered with UW Health to bring the vaccine to them and encourage those community members to get vaccinated."

Today's event runs from noon to 5 p.m. The vaccines will be provided free of charge.

### **About Quartz**

Quartz Health Solutions, Inc. (Quartz) is jointly owned by UW Health, Gunderson Health System, and UnityPoint Health. The company manages four nationally recognized, provider-sponsored health insurance plans. As a third-party administrator, Quartz also services self-funded health plans. Through an extensive provider network, Quartz focuses on local, community-based health care and services for more than 365,000 customers who live in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. Quartz maintains offices in Madison, Sauk City, and Onalaska, Wisconsin. Quartz Health Solutions, Inc., Quartz Health Benefit Plans Corporation, Quartz Health Plan Corporation, Quartz Health Plan MN Corporation, and Quartz Health Insurance Corporation are separate legal entities. For more information, visit [QuartzBenefits.com](https://www.QuartzBenefits.com).

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