

Children in Children's Long-Term Care (CLTS) and other disability related children's programs are at higher risk for getting sick from COVID-19.



WHEN CAN CAREGIVERS GET THE VACCINE:

■ **Paid and unpaid caregivers of children in special needs programs are eligible now to get the vaccine. This includes:**

- Children's Waivers
- Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)
- Birth to Three (B3)
- Children with Medical Complexity
- Children Come First (CCF)
- Wraparound Milwaukee (WAM)
- Katie Beckett Medicaid

■ **Behavior health providers, like therapists and counselors, are eligible now to get the vaccine.**

■ **Therapy providers, like physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy, are eligible now to get the vaccine.**

■ **Transportation providers taking participants to Medicaid approved services are eligible now to get the vaccine.**

WHEN CAN I GET THE VACCINE:

■ **Currently the vaccine isn't being given to anyone 16 years old or younger. The Moderna vaccine is not approved for use on anyone under 18 years old.**

■ **This may change when there is more information about the vaccine.**

■ **Participants who are 16 and older may start getting the vaccine around March 1. Not everyone who wants a vaccine will be able to get it right away.**



MORE INFORMATION ON WHERE TO GET THE VACCINE

Remember, Wisconsin does not have enough COVID-19 vaccine to give everyone who is eligible a vaccine right now.

People will be getting the vaccine at their doctor's office or clinic, pharmacies, local health departments, at their jobs, and at large vaccination sites. Every county is doing the COVID-19 vaccination in different ways. Watch websites (like your Local and Tribal Health Department, pharmacies, or hospitals), local news, and social media to find out where and when the vaccine might be available near you and your caregivers.

More details on the COVID-19 vaccine groups can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine



Should caregivers get a vaccine?

Getting the vaccine can help keep caregivers from getting sick with COVID-19. The vaccine is two shots which use mRNA to teach the body how to fight the virus so it doesn't feel sick. After a lot of people get the vaccine, we can go back to our activities and start seeing people again.

Is the vaccine safe?

The vaccine was tested with many thousands of people to make sure it is safe. These people were different ages and races and they had different health problems. Most people did not have any serious reactions to the vaccine. When someone gets the vaccine, they wait for 15 minutes with the person who gave it to them to make sure they do not have any bad reactions.



Do caregivers need to get both shots for the vaccine to work?

Yes. The vaccine is given in two shots. People need to get both shots for the vaccine to work. The first shot helps the body build the protection against the virus. The second shot gives the body the full ability to fight the virus.

Who will pay for caregivers' COVID-19 vaccine?

The vaccine is free because the government is paying for the vaccine.

Should caregivers get the vaccine if they already had COVID-19?

Talk to a doctor about this. People who have had the virus can get sick again. The doctor may suggest you wait depending on when you had COVID-19.



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES



WISCONSIN BOARD OF DOCTORS
WITH CERTIFICATION FOR RESIDENTS

LIVING WELL
Healthy, Safe and Connected

Will caregivers still need to wear a mask, social distance, and wash their hands after getting the vaccine?

Yes. It is important for everyone, even those who got the vaccine, to do these things until doctors learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine. Continuing to wear a mask, social distance and wash hands will continue to protect everyone not only from COVID-19 but also other viruses like the flu.

How can I get transportation to get my vaccine?

CLTS participants without their own transportation can schedule through non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT). If that transportation is unavailable, participants should contact their service coordinator.

What proof is needed for caregiver to get the vaccine?

Caregivers do not need proof to be able to get the vaccine. Some places giving the vaccine are asking for proof that the person getting the vaccine is approved by the state to get it. If the place giving the vaccine asks for proof, caregivers can show them this website that lists who is approved:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Who can help me if I have questions?

Remember, every county is doing the COVID-19 vaccination in different ways. Checking the websites of your Local and Tribal Health Department, pharmacies, or hospitals can help you stay informed about what is happening in your area. You can also find more resources at: **<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-faq.htm>**



You can also talk to your service coordinator.