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Supervisor Martin Calls on State Officials to Prioritize District 7 in Vaccination Effort

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Felesia A. Martin is calling on Governor Tony Evers and State of Wisconsin public health officials to prioritize County Supervisory District 7 and the City of Milwaukee in the next round of vaccinations.

"District 7 is one of the hardest hit districts in one of the hardest hit counties in the state, yet there are cities which were far less affected by the pandemic that already have more than 20% of their residents vaccinated," said Supervisor Martin. "Governor Evers and his administration must prioritize the City of Milwaukee, and specifically the residents of Milwaukee County Supervisory District 7, in the vaccination effort."

A recent <u>WISN report</u> noted that Milwaukee County ranks 67th out of Wisconsin's 72 counties for percentage of population vaccinated. <u>Wisconsin Public Radio</u> recently cited data from Wisconsin's Department of Health Services which stated that just 4 percent of the 1.2 million vaccines administered in the state have gone to Black residents.

"Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee are doing their part to help vaccinate residents as quickly and equitably as possible," said Supervisor Martin. "The county will soon open a community vaccination site at Kosciuszko Community Center and begin outreach to eligible people who receive county services. The City will soon launch mobile vaccination sites across Milwaukee to address equity. What we now need is increased access to vaccines from the State of Wisconsin so that we can stop the spread of this virus in the communities most affected by it."

Supervisor Martin represents the 7th Supervisory District on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. She serves as Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee, Vice-Chair of the Health and Human Needs Committee, and is a member of the Parks, Energy & Environment Committee.