From:	judyjjeep@wi.rr.com
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	COVID-19 Vaccine Priority
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 2:31:48 PM

I absolutely OPPOSE convicted prisoners getting the vaccine before the 65 year old population! They have free meals and free housing provided that is paid for by my tax dollars. To consider their lawless lives more valuable to mine as a law abiding senior is an INSULT!

From:	Lisa James
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 2:21:32 PM

I vehemently oppose incarcerated individuals receive Covid vaccinations before any law abiding citizens! For you to even suggest prioritizing individuals who choose to break our laws, is a slap in the face to the honest, upright citizens who choose not to. Do not reward incarcerated individuals with prioritizing them to receive the covid vaccine. Where is your common sense?!

Respectfully,

A law abiding RN

From:	Laura Lelo
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine Subcommitee - Phase 1B
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 2:18:40 PM

I was dumbfounded to learn that incarcerated individuals have been included in Phase 1B of the state's vaccine distribution recommendations. While I completely support vaccination of prison personnel, I'm utterly opposed to inmates getting preferential treatment over that of the many committed essential workers who risk their health on a daily basis to provide the necessities of life. Prisoners' visitations during this pandemic should be adjusted so they, too, must adhere to the confines set forth for the general public. If Covid19 is a concern for a specific facility, its visitation should be temporarily prohibited just as it currently is in other places of congregate members such as nursing homes, hospitals, etc. How is it that inmates deserve privileges that hard-working, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of this state are not entitled to first?! Let them visit through a window and wait their turn! Members of the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee, Vaccination Distribution Subcommittee and any other government officials, and especially our governor, who are involved in this decision-making need to get their priorities in more appropriate order!

Sincerely,

Laura Lelo

To whom it may concern:

I do not think that people that are incarcerated belong in this group. When you have law abiding citizens that are not vaccinated. I feel that the prison guards should be vaccinated in this group.

Thanks and have a great day.

Lyle Erdman

From:	<u>R &amp; M</u>
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	1B Groups Determined
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 1:14:22 PM

Dear DHS,

I CANNOT believe you are actually considering to vaccinate prisoners before High Risk people (people w 2 or more underlying medical conditions) that are DYING EVERYDAY from this virus! Seriously? Has anyone asked "how" it has spread so easily in jails when a cell has "walls" between them? Were the PPE protocols not followed at all?

Applying the rationale of equating nursing homes with prisons should be a no brainer for you.. THE GROUPS ARE NOT THE SAME! Just because a person in your group squeals the loudest advocating the prisons as a "congregate group" does not make it "apples to apples". To have the rest of the "at high risk" population to suffer and DIE from putting the prisons first is inexcusable.

It is ethically and morally WRONG.

As one person has already said in an article: "You want to vaccinate a prisoner over my 65 year old grandmother? Seriously? Have you no shame?"

GET REAL and adopt the national recommendation to vaccinate the 65 and older group and those at High Risk.

We Vote AGAINST adding the prisons to this next 1B vaccination group.

- Very Concerned Citizens

To whom it may concern,

I STRONGLY OBJECT, and oppose, to the incarcerated getting access to a vaccine before tax paying, law abiding, productive citizens.

Those who contribute to the economy and society should ALWAYS have priority over those who harm others, or participate in criminal activities that harm others, and make themselves a burden on the tax paying society.

I don't care if they are in the State's care. They put themselves in that position, and thus gave up their rights to legal recourse. They should NOT GET PRIORITY OVER ME! I have been paying Wisconsin Income Taxes MY ENTIRE ADULT LIFE!

With all "due" respect.

Ronald T. Sisk

From:	David Lee
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 12:09:14 PM

Committee recommendations on congregate living are sadly lacking any common sense. Why anyone would recommend giving incarcerated populations vaccine priority over the general law-abiding, tax-paying population of the State is beyond comprehension. It's nothing short of a slap in the face for those of us who are paying for the entirety of incarcerated individuals living expenses via our tax dollars. The crimes and offenses that the incarcerated individuals have committed speak loudly of their disdain for society's mores and standards. Why should they now be given priority over the rest of the law abiding residents of the State? Doing so is nothing short of rewarding them for their aberrant behavior!

David D. Lee

From my iPhone in the WI Northwoods

From:	Bob Wagner
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Feedback to Vaccine Subcommittee of the State Medical Disaster Advisory Committee
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 12:08:32 PM

Hello,

Administering the COVID-19 vaccine to everyone who wants it is a monumental task. So, it's important to stay focused moving into group 1b. On what will save the lives of those most at risk, the people up in age and people with underlying health conditions. If I understand correctly a group falling through the cracks is 65-69 years, and those with underlying health conditions within that group. I'm concerned too much lobbying from special interest groups is mucking things up. For the most part I agree with the groups you included, like 12K. I do take issue with adding retail workers, and the incarcerated. Let's not make this any more complicated than what it is already, with more micromanagement. If we stay with the CDC recommendations, with minor regional adjustments, we will vaccinate the people most at need within those other groups. I see inequity with a blanket vaccine program for the special interest groups where a young healthy person would be given priority over people like me (65 with risk issues). The one that hurts me personally is prioritizing the incarcerated. Throughout my life gave back to my community in many ways, paid my fair share of taxes, never in trouble, or a burden to society. But like I said before even the incarcerated will be vaccinated no different than the rest of us.

Sincerely

**Bob Wagner** 



From:	Gail Lois
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	COVID vaccine phase 1b
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 11:51:02 AM

It is my opinion and hope that prisoners will NOT included in Phase 1B. They need to wait their turn like the rest of the population.

From:	Brian James
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Phase 1b
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 11:48:36 AM

People who are incarcerated should not be included in the phase 1b group. I would be in favor of vaccinations to all prison and jail personnel. Just because of the housing situation in prison and jails is not a valid reason to move criminals to the head of the line, when we have many more people that are law abiding that desperately need that vaccine more.

Brian James Gail James



Sent from my iPad

From:	Troy Shibilski
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	"vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 10:29:06 AM

My opinion on 1B and future vaccine rollout:

Essential workers need high priority. Essential workers have been on the front lines for a year facing the dangers of the pandemic in order to keep the community functioning. We need to protect and continue to support those who provide essential services.

The governor's recent comments to include prisoners in the prison population is appalling by every measure. To put prison population in front of people who are desperately trying to find work in order to stay out of prison and take care of their families is reprehensible.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Lu and John
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine rollout
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 8:38:07 AM

We just learned that prisoners may be included in the 1B roll out phase of the vaccine. We can certainly understand the prison workers getting the vaccine in this role out but definitely not the prisoners. Why should they benefit before the rest of us law abiding citizens? This is very disturbing to me and my family. I hope you reconsider the phase they should be included in and not give them priority.

Lu Anne and John Peiffer Lake Geneva, WI

From:	Debbie Werner Lindert
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine for COVID
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 8:17:02 AM

Why should prisoners get the vaccine before the 70+ age group. They are in a controlled environment. They committed crimes and are getting preferential treatment over us law abiding seniors/citizens. Sad!

Sent from my iPad

From:	Nancy Stanskas
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 8:13:29 AM

Prisoners should not be included in the Phase 1B roll out ahead of Grocery Workers, Seniors under the age of 70 and other retail workers who have been working since Covid was discovered.

Nancy Stanskas

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Good Morning:

I am writing to voice my concerns on Phase 1B of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

I am 61 and have an autoimmune disease and take medication that further reduces my immune system. Phase 1B calls for prisoners in the State of Wisconsin to be vaccinated before the general public and specifically individuals in my situation.

On July 30, 2019 a drunk and drugged impaired driver killed my grandson, who was just 5 days past his 22nd birthday. I am outraged, to say the least, that this individual will receive the vaccine long before it is available to me!!! Again, in the State of Wisconsin, the victim of a crime is receiving less consideration than the criminal!!

I am confident that there are many other hard working Wisconsinites in my situation that share my outrage. This individual made the choice to get behind the wheel while significantly impaired, which took the life of my grandson and seriously injured, both physically and mentally, the other occupants of the vehicle. Hi choice put him in prison. My autoimmune disease was not my choice, but I continue to do life, work hard and am a contributing member of society. It is outrageous that this individual will be vaccinated well before I have the opportunity.

I urge you to reconsider vaccinating the prison population before at risk Wisconsinites!!

Thank you Kathy Weidner

From:	Heidi Jones
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	1b group
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 8:08:09 AM

I saw there were inmates on the 1b group. Why not just give the guards and people who work with them the vaccine and if the inmates are released then give it to them on their way out. My parents are ineligible in the next group and want it badly but you are offering it to people who have done the wrong thing while my parents who are good hard working people have to wait and possibly get Covid. My grandma just passed away in a nursing home from Covid so it is very real for our family. Please give it to hard working people before giving it to inmates who have not done the right thing. In fact, I am willing to give up my place in line for the vaccine for my parents, as I fall in the 1b group. Please take this into consideration before giving the vaccine to inmates.

Heidi Jones Sent from my iPhone

From:	John Schwartz
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 8:06:42 AM

In what world would you include inmates before all law abiding citizens. I am not in favor of this. Also I thank all the grocery workers. And if they are above age 65 make them a priority but under 65 not.

College students living in dorms Should get vaccinated before Inmates!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2021, at 11:40 AM, DHS SDMAC </br><DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your message. If your comments are specific to the current work of the SDMAC committee or subcommittees or are responsive to documents open for public comment, be assured that these comments will be shared with committee members.

To stay current on the activities of the SDMAC and subcommittees, please visit: State Disaster <u>Medical Advisory</u> <u>Committee website</u>. All of the meetings of the SDMAC are open to the public, and posted on the <u>public meetings website</u>.

# If you are writing with questions about the COVID-19

*vaccine,* please review these resources: <u>COVID-19 vaccination</u> <u>plan</u> and DHS' <u>executive summary of the vaccination plan</u>, <u>stakeholder FAQs</u>, and our <u>COVID-19 vaccine data summary</u> <u>page</u>.

*If you are a vaccinator or would like to be a vaccinator, including details of the enrollment process: information for* 

# <u>vaccinators</u>

For additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit: <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm</u>

From:	Kris Baxter
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Public comment for Phase 1B
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 8:04:30 AM

I feel compelled to let my thoughts be known on including prisoners in 1B. While logically at 1st it may seem to make sense morally and ethically it does not. You choose this group in a congregant setting who have done wrong who are not allowed to move freely around and in the community. I agree include all staff who work in the prisons for their protection but look to other congregant groups to vaccinate. What about the students at university who live on campus in congregant settings that should get this vaccine so they can get back to the classroom for their higher education. Look to those who shave been expected to work through this pandemic in grocery stores, they absolutely should be included in this group. I myself have been restricted in my movements as a free citizen asked to stay at home not eat out not go to concerts and sporting events in essence keeping me prisoner in my own home when I have not broken the law but let's vaccinate those who have a criminal record and those who are not able to freely move about community as I or the other groups above can who pose a bigger chance of infecting more peoples should they be unknowingly be infected

Again remove the prisoners from 1B and put those who live in dormitories on campuses and the grocery industry in

Please adjust Phase 1B accordingly:

YES: Congregate Living- prison employees ONLY

NO: Congregate Living- prisoners NO

Thank you-

Beth Wille WI resident

From:	tom.wiemer
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	RE: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 7:45:41 AM

Thank you for your reply.

Can I ask one question that maybe you can help me understand? Why are prisoners being vaccinated before those of us working on the front lines, paying income and property taxes and not causing any problems for other people or the court system?

I'm just trying to make sense of this. Tom Wiemer

From: DHS SDMAC <DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:47 PM
To: tom.wiemer <tom.wiemer@spiegelhoffs.com>
Subject: RE: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out to us with your concerns during these uncertain times, and for doing your part to protect yourself and others. We have forwarded your message to our State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC).

Your communication will be taken into consideration as the SDMAC finalizes their recommendations to the Department for phase 1b vaccine allocation. We appreciate your participation in this public comment period.

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For additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit: <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm</u>

The subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, January 20th to review & address public comment, and ultimately advance the recommendation to the full SDMAC on Thursday, January 21st.

Thank you again for your comments.

From: Tom Wiemer <<u>Tom.Wiemer.404526351@p2a.co</u>> Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:58 AM To: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <<u>andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov</u>> Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. We in the grocery industry have been in the front lines since this began. I am not sure what the reasoning is to delay our Vaccines but highly encourage you to rethink this.

Sincerely , Tom Wiemer

I'm a firm believer in if you don't want to do the time don't do the crime. Yeah people signed up to support their country and they're supposed to take a second place to a convicted inmate? Really? What's wrong with the picture? Please don't make the mistake.

# Sincerely,

hey veteran with diabetes who is also paralyze from the neck down if I get it, the coronavirus I will die.

From:	Suzanne Chase
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	"vaccine subcommittee" "Phase1B" recommendations
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 7:16:12 AM

------ Forwarded Message ------Subject:proposal to include inmates in Phase 1b of COVID-19 vaccinations Date:Sat, 9 Jan 2021 09:50:33 -0600 From:Suzanne Chase <gnschase@charter.net> To:Andrea.Palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov, Sen.Feyen@legis.wi.gov, Rep.Schraa@legis.wi.gov

My husband and I are very concerned about the proposal to include inmates in the Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccinations group. We cannot understand why the committee would put convicted criminals ahead of law abiding citizens. Twenty five deaths within the prison population is very small compared to the over 5000 deaths statewide. We are 68 and 69 years old and we have been doing our part to slow the spread - staying home except to go to doctor appointments and to the grocery store once a week, wearing a mask, washing our hands, keeping 6 feet away from others, and sanitizing surfaces daily or more often if we leave the house. We want to get our vaccinations so that we can stop feeling like we are in a prison (our house) and begin to live a more normal life.

We appreciate your consideration of our opinion in this matter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne and Gary Chase



From:	<u>derexter</u>
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	1b rollout
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 7:07:25 AM

#### Hi

Im sorry but i do have a problem with inmates getting the vaccine before someome who has preexisting conditions or older people. My husband is a cancer survivor and it saddens me that we are taking all the necessary precautions to avoid covid and people who are incarcerated because of their choice to commit a life of crime are on the list to receive the vaccine before someone who should receive it first! As an essential worker made to work during this pandemic; before I decided to retire I will never understand how inmates were snuck in the first rollout and to receive the vaccine before someone who desperately needs to be protected from this deadly virus.

Sandy DeRosia

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

From:	Lucy
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine rollout
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 7:06:04 AM

I just learned that prisoners may be included in the 1B roll out phase of the vaccine. I can certainly understand the prison workers getting the vaccine in this role out but definitely not the prisoners. Why should they benefit before the rest of us law abiding citizens? This is very disturbing to me and my family. I hope you reconsider the phase they should be included in and not give them priority.

Lu Anne Peiffer Lake Geneva, WI

I strongly object to persons incarcerated to receive vaccine before others in this state. It saddened me to see veterans lined up for blocks the day they had to to get vaccine. Poot planning folks,,

I am 72 and live in Slinger Wi, Wondering my options when you finally decide when and where.

M Shaw

Why in the world would you even consider vaccinating inmates in our prisons.

Only the workers or anyone associated with their care etc. should be get the vaccine. The inmates aren't in the public space. They should be the safest body of people in the state. Especially with healthy people servicing them.

Defy's logic that it would even be considered.

**Bob** Abing

From:	Bonz
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Prisoners should be LAST to get vaccine.
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 6:55:04 AM

I am on board with prison and jail staff being in 1B group but inmates should get vaccine after all citizens get vaccine. They are being punished for committing a crime and no vaccine is part of that punishment.

Would be sad to see inmates get vaccine before grocery, gas station, factory, restaurant, food processing workers and so many more law abiding citizens who also are at risk of getting COVID by doing their jobs.

Sent from my iPad

Good Morning

I am totally appalled at the idea you would give the vaccines to the criminals that are incarcerated BEFORE you give it to the public INCLUDING these peoples VICTIMS!!!!! While I agree they are confined I just think it would be a total slap in the face to the general public if you put the criminals before the public They can wait in line the same as everyone else I am not sure who came up with this ridiculous idea but I would hope COMMON SENSE would kick in and you would NOT put the criminals first

Thank you, Cindy Schumacher Robert Schumacher

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

To all concerned,

My name is Brett Bailey. I am a Wisconsin resident from Jefferson. I am submitting a public comment regarding the next phase of the vaccine rollout.

I strongly disagree with state prisoners being able to receive the vaccine before grocery store workers. Grocery store employees have kept Wisconsinites fed throughout the last ten months. They have had to expose themselves to numerous strangers who could sicken them with COVID and still they have shown up for work everyday. Also, many of them are over 65 years old in these stores.

While state prisoners are the taxpayers responsibility to care for, they should not be put ahead of law abiding citizens who have worked and served their communities throughout the pandemic.

If this board decides to vaccinate criminals before grocery store employees, then you are sending a clear message to all of us that you do not actually have ordinary, working class citizens best interests at the forefront of your decision making process.

Thank you for your time,

Brett Bailey



From:	Julie Nesbitt
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Covid vaccine
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 6:30:57 AM

Why in the heck would you vaccinate prisoners for Covid before LAW ABIDING CITIZENS who are at high risk? Please tell me whose idea this is???

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Debra Stadler-Gapko
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	1-B covid vaccinations
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 6:24:38 AM

Why would a prisoner that raped and killed a little girl be allowed to have the vaccine before me? I am 67 and had breast cancer. Wisconsin should have the death penalty to begin with. Now Wisconsin is letting him not only live but be protected from COVID? There's no leadership at the top right now in Wisconsin. Need to be replaced the next election.

From:	<u>ritarosin.rr</u>
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Covid vaccines
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 6:12:41 AM

So can someone tell me why prisoners are getting vaccines before high risk individuals? I realize they are vulnerable but so is the clerk at my grocery store and he hasn't put himself in that position. Why are people who work from home (and have done so for over 2 years) getting vaccinated just because they're employed by a hospital? Yes I do know someone this applies to. DO BETTER!

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9+.

My only comment is that the prisoners need to be at the back of the line! As a past victim how dare we propose protecting put this group in line ahead of my 83 old father that served in the Air Force and contributed to this state his entire life. Todd Booth

Get Outlook for iOS
From:	Dawn Saak
To:	DHS SDMAC
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 5:41:17 AM

Watching news this morning, saw prisoners on list to receive vaccine for covid in next phase. Unbelievable, I am 66 years old, have not seen some of my Grandchildren for over a year, I have followed all guidelines put in place, I have not even gone out to eat since this started, yet they can get vaccinated before me. Something wrong with this country when prisoners have more of a right than law abiding people.

From:	Roberta Harris
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B"
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 1:21:32 AM

My mother is 86-years old, lives at Hart Park Square, an assisted living community in Wauwatosa, WI, and has yet to receive the vaccine that was promised the first week in January.

This evening's news indicated that prisoners have been added to Phase 1B, bypassing all of the essential workers and individuals in Brown and Black communities who are already being disproportionately under-vaccinated in relation to the Covid cases in our communities and in relation to our representation as frontline essential employees.

How do prisoners supersede those in the highest risk groups? I understand that prisoners live in close quarters; however economically disadvantaged essential workers, like grocery store workers, often take mass transit, have less access to healthcare, and sometimes live in households with a greater number of people in a small space. These are the people who have sacrificed for almost a year to keep Wisconsin functioning, putting themselves in contact with hundreds of people daily and increasing the two-way risk of Covid spread, while being the very people who can least afford to get sick and lose income.

Then there are other older individuals who do not live in senior communities and individuals with high-risk health conditions.

The subcommittee and Governor Evers placing prisoners before these groups is the type of decision that all communities will remember when voting during the next gubernatorial election. Brown and Black communities will not blindly support candidates who perpetuate the continued disenfranchisement of communities of color when it comes to access to healthcare.

Perhaps Wisconsin should contact health officials and healthcare institutions (e.g. Houston Methodist Hospitals) in cities like Houston where the administration is operating smoothly and efficiently.

Sincerely,

Roberta Harris Milwaukee, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Jonathan Munt
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	No Prisoners in 1B group
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:31:29 PM

I feel very strongly that convicted criminals should NOT be eligible for the COVID vaccine BEFORE all law abiding citizens are vacinated1st. Prison guards yes but prisoners NO way! I also feel teachers should not be in group 1B either.

Jonathan Munt



?? Why would you want to reward the people Who are misbehaving instead of giving the vaccine to the people who are behaving. Is that something that really needs discussion. Am I missing something.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

From:	globe2see@aol.com
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	"vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:09:35 PM

Also, funeral director/works should be considered front line workers. Obviously they are handling corpses that had lethal Covid-19.

Prisoners who committed murder, rape and other violent crimes getting vaccinated before me and others who obey the laws? Really? Wtf?! That's like taking my rights away and giving them to prisoners! Oh HELL NO! Why should I obey the laws then??

Sent from my iPad

From:	Steve Breslich
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Inmates in for life
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:50:48 PM

I believe that you shouldn't give vacs to lifers b place of others next in line. They made their choice in life but after those that need it now should get it.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Dennis Pierce
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:21:54 PM

Absolutely unacceptable for prisoners being included in Phase 1B with grocery store workers left out.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Ian Fumusa
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine subcommittee
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:15:42 PM

Dear Wisconsin officials,

I am writing this today for the same reason I am sure many other front line grocery store employees have emailed you. I think it is outrageous that we are going to have to wait until the summer when the rest of the population can get the vaccine.. we literally come in contact with hundreds of people a day. We're exposed more than any other group besides health care workers. Yet your giving it to prisoners??? They literally broke the law and as a result get a vaccine. Your prioritizing them over us. This is a complete slap in the face to all that we have done in the past 11 months. We've put our lives on the line too to ensure that people were able to sustain themselves during quarantine. Everyday at work I cringe at the amount of people that come in without masks and wonder wether or not they might have the virus. I think maybe these aren't the people that are gonna get me sick. You should be ashamed of yourselves for this decision. It's basically saying hey thank you for supplying me with food, but I really don't care about your safety..... absolutely shameful and a disgrace to all of us.. I hope you sleep while at night knowing you value those who are in jail over us...

Sincerely,

One of the millions of Americans who are tired of being treated as if we have contributed nothing in aiding people through this difficult time.

From:	Bob Henderson
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Covid vaccine distribution
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:11:02 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

To whom it may concern-if anyone really cares;

I was alarmed by the news that your vaccine distribution plan puts incarcerated individuals ahead of seniors over the age of 65, who are at the highest risk of dying. This is one of the most idiotic ideas to come out of the Evers administration since the pandemic was identified. Perhaps you will change the rules to conform to Joe's plan once he is inaugurated. Which, by the way, will be similar to Trumps because there is no "magic" Joe plan forthcoming. It is going to just be a continuation of the same shit, different day plan.

In closing, I just want to let you know that your plan is an abject failure and should be revisited.

**Bob Henderson** 



"Success is neither magical nor mystical. Success is the natural consequence of consistently applying the basic fundamentals." Jim Rohn, Motivational Speaker

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From:	Michelle Niesen
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine
Date:	Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:51:48 AM

Prisoners should not be in this group 1b, just because they live in a group setting, they are in prison for a reason, they committed a crime, they shouldn't get better treatment than the regular public, they already get better health care than some people in this state. This needs to be relooked at. I have heard from many other people that this is wrong.

Sent from my iPad

Gov Evers,

Why in the hell would prisoners be high on your list? Any persons 65 years or older should be high priority on your list for administration.

Please consider vaccine administration to be URGENT and HIGH PRIORITY! Let's get moving on this matter!

Thank you, Scott

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:	Ione Dropp
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:23:57 PM

I don't agree with prisoners getting the vaccine as part of group 1b unless they are at the back end of the 1b line. The seniors and ppl with health issues should come first. Maree Dropp

From:	Robin Mercier
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine Subcommittee-1b
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:06:55 PM

After reading through the SDMAC document posted on the WI DHS website I have strong feelings about which WI residents should be prioritized in b1.

-I agree elderly people should be immunized but would feel better if people aged 65 and over be the agreed upon age range.

-Another option could be age 70+ or 65+ with co-morbidities. I believe individuals in the 65+ with co-morbidities should definitely be included in 1b. According to the CDC website, individuals aged 65+ are in a 90 times higher danger range for death (under 64yrs. is only 30 times higher) and five times higher danger range for complications requiring hospitalization from Covid. This data does not take into account the percentage of people with co-morbidities, within a specific age range, that will end up dead or hospitalized but I would imagine it is higher than people without co-morbidities.

-I do believe prison guards/employees should be included in 1b. I do not believe prisoners should be immunized before people 65+.

Thank you for your time, Robin Mercier

From:	Terri Rohde
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine 1b
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 8:30:07 PM

To whom it may concern:

I have been watching with interest as to the decision making process selecting which groups of people will be included in which rounds of vaccines. I myself am a 63 year old healthy person so I am guessing I will be in the last group. My husband is 62 and has asthma and I worry for him. In the subcategory 1b, I see you are considered prisoners. I believe the prisoners should receive their shots as the general public will. The over 70's with that group, the cormorbidities with that group and so on. If the staff has their vacines and the prisoners aren't allowed visitors there shouldn't be as big a spread. The young that get it will recover as the young in the general population do. Please do not vacinate them over the ill or the essential workers such as the grocery store employees. I realize you have a tough job with everyone demanding the vaccine but please give it to the most at risk for dying and the workers that are exposed to it trying to keep us fed.

Thank you, Terri Rohde Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Your recommendations thing for vaccines is very confusing to read. I hope when you decide the final phase stuff, you write it out for us simple non college educated to understand.

I totally disagree on giving prison/jail residents the shot before all those who are not criminals. I have never believed in feeling sorry for those who are incarcerated. They put themselves in there. Yes I think you should give the jail workers the vaccine. It is not right to skip some of the law abiding citizens to give it to the criminals though.

I hope you are looking at the high health risk strongly. According to your paper so far I wouldn't get it til Phase 1D if it went by my age. I am 64 til November but have severe COPD. So I hope you make it fair that way.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



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To: Members of Commission

I understand you are requesting public comment for the next round of COVID-19 vaccinations.

I am very happy or satisfied with the first round of priorities for receiving the vaccine. That is, our medical and Frontline workers as well as people who are in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

I am not in favor or in agreement with two classes of people that have been mentioned for the next round:

- prisoners

- teachers

My reasoning: I <u>strongly</u> believe that <u>older</u> people who are most prone to having severe and/or fatal results from getting COVID-19 should be vaccinated first. This priority <u>also</u> includes people whose health conditions makes them more susceptible. Therefore, I believe that we should continue to work down the age of the people who can receive the Covid vaccine next. That is my <u>primary</u> qualification to who should get the next vaccine. <u>Prisoners at state prisons should receive the vaccine as their age dictates.</u> I feel that prisons can adequately manage who is coming into the prison, the guards, and the interaction between the prisoners to adequately prevent COVID-19 spread.

Teachers are in the same category as people that work in grocery stores, retail stores, production/logistics firms, etc. They are no different. In fact, studies have shown that teachers are not more prone to get the virus from children. Other countries, states, and communities (where school is currently being taught in person) have also shown that the teachers are not more prone to getting the virus from children. Therefore, the teachers should only receive the virus as their age or susceptibility to the illness dictates.

Sincerely, Patsy Sebben

From:	Pam Murphy
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Feedback for next on Covid Vaccine
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:02:48 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed your list and only object to those at the jails. *No Prisoner should be vaccinated until everyone else is in the US*. The prison guards are fine or those that work there, but no prisoners. Why should I as a law abiding citizen be penalized and they come ahead of me. I have pre-existing conditions and I am anxiously awaiting my turn.

Pamela Bocek Murphy and George Murphy

From:	Ken Wiggins
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	vaccine
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:25:37 AM

Hello. I am a 67 year old male, considered an "essential employee" (I am a delivery driver), diagnosed with moderate COPD, and have suffered a heart attack in recent years. I believe that qualifies me as a person who should get vaccinated against Covid-19, yet I now understand that prisoners, people who have committed crimes against society, people who are a bane to our existence, are in front of me in line to receive the vaccine. Tell me, what's wrong with this picture? I think it's time to get your priorities straightened out.



From:	mary peterson
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine to prisoners
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:06:03 AM

I object to prisoners getting vaccine. Prison staff should get the vaccine along with essential workers and the elderly. Prisoners should get it last!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:	Bobbie
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Phase 1b vaccine comments
Date:	Saturday, January 16, 2021 12:07:50 AM

I fully support your proposal for phase 1b with the exception of residents of jails and prisons. In my opinion, while staff of these facilities should be within this phase these residents should be last on the list. Law abiding citizens should have access to the vaccination first.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Kathy Olson
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	vaccine committee phase 1B
Date:	Friday, January 15, 2021 7:17:37 PM

Dear committee,

I have seen some information on line talking about prisoners & people who smoke being in a higher group to get the vaccine over those who are age 65 & older with underlying health conditions. This does not seem right. Both of those groups have made a choice in behavior which has landed them where they are.

I am 67, have chronic heart disease, coronary artery disease, high blood pressure & high cholesterol, which my parents also had. I take care of my daughters children. She works in a hospital. Why should those 2 groups get preference over people like me.

Also I have heard of reports where vaccines are being thrown away at the end of the day. Please have a list of people willing to come at a moments notice to get those vaccines. You could put my name on that list.

Kathlene Olson

From:	bigdog6748@mwt.net
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date:	Friday, January 15, 2021 7:14:50 PM

I totally disagree that prisoners should be vaccinated with frontline workers. They have given up all their rights once they committed the crime and that's why they are where they are presently. This is another case of losing all faith in our government as it is today. I personally spent 27 years in local government and have never seen such a display of total BS. I certainly hope that you have Plan B. You should be consider those that are more vulnerable and can VOTE. We are the ones paying your salaries.

Ed Kaelin

I am not opposed to the prison guards getting vaccinated but I don't think prisoners should be so high on the list

My husband is 78 years old, with COPD, CHF, A-fib, on oxygen 24/7, and needs that covid vaccine. Please move quickly so he can get it. I am 69 years old with a kidney disease and I want the vaccine to be safe & keep my husband safe. We should get this vaccine as soon as possible and certainly before prisoners.

We are scared. You've given us so much information about death from the virus, we're afraid. We want the vaccine & you need to move on it.

Thank you.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

All I will say is NO! Give the prison <u>employees</u> the option for the vaccine, **but definitely not the prisoners**! WHY?? What have they done to get priority over other classes of people????? We MUST prioritize the elderly and individuals with health complications. There are real people dying and we as WI residents don't want to keep losing our family members and older adults in our communities, they have suffered ENOUGH through this pandemic!

Sincerely and with Blessings,

Brent Thompson Oshkosh

From:	Danice Herald
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	1b eligibility.
Date:	Friday, January 15, 2021 5:24:05 AM

I am opposed to prisoners being vaccinated before elderly in our communities. Our elderly are avoiding routine healthcare and need to be vaccinated at earliest opportunity.

From:	<u>Mary Wisneski</u>
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	COVID-19 vaccine distribution
Date:	Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:43:06 PM

I'm a 74 year old with a health condition that puts me at a higher risk for complications from this deadly virus. Why are you prioritizing prisoners above the elderly? Every day is a struggle when living alone with the challenges of staying safe and healthy, both physically and mentally. There is still no clarity on when and where we can receive the vaccines in La Crosse and elsewhere. The stress of checking the websites and news outlets multiple times daily, for fear of missing the opportunity to secure an appointment, is at least as stressful as the fear of the virus itself! People are suffering and dying every day! We're weary of the fancy graphics and complicated websites. We've all had flu shots yearly. How hard can it be....

Sent from my iPad

From:	Roger Mason
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date:	Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:09:54 PM

I strongly object that incarcerated individuals would receive the vaccine before the general law-abiding public. We are all at risk to infection from C-19, just like individuals who have decided to commit crimes. That law-abiding citizens would stay at risk while criminals receive the vaccination is absurd. Why would be elevate people who have preyed on responsible citizens and whom cost all of us taxpayers?

A priority of 1B should be to vaccinate teachers and students so we can get schools back in-person.

Roger Mason Shorewood, WI If your plan for vaccinations says prison inmates should get vaccinated before older people I am totally against this plan. I am for the prison personnel getting shots ahead of us older ones but not prisoners.

Darrel Svendsen 69 year old Wisconsin resident

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No way should someone in prison get vaccinated before the general public. that's ridiculous

Jane Kirkeide

Sent from my iPad

"Staff and residents of congregate living facilities (estimated 237,902 people), including prisons, jails and mental health facilities; homeless shelters; transitional housing"

Seriously??

How is this at all possible and not consider people (like me) on social security, law abiding tax payers?

Am I going to have to wait until the end of the year for my vaccine?

I am positive all politicians, lobbyist, campaign donators, friends and families, relatives were all included in Phase 1.

Just thinning down the herd?

Sean

From:	lbripp@tds.net
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	COVID vaccine
Date:	Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:46:16 AM

Please tell me prisoners do not get it before general public!!! Age 70 and over should also include people with pre-existing conditions.

When will we be notified? Via UW My Chart?

My husband and I are anxiously waiting. We've been locked in our house for a year. Moving this along faster in Wisconsin would be a good thing!

Thank you

From:	Rea Lee
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Phase 1B of the covid vaccine
Date:	Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:52:06 PM

I would like to ask that anyone over the age of 70 be in the 1B phase of the covid vaccine. And to stay away from institutions that are not getting the PUBLIC vaccinated such as prisons. The more people in the public that are vaccinated the better it is for the rest of us waiting for our vaccine. Also, and this is probably the biggest one, put time limits on how long any one distribution center can store the vaccine. If they can't get it out to the public, they lose it. Here in Wisconsin this roll out has been going way too slowly and people are dying because of it. We need boots on the ground getting this vaccine into arms not into freezers. If a hospital, clinic or distribution center is moving too slowly, then their doses are given to a place that is going faster. This is the ONLY way to save lives. The longer we sit around talking about it or taking pictures of a single person getting vaccinated, the more people die. A month into having the vaccine is more than enough time to not have any going into freezers and have people lined up and ready to get their vaccine. If this can not be accomplished it is time to get it to the general public where multiple lives are saved for every one shot in the arm. If a person can't spread the virus, that will save many more lives than freezers full of pretty little vials doing nothing.

#### Becki Tomlinson



Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> Please excuse my earlier messages as it was not complete.

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> Governor Evers, we are appalled at the ill-conceived plan to administer the COVID-19 vaccination to prisoners as a first priority, and to teachers who could work if they wanted to if they were not beholden to their union.

> When, Sir, will you step in and show leadership and genuine concern for all residents of the state, conservative and liberal?

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> Your lack of incentive to make sound decisions And implement them with a sense of urgency appears to be the hallmark of your Administration.

Sincerely disappointed Wisconsin Residents,

Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Barbara Burton

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> Sent from my iPhone

From:	barbara burton
To:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	Vaccination of prisoners a priority?
Date:	Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:49:22 PM

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When, Sir, will you step in and show leadership and genuine concern for all residents of the state, conservative and liberal?

Your lack of incentive to make decisions

Sent from my iPhone

You people are crazy just follow federal guidelines simple ! So a 100% disabled veteran who got diabetes from their service has to wait behind prisoners totally disgraceful you should all be ashamed !

Sent from my iPad

To whom it may concern.

My family and I totally agree with the vaccination plan to inoculate the lderly and public facing people. We are strongly against the inoculation of the incarcerated. These individuals should not get preferential treatment due to making poor life decisions. We the tax payers are already paying for these bad decisions and should be prioritized over every incarcerated individual.

Thank you,

Lynn Luckow and family.

Attention:

Governor Tony Evers Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes

Your plan for vaccine allocation in Wisconsin apparently includes the intention to vaccinate all inmates in Wisconsin's prison systems, disregarding the recommendations of the CDC's vaccination priorities.

Your purported plan does not improve "herd immunity" in the general population. Were you to do a plan within the prison system which would be based upon the CDC's age guidelines, and mimic that of the general population, it would at least equalize the prison and general population "herd immunity."

The argument that prison population is unfairly large is a separate question, which, in some states, has been dealt with separately without unduly increasing crime rates.

Such a plan would also protect against the criticism of political favoritism.

Sincerely,

Robert and Rochelle Steininger

To whom it may concern:

I am dismayed and disappointed at the current proposal for Phase 1B rollout of the Covid vaccine. This phase calls for incarcerated individuals to be vaccinated. I just read a study noting that 90% of deaths from Covid have occurred in individuals over the age of 60. I doubt there is a high number of individuals in prisons over that age. They are in that living situation based on poor choices they have made.

I am a retired nurse with two different autoimmune diseases who has paid taxes in this state my whole life, yet you prioritize those individuals in front of me. I am someone who has the skills to assist in providing vaccine but due to my autoimmune issues and not being eligible for a vaccine I am unable to assist.

Rethink your recommendations and put your taxpayers who are at greatest risk of severe disease and death first!

Sincerely, Mary Lou Weden

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Jeff Jones
То:	DHS SDMAC
Subject:	COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule
Date:	Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:06:19 PM

I read in the paper today that some "committee" is recommending that prisoners get vaccinated before people between the ages of 65 - 69.

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THAT PLAN.

Prisoners forfeited their "rights" when they committed their crimes. I'm a 67 yr old disabled American Veteran and a cancer survivor. I have not ever been arrested and have been a hardworking property owning, tax paying citizen for those 67 yrs.

The members of the committee that made this recommendation should be replaced with functional citizens. This is outrageous.

Jeffrey J Jones



I strongly urge you to get the Coronavirus Vaccine distribution moving more rapidly. We need to get this moving!

It has come to my attention that you are considering or already have decided that the States prisoners will get vaccine before many of our elderly will. This is WRONG. We need to get these vaccines out to the elderly and individuals with health concerns at once.

Thank you

Jeff Homuth

Town of Hayward Town Chairman 715 634 7179 715 934 2011 fax <u>haywardmerc@cheqnet.net</u> Hayward Mercantile Co.com Good Morning,

I emailing you in regard to the statement made by Robin Voss that prisoners will receive the vaccine before your grandmother does. I am asking why is this even a consideration? To me prisoners lose their privileges while in prison and yet they apparently have more priority than the law abiding Americans? I am emailing to state that they should be the last to receive their vaccine. I would like a response back in regard to my concern. Thank you.

Tammie Nagel Valders, WI



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