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## BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH HOW-TO SIGN UP FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION

(Brown County, Wis.) — Brown County Public Health (BCPH) is reaffirming who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination and how to make an appointment if you are eligible.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has determined that the following groups of individuals are currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination:

- Frontline health care personnel
- Residents in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff
- Adults ages 65 and over

There are many places where the above populations can be vaccinated: health care providers, pharmacies, places of employment, and community-based vaccination sites.

Here are the ways you can schedule an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine:

- Contact your medical provider: Prevea Health (1-833-344-4373; myprevea.com), Bellin Health (920-445-7313; mybellin.org), Advocate Aurora Health (current patients schedule through the LiveWell app).
- Adults ages 65 and over (not in Nursing Homes or Assisted Care) can contact the Aging & Disability Resource
  Center of Brown County at (920) 448-4300 to get assistance with finding and scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine.
   Free rides are available to-and-from vaccination sites by contacting Curative Connections at (920) 227-4272.
- Individuals who speak Spanish as their primary language can contact Casa ALBA Melanie at (920) 366-0081.
   Due to high demand, immediate appointments may not be able to be made.
- Wait to hear from your healthcare provider or pharmacy for information about scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination.

If you know an older adult, check in on them to ensure they have made arrangements to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. If not, BCPH asks that you assist them with making an appointment using the tips above, and safely get them to-and-from that appointment.

However, with Wisconsin having more than 1,200 COVID-19 eligible vaccinators statewide and current vaccine supplies unable to meet public demand, appointments for individuals within eligible populations are scheduled out several weeks if not longer, and patience is being urged at this time to allow for supplies to catch up.

Brown County Public Health also advises people **not to contact** hospitals, fire departments, or Brown County Public Health directly to schedule an appointment for a vaccination, instead please visit the Vaccine Information Page at <a href="https://www.stayhealthybc.com">www.stayhealthybc.com</a> for more information on how eligible populations can schedule a vaccination appointment with a local healthcare partner.

Whether you have received the vaccine or not, BCPH is asking that everyone continue to do their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community using tools that are easily available. That includes continuing to stay home, wear a mask, practice physical distancing, and frequently washing your hands.

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