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Rep. Bowen Receives First Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine, Urges Others to Get Vaccinated
“An End to This Pandemic is in Sight for Our Communities”

MILWAUKEE - After having received his first COVID-19 vaccine dose this past Saturday, State Rep. David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“This Saturday, I was thankful to receive my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at Gee’s Clippers Barber and Beauty Salon in the heart of the city of Milwaukee! As someone who battled & beat COVID-19 myself and who lost valued mentors, friends, and community members to this horrible disease, receiving this vaccine and seeing the path forward that it will provide is an incredible relief. After a year in which Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and our country lost so many precious livelihoods, businesses, and lives to this virus, an end to this pandemic is in sight for our communities.

I want to thank a great community brother, Gaulien Smith of Gee’s Clippers for hosting this vaccination clinic with Hayat Pharmacy, Anthem Medicaid, and Unite WI to help ensure that people are able to get vaccinated within their neighborhoods, and to ensure that as many people are getting vaccinated as possible! I also want to thank the brilliant scientists and researchers, many who are black, who have spent countless hours developing the vaccines available today and ensuring that they are safe and effective, the manufacturers who have gone into overdrive to produce enough vaccines to make them available to us all, and to President Biden, Gov. Evers, and all of the leaders at the state and local level who have are doing everything they can to get shots into arms and get us through this crisis.

To my constituents, community members, and residents of Milwaukee, Shorewood and Wisconsin - you can do your part to defeat, once and for all, the coronavirus by getting vaccinated as soon as possible. As of this week, the COVID-19 vaccine is available to *all* Wisconsin residents 16 years old and up. Once you have an appointment, getting your vaccine is easy, it is safe, and it will supercharge your body’s existing immune system to recognize and defeat the virus if you are exposed. I am looking forward to my second dose on May 1!

For our families, for our friends, and for our fellow community members, vaccinations are the key to saving lives and returning to normal. Let’s all do our part!”

If you or someone you know has questions about the COVID-19 vaccine or is interested in finding a vaccine appointment, information is available at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-get.htm> or toll free at 844-684-1064.