

## ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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## COVID-19 Vaccine for Adults 65 and over

We are happy to announce on January 19, 2021, the State of Wisconsin announced that adults 65 and older will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning January 25, 2021. https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/011921.htm

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD), in coordination with community partners, will begin providing vaccinations to this group beginning next week. We are planning up to three clinics per week depending on our weekly vaccine allocation from the state. Our local healthcare systems and pharmacies will also be helping provide these vaccinations. We continue to work to coordinate our efforts to vaccinate our county residents as safely and efficiently as possible. We ask that you please check with those sources for their specific updates.

One factor in how we conduct the vaccine clinics will be the availability of the vaccine. From the Public Health Department perspective, we believe we can provide up to 3000 per week. Two doses of the vaccine are required to get the best results. The 3000 vaccines will include approximately 1500 second doses administered. Although we are planning weeks in advance, we are only able to order vaccine doses week to week. This means that despite our planning efforts, things could change weekly. We will continue to evaluate and adjust our processes as we learn more about how things are working. We appreciate your patience.

OCHD is using an online scheduling system to coordinate our efforts. Please go to <a href="mailto:oneidacountypublichealth.org">oneidacountypublichealth.org</a> and click on the COVID-19 registration link at the top of the page. Please only register to receive vaccine from one entity. Do not register with OCHD and your provider. This will cause issues with supply, left over or wasted vaccine or using a slot that someone else could have used. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call 715-401-4150. We strongly encourage you to use the online registration, as this is the fastest and easiest way to register.

OCHD will continue to provide updates as information about vaccine availability for other phases becomes available. 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

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## (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 (<a href="mailto:oneidacountypublichealth.org">oneidacountypublichealth.org</a>) or Facebook page (<a href="mailto:facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/">facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/</a>), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm</a>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm</a>).

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