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## Eau Claire County begins vaccination of adults ages 65 and older beginning January 25

**Eau Claire, WI, January 21, 2021** – A new webpage (<http://bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec>) is available today that lists where Eau Claire County residents ages 65 and older (and other eligible groups) can sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment with a local vaccine provider.

### Who is currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in Wisconsin?

- Vaccine appointments are available for people who in frontline health care, other direct patient care, EMS, as well as police, fire, and corrections personnel. Beginning January 25, Wisconsin residents ages 65 and older are also eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

### How do I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- If you are in one of the eligible groups, visit the website <http://bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec> to find information for Eau Claire County locations that are currently scheduling vaccine appointments. The site will be updated as new vaccinators have availability.
- If you are already a patient at HSHS/Prevea, Marshfield Clinic Health System, or Oakleaf Clinics, **please contact the health care provider where you are already a patient.** Mayo Clinic Health System patients will be contacted by their healthcare provider when they are eligible for a vaccine appointment. There are other options for people who are patients at other clinics or do not have a healthcare provider.
- If you do not have internet, please call your local health provider to schedule an appointment. If you do not have a health provider, you can leave a message at the Eau Claire COVID-19 Call Center and someone will return your call: 715-831-7425

### How soon can I get an appointment?

- There are over 16,500 individuals ages 65 and older who are newly eligible to get vaccine. The number of appointments available will be based on how many doses each vaccinator gets each week. **Note that there will not be enough vaccine supply to meet the demand for some time.** All vaccinators are working as quickly as possible to vaccinate soon after they receive new shipments of vaccine.

- Signing up online will be the quickest way to get an appointment. People who are unable to sign up online may call for an appointment for any location. It is expected there will be long wait times on phone lines to schedule an appointment.

The COVID-19 vaccine is not available to additional groups at this time. COVID-19 has more severe consequences in older adults and prioritizing this population will help protect more Wisconsinites from serious illness and death. For more information about COVID-19, visit: [covid19eau Claire.org](https://covid19eau Claire.org)

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