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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 includes the following groups as of Monday, March 22nd:**

Individuals age 16 & older with the following medical conditions:

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Liver disease
- Neurologic conditions, such as intellectual disabilities and dementia
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30-39 kg/m²)
- Overweight (BMI of 25-29 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m² or more)
- Sickle cell disease
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)

Other Currently Eligible Groups

- 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, convenience store workers and restaurant worker.
- 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
- Judges, prosecutor and district attorney

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 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 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.centerpharmacycare.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 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 31.0% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 22.2% are fully vaccinated. Richland County citizens age 65 and older who have received at least one dose totals 74.7%. 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 26th, 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	6,596
Spring Green Medical Center	1,091
Muscoda Health Center	360

Richland Center Community/Senior Center	1,626
Center Pharmacy & Boscobel Pharmacy	<u>4,078</u>
TOTAL COVID-19 VACCINES DOSED:	13,751

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
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

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