

Brown County Public Health Covid-19 Vaccination Update

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We continue to be very happy that so many people are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, but the supply of available vaccine is not nearly enough to meet the current requests.

Health care clinics in Brown County and Brown County Public Health have completed 95% of the 1a priority group, which includes healthcare workers, first responders and residents of long-term care facilities.

Brown County is moving to the next phase of vaccinating the E-12 school staff, childcare providers and those over age 65.

Brown County Public Health will lead the E-12 school staff and childcare providers, and healthcare clinics will be assisting with the vaccination of individuals 65 and older at this time.

If you are 65 and over please wait for your clinic to contact you. Clinics have received an extremely small supply of vaccine and are using a random system to select eligible patients. Your clinic will notify you when you are eligible for the vaccine so that you can schedule your appointment.

While vaccine is an important step in the pandemic, it is also still important to practice the protective recommendations which include:

- 6 foot social distancing,
- staying home when sick,
- wearing a mask when inside in public and outside if you cannot social distance
- wear a mask over your nose AND mouth
- If your healthcare provider has told you not to wear a mask due to health problems please consider wearing a face shield
- Diligent hand hygiene and cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Avoid socially gathering with people outside of your immediate household and if you do wear a mask indoors and outdoors

It is extremely important that everyone take the protective recommendations seriously, to reduce COVID-19 transmission. It will take time before vaccine is offered and available to the general public so the protective recommendations are still very important to follow.

Brown County Public Health is posting vaccination phase updates for our department on their weekly dashboard. You can find that at:

<https://gis.co.brown.mn.us/portal/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/a46d3d560e3643a8bdb43f97cf9e1f01>