

From: [THOMAS CLAYTON GIBSON OGUINN](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 65 would be better
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:59:29 PM

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Feds say 65; why not Wisconsin?

Thank you

Tom

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From: [Kaaren Oreck](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:45:05 PM

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I am 73 going on 74 and have many pre-existing conditions. Waiting for vaccine to get surgery which is needed. Know number of people in same position. Think that everyone is anxious to get vaccine but do think that this should be considered. Hope that is is not just 75+ with no regard to pre-existing or current medical conditions.

From: [Caudill, Kyle](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fw: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Written Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:39:13 PM
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached written comment for SDMAC's proposed recommendations for vaccine priority group 1b. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Thank you.



Kyle Caudill, J.D. | Constituent Services Coordinator
Office of Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley
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January 18, 2020

Honorable Members of the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Subcommittee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed recommendations for vaccine priority subgroup 1b. Public trust in the vaccine is of the utmost importance, and the transparent and methodical process you have used to create your recommendations is vital to building that public trust.

First and foremost, we are writing to thank you for including in your proposed 1b recommendation individuals in congregate living facilities. As you aware, the science, feasibility, and ethics of vaccinating this group of individuals in congregate living strongly weighs toward including them in phase 1b. Vaccinating residents of these facilities at the same time as the frontline staff will significantly reduce workload on state and local health officials and vaccinators. This approach alleviates considerable health equity concerns as well—for example, though Black Wisconsinites make up only roughly 6% of our population, they represent about 42% of individuals in shelter settings.

Thus, we are also writing to encourage you to include individuals staying at shelters in the Phase 1b recommendation. The committee recently raised feasibility concerns about vaccinating people experiencing homelessness who may be staying in shelters, particularly when the available vaccines require two doses. Data from Milwaukee County and experts working to support people experiencing homelessness may help alleviate the committee's concerns about their inclusion in this phase. We offer the following considerations to include the shelter population and participants in related programs in vaccine priority Phase 1b.

First, the committee felt that a two-dose vaccine to a highly transient population made the feasibility of reaching this group difficult and that waiting for a one-dose option would be prudent. The assumptions about the transient nature of this population is not well supported by data from shelters in Milwaukee County. For example, during winter months, According to XX, 75% of individuals stay (in shelters?) for at least 22 days and 66% of individuals stay for at least 31 days – with a significant population there for at least 90 days. This drops to 58% and 51% of people staying at least 22 and 31 days, respectively, during summer months. Given that the second doses of the vaccine are given either 21 or 28 days after the first dose, a large majority of this vulnerable population could feasibly receive the full inoculation of a two-dose series during their shelter stay.

Second, from an ethical standpoint, even if some people only receive the first dose in the two-dose series, the vaccinated individual receives substantial protection against COVID-19: one dose of the Moderna vaccine can provide up to 80.2% protection, and Pfizer roughly 52%. Furthermore, people experiencing homelessness are very mobile throughout the community during the day, often using public transportation. Providing protection from COVID-19 as quickly as possible will mitigate risks to this vulnerable population and the community overall. While having a one-dose option would be ideal for most hard-to-reach populations, we do not

believe this should be justification for delaying vaccine availability to any resident of a congregate living facility, including homeless shelters.

An additional point that we would ask the committee to consider is that 2020 CARES money has allowed local governments and organizations in Milwaukee to place people experiencing homelessness in hotel rooms to alleviate risks of spreading COVID-19 in a shelter setting. Without additional funding for local governments, this programming will end. While short-term funding exists through the 2021 CARES extension, local governments cannot support this option much longer without new funding. Therefore, the present time presents an important opportunity to reach highly vulnerable individuals for vaccinations who would otherwise be in a shelter setting. We see that people stay at hotels longer, as well: 76% of individuals stay at least 31 days and 92% stay at least 22 days, making feasibility of fully inoculating people even higher. While these people are not currently living in a congregate setting, given the distinct opportunity afforded by the 2020 CARES extension to reach this population at hotels, we ask that the committee include people experiencing homelessness living in shelters or hotels in Phase 1b.

Finally, we wholeheartedly support the inclusion of all Family Care, IRIS, Wisconsin Partnership and PACE recipients in Phase 1b. Appendix C of the proposed recommendation explicitly states Family Care or IRIS recipients; however, individuals receiving care Wisconsin Partnership and PACE have many of the same comorbidity and other concerns identified by the committee. These individuals require nursing home level of care, and would otherwise be receiving care in a congregate setting were it not for this community-based program. We urge their explicit inclusion in Phase 1b, in addition to Family Care and IRIS members, to ensure that these high-need residents are not left out based on their participation in these programs.

We thank you once again for the service you are providing the people of the State of Wisconsin. Making such monumental decisions as these, particularly in the current life-or-death circumstances, requires significant moral fortitude. Please do not hesitate to reach out for further statistics or on-the-ground anecdotal evidence that would help inform your process.

Respectfully,

ACLU of Wisconsin

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley

Civic Response Team: Shelter

Milwaukee Community Justice Council

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

Wisconsin Center for Health Equity

Wisconsin Public Health Association

United Way of Greater Milwaukee &
Waukesha County

From: [Kent Markham](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Prisoners should not get vaccines before grandmothers
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:30:55 PM

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Prisoners should be last on the list for vaccines, certainly not before grandmothers.

Kent Markham



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From: [Sarah Neville](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fw: 1b COVID Vaccine Allocation Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:18:36 PM

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To Who This May Concern-

I am writing today about the concerns I have regarding 1b allocation of the COVID19 vaccine. I am a 30 year old who is extremely high risk because of medical conditions including heart/lung congenital conditions. I'm treated by the best at Children's Milwaukee and since March, haven't had any semblance of life because of COVID and being high risk.

After reading the proposed allocations, I'm sorry but you've got to be kidding me that we're vaccinating PRISONERS over those under 65 that are high risk with severe medical conditions. We haven't been able to lead any semblance of a normal life since March. I'm all for vaccinating the guards and staff but those prisoners made the choice to be jailed.

I can't stress how much the pandemic has hit me and those under 65. We're stressed, causing more medical problems, have lost jobs since we can't work in the public anymore (myself included), and have to totally isolate and cut ourselves off. My entire family works in the health care and on the front lines and I haven't seen them since May. That's almost a year because I'm high risk. So when I see that those under 65 who are high risk aren't even INCLUDED in this next round, I was appalled and in tears. You're in essence killing those who might get sick by pushing us off.

The majority of teachers and grocers other essential workers are healthy individuals (and most grocers are under 25 years old) who have a high rate of bouncing back if they catch it. Half are working from home such as Milwaukee Public Schools and Green Bay School District. If those high risk under 65 catch it, it's a death sentence. Those are the people at the bars and family gatherings not even listening. Even the CDC included us in the next round so why aren't you listening to the scientists instead you, a politician. You have delayed the rollout and this should have been set months ago.

Please be smart and include those under 65 who are HIGH RISK in the 1b allotment. Our lives depend on it. By choosing us for the next round, you would by default include those high risk essential workers. Please do the right thing and don't kill anyone else under the age 65 that's high risk.

Thank you,
Sarah Neville

From: [bob pirkel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:14:39 PM

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I wish to comment that I feel seniors 65 and up should be in phase 1B well ahead of prison inmates. Sends a very bad message about the rewards of wrongdoing. Help the seniors that are at high risk and trying to save their lives. This state should also be able to do a lot better than number 40 in vaccination rate, its a disgrace.

Robert E. Pirkel

From: [Annette Larsen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee- Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:42:52 PM

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You need to include 65 and over in this group, especially the ones with high risk medical conditions. I do not believe that you should include prisoners in this group over the elderly.
Thank you
Annette Larsen

From: [Kathy Kozicki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: vaccine phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:37:51 PM

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Also, prisoners are going to get the vaccine before I do at 63 years of age? I guess I need to commit a crime so I can get a vaccine to save my life? How does that make sense?

Please consider 60 and older before convicts and mink farmers.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 18, 2021, at 9:03 AM, Kathy Kozicki <kathykozicki3@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Please! Please! give vaccines out to people 60 and older . I just heard that phase 1a was going to take months on Fox 6! Months? Are you kidding me?

> We should be vaccinating 24/7. People are dying! My 88 year old mother lives with us and she is waiting months? Please. I see people on the news

> that are 20's, 30's getting vaccines when they have little risk of dying from getting Covid. Please give it to people who have a high risk of dying.

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> please.

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> Kathy Kozicki

From: [Bill Crawford](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:02:13 PM

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Sent from my iPad. All people 70 and over

From: greinkemike@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Recommendation for vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:34:33 AM

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Hello,

I'm advocating for my parents and people like them to receive the coronavirus vaccine as soon as possible and it blows my mind that they were not the main focus of the original rollout.

Throughout this pandemic we have been told by the government and media that the most vulnerable among us are those that are elderly and those that have pre-existing conditions. These are the people that are most likely to die when they get the coronavirus vaccine. About a month ago my uncle was among these people to die.

Both of my parents and parent in laws are in their mid-70s And Have had surgery within the last 12 months. My father-in-law had a stroke six weeks ago. None of them of been offered the vaccine as of yet. This is ludicrous to me as younger healthier people who in all likelihood will not die as a result of the disease are getting the vaccine before them. This needs to be rectified immediately!

Please offer the vaccine to elderly that have medical conditions as soon as possible. You are literally risking their lives by not doing so.

Kind regards,

Mike and Michelle Greinke

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From: [Joe Czarnecki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Recommendation
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:31:24 AM

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Please include those over age 65 in the Phase 1B vaccine group! Thank you.

From: [Jean Domagalski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:53:04 AM

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I believe the prisoners should be the last group vaccinated seniors, workers and those of us who have given up so much because of this virus should come first. I have an 85 year old mother isn't fair she get vaccinated first along with her fellow seniors. The vaccine roll in Wisconsin is been poor at best don't make it worse.

Sincerely
Jean Domagalski

From: [TAPGTOWN](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine sub committee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:49:41 AM

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I find it unbelievable that you are considering vaccinating prisoners before those in the general public age 65 and over who have underlying medical conditions. Why not vaccinate over 65 prisoners at the same time as the over 65 individuals in the general population. I should not be penalized for not having a criminal record. The federal government guide lines recommend the over 65 to be vaccinated now and the VA is already vaccinating veterans over 65. Governor Evers it is your responsibility and should be your #1 priority to get the vaccine to those over 65 and most vulnerable to die from this virus.

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From: [Angie Femal](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:29:29 AM

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I believe teachers and adults older than 65 should be included in phase 1b.

Prisoners definitely don't deserve it before these two groups.

From: [alnelson5858](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine rollout phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:25:11 AM

To include our murderers and rapists in our prison systems in phase 1b and not our senior's 65 to 69 is absolutely a slap in the face. Some states are including 65 year olds in phase 1a.

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From: [Joe Klein](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:15:21 AM

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Should include age 65 and older.

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From: [Juanita Hall](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phases for Covid Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:50:15 AM

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To Whom It May Concern;

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> I want to give my thoughts on inoculation of prisoners with seniors age 65 and older.

> The frustrating part is: 65 & older are told to get the more potent flu shots, pneumonia shots, etc., because of their higher risk factors.

> Even the Mayo Clinic stated 80% of covid deaths are from people 65 and older. But as soon as the Covid vaccine is available, the 65 year olds are put down the ladder. I wholeheartedly agree, the 1st phase should be healthcare workers & elderly in nursing homes. But to decide the second phase is for all "essential workers", whatever that means, should be in the same phase as 75 yrs and older, but 65 + yr. olds have been put into a 3rd phase, is beyond understanding to me.

> I understand that prisoners are in a locked facility, & need the vaccine, but I & my husband have not committed any crimes that caused incarceration, & feel we deserve the right to receive our vaccines 1st in phase 3, which should have been included in Phase 2.

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> Respectfully,

> Mrs. Juanita Hall

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From: karijg@charter.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B Comment - NO INMATES
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:46:50 AM
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Dear DHS,

As part of the public comment period, I would like to voice my opinion that INMATES BE REMOVED FROM PHASE 1B!

I'm sorry but my parents and grandparents need to have access before PRISON INMATES!

ALSO, mink farmers need to be moved to a lower phase as well.

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Thank you for listening to my concerns!

Kari Jacobsen-Gagnow

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Earlier on Tuesday, a subcommittee of the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) announced it would recommend a Phase 1B and Phase 1C vaccination group. Its [recommended Phase 1B](#) would direct vaccinations to approximately 980,000 Wisconsinites, including those aged 70 or older, police and fire personnel, educators, additional health care workers, **inmates**, and mink farmers. State officials indicated that Phase 1C will likely include food processing workers and others in close-quarters manufacturing jobs, grocery store staff, public transit workers, as well as people aged 65 and older and adults with high-risk medical conditions.

From: [Candace Benter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee/phase1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:18:45 AM

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As a Wisconsin resident above to age of 65 and who has followed all laws and regulations before and during the co-vid pandemic. I believe that the age group should be 65 and above and as a law abiding citizen I should receive the vaccine before a prisoner who made the choice to break the law and be convicted and confined. I am a prisoner in my own home not by choice but by regulations put in place because of the pandemic. I would like to move about freely as I have done before the pandemic.

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From: [Sharron Sweet](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:09:04 AM

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I feel next phase of backs should include ALL seniors 65 and older before allowing vaccines to go to prisoners!

From: bneville@new.rr.com
To: DHS SDMAC
Subject: 1b COVID Vaccine Allocation Comment - High Risk Under 65
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:04:42 AM

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To Who This May Concern-

I am writing today about the concerns I have regarding 1b allocation of the COVID19 vaccine. My daughter is someone who is under the age of 65 (age 30) who is extremely high risk because of medical conditions including lung and cardiac conditions. Since March, she haven't had any semblance of life because of COVID and being high risk.

I can't stress how much the pandemic has hit my sister and those under 65. She and those high risk are stressed, causing more medical problems, have lost jobs since they can't work in the public anymore (my sister included), and have to totally isolate and cut herself off from family and friends. That's almost a year. So when I see that those under 65 who are high risk aren't even INCLUDED in this next round, I was appalled and in tears. Your in essence killing those who might get sick by pushing us off.

The majority of teachers and grocers other essential works are healthy individuals (and most grocers are under 25 years old) who have a high rate of bouncing back if they catch it. Half are working from home such as Milwaukee Public Schools and Green Bay School District. If those high risk under 65 catch it, its a death sentence. Those are the people at the bars and family gatherings not even listening. Even the CDC included us in the next round so why aren't you listening to the scientists instead you, a politician.

After reading the proposed allocations, the fact that we're vaccinating PRISONERS, teachers, and grocers over those under 65 that are high risk with severe medical conditions. We haven't been able to lead any semblance of a normal life since March. I'm all for vaccinating the guards and staff but those prisoners made the choice to be jailed.

Please be smart and include those under 65 who are HIGH RISK in the 1b allotment. My daughter and their lives depend on it. By choosing them for the next round, you would by default include those high risk essential workers. Please do the right thing and don't kill anyone else under the age 65 that's high risk.

Thank you,
Joy and Brad Neville

From: [Deb](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b cohort
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:04:07 AM

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Honestly questioning why WI isn't vaccinating 65 and older like most other states. At least should consider 65+ with high risk conditions. Transparently, I am 65+ with cancer who finds it hard to believe that WI is prioritizing the life of a mink over mine. Sounds like a pretty far fetched
Thanks for requesting feedback though I highly doubt it's a serious request

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From: [Beverly Hofer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine phase 1b categories
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:02:22 AM

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I want the age for immunizations be 65 and over not 70.
Teachers which are much younger should not get it unless they sign an agreement to teach in person.
Prisoners should be in a later phase.
Beverly Hofer
Cross plains WI

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From: [dennis weden](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:00:13 AM

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You can not be serious that you want to give vaccines to prisoners before people over the age of 65. I have been a taxpayer for 52 years and have health issues. A criminal has more rights than me. This is shameful

From: [Nancy Drescher](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:51:44 AM

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I heard that the suggested plan for Covid vaccine distribution gives the vaccine to people in the prison system before older adults or those with compromised health. Get real! Those of us who abide by the law would like to get our lives back. We're the ones paying the taxes. Some of us have been isolated for ten months...a prison sentence. Do your jobs and get the vaccines out. Wisconsin's distribution is one of the worst in the midwest, maybe the country. This is shameful. If you as a group can't handle the rollout, resign and let someone competent take over. Tommy Thompson has offered help. Why not accept it?
Sincerely, Nancy Drescher

From: [JOHN HOFER](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:46:20 AM

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I do not think teachers should be included in this group unless they sign an agreement to return to in-person teaching they are younger than 60 and take vaccines from seniors over 65. The same thing for prisoners they are in prison for crimes and again take vaccines from seniors over 65. The age in Phase 1B needs to be 65 and over as recommended by CDC and other states.

Thanks for your consideration

John Hofer DMD

From: [Gary Spielman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:52:45 AM

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I am 69 years old with diabetes, still working, paying taxes, and you can justify prisoners getting the vaccine before me. Do I have to commit a felony to be eligible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary Spielman

From: [lawrence frick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Conid Vaccine Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:45:08 AM

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The congregate living group specifically those incarcerated should be vaccinated as per there age/health conditions not all at once because it is easier. Those that are incarcerated do not have to go out in the public to work, get food for their families, and be exposed to children attending schools. I'm sure the state health dept has recommended safety procedures for the correctional facilities. Those that are incarcerated choose to not follow (news showed prisoners coughing on each other) them that is why there is a high positivity rate in them. I'd be interested to see what the positivity rate in other congregate facilities is. I'm sure it is not nearly as high as in the correction facilities. Why are you vaccinating a group that has 60% of its population (read that somewhere) already testing positive for COVID so early? My niece has my mother (86) her husband (who has an existing medical condition) herself (early 40s) and 3 school age children in one house. There risk of exposure from multiple sources (school, work, essentials) is quite high. Let's face it we are all at risk of exposure and should get vaccinated as soon as possible. After the front line workers and those with the highest fatality (not infection) rate are vaccinated everyone else should be vaccinated per medical condition/age group. It would be more convenient and cost effective for me to bring my whole family in to be vaccinated at the same time. I don't see this happening nor do I expect it. I feel it would be acceptable to vaccinate all corrections staff (they should not be put at risk from those incarcerated not following health recommendations) and incarcerated at high risk due to age/ health conditions. The rest could be done in the last group with the general population. Only 2 trips to each facility to vaccinate thousands of people. My neices family will be making 3 trips to get 3 people vaccinated. Many other Wisconsinites will be making several trips as well. Sorry for my next comment but I really am bothered that you are placing the incarcerated so high on the list! For every vaccine given to a healthy, non social distancing, rapist (or any other crime) inmate, that is 1 vaccine not available for a hardworking, law abiding, loving grandfather/grandmother/father/mother (you get the idea). Someone dying because for ease and convenience you gave a vaccine dose to a healthy inmate who already had COVID just does not make sense. I hope you make the change to treat the incarcerated the same as the general population and not keep them ahead of us.

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From: [Carol Kopsell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Phase 1 b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:06:59 AM

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I do not believe that you should be giving The vaccine to prisoners before seniors and the other people on the list of 1b. I'm a senior and my husband who's 80 also have been doing what we're supposed to be doing by staying our distance and wearing our mask and stay home and we are waiting to get this vaccine so we can have a chance at not dying . It's very important that we get it as soon as we can I agree with the other people on the list but not giving it to the prisoners before seniors. We're more deserving. My friends feel the same way This process needs to get moving so we can get the curve down in the state of Wisconsin.

I also hope there's going to be an easy way of getting on the list to get the vaccine and not have to call a number daily and worry about not getting to get it.

Thank you
Carol

From: [Becky West](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:05:50 AM

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Good morning

As a mother of a child that is in incarcerated I believe the following should be in 1b phase before inmates.

- . 55 years and older with health conditions
- . Grocery store employees
- . Employees of corrections

Thank you

From: [Rosalie Migas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination Groups
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:50:11 AM

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Dear Staff:

I have heard that Wisconsin is not following the CDC guidelines for vaccination groups. I would urge the committee to follow the CDC guidelines. I think vaccinating prisoners first, rather than those 65 and older is unfair. I also think grocery workers definitely need to be vaccinated before prisoners. Why the state is wasting time developing different guidelines, rather than following the CDC guidelines, is a mystery to me.

Regards,
Rosalie Migas
Madison, WI

From: [Chris Lorbiecki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:44:31 AM

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I think the elderly should be first on the list and should have been listed 1A/B. Elderly should be before teachers, etc. They are most vulnerable. All teachers won't get the vaccine so this school year will never be "normal." 1A/B should start with people over 80, then over 75, then over 70, etc. Therefore nobody will wait in long lines and risk exposure. I will feel terrible if my 80 year old Mom gets Covid while waiting to get a vaccine behind a mink farmer and inmate! Teachers are able to go virtual and this school year will never be normal.

From: nancy.malczewski
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 5:59:06 AM

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I basically agree with the people you have put in Phase 1b. I am in my mid 70's which makes me vulnerable. I don't care if you put grocery store individuals and prisoners in 1b as long as they come after me. Most grocery store employees are younger so even if they do get covid they probably won't get all that sick. Prisoners should come after me as well. Only 25 of them have died of covid while 80% of people in my age group have died. That's a big difference. I've been incarcerated myself since this covid thing has started. The only difference between myself and prisoners is that I have more room to move around in. What's really scary is if Charles Manson were still alive he'd get the vaccine before me. That certainly doesn't seem right to me.

One other concern is only having a vaccination available at the Wisconsin Center. That's a difficult place for seniors to get to. I don't want to drive in downtown traffic or try to find a parking spot down there at my age. Someone needs to think about that. Hopefully, if appointments are necessary, it won't take days to get an appointment and your computer system doesn't keep crashing as I have heard happened in other states. Also, please don't expect seniors to stand in massive lines. Some of us have mobility issues. I'm a widow living alone and hope you take some of my concerns and devise a plan that addresses my concerns.

Thank you, Nancy Malczewski

From: [Margie Gassner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:28:21 PM

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I do not think prisoners should be given the vaccine first unless there over 65 . I know alot of people over 70 that are still waiting. It should go by their age

From: [Thomas Frost](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Recommendation for plan B eligible people
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:59:43 PM

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Considering Wisconsin prisoners for eligibility before elderly and just about everybody else is unconscionable. Eight nuns from Notre Dame convent in Elm Grove died over a period of ONE WEEK and the living residents apparently have not been approved to get vaccines.

Unbelievable.

While I'm at it, please include people down to 65 in plan B and those with underlying conditions at the top of the list.

Get to work!

TF

From: [Barbara Ward](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: GROUP 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:22:36 PM

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Those 65 and older should be included in 1B. That is what originally was said would be done and then got knock down to 1C. Those over have many illnesses and ailments that makes them more subseptable to catching the virus. And now I see we're not included again but prisoners are.. That's not right.. They are in secure place where they wouldn't catch it but over 65 have to go out for groceries and appointments. I'M 67 and a Transporter for Hertz so I'm out driving to several places and seeing many people everyday so have a very good chance of getting it. We need help!!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Mark Jablonic](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:12:22 PM

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Why would the Governor want to vaccinate Wisconsin state prisoners instead of tax payers over 65 like me and my wife? Should we die from Covid 19 we will no longer be paying those taxes that support his government, i.e. income taxes, property taxes and sales taxes. Who is more important to this state?

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Mike Sonsthagen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b Recomendations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:08:53 PM

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I think it is critical to include citizens of Wisconsin to receive the vaccination if they have **existing medical conditions and are 65 years and older. I DO NOT agree that the state of Wisconsin is proposing to include prison inmates in 1b.** Is that an incentive to commit a crime or be rewarded for illegal activity! We need to get the vaccine to people who are out in public and have legitimate concerns that their health condition prohibits or limits their ability to navigate in the public, social arena. Not be superseded by criminals who are locked up in a prison with no exposure to the outside world. Please take this recommendation seriously.

Thank you.

Mike Sonsthagen

From: [Joe & Margie Klein](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Accident Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:11:33 PM

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My opinion is that prisoners should not be vaccinated ahead of myself, a 67 year-old who has never had as much as a parking ticket! Please reconsider including those 65 and up.

Margie Klein
Sent from my iPad

From: [Fraley - Edge Messaging](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:48:26 PM

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Please do not prioritize convicted, imprisoned felons over my 66 year old, three-time breast cancer surviving sister. Her risk factor was not the result of her own actions.

Once front line health care workers, seniors in group living centers and first responders have access to the vaccine, open it up to adults, 65+.

Do not give preferential treatment to convicted criminals.

Thank you.

Brian Fraley



From: [Mary Remondini](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b vaccine recommendations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:46:53 PM

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I feel very strongly that the next vaccine phase needs to people over the age of 65 and those under with chronic underlying health conditions. This is a health crisis so vaccinate the people who we know are most likely to get a severe illness.

I especially don't support teachers, prisoners, etc. the thought that the convicted child sex offender I help convict would get a vaccine before I with a compromised immune system makes me very angry.

Mary Remondini

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Zimman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: comment on vaccination plan
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:44:21 PM

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I have never provided comment on anything previously, but when I heard the proposal to move prisoners to Group 1B, I was moved to submit this comment.

As senior citizens who have been confined to our homes since March due to underlying health conditions, we are appalled at the suggestion that people who have chosen to reject the laws of society and commit crimes may now be given the privilege to be vaccinated prior to those of us who have spent our lives doing the right thing and obeying the law. While we understand the State's obligation to provide adequate care to prisoners, we reject the notion that prisoners should receive priority care while vulnerable citizens who play by the rules are told to wait their turn. Prisoners are in a congregate setting due to the anti-social decisions they made themselves, and rewarding them with an advanced place in the vaccination line goes directly against the government's primary responsibility to protect and promote the safety and well-being of the general population. It is the height of absurdity that we could receive higher vaccination priority if we left our home and broke a law, and that is not a message that any government should want to send to its citizens. In summary, please move prisoners down the vaccination priority list so they do NOT receive vaccination ahead of law abiding citizens who are in vulnerable categories such as being 65-plus or having underlying health conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard Zimman



From: [Donna Schraufnagel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:18:29 PM

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Why are inmates getting the vaccinations prior to people who are not a burden to society
People 65 and with underlying problem should come before prisoners --
God's Blessings
Donna

From: [Dave Jaloszynski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 3:06:44 PM

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I am 66 years old and have had a heart attack. I am appalled that prisoners and homeless are in front of someone like me. I have paid taxes for 50 years. How many of you on the panel can make that claim? The U P of MI are including 65+ in 1b.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Joy Gohr](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:51:21 PM

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Please consider the age and health status of inmates before making a blanket allowance of all prison inmates getting the vaccine.

A healthy 21 year old prisoner should not get the vaccine over a 65 year old.

Sent from my iPhone

From: suejo57@charter.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:21:08 PM

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I have read where the next vaccine will include prison workers and inmates. I'm 65 years old and have some health problems and still working. My taxes pay for these inmates. Now you want to protect them before me and many others that pay taxes. I do agree that people working in the prison systems should be vaccinated. I have lived and paid taxes in Wisconsin my whole life. The next phase should include at the very least people 60 and older not just 70 and older. You people that are making these decisions would rather save an inmate than help the people that pay for them. That is so wrong. How do you think the taxpayers of Wisconsin feel about this? Inmates in a prison or jail do not deserve a vaccine before any taxpayer in this state. Wisconsin doesn't care about the taxpayers. If they receive vaccines before the taxpayers do I will have no other choice but to leave this state and tell as many people as I can not to come to Wisconsin as Wisconsin does care about them. Wisconsin would rather

save a criminal than than a working taxpayer.

I never thought the state I love would ever do this to us.

Please Make sure the Governor sees this!

From: [Bary Bothun](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:26:14 PM

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To vaccinate prisoners before seniors is a completely stupid idea. You Dims need to get your heads out of your butts!!!!

From: [John herziger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:13:05 PM

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I think people older than 65 should be included in phase 1 B we 65 and over need the vaccine as much or more than prisoners. why can't you inoculate workers and guards. Then test new prisoners when they arrive. Do this until the vaccine is more widely available. Seems to make a lot of sense to me.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ted Talmage](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine rollout
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:00:41 PM

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee recommends **prisoners**, child care workers, teachers and people 70 and over be the next in line. The State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee still needs to sign off on the plan. It differs from the Trump administration's guidance, which says those **65 and older and adults with serious health problems should now receive the vaccine.**

The subcommittee decided prisoners should get their vaccines before your 65-year-old grandmother.

What idiots thought this was okay????????????????

From: mcginley2000@yahoo.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments re 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:50:11 AM

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Hello,

We do not approve of vaccinating prisoners and grocery store employees before older Wisconsin residents. For one thing, many grocery store employees are healthy teens and young adults and are not dying from Covid. Secondly, while their work may put them at risk, many of these same people have not complied with mitigation efforts put forth by your agency. They are the ones out having a good time while the rest of us are home looking out the window. As for prisons, it seems reasonable to vaccinate employees at some point so they don't bring the virus into the prisons. Immunizing the prisoners seems unfair. There are many rules and regulations prisons have to live by every day. Corrections should amp up mitigation efforts where possible.

The record is clear regarding senior citizens. They make up 16% of the population and 80% of the deaths according to recent reports. In addition, we are the ones following the rules. We are the ones getting curbside pickup for groceries and other supplies. We are the ones with multiple risk factors. We are the one staying home while others gather in bars, restaurants, homes, church etc. We are the ones who are isolated and lonely. (One person I know was so lonely she went to the grocery store bakery because she knew she could talk to someone there. Pretty sad!)

In conclusion, we think senior citizens should be in the first tier of 1B based on death rates and other factors as mentioned above. Prisoners and young grocery store employees can wait a bit longer.

Mike and Ruth McGinley

From: [Connie Yost](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccination for prisoners
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:56:21 AM

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I object to prisoners receiving the Covid vaccination prior to people who are 65 or younger. I agree prison workers should receive it but not the prisoners at this early phase. I am 64 and my spouse is 69. We have been staying at home to avoid getting the virus but our child need us to help them. Despite my one daughter taking all the precautions she could do, her family, her spouse and 4 children just got the virus. My daughter is a high school teacher and is required to go to work at the school and 3 of the children go to school while the baby is at daycare. Now they are quarantined for 14 days. The kids have to do virtual school, daughter is teaching virtual, her spouse is working from home while they have a 2 year old running all around. They need help but I can't help because I am not vaccinated. My other daughter has 5 children and home schools. Her spouse has to work out. She needs help but I am at risk if I go to help. I understand we need to take care of our prisoners but I do not agree with vaccinating them in the next roll out.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jason Walter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Rethink your recommendations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:48:39 AM

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I am writing to you today to request you add people 65 or older with preexisting conditions regardless of whether they live in congregate housing to Phase 1b.

Both my mother and father are 68 years old and they are my child care (I see child care workers are a group identified within the 1b phase). My father has high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes. My mother has COPD. The idea that you are recommending the Wisconsin jail and prison population receive the vaccine before my parents who at 68 years old with various pre existing conditions is not reasonable. The average Wisconsin prison inmate is 39 years old. My parents, and others age 65 and over with pre existing conditions are at a real risk of serious illness or death. Moreover, I am 42 years old without health problems but I will receive this vaccine within the next couple weeks because I am a teacher. Again, this is just not sound given that I face a very low risk of serious implications versus people that are at greater risk.

Please add **anyone** 65 or older with preexisting conditions to the 1b phase rollout regardless of whether one lives in a congregate setting or not.

Jason Walter

From: [Brett Garceau](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee and Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:42:56 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently reviewed the proposed phase 1b groups and am appalled at the inclusion and recommendation of convicted prisoners and the prioritization of this group above our elderly (65+), those with compromised immune systems, essential workers and balance of general public. Putting it lightly, this is a slap in the face to law abiding, tax paying citizens. We've heard time and time again that our vaccine supply is extremely limited and as such phase 1b should be concentrated on protecting those most susceptible to adverse effects which based on statistics is clearly those 65+ and those within this grouping having compromised immune systems. Why are we waiting to provide them access? This group consists of our parents, grandparents, Vietnam Vets, WW2 Vets and the prolonged timetable from the committee especially after CDC revising their guidelines is unacceptable. We are well behind other states in doing so and we need to start preventing deaths and that starts by getting our elderly vaccinated immediately.

From: talberte@wi.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: talberte@wi.rr.com
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee & Phase 1B - Prisoners
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:26:33 AM

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How can you be so stupid to include prisoners in Phase 1B at the exclusion of people over 65 and grocery workers? These ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PRISION BECAUSE THEY BROKE THE LAW!!! They should be the LAST phase not one of the first. You should put the prison employees in Phase 1B but not the inmates. To include inmates is a slap in the face to law abiding citizens. You should also drop the age for older people to 65 years – how you come up with 70 is beyond me and this age is no longer supported by the CDC. Also, you should stop immediately health care administrators from giving extra vaccine to those who are not in contact with patients. If necessary you should fine them for any vaccine that goes to that group and is not given to those in Phase 1A.

Thomas J Alberte

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From: [Chuck Henderson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:03:28 AM

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As someone who is 74 years old, I'm happy that 70 and older are included in 1b. I believe that 65 and older would be better because of the high death rate of our Seniors group. I also am shocked that front line grocery workers aren't included in the 1b group while criminals are included. I believe that prison workers might be included in 1c and prisoners should be included by their age groups.

Sending Prayers, Charles Henderson

From: [Jon Chamberlain](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:46:14 AM

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Once frontline health care workers, first responders and those with co-morbidities have been vaccinated, future vaccines should be distributed strictly by age. Any of the other groups that claim they should be next are being selfish. For instance, teachers. While they are important, this group consists largely of younger people who are not at as great a risk as others. Those that are, would have already been vaccinated or will soon be. The same can be said about grocers. I would venture to guess that at least 70-80% of those workers are in lower risk groups particularly taking into account the number of high school kids that work in that industry. Even prisoners, whom I think should be last on the list, would largely fall under the same criteria - those that are younger (a large majority) are at a lower risk and those that are older will be some of the first vaccinated.

All human lives are important. Vaccines should be distributed to those at a higher risk first.

Sent from my Fischer Price iPhone

From: [Lynn Barney](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:51:32 AM

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For consideration I would recommend that all people over the age of 65 be offered covid vaccine in phase 1B
Thank you
Lynn Barney

Live well Laugh often Love much!

From: [R & M Wisniewski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine Distribution
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 8:23:52 PM

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I am writing to supply my comments on who should be vaccinated in WI as part of phase 1B.

As health scientists across the industry recommend, the most vulnerable must be considered next. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to include all WI citizens over the age of 65.

I find it incomprehensible that you will ignore this recommendation of the federal government, as well as this population, in favor of picking and choosing who you opine should be vaccinated next. Our neighboring states, MN, MI, IL, have all made the right decision to vaccinate their over 65 population next.

In addition, it has been reported that the federal government will begin allocating vaccine doses based on state's over 65 population, rather than overall population as is currently being done. Therefore, you cannot possibly use this population to receive vaccine, but not distribute it to citizens over 65.

Thank you,

Mary Wisniewski

Sent from my iPad

From: [Denise Krueger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Group 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 7:39:00 PM

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I'm very disappointed with the potential groups that may be added to 1b. The limited vaccine should be prioritized to those who are at highest risk of poor outcomes. Period. Save lives!! (The prioritization of vaccine during H1N1 was children as they were most vulnerable to it.) The same should be done here. After 70 year olds it should be offered to those 65 and up and to those under 65 with conditions that put them at highest risk for poor outcomes. These are the people living in absolute fear of the virus everytime they have to go out or get a delivery. These are the people who end up in the hospital. These are the people dying!! These are the people that need to get the vaccine first. The overall goal at this point needs to be preventing morbidity and mortality and decreasing the burden on hospitals and staff.

It appears to me that the intention of the groups listed is more about convenience than solving the problem and saving lives. When I say convenience I mean that just because people are confined (and may have access to staff able to vaccinate) does NOT mean that they are at risk of poor outcomes. If you vaccinate correctional officers then the likelihood of spread to inmates is low and they are not out among the general population. Inmate's SHOULD NOT be prioritized over others at-risk for many reasons. Teacher's at risk of poor outcomes should be offered the vaccine (again if they are prioritized with 65 and older/under 65 and high risk they would be covered). That doesn't mean ALL teachers should be offered the vaccine now. Again, you appear to be looking at convenience over need.

Its pretty simple really. There should be a state wide link to guide you where to sign up and it should all be clear and simple. All counties have mass vaccination plans in place. Best practice would be by appointment, drive through vaccine clinics either done by pharmacies or a combined effort. (Health departments are way too busy doing contract tracing.) WI appears to be sorely lacking in its response and readiness for vaccine distribution. Other states are doing way better!

Denise Krueger, RN
(Retired after 20 years experience in communicable disease prevention and control.)

From: [Lori Chyko](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 7:04:55 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

I just learned that our governor is planning on supplying the covid vaccine to prisoners instead of offering it first to those who are elderly. What a HORRIBLE way to treat the fine citizens of Wisconsin!!! Our Elderly and those in nursing homes should be offered the vaccine first - BEFORE prisoners, and all LAW ABIDING CITIZENS should be offered it before prisoners also. Why is the governor trying so hard to destroy our state??? Terrible decisions by this administration. WILL NEVER GET MY VOTE, that's for sure! And I will be spreading the word to anyone else who will listen!

Sincerely,
Lori Chyko

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May GOD Bless You today and always!

From: [Ann Kester](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Input on COVID vaccine
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:21:01 PM

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NO WAY should inmates be in group 1B. They should not be vaccinated until all interested adults have been vaccinated.

Prison and jail workers, yes. Residents, no.

Their bad choices should not put them ahead in the line and I am offended that you would even consider that.

My life is on pause because I have been doing everything I have been told to do. You need to consider my mental health and the mental health of others that are doing our best to remain in quarantine.

Ann Kester



From: [Brett Garceau](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee and Phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:02:23 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm emailing to voice my opinion regarding the phase 1b group. I feel very strongly that we should be prioritizing our seniors with this next round and in particular those aged 65+. The WI DHS (link below) and nationwide numbers speak for themselves in that this group is most adversely affected with both hospitalizations and deaths. This group should have been included within 1a and vaccinated simultaneously with our frontline workers (healthcare). This is not a political decision, it's time to start playing offense to prevent unnecessary deaths instead of playing defense with testing. Over a month has gone by without providing these individuals access. This generation (65+) has protected us through the Vietnam War/WW2 and they are being left behind with the decisions being made and prolonged timetable. Why is this even being debated when the CDC announced these guidelines over a week ago and other states have already begun with these groups in their first phase? Instead, prisoners (1/2 of which have contracted covid) regardless of age are proposed to receive the same priority in your contemplated plan? This is not right. If it's a level playing field, which it should be, age group should be utilized across the board to protect those most vulnerable and under the same guidelines. By vaccinating those 65+ we'll be taking pressure off our hospital system and most importantly start saving lives. Thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing that you are making the right decision to protect those that have protected our generation for many years.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/deaths.htm#demographics>

Brett

From: [Kathy Cecil](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment on 1b Category
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 5:02:40 PM

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I do not understand why WI is taking so long to set up the next category, 1b. The CDCs most recent recommendation is for those 65 and above to fall in Category 1b. Many states have already adopted this recommended age. If you are 65, you are already on Medicare. Why would WI not want to protect as many of the older population as possible.
Kathy Cecil

From: [Harriet Briski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Seniors and Immunization
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:24:41 PM

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I oppose the mandate that allows prisoners to receive the virus immunization shots before our senior citizens. Our Wisconsin seniors are suffering and many are dying daily. You are responsible for this gross negligence
Harriet Briski

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ona Leddy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 Vaccine
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:19:16 PM

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DHS,

Please keep it simple....65 and older and essential workers (people who worked in March and April while we were shut down).

Other fair considerations would be school teachers/admin and anyone with underlying health conditions 18 - 64.

I feel like the DHS is trying to make too many groups a priority for the 2nd round. Honestly, it makes it seem like you are not making anyone a priority. In that case, why can't we all get it!?

I would also set a date. If you are in the 2nd round, please get the vaccine by this date, or we are moving on. If people don't want to get it, that is fine, but we shouldn't wait for the people who don't want to get it.

We are all just waiting for your leadership and productivity. So many states are ahead of our effort. It is sad to see where Wisconsin is in terms of giving out the vaccine.

Ona

From: [Ellen Brennand](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:59:51 PM

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It is appalling to think 1b would include inmates over essential workers(yes those going TO work every day) and those with underlying health issues who are out working every day to support there families.

Recommendation is 65 and older and 50 and older with underlying health issues.

From: [Karen Gourlie](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:32:53 PM

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It's a no brainer, 65 and older just like Medicare. Not Prisoners!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [judy wanless](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment on vaccine
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:39:40 PM

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Please! Make the vaccine available in phase 1b to people over 75. Then go by tens for the next groups. Ie 65 then 55 etc. We notice that most over 75 can't stand in long lines, use canes walkers etc. Give it to the most vulnerable first.

Otherwise, you are going to have a disaster like Florida did.

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Suzanne & Charlie Tsamardinos](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:22:24 PM

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Hello,

I agree the next phase 1B should include ages 70 and up to receive the vaccine .

Thank you,

Suzanne
Tsamardinos

From: [Sandra Kempken](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:03:10 PM

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Sent from my Vaccination priorities

Have recently heard a potential plan to vaccinate prisoners ahead of senior citizens 65 and older. This also delays vaccine for many veterans who have fought for our freedom. While I do understand the premise of this possibility, it is disturbing to realize those who choose to be negligent in their behavior will benefit ahead of older citizens who have worked hard their entire life and would like to enjoy their time freely. Rewarding the abusers for their bad behavior while the responsible, good folks suffer is something that happens too often. There are other ways to protect prisoners while those who make a positive contribution to society get their vaccine. And please fight vigorously for our state to get more vaccine. This administration just seems to lack passion for the citizens of this state. The squeaky wheel does get the grease! Thank you, Sandra Kempken. Sent from my iPhone

From: [wayne.grutza](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 11:48:16 AM

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I'm confused is it true that Wisconsin State Inmates will get the vaccine in one of the first groups. Because 25 inmates have died from Covid, but if you look at the age group, that they are going ahead of, which is people age 60-69 in Milwaukee County 167 people in that age group have died and in the State of Wisconsin 697 people have died. Why is this?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roger Woodke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: No Early Vaccines for Prisoners
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:04:00 AM

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As a taxpayer and voter in Wisconsin I demand that inmates of our jails and prisons NOT be placed in line for a covid-19 vaccine ahead of people over 65 or those with underlying health issue risks.

Furthermore I believe the Evers administration has been and is continuing to do a poor job in getting the C-19 into peoples' arms.

Get your act together.

Roger L. Woodke



From: [S Mehlhoff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: Feedback Vaccines 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:01:42 AM

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Likely should have included our address.
Sherry Mehlhoff & George Estrada

From: S Mehlhoff
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:47:46 AM
To: dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov <dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Feedback Vaccines 1b

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2. We also agree with the demographics that show individuals at 65+ that are at high risk for complications of covid 19 (African Americans, Hispanics...) also need to be prioritized to receive vaccine in phase 1B.

Thank you.
Sherry Mehlhoff and
George Estrada

From: [Sandra Saul](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Vaccines
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:55:52 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandra Saul [REDACTED]
Date: January 16, 2021 at 9:50:06 AM CST
To: DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov
Subject: Vaccines

I believe the second or B tier should include all Wisconsin citizens over65!
Most of us have health conditions that make us much more vulnerable and even picking up medications is a problem! (I have three including early cancer) I don't know if this could be done by alphas as in a-h at one stadium, or h-0 at Alliant or blocks of time at UW field. this would also make it easier for elders to go to doctors!

Sandra Saul
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Sherry Mehlhoff and
George Estrada

From: [Sue Lucas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinate prisoners before seniors?
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 8:55:26 AM

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Hello,

The state should rethink their plan to vaccinate prisoners before law abiding citizens who are at high risk for complications from COVID-19. Get the vaccine to the nursing homes, seniors and those at high risk first.

Sue Lucas
Hartland, WI

From: [Jeff Bowe](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B" public comments
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:21:57 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my objections to certain selection groups for the Phase 1B vaccine rollout:

- **CONGREGATE LIVING:** In this section the committee managed to "sneak" in Incarcerated Individuals. Under NO circumstances should anyone incarcerated in jails or prisons receive a Covid vaccine before anybody in the public. These people committed crimes against the public and should not be rewarded ahead of their victims, or any citizen contributing to society by not breaking laws that send you to jail/prison. Mental Health Institutes are reasonable; however, any member that thinks prisoners are a valid group should resign from the committee.
- **MINK HUSBANDRY:** I know it is a small group, but really? Apparently someone had to get their two cents in and justify themselves being selected for the committee. The best they could do to sound smart was read an article about mink in Denmark.

The committee needs to eliminate the prisoners in this phase and any future phase and start thinking about all the people that can't ZOOM in their jobs and have been continuously working as an essential worker from the very beginning, keeping your everyday lives going. They're not glamorous jobs and not headlined in the news, but are still essential to society.

Jeff Bowe

From: [Kris Lamay](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Rollout of the vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:48:44 PM

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I have read about how the vaccine is going to be distributed and it is very upsetting to me to be on the list after the Prisoners!!!!!! I am an essential worker and am very disturbed by this decision. I've also been a tax paying citizen for 43 years. By all means vaccinated the workers at the prisons. But to think a person who did something so terrible to be put in there for life and will get the vaccine before me is UNEXCEPTABLE!!!! I'm sure the prisons are locked down right now to visitors so I don't understand the hurry to vaccinate them. ESSENTIAL workers should be before Prisoners!!! Think you better maybe rethink your plan I'm sure there will be more than just me upset by this. I really don't want to have a repeat of any protests especially in our state which I'm sure there will be when this plan gets out. I have tried numerous times to reach the governor's office and left several messages and of course didn't receive a call back. This also is not acceptable. I realize no plan is perfect but REALLY Prisoners before essential workers what is wrong with this picture?

From: [Bob Ellis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: VACCINATION PRIORITIES
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:22:50 PM

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CONVICTS AND LAW BREAKERS IN JAIL and PRISON should NOT get a vaccine shot ahead of law abiding citizens. Jail workers and staff, yes. Convicts not.. at least not on the 1b round. Our tax paying , law abiding citizens should take precedent over crooks.

Bob Ellis
Neenah, WI

From: [Kris Angermeier](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccines
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:50:39 PM

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Inmates before Grandmas? I just read Katsmas newsletter. So much is wrong and all of you need to get this sheet figured out correctly!

First and foremost the vaccine should be voluntary!!! Second, get your stuff together on who can get it before others.

I have never seen such a bunch of screwed up decisions!

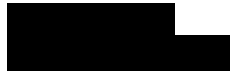
Kris

From: [Mitchell Januszewski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccination Priority
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:44:41 PM

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The plan to vaccinate prison inmates before seniors is simply stupid. It reflects the general failure of vaccination planning in Wisconsin. You've had 10 months to prepare for this. Lives are on the line! Get your bureaucratic butts in gear and get to work implementing vaccination. To seniors and those at comorbidity risk first. Not prison inmates.

Mitch Januszewski



From: [Joanne Arndt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:38:29 PM

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I am writing in regards to local, county and state “inmate” or incarcerated populations being included in phase 1B. I strongly object to including these persons in the next phase of COVID-19 vaccinations. My opinion is based on the fact that I am a 69 year old female with several underlining health conditions that make me very vulnerable to the serious effects of the virus. It is unfair to me and others in similar situations that incarcerated persons are being given priority over us. Please don’t forget that the incarcerated are in prisons because they preyed on others. Their well being is of no more importance than mine. I sincerely hope you consider moving the incarcerated population to a lower level of priority when deciding who next gets the vaccine. Thank you for your concern and consideration.

Joanne Arndt
Madison, WI

From: [Therese Rafferty](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:27:07 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I'm appalled to learn that the DHS covid vaccination subcommittee is considering vaccinating prisoners BEFORE the elderly! Have you lost your ever loving mind? So the most vulnerable must wait because those incarcerated have a more difficult time social distancing??

I hope the subcommittee comes to their collective sense and makes the correct decision.

Therese Rafferty
Oconomowoc WI

From: [Shirley and Cliff Christl](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Shots
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:58:33 PM

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As a 70-plus couple, we'll gladly wait for health-care workers, teachers so our grandkids can get back in school and others who protect our safety while facing on-the-job risks to get vaccinated ahead of us, but hopefully those making these decisions will have enough common sense to prioritize seniors in our risk category over prisoners and others in communal living situations other than nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Also, we understand the complexities involved here, but isn't it long past time to make decisions?

Sent from my iPad

From: [Barb Cerwin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Tom Cerwin](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:24:51 PM

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I am writing in regard to the distribution of the vaccine in WI. At this point it is disappointing to hear that your the decision of who will be inoculated in the 1B group has not been made.

I have read all kinds of information through the media about prisoners receiving the medication before people ages 65 and older. Granted they are housed in close confinement, but the lack of mask procedures and failure of both prisoners and guards to wear them has caused this problem. They should be held responsible for their actions and older Americans should not be penalized because of it.

Many people over 65 still work. Many provide an invaluable service to their families by watching their grandchildren while their parents work. Without their volunteer efforts our communities would be a much different place. They are contributing members of society that work without pay.

After Governor Ever's latest speech I was angered to hear the comment that this is a race issue. Just as prisoners are all races so are the elderly. It should have nothing to do with your decision.

Sincerely,
Barbara Cerwin

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jim Smith](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID VACCINE
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:17:49 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I have recently learned you are prioritizing prison inmates as the next group of people who will be getting vaccines. This really takes the cake. I'm almost 62 years old and have COPD. I've also worked full time in an industry that has been deemed essential. I get up at 5:00 each morning and serve my fellow man without complaint. We seem to be living in a country that rewards bad and illegal behavior while us hard working taxpayers are left holding the bag.

I think you need to really need to take a hard look at your priorities, and take a look at putting high risk people over 60 like me next on your list. Remember, US taxpayers paid a high price to get this vaccination fast tracked for the entire world.

Sincerely,
James Smith

From: [Penny Helmle](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:40:55 PM

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I believe people over the age of 65 should all be included in 1b- as per Federal 1b guidelines. Also people over age 55 with health conditions that make them high risk. I do NOT believe prisoners in jail or prison settings should be receiving the vaccine ahead of these populations. Essential workers such as those in County Human service organizations should be in 1b along with teachers if you want to get students back in classrooms.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nina Camic](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:20:22 PM

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I am a 67 year old in Dane County. I provide 25 hours of child care to my daughter's children as both parents work full time. I fully appreciate the difficulty of deciding priorities, but I am, along with others in my age group, at increased risk of exposure as one of the children will be returning to inclass instruction in three weeks (as per Middleton School reopening plans). Moreover, my daughter is pregnant and in a high risk pregnancy group.

In most other states, I would be able to get vaccinated due to my age and the child care I can provide. My daughter would also receive a vaccine. In Wisconsin, we are at high risk of severe illness and death, yet we do not even have a date for a vaccination. How is this possible? In her case, a vaccination protects two lives – hers and the growing infant inside her. Why is she not highest priority? In my case, I am both essential to their work and a senior, right there in the category of those who comprise the high death statistics (to say nothing of severe illness) in Dane County.

I would urge that the next vaccinated group include those most at risk of severe illness and/or dying: seniors over 65 and, too, pregnant women.

Thank you
Nina Camic



From: [Frontier Yahoo @](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid shots
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:30:42 AM

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I understand you are considering giving COVID shots to Prisoners before people over 65.

This is NOT OK to me!!!!

Please re-consider.

Thank you.

From: goof737@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:46:32 AM

I am disgusted that the committee plans to give priority for this vaccine to prisoners over other members of society. I'm a 67 year old with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, I've lived my life trying to do good, yet you want to give the vaccine to a prison inmate, a criminal, before you give it to me?! That's unethical.

Who should be in phase 1B? It's simple -

- anyone age 60 or over
- anyone of any age with underlying health conditions that put them at increased risk for complications from COVID-19
- anyone in the healthcare field that was missed in part 1A
- all teachers and school staff who are working full time in person - daycares, K-12, and college
- other essential frontline workers like grocery store workers, UPS drivers, etc.

Bottom line - it should go to the sick, the seniors, and contributing members of society who have been working in person during the pandemic. Giving it to those age 60 and older and those with underlying conditions will nearly eliminate the hospital burden of the disease, thus allowing us to resume normal lives sooner. It should definitely not be going to prisoners, not until it is widely available for anyone to receive.

Sincerely,

Sam Johnson

From: [W. Kent Lorenz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee | Phase 1b | Public Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:19:36 AM

Please adjust Phase 1b definition as follows:

- Reduce age limit to 65 years old.
- Remove prison and jail inmates from Phase 1b. Place them in Phase 3.
There are far more people activity contributing to our society that should be vaccinated before people who have taken from our society.

Respectfully,

W. Kent Lorenz



From: [Mike Lorenz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee | Phase 1b | Public Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:54:00 AM

Please use the CDC recommendation of 65 and older and people with serious health conditions. Prison inmates should be at the bottom of your list.

From: [Texan Gmail](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Commuter meeting comments
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:49:32 PM

Hello and thank you for the opportunity to respond with my thoughts and the recent committee meeting.

Three things:

#1 I would like to see this group accept the recent CDC recommendations that group 1b include those 65-70 years of age.

#2 It is disconcerting to see incarcerated individuals included in this 1B category. While I know we all have concerns for this segment of the population, I do not believe the incarcerated should be in a group that includes (and should) teachers, essential workers, those over 65, etc.

#3 this perhaps is my most important comment. I believe this committee must commit to communicating to the general public HOW the vaccine plan, at any and stages) will be executed.

Is there going to be a way to sign up and get scheduled? Where will the vaccines be given?

Is there a plan for these things? Why or why not? Why have we not heard what the execution plan is going to be nor when it will be implemented?

It's hard to watch other states vaccinating so many of their residence when Wisconsin has been so slow to the game.

Thank you for your time.

Renea Dettman
McFarland, WI 53558

From: [Roger Mason](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Sub Committee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:25:21 PM

I am 61 years old with a compromised immune system. I am concerned about how long it is going to take for me to be able to receive the covid vaccine. It seems unfair that prisoners should receive the vaccine before I would be able to. It is difficult to believe that those that have committed crimes should receive the vaccine before law abiding citizens are able to. I object to prisoners receiving the vaccine before citizens with health needs. Please rethink your position on who gets the vaccine and in what order. Lives are depending on receiving the vaccine.

Thank you.

From: [Sara C](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B covid vaccine group
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:37:24 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am very upset, angry and disappointed that the committee would choose to vaccinate incarcerated individuals before many other groups. My 65 year old parents will have to wait until after a criminal to get the vaccine. It's wrong. You already released a lot of prisoners due to COVID-19 and now you want to give the ones left in prison priority over so many other much more deserving members of society. If you are so concerned about the prisoners then vaccinate the guards and other employees and eliminate visitation until the pandemic is over. But please do not put the lives of murders and rapists above those of law abiding citizens. Incarcerated individuals should be the last on the list to receive the vaccine. They made their life choices to get them where they are today and they should have to live with the consequences of those actions.

I also think that teachers should have to be teaching full time in person in order to receive the vaccine in group 1B. Too many school districts are still virtual when they should be full time according to all the experts. If they are virtual then they should not be given priority as they are no different than others who are able to work from home. Anyone who is working outside their own home should be given priority over anyone who is working virtually including teachers.

Please reconsider the choices you are making.

Thank you,

Sara Cliff

From: [Cliff Grand](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine plan
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:35:23 PM

To whom it may concern,

Apparently the Wisconsin vaccine distribution/administration plan needs some common sense guidelines.

Unfortunately Wisconsin prison population should not be a priority and by any stretch of reason is not a priority. Common sense dictates that:

- ALL frontline workers should be first,
- Nursing Home and Assisted living populations next
- Those 75 & over
- Those 65 & over
- Teachers
- And on down the line.....

For heavens sake, use some common sense and serve the population of Wisconsin as you are paid to do in a TIMELY manner instead of trying to reinvent the wheel.

This isn't rocket science folks, just do your jobs.

The Wisconsin economy needs to be completely reopened at once for the wellbeing of the states population of ALL ages. The physical, mental and economic health of Wisconsin's population depends on quick, efficient action. Not politics and blame.

Thank you.

Cliff Grand

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From: [Elizabeth Feisthammel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:54:44 PM

I am writing in support of including those aged **65 and older**, particularly those with **chronic or terminal** health conditions to be included in Tier 1 b. Using an age range of 65 and older would keep Wisconsin in line with national guidance and surrounding states. I would also support that within adults aged 65 and older, those with chronic and terminal health conditions be given first priority. Being in multiple risk groups of advanced age and having a terminal or significantly life limiting illness has made this pandemic particularly difficult for this group. The social isolation and inability to see loved ones at or near the end of life has greatly impacted the mental health of adults in this group. This group also has a need to access critical medical care frequently to manage their disease, putting them at another increased risk of transmission when they require doctor appointments and procedures as well as the risk of disruption of the treatment for their underlying illness if they need to isolate due to a COVID diagnosis.

Thank you for your consideration
Elizabeth Feisthammel

From: [Ted Waldbillig](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine rollout
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:03:24 PM

Feedback. I am a lifelong citizen of Wisconsin Law abiding family man. I never write in or complain to those working hard during emergencies.

I must say that I was very upset to learn that incarcerated citizens may be in the 1c category and be able to get vaccinated before law abiding citizens 65 and older. I think this wrong...way wrong.

This is life threatening for everyone and good law abiding citizens come first!

From: [Sharon Kunding](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine phase 1b Input
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:55:21 PM

Thank you for providing the opportunity for public input on phase 1b of the Covid vaccination plan. I only have one comment. It appears that prisoners have been given priority over large portions of the population. While I agree with the prioritization of others in congregate living, I strongly believe prisoners should not be included in this group. They are in this position due to their choice to break the law. There should be a dis-incentive to breaking the law, not a reward. This group should be placed below all front line workers, people over the age of 60 and those with underlying health issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [linda klement](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine priority
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:45:29 PM

In my opinion, inmates should not be given priority over those 65 and older that are more susceptible to complications.


This group is suffering from isolation and are law abiding citizens. They should come first.

I do feel that the employees of the prison system need to be included however.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jean Jakel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination guidelines
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:29:55 PM

I believe the age limit should be lowered to 65. It should also include people with underlying health conditions. Oncologists should be able to give it to their patients if they request it. Thank you.

Jean Jakel


Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Walter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: sdmac vds phase 1b recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:26:48 PM

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I am a 67 yr. old white male with hypertension and diabetes who baby sits 3 days a week for my 2yr old and 5yr. old grandchildren for my son who is a teacher for Fon Du Lac high school and my daughter in law who works in a dental office cleaning teeth and from what I understand by reading your report is that I would not be considered for the 1 b plan. Really! A convicted person in jail no matter what age or medical condition, a homeless person no matter what age or medical condition a mink farmer no matter what age or medical condition is considered. Really. Many states and the federal government suggests 65 yrs olds at the starting point but you must know more then they do. Really. I pray to god that you know what you are doing because my life may depends on it. I'm sorry if I come across harsh but I am tired of this with all the political inference of being black, Hispanic or native American. It sure feels like I am being discriminated against. Thank you for your time to hear my thoughts and I hope you change your suggestions. Steven Walter

From: [Linda Jones](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccines. Include 65 and older
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:26:14 PM

Hood morning.

Why for the state of Wisconsin would we not follow the federal guidelines which opens to 65 and over. This age bracket has much greater risk of death than those younger. I am 68 And my husband is 69 and we both worked at schneider for 41 years each. We don't agree with the prisons getting the vaccine before 65 and don't agree with this age bracket not being included. We voted for governor Evers but are deeply disappointed in the execution by the state. My understanding this lies at the feet of the administration. We will definitely change our vote next time if the state chooses to not follow federal guidelines

Thank you
Linda and grailing Jones
Green Bay wi

Sent from my iPhone

From: tiffanyboettcher@att.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Covid-19 phases
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:44:13 PM

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> To whom it may concern-

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> I don't ever write to my government but I feel it is time I stand up for others like myself. I vote in every election and am a democrat. I find it very disheartening that Wisconsin is choosing to put our prison/jail population with COVID-19 vaccines before our vulnerable population. I am 38 years old and have a condition called Adult Onset Still's Disease. It's a very rare disease that attacks my joints and can attack organs. I have been sick for over 18 years. I take an immunosuppressive shot every night that is extremely painful. I have never been in trouble with the law. I find it wrong we want to protect people who committed crimes instead of people like myself who is a law abiding citizen. I worked as long as I could possibly could. I worked in an elementary school and was hospitalized six times in three months because I kept picking up every germ there. I stay home and social distance and always wear a mask. But to read the news that Wisconsin is not even going to follow what our new President wants is really sad. The vulnerable community needs to be a priority. I have daughters and I want to attend their graduations someday, weddings, and meet my grandchildren but they may not happen but at least our law breaking citizens are safe. This is so sad and wrong on so many levels. It's also wrong that Mayo Clinic's in Eau Claire is vaccinating their employees who work in collections and billing at home are getting vaccines while my grandmother is in assisted living and is one of only three that is not infected with Covid. They have lost 10 residents at her facility so far and they just had their first case less than a month ago. Yet my grandma has had no chance at a vaccine. Or the Dove Healthcare workers that got it who are receptionist and office workers who work at home that got the vaccine. It's truly sad and so wrong. I am all for doctors and nurses, police officers, EMT, prison guards, and firefighters being first but to not care about your most vulnerable population is so wrong. I get my flu shot every year because the flu can be deadly. Our state looks like a joke coming out with 1a 1b subcategories and so on. Basically what I'm getting at I should take my chances and get a job at a grocery store so I can be a priority or better yet break the law. I find that so backwards and wrong. All of this has got my family and friends very scared and worried. We have been so responsible as we can be to try to stay safe. Unfortunately our area had identified the super spreader from the UK here right now. Yet here I sit not any closer to a vaccine or my grandma who should be a top priority. Something needs to be done and I ask you to help people like my grandma and myself. Please help so that we can survive. We are people who are in our community who give back and are very active but can't be because we are unsafe currently.

Thank you,

Tiffany Boettcher

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Diane Schmitt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:21:40 PM

I do not believe that the incarcerated should be included in 1b. It is fine to give the prison workers the vaccine in this phase. The prisoners do not leave so if the workers are vaccinated, that should be adequate. They are criminals and can go to the end of line.

I do not believe hospital employees who are not in contact with patients should be in phase 1a or 1b.

Also Aurora according to reports is offering all employees the vaccine in this 1a phase. This needs to stop. They need to follow the rules.

The newer recommendation from CDC is 65 and older. WI needs to follow CDC guidelines.

Thanks, Diane Schmitt

From: [Suzanne Mech](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#); [Suzanne Mech](#)
Subject: Vaccine question
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:45:27 AM

I can't believe that prisoners are in group 1b before 65 year olds and up and people with underlying health conditions . How can that be correct?

Totally unbelievable. Wisconsin is better than that . This age group is paying in taxes . While the prison inmates are not . Why on earth do they have priority ?They chose the path that they are on. I am not a heartless person but this I just don't understand. I can't believe that Wisconsin would go against the CDC recommendation and leave out these two vulnerable populations. Please explain to me to help me understand your logic.

Sincerely ,
Suzy Mech

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Daryl Herrick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:09:43 AM

Without any doubt, senior citizens need to be prioritized over prisoners. And, communication with the public regarding the vaccine distribution needs to be frequent and with clarity.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Gary Nickolie](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:47:16 AM

I am a 67 year old diabetic that has been locked down in my own home for a year now, and the idea that convicted criminals would get priority over me is absolutely ridiculous.

Gary Nickolie
Hartford, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steven Jucius](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Administration of Covid vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:21:56 AM

To whom it may concern,

I find it very concerning that it has been decided by this administration that incarcerated inmates have been prioritized ahead of our elderly and other Wisconsinites with pre-existing health conditions to receive the Covid vaccine. I hope that this is an oversight and not deliberate as it has been proven that people over 65 and those with pre-existing health conditions are by far the most susceptible to DYING of Covid. The fact that otherwise healthy inmates would be prioritized over the people who account for 80% of the Covid deaths in this country is morally reprehensible. You should be ashamed of yourselves if this plan is implemented.

Steven Jucius


From: [Ricky Sievert](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 vaccine plan 1b objection
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:19 08 AM

Respectfully,

1) lower the age from 70 to 65 so we have a unified approach across the country based on the latest federal CDC recommendations. Otherwise, we open ourselves to further partisan criticism and distractions as to why did we not honor the latest CDC calls.

2) eliminate access to the vaccine by those “residents of congregate living facilities” who are in jails, prisons...inmates. These individuals have made choices and are incarcerated by those choices. Protection via a vaccine for them does nothing to open up our economy, get people back to work, to volunteering in community, to shopping safely... Prioritizing this group is an affront to bus drivers, grocery workers and any Wisconsin resident who goes to work every day hoping they don't contract the virus. NO to inmates.

From: [Teresa Schutz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:15:48 AM

To Whom it may concern,

It absolutely boggles my mind that Governor Evers and yourselves cannot make rational decisions. Prisoners before older citizens? Seriously? "Do the crime do the time," prisoners made the choice when they became criminals/felons.

They should be LAST in line.

The leadership in Wisconsin is pretty non-existent, and this latest example proves to me that I am point on.

Stop wasting valuable time on deciding who should get the vaccine. Bring back common sense and do the job we are paying you...prisoners are not, the taxpayer is.

Teresa Schutz

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Patti Alex](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:13:55 AM

Seriously, the state of Wisconsin is planning on vaccinating prisoners PRIOR to SENIORS! What is wrong with this decision?????? No wonder our state has problems!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kris Sievert](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Rick Sievert](#)
Subject: COVID-19 vaccine plan 1b objection
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:51:31 AM

Respectfully,

1) lower the age from 70 to 65 so we have a unified approach across the country based on the latest federal CDC recommendations. Otherwise, we open ourselves to farther partisan criticism and distractions as to why did we not honor the latest CDC calls.

2) **eliminate access to the vaccine by those** “residents of congregate living facilities” who are in jails, prisons...inmates. These individuals have made choices and are incarcerated by those choices. Protection via a vaccine for them does nothing to open up our economy, get people back to work, to volunteering in community, to shopping safely... Prioritizing this group is an affront to bus drivers, grocery workers and any Wisconsin resident who goes to work every day hoping they don't contract the virus. NO to inmates.

Respectfully,
Kristine Sievert
Fremont, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Timothy Gengler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:22:47 AM

I am feel I need to express my opinion. It is absolutely ludicrous for you to consider vaccinating prisoners over senior citizens. Senior citizens have the highest rate of mortality and are the largest group of people who when they contact Covid have far more difficulties than any prisoner who is incarcerated. They are in jail for a reason. There is no reason for them to be protected against society where as you're 65 and older have every right in the world to be protected from all of the stuff that's going on. You need to reconsider what you're doing. Governor Eavers has no idea how to govern and I think he needs to turn to some of his more progressive governors like DeSantis from Florida who knows what his priorities are!

Jeanne Gengler

Sent from my iPad

From: [Mary Remondini](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine rollout
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:12:41 AM

I was extremely disappointed to read of the proposed next vaccine groups. The majority of Covid deaths are due to underlying health conditions and yet they aren't even mentioned in the plan. I urge you to adopt the CDC's new guidance and most to mass vaccinations of all over 65 and those under with chronic health conditions. I can not support giving the shot to prisoners and young teachers. No one I have spoken to in the state supports it either.

Mary Remondini

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wendy Hartman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Recommendations
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:40:57 PM

I believe those over 65 and with those with medical conditions that could result in more serious cases of Covid should be in group 1b before individuals in prisons.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Georgia Zehner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Next vaccination
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:24:57 PM

People over 70 should get the next vaccinations, then fire and first responders, don't believe prisons should get it till the end of all vaccinations.

Sent from my iPhone
Georgia

From: [GERALD DVORAK](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:19:33 PM

I read in horror that my wife which is 66 years old and battling cancer for three years will have less priority than inmates or the homeless in Wisconsin. Apparently, the state of Wisconsin has absolutely no value for people over 65. Thanks for all of the support. No wonder so many our age are leaving the state.

Gerald Dvorak, Over 65!

From: [Cheryl Pucci](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid recommendation
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:17:26 PM

I am very frustrated at your newest recommendation for next vaccinations. You are not following CDC guidelines which state 65+ is the next line to be vaccinated. While I agree that prison guards need vaccination, it is totally incomprehensible that you would vaccinate inmates, who are incarcerated if their own volition, and defer 65+ who have co morbid conditions and are in the community. Many other states are already vaccinating 65+. Please please get in board with CDC and change your recommendation to 65+ and delay inmates

From: [Gerald Blohowiak](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:15:03 PM

To answer the question at hand, you should take in to consideration what all health professionals in this STATE and ACROSS the planet feared who would and still ARE most at Risk! The health RISK was that the ELDERLY should get the vaccinations for We have more to loose in the keeping this State and country alive and well. SO when you ask how should YOU proceed the ones who have been loyal to masks social distancing staying home as PRISONERS to save front line workers. NOW DO the PRUDENT AND JUST THING and Save the 65 and older SENIORS!!!

From: [Tim Nesemann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:29:25 PM

I would like the committee to strongly consider using the new DHS guidelines when determining who should receive the vaccine next. From the beginning of this pandemic, people over age 65 have been considered high risk and have been told not to go out unless necessary and not to be around children and grandchildren. **We have followed these guidelines.** The Federal Health and Human Services is now recommending people over age 65 and those with comorbidities should be the next to be vaccinated. DHS in Wisconsin should be following this guideline. We have heard for years that Wisconsin does not care about its senior citizens; I'm beginning to believe this is true. I guess we are expendable.

Please reconsider your current order of vaccines and follow the federal guidelines.

Thank you,
Timothy Nesemann

From: [David Mans](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:27:03 PM

I'm 68 years old turning 69 in February. I'm being treated for prostate cancer. I've been patiently waiting for my turn to receive the vaccine. Now I see that you're changing the order of preference. Being a year short of 70 is going to put me further down the list behind criminals and others. I think this is wrong

Sent from my iPhone

From: [William Kerschbaum](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:08:34 PM

Dear Department of Health Services Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee:

I just read that your committee recommends prisoners, child care workers, teachers and people 70 and over be the next in line for Covid-19 vaccines. Considering that 85% of all COVID deaths are in people 65 years old and older, that few prisoners are over 65, and that children are the least likely to spread COVID, these priorities do not protect the most vulnerable in our State.

My wife and I and many of our friends and relatives are all over 65. My wife was just tested this morning for COVID due to some health symptoms (waiting on results). We are both quite disappointed and outraged that you have put low risk groups at the front of the line for vaccines.

Sincerely,
Bill & Linda

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William & Linda Kerschbaum



From: [Bob Reider](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID VACCINE FOR PRISONERS BEFORE THOSE OVER 65 YEARS OLD
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:15:30 PM

Dhs,

You have to be kidding that you would consider vaccinating prisoners who broke the laws of the state before those over 65 years old. I have already lost a brother-in-law to the disease. The prisoners do not deserve to be given greater protection than the law-abiding citizens of the state that work and pay their taxes every year. This decision is a disgrace and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Robert F. Reider, PLS



From: [Melissa Pearson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 vaccination distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:11:23 PM

I am writing u out of distain and anger that there is consideration to vaccinate prisoners in wisconsin first instead of the 65 and older citizens and especially the ones with underlying conditions...this is the most appauling thing I have ever heard and cannot happen. We the people have been scared to death of this virus among all the other things going on in the country like the burning and looting and destruction in Kenosha and other cities. I have an elderly mother who has fought her battle with lung cancer who is so afraid to leave the house and I am sure in mental decline because of all of this covid stuff. She is wondering when it is her turn to have the vaccine? Does she have to break the law and go to prison to get it? THIS IS SO ABSURD!!! I have lived in wi my whole life and we are better than this. What in the world is going on? U all work for us. WE THE PEOPLE!!!!

From: [Peter Z](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:37:12 AM

I got a couple suggestions for you, I don't believe prisoners should get a vaccination and mink farmers when other people 65 are waiting and possibility getting infected and dying. These people incarcerated committed crimes. Why should they go ahead of people that lived a good life. The federal government has released a statement that there releasing all the vaccinations they have. and start vaccinating people 65 and older and with preconditions. They said they want them on people's arm not in the refrigerators. I believe you are slowing down the vaccination procedures by waiting till the 18th of January to make your decision who should get the vaccinations. Other states are proceeding at a fast pace while Wisconsin can't make up their mind who will get vaccinated. You need to open up more sites to give out the vaccinations and get them in people's arms you don't need any more clarification than what they said people are dying. This is typical Wisconsin policy play games. Wake up people you're playing with people's lives. I'm sure you got your vaccinations. Make a decision and start vaccinating people.

From: [Michael Dorazio](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Input on COVID-19 Vaccination rollout in WI
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:20:00 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Dorazio, and I am a WI resident that lives in Bloomer, WI. I am writing to give my input on the recommendation that prisoners should receive the Covid-19 vaccine before people 65 years old and older, and people with underlying health conditions. I believe this is not right! I believe the people who are 65 and older, and the people who have underlying health conditions like myself should receive the vaccine before our prison populations. We are the group that is dying from this disease! Because of my underlying health conditions, I have been working from home for almost a year, and I hardly leave my house because of my condition. I am on immune suppressant drugs that lower my immune system because I have Crohn's Disease. Because of this, my body has a hard time fighting viruses. 5 years ago, I was hospitalized for 2 weeks at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and nearly died from a common virus called CMV, that most healthy people can fight on their own. I have a family, and I don't want to catch this virus and potentially die from it. My kids need their father in their life. So, I am urging you to re-think your decision to give this to the prisoners before us who desperately need this vaccine so we don't have to worry about the possibility of dying from this disease and leaving our loved ones behind. Please put the most vulnerable to this disease before our prison populations. Please put the people who are 65 and older, and the people who are 16 and older and have underlying health conditions next. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Dorazio

From: [Richard Albrecht](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:32:54 AM

Disaster Medical Advisory Committee
Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Phase 1b Draft Comments:

I urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to place people age 65 years-old and older as the highest priority in phase 1b of the Covid vaccine distribution plan.

I am 69 years-old, and my wife and I have listened to the infectious disease experts and followed the safety protocols. For almost a year, we have listened to such health experts tell us that we are at highest risk of serious illness and death from Covid-19. We have followed all of their recommended safety protocols, avoided stores and even utilized curbside pickup for our groceries. But now, when the vaccine is finally arriving, we find out that we are placed behind much younger mink farmers, teachers, and prisoners in the distribution plan. WHAT!!!!!! While I certainly understand the reasoning for including these groups as a higher priority than the general public, to place these groups ahead of the elderly is unconscionable. Even if young people in these groups get infected, they are much more likely to have a mild form of the disease. Many younger people in our community have become infected and have had no symptoms or very mild symptoms. I understand the need to protect prisoners in confined settings and to vaccinate teachers to get students back to school, but to sacrifice the lives of elderly residents to achieve these objectives is not reasonable.

It makes sense to now place residents aged 65 years and older as the highest priority to receive the vaccine. Seniors have a high degree of vaccine acceptance while younger individuals in other groups are more adverse to vaccines. This is important from a purely public relations perspective. Phase 1a included health care professionals and people in long term care facilities, and is now expanding to law enforcement officers. But so far, this effort has been a very anemic as a small percentage of the vaccine already delivered has been administered. It has been almost a month since the first vaccine was received in Wisconsin and the hospitals have been administering the vaccine at a snail's pace while the elderly have been eagerly waiting for it.

The draft for phase 1b calls for seniors aged 70 and older to be included with other groups. I understand that the higher a person's age, the greater risk of death but why was such an arbitrary number used? The CDC and federal partners identify the elderly over the age of 65 as the highest priority group. Federal authorities just stated that the remaining doses of the vaccine will be released to the states and recommended that people over the age of 65 be given the highest priority. It is confusing and makes the elderly more cautious giving such mixed signals... first it is 65, now it is 70. Consistency in message will be rewarded in greater vaccine acceptance. The state of Florida began with the elderly and many other states have followed, so they are way ahead of Wisconsin in taking care of their elderly population. All of the publications we've read and infectious disease specialists we've listened to always refer to those over the age of 65. And now at the last minute, Wisconsin authorities want to change that narrative.

Public confidence in the vaccine has wained given the sad pace of vaccine administration. Wisconsin now needs a successful rollout to boost confidence. If you identify seniors over the age of 65 as the next group to receive the vaccine, you will find an eager and accepting group ready for vaccination. Once you have a successful inoculations program for the elderly, confidence in the vaccine will balloon. People will see that it is safe and effective, and they will be more accepting. I assure you, a successful vaccination program for the elderly will make phase 1c and beyond much more successful. After all, the objective is to vaccinate as much of the population as possible, and starting with the elderly is the fastest way to achieve that.

While the committee members putting the distribution plan together may be laser focused on technical issues, you should definitely consider community acceptance and the larger picture. By minimizing the impact on the elderly and placing us behind other groups less at-risk, you are causing a negative perception which will ripple through the community and make mass vaccination almost impossible. So if your objective is to get as many Wisconsin residents vaccinated as possible, I urge you to start phase 1b with seniors over the age of 65.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.

Richard Albrecht

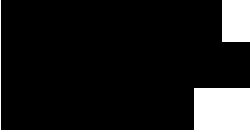
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From: [Dale Herold](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COCID Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:13:05 AM

I do not understand the red tape delaying my vaccination. I am 70 years old with cancer as a current condition. Why public comment for what your subcommittee has recommended. If there was agreement on 70 years and greater it should have been oked with the firefighters/police. Debate the rest of 1b later. Get this show on the road!!

Dale Herold



Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Mike Dahlk](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination Process
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:04:20 AM

Good Morning, I am sending this email to light a fire to get the elderly and people such as myself Vaccinated against Covid 19 ASAP! Why we are vaccinating prisoners and Mink Farms is beyond me!

I personally have two underlying issues, both immune deficiencies, Ulcerative Colitis and Sarcoidosis in my lungs.

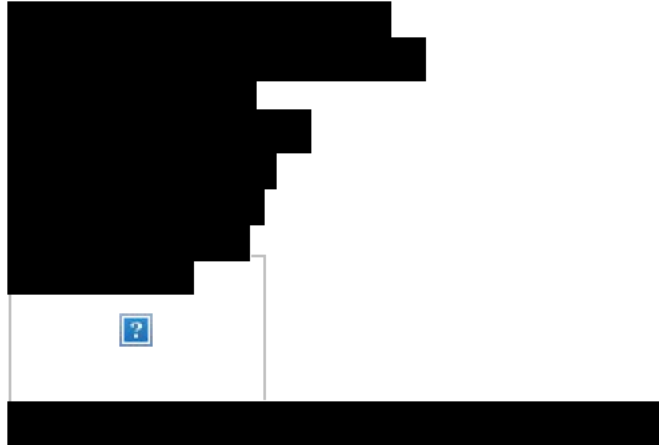
I have watched my 60 year old Brother in Law, A 57 year old Roommate from College and lastly, My Uncle all pass from Covid! The first two having no underlying conditions!

It's amazing to me how slowly this is going and that the State of Wisconsin is not doing more to get the People of Wisconsin Vaccinated Now!

I feel my Life as well as Millions of others are being held hostage by not getting Vaccinated Now!

Please do something about this now!

Michael Dahlk



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From: [Dave Meyer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:59:12 AM

The Health care providers on the first wave made total sense in that it secures our front line to care for those stricken with the virus. However after taking care of this essential group shouldn't the approach be to take care of the highest risk. All the research has shown that age and pre-existing conditions have the highest mortality rate. Would not the better course of action be to go by age. Starting with +70 then move to 60-70 then on to 50-60 etc. Remove the politics from what is a devastating situation that has impacted every aspect of our lives. We don't need more division in the country but solidarity to the crisis. Follow the facts of Covid not politics of special interest groups.

Seeing a group like inmates on the second distribution strikes me as unfathomable and more politics. Why would inmates be provided vaccination prior to others that contribute to society. Inmates while in close confinement made a free choice to not follow the rules of society. There are those that work in close confines daily that contribute to society i.e. food manufacturing, transportation, etc. Many of these groups have the highest outbreak and remain at the highest risk as a group. We are a structure of many unique individuals many that contribute each day to this society. Each individual in their own means provides to that social structure. Many of these people have worked tirelessly each day, taking personal risk each day to provide for their families during unprecedented times. What statement does the placement of the vaccine to inmates prior make to the those that put forth to be a part of society. Why say through the vaccine distribution that this group or that group regardless of age and/or pre-existing condition is more important than another group.

Again, after Health care should it not be distributed based on risk and not a position, special interest or group. Remove the politics and do what is right.

From: [Karen Gourlie](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:11:45 AM

Why not make this easy. 65 just like you are eligible for Medicare!!! not inmates don't think they are going out into the communities and the guards and other workers are going to get vaccine.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [STACY WILLIQUETTE](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:07:59 AM

I am upset to hear prisoners are being moved into vaccine period over these 60 and up with health conditions. My dad is 65 with health conditions and to hear that a prison who I consider is in isolation, is priority is disturbing. Once the prison officers get the vaccine, the prisoners should be at the bottom of the list as they are only around those vaccinated and should not contract it.

Do not put priority on prisoners over our seniors!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: charmains@centurytel.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public recommendations
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:52:47 AM

Hi,

I wanted to provide my opinion as to who should be included in the phase 1b of vaccinations.

First you need to make sure that all staff and residents in remote assisted living facilities and nursing homes have been vaccinated.

Prison staff should be vaccinated but NOT the prisoners. They lost their right. Prisoners should NOT be put ahead of the public with underlying health conditions or over the age of 65. Those people have been PRISONERS IN THEIR OWN HOMES for the past year. We need to get the vaccines to the general public.

I feel it's time to get the vaccines into the arms of the public over 65. I have a 21 year old niece that is a dental assistant that has already been vaccinated, but yet my 75 year old sister-in-law with metastatic breast cancer can not get the vaccine yet. Doesn't seem right.

You want to include the prisoners in 1b, is that also going to include all the college students then living in group housing. Are all those going to come before the elderly and those with underlying conditions? They are all more likely to survive if they do get COVID than the elderly and those with conditions.

Bottom line. The top priority should be the elderly and those with underlying conditions!!

Thank you for allowing input.

Charmaine Schultz



From: [Kurt Knoll](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:58:33 AM

It was submitted in your recommendations that prisoners be given high priority for inclusion in the next round of vaccines. I find that very offensive. You are leaving out a large segment of highly vulnerable people in the 60-70 age groups. People who have worked honestly their whole lives and have given back to society. People who would now like to live a little of their retirement years. Are you planning on giving preference to mass killers and murderers only or will you include rapists, thieves, child molesters, etc? Do you people have any brains at all? Health officials have asked the public to stay in and not go out. Why don't they isolate prison populations. They are the ones who are supposed to be locked up. Take away their gym, basketball and tennis court privileges for a while. Just for once I'd like to see Government take care of the people who should be taken care of. If you want to give shots to people in prison, give it the guards and administrative employees. They deserve it. And by the way, I'm not totally heartless. If mink farmers are highly susceptible to covid-19, get them their shots. At least they work for a living.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Bobbi Freiheit](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccines
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:39:10 PM

I am appalled that any criminal would be eligible for the covid-19 vaccine prior to an aunt, uncle. Mother, father, grandmother, grandfather , disabled group home, mentally challenged group home resident or nursing home resident.

Who votes for this? Criminals in prison should be last on the list. Those individuals made their beds when they chose to break laws.

This needs further review and revision.

Bobbi Freiheit



From: [wgerm](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: covid vaccines
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:47:25 PM

I heard that the covid vaccine will be given to prisoners first before seniors have access to it. This is ridiculous and a travesty! So disappointed in Governor Evers and his handling in so many issues since he took office!!!
Marianne G.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Andrew Taylor](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:39:48 PM

Why are prisoners being given the vaccine over good law abiding citizens of WI over 65?! Are you people insane? I strongly disagree agree with you, and ask, where the hell have you been since the was announced that it was being released?! You have had more than enough time! Terrible WI leadership.

From: [Stephen Kaminski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: prisoner covid vaccine
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:24:36 PM

My feelings that prisoners getting a vaccine before myself is very wrong! I am 62 years old with a history of cancer 6 -1/2 years ago, Open heart surgery with an aortic valve replacement 6 years ago and respiratory problems now that affects my breathing. I am giving up going to my grand children's birthday party's, confirmation's and physically cannot be around them in fear of contracting the virus. My wife is still working and we can't spend the time we need together, sleeping in separate bedrooms, for fear of her bringing home the virus and giving it to me. You need to get the priorities of law abiding citizens who have health concerns and are supporting our communities to get the shots ahead of people who have chosen the wrong way of life! Tell me how you can justify this! Put the taxpaying citizens with health conditions first not those who are incarcerated not helping to support our state and country. We do all we can wearing face coverings in public, sanitizing any time we are in public. We have sanitizer in our vehicles, on our countertops and are using it often, plus washing hands more than we ever have. PLEASE DO IT RIGHT.

Stephen Kaminski

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From: [Barb Frank](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b for Vaccine
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:08:09 PM

I am responding to who should be included in the 1b group to receive the Covid vaccine. I do not believe prisoners in any correctional facility, jail or prison should be included in the 1b group for the vaccine.

My mother who is 93 years old and living in a Assisted Living facility has still not received a vaccine. They were originally told they would receive it on January 4th. That was changed when the facility was informed that assisted living would not be done at the same time as the Care Center (nursing home). It was quite a blow to people in the 90's who were looking forward to getting the vaccine to not receive it! Many have become depressed.

This state is so disorganized for administering the vaccine. This should have been decided on weeks ago.

Barb Frank

From: [Eric Stader](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:00:05 PM

Please prioritize vulnerable elderly over inmates and others. Look at the mortality data.

Eric Stader, MD

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive... those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." – C. S. Lewis

From: [Shelly Meinzer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine // no inmates
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:52:53 PM

Good day,

My name is Shelly Meinzer. I am appalled that our governor wants to give Covid vaccines to inmates before our elderly or people with compromised immune systems ! I have two elderly parents , my mother is 74 with lung cancer and my father has had heart issues. My husband who is 57 had a spinal stroke . Why should an inmate who has committed a crime get a vaccine before them . I want to stress I am so against this vaccine going to inmates ,

Shelly Meinzer
Menomonee falls WI
Sent from my iPad

From: [Marcie Jost](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccines
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:52:37 PM

Please put the people 65 and older ahead of our prisoners! We are law abiding citizens and pay our taxes and follow the laws of Wisconsin. I am so ready to be vaccinated and can't get it because it is not available to me. I volunteer at our local hospital and would like to get back to that again!

Please make this your priority! Thank You!

From Marcie's iPad

From: jschmitz34@wi.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccination Priority
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:46:10 PM

Gov. Evers,

What are you thinking by giving convicted felons priority over law abiding citizens when it comes to distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine? Get your head out of your ass and give the vaccine to those 65 and older and those with underlying health issues FIRST!! Felons should be the last priority except for those over 65 or with other health issues.

Make it so Govenor
Regards,



Sent from my LG V40 ThinQ, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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Dear Evers Administration-

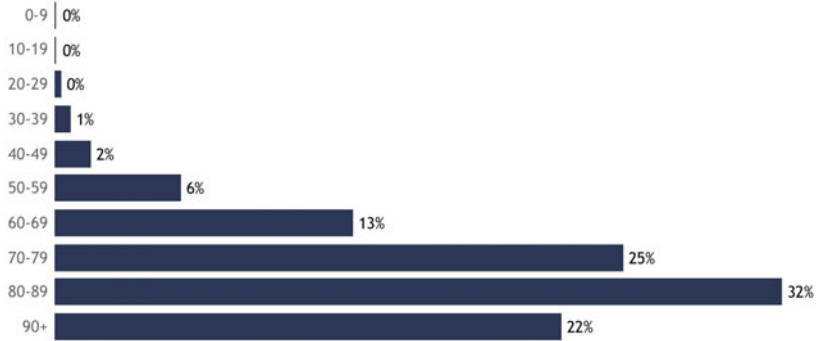
As a Wisconsin taxpayer I am strongly against vaccinating prisoners before we vaccinate every elderly, compromised and tax paying individual in Wisconsin. There is never a reason that the incarcerated should be prioritized over any law abiding citizen. This is a horrible decision and if this is what chosen I would like the government employees to be last to be vaccinated. Let Evers explain to those closest to him why they are not a priority but the drug dealers, robbers, drunk drivers pedophiles and murderers, are.

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I am not up to speed on feedback on our and go into. I request that please list include ages 60+. As this group is a large amount of the deaths 17% more than some of the other groups you are including. I do not agree with healthy seniors getting vaccinated before older people and those who are not vaccinated. See data below from DHS website.

- Age group (years)
- Gender
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Region

- Confirmed
- Probable
- Confirmed and probable



2. Please open mass vaccine sites and speed up vaccine rollout. There are no more vaccine sites in WI and not administrative. Vaccine sites should continue at high levels on weekends, i.e. everyday. The DHS data shows significant dips in vaccine sites on the weekends. It seems the urgency needs to ramp up.
3. I have an elderly father who cannot find information on the vaccine. Please increase communication channels and frequency of communication, i.e. a daily update on vaccinations who is next where they need to sign up where they will go to get vaccine, etc. It seems misleading as much information as possible to the public would ease frustration and help with rollout. Please keep in mind the elderly may not be internet savvy.
Thank you for your consideration.
Ann Olson
Sent from my iPhone