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ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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COVID-19 Vaccination for Phase 1a Healthcare Personnel

The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) will be helping to provide COVID-19 vaccine to organizations that have frontline healthcare personnel that are not affiliated with a healthcare system, hospital, or long-term care facility.

Following phases defined by a state advisory group, individuals who provide direct patient service or engage in healthcare services that place them into contact with patients who may have COVID-19 are defined as Phase 1a ([eligible health care providers in Phase 1A](#)). It is important that all of these healthcare providers have access to a COVID-19 vaccine before it is opened up to more individuals. OCHD is working closely with Wisconsin Department of Health Services and local hospitals and clinics to develop a process to ensure health care workers are able to be vaccinated as it becomes available.

Currently, the demand for vaccine in Wisconsin far exceeds the amount of vaccine distributed each week and OCHD has just received our first shipment of vaccine, earmarked for Phase 1a Healthcare Personnel. It is anticipated more vaccine will become available in coming weeks enabling more healthcare providers to receive a vaccine.

As vaccination begins and information about vaccine availability for other phases becomes available, OCHD will provide this information. There are no wait lists being formed for vaccines in future phases. People are encouraged to stay up to date on vaccine information by monitoring the Oneida County Health Department website (oneidacountypublichealth.org) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/](https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/)).

This is a rapidly evolving situation and information may change. To read the latest information about COVID-19 check the Oneida County Health Department website (oneidacountypublichealth.org) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/](https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/)), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

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