

# Urgent News Release #165

## Richland County Emergency Management

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## **RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS OFFER COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE & DATA**

*Richland Center, WI:* A collaborative partnership continues between the Richland Hospital, Richland County Health & Human Services, Center Pharmacy, and Richland County Emergency Management to develop a local plan to effectively and efficiently distribute COVID-19 vaccinations as they become available. This group meets weekly to clarify the details and progression of the local plan as instructed by the Wisconsin COVID-19 Response Plan. **Populations who are now “currently eligible” in Richland**

**County will be expanded to include the following groups on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- Front Line Healthcare Worker
- Police Officer
- Sheriff Department
- Fire Department
- Age 65+
- Corrections Personnel
- Funeral Home Worker
- Education
- Regulated Child Care Providers
- Medicaid Long Term Care Program
- 911 operators
- Utility and communications infrastructure
- Public Transit
- Farmer or farm employee
- On-site support to agricultural operations
- Food production worker
- Grocery store and convenience store workers
- Hunger relief personnel
- Non-frontline health care
- Lives in employer based housing
- Resident of housing that serves the elderly or those with disabilities
- Transitional housing or shelter

The following vaccine clinic partners are prepared to offer 1,200-1,400 vaccine appointments every week in Richland County if the vaccine is consistently available:

- The Richland Hospital will offer COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and occasionally Thursdays from 8am-5pm**. Currently eligible populations should go to the Richland Hospital website at [www.richlandhospital.com/covid19](http://www.richlandhospital.com/covid19) to register.
- Richland County Health & Human Services and Richland County Emergency Management will offer FREE COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the Richland Center Community/Senior Center on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:30pm**. Currently eligible populations should go to the Richland Hospital website at [www.richlandhospital.com/covid19](http://www.richlandhospital.com/covid19) to register.
- Center Pharmacy will offer COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment only on **Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9am-5pm**. Currently eligible populations should go to [www.centerpharmacycares.com](http://www.centerpharmacycares.com) to complete a vaccine interest form. Eligible patient populations in Richland, Grant & Crawford counties will be contacted when vaccine is available.

Individuals needing assistance with making an appointment should call the Richland Hospital COVID-19 Hotline at 608-647-1820 or Richland County Health & Human Services at 608-647-8821. When additional COVID-19 vaccines are received in Richland County, additional vaccination clinics will be offered and appointment availability will be announced. Richland County residents are encouraged to sign-up for NIXLE alerts by texting 53581 to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to sign-up to receive

emails. You will then receive up-to-date alerts regarding local COVID testing sites and vaccination clinics, severe weather, public safety, criminal activities, missing persons, traffic issues, and local events.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports that as of today 26% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 19.2% are fully vaccinated. Richland County citizens age 65 and older who have received at least one dose totals 71.7%. The up-to-date COVID-19 vaccine data can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>.

As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, the total number of COVID-19 vaccines that have been administered by vaccine partners in the Richland County area at the following locations include:

The Richland Hospital	6,014
Spring Green Medical Center	1,061
Muscoda Health Center	300
Richland Center Community/Senior Center	716
Center Pharmacy & Boscobel Pharmacy	<u>2,750</u>
TOTAL COVID-19 VACCINES DOSED:	10,841

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County: <https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19)
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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