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**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 1B Vaccine  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 4:00:23 PM

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Good Evening,

I write this letter on behalf of the thousands of Woodman’s employees I work alongside, as well as the other thousands of essential grocery workers that have sacrificed themselves over the last 10 months. It is quite disheartening to learn that our group of industry “heroes” as we were once referred, has now been forgotten about and disgracefully moved down the vaccination ladder. Food suppliers such as Woodman’s and countless other chains and independent stores were there when you needed us. I ask you to please be there for us when we need you. Every industry and group can make a case that they should be moved up in the vaccine hierarchy. Many professions work with the general public, but how many of those work with literally thousands of people a day? We certainly do at Woodman’s.

Countless stories could be told of the physical and mental harm our employees have had to endure over the last 10 months. All we ask for is for you to consider what is right and moral. Give all of us the opportunity to have the option for the vaccine so we can continue to serve our communities with an added layer of protection.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Hello,

I am wondering why prisoners are included but grocery store workers are not. I think they should be.

And as a side note, why, why, why has this not been determined months ago?? As soon as the vaccine was announced as ready, the state should have been on it to get ready for this. So disappointed and frustrated. The rollout of phase 1a should have been completed long ago and we should be well into 1B already. Everyone wants and needs this. Let's get going!

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Please include grocery store workers in the phase 1B rollout of the COVID-19 vaccinations. We can't consider people working lower-wage jobs essential and still be fine with the risks they take interacting with a sometimes challenging and non-caring public (i.e. no masks).

**From:** [A.K](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
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Grocery store workers in 1b.

**From:** [rogersk@wi.rr.com](mailto:rogersk@wi.rr.com)  
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**Subject:** Public comment: Phase IIb of Covid 19 vaccination  
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I am writing to request that two categories of employees be included in the phase IIb Covid 19 vaccine priority: public library employees, and grocery store employees. Library employees have close contact with patrons, and in dealing with returned materials may be exposed to Covid 19. Unlike grocery stores, libraries serve patrons who come specifically to spend time at the library (using computers, for example.) To safeguard the public and employees many libraries have closed to the public and restricted services, resulting in disproportionate service for those patrons who do not own computers. As a library employee myself I know we would like to return to our normal offerings as soon as possible, but we do not want the library to be a place patrons or staff become exposed to the virus. It seems clear that grocery store employees must also be protected because they are in constant contact with the public and are at risk not only of contracting the virus but of spreading it to many people.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your service as public employees. I am sorry that so many people have made your jobs so difficult by refusing to take the virus seriously and disrespecting the science behind the virus and your work to protect the public health.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Rogers

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**From:** [Jennifer Gross](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on 1B rollout  
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While there is much in the proposed rollout of the level 1B COVID-19 agree with, there are several points I feel I must comment about. By way of background, I do not have a vested interest in any identified group, nor group feeling marginalized in this level. The earliest any member of my family can be vaccinated is 1C - for medical reasons.

To prioritize school district staff who do not have direct student interaction or are teaching remotely (as is the case with MPS) is wrong. Teachers who see students every day should be protected, but not a blanket inclusion of everyone, that is the easy way out.

To allow health care systems to vaccinate non patient facing employees is similarly short sighted when there are other more critical groups to be addressed. Advocate Aurora closed several of their offices with non patient facing individuals and sent them home to work last year- indicating they would probably never be back in the office since remote work was sufficient. Why do those individuals need vaccination before the general public - they don't. The health system is taking the easy way out.

The groups included in congregate living and more importantly excluded, is very troubling. Including groups like inmates because it is an easily identified group and excluding secondary students who live in dorms because the group is too large is not an explanation that makes sense. People either live in close proximity and are at risk or not. Size of the group shouldn't matter. What it looks like, is marginalized people are being identified with a higher priority- that is a form of discrimination (although not one people talk about).

Finally, to not include grocery store workers as essential is confusing. They were held up as vital in the early days of the pandemic and now are being forgotten about. The general public still needs to get food and vaccinating the workers is a needed layer of protection.

Thank you for reading my comments,

Jennifer Gross  
Waukesha County resident



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Hello. I am a 60 year old divorced mother of one. My son, Noah, is 25 and has severe autism. He is non verbal and has sensory integration issues, so he has not been able to wear a mask. I am his legal guardian and fulltime live-in caretaker. It is just us two in our home. We are in the IRIS program. We have been quite isolated since 3/13/20. We go for walks in the neighborhood. We don't do much else, since he can not tolerate wearing a mask. He had been attending a day program at APTIV here in La Crosse, until 3/13/20. He can not attend the program at this time, due to his inability to wear a mask, and cooperate with the guidelines in place at this time. His father does our grocery shopping once per week, since I can not take him to stores. I have only hired a sitter a few times, when I had medical appointments, as I do not want him exposed to anyone who might have the virus. Noah needs exercise, but we can't go to the YMCA, again because of his inability to wear a mask. I am very much looking forward to the two of us being able to receive the vaccine as soon as possible, so that we can be less isolated, and so that he can return to his day program, which he very much enjoys. Thank you for listening. Barbara Ninneman.



**From:** [Theresa McMurtagh](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:56:16 PM

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*Hello,*

*When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.*

*To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.*

*Thank you.*

Theresa McMurtagh

**From:** [Chris Cherney](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:55:55 PM

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Greetings,

As a human being who has worked in a public-facing capacity for a grocery store throughout the pandemic, there are many things I would like to say to the numerous individuals who have failed so spectacularly not only in their official duties but in their humanity. I could argue why I feel as though grocery store employees should receive vaccinations in tier 1b, but until reason and ethics can compete with power and privilege, I'll avoid filling our time with an empty litany. Personally, I'd prefer returning to my role as unnoticed and unimportant if it meant I would not be appropriated as a "hero" or "essential" for the sake of political expediency.

Have a great day.

-Chris Cherney

**From:** [JJ Raap](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of myself, as well as many co-workers, and friends who work in the grocery industry. Frankly, I'm appalled at the decision to drop grocery workers from the 1B phase of vaccinations.

I want to keep this short, because honestly, I'm not sure who, if anyone, will read this whole email or not. We come face to face with a lot of people on a daily basis, some of which don't adhere to the safety standards set in our current world. On top of that, we can't control what people do outside of the grocery store environment. Add in the fact that we have new strains of Covid that are more quickly spread, and it seems obvious to include grocery workers in the 1B phase.

We have no way choice but to show up to work if we want to continue making a living. We didn't ask to be thrust into this situation, almost 10 months ago now. And other than the first couple weeks of this pandemic, we haven't really received the proper equipment, thanks, or respect that we deserve.

I hope the proper decision is made, and that not only I, but all grocery workers in the state get priority to a vaccination, and get a piece of mind while we continue to work during this pandemic.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed,  
A concerned citizen, Jonathan Raap

**From:** [Chad Whiteside](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccube Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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I am writing regarding the vaccine availability for our front line workers in retail who should be included in phase 1B necessary for public health, and for the protection of our Nation's food supply chain.

Sincerely,

Chad L. Whiteside

**From:** [Armando Ibarra](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B  
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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee,

It is of great concern to me that after reading the, “Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee, Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee, Recommendations for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for COVID-19, Vaccine Priority Group 1b,” that most in the agricultural industry, especially meat processing, dairy, and migrant and seasonal workers are not included in recommended Phase 1B vaccination plan.

The COVID-19 outbreak in Wisconsin was widely reported to be among the most severe in the nation, and many of our state’s earliest incidents of massive community spread occurred at food processing plants staffed largely by immigrant workers ([Mizan & Mathew, 2020](#)). These essential workers are among the most vulnerable and disadvantaged community members and suffer disproportionately from the virus ([Daube, 2020](#)). While these workers, many of them immigrants, have endured the worst of the crisis, they have also benefited less from the national response than other workers have ([Unidos US, 2020](#)). These essential workers deserve the security of a vaccine given all they have and continue to do for our state.

I urge this subcommittee to include all Agriculture Industry essential workers in the Wisconsin Phase 1B SARS-CoV-2 vaccination plan.

Take care,  
Armando Ibarra  
Madison, Wisconsin

**From:** [Tera Greenland](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee: Phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:46:24 PM

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Subcommittee Members,

Please consider the need of all residents when deciding the next phase of vaccinations. While most schools are running virtually, elderly are able to “lockdown”, our grocery stores and pharmacies are still staffed with essential workers that are dealing with the general public way more frequently than any other. I believe it is a huge “miss” to not make these dedicated servants to our society a top priority after healthcare workers and first responders. Especially if our primary goal is to slow the spread of this virus.

Thank you for considering those that have considered you and your family’s needs.

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**From:** [M. Carmichael](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B - Grocery Store Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:46:12 PM

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Dear Committee Members:

I strongly support including **grocery store workers** in the Phase 1B vaccine eligible group. No other frontline workers could feed their families without the grocery store workers. They have no option to work remotely. And they can't require all people they interact with be tested before entering their workplace. Please get them the vaccine next.

Sincerely,

Marice Carmichael



**From:** [Chris Myers](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1 B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:45:43 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to thank SDMAC VDS for taking the time to consider public input on which members of the community to recommend for inclusion in Vaccine Priority Group Phase 1b.

I support the VDS' current recommendation as it appears in the document submitted for public comment.

However, I would urge the VDS to consider adding an additional category to this phase: food service workers.

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic health authorities statewide (DCPH locally) classified food services as an essential industry. DCPH explicitly stated the need to maintain food supply to the community as a priority. Farms, food processors, grocery stores, and food service operators worked to comply with additional public health mandates. They did so, obviously, out of economic necessity but also because the services they provide are in fact essential. People need to eat. They need groceries. Take-out or delivery of prepared ready-to-eat food is a necessary service. Further, current DCPH guidelines allow limited occupancy for dine-in food service operators. These industries have operated throughout the pandemic and will continue to operate in some form as it develops. It is urgent that frontline workers in these industries be prioritized for vaccination.

It is urgent for following reasons:

- The nature of these essential jobs inherently elevates the risk of worker exposure to the Covid-19 pathogen
- These workers demographically have more limited access to current healthcare systems
- These workers are at elevated risk demographically for more severe illness and death from infection
- These workers, when infectious, are at elevated risk to become a vector for further spread of the pathogen

Frontline workers in the food service industry cannot work remotely. They have wholeheartedly embraced recommended interventions as provided by public health experts including: employee health screening, facial coverings, surface disinfection, personal hygiene,



and physical distancing where possible. However, food service workers face a significant risk of exposure to the Covid-19 pathogen. Food service workers who have direct customer contact (i.e. the 'Front of House', delivery drivers, or retail grocery worker) face an elevated risk for infection due to the number and duration of these contacts. Regardless of the nature of these operations the risk is clear: these workers handle food, money and credit cards, dirty dishes or equipment, and spend time in close proximity to a large number of community members. They are a potential source for secondary contact within the operation. Those workers who do not have direct customer (i.e. agricultural workers, processors, cooks, dishwashers) contact face their own risks: the nature of their jobs and workplaces makes physical distancing impossible. They often share these workplaces with those who have direct customer contact. Any of these things elevates the risk of transmission. Together they present a material risk to the health and safety of these workers. Access to vaccination works to directly mitigate these risks.

Industry-wide food-service workers have limited access to current healthcare systems. Many of the jobs in this sector do not provide insurance through the workplace. Many workers in this sector are uninsured. Frequently their primary contact with health care providers is for emergency medical services. As a population they receive less preventative medical care, and are at an elevated risk for a variety of conditions which are known Covid-19 co-morbidities. Mildly symptomatic cases of Covid-19 are less likely to be caught and identified. Infected workers are less likely to receive medical care until their condition becomes critical. This puts additional strain on these healthcare systems. Vaccination of food service workers directly ameliorates these deficiencies in access to healthcare.

Demographically food service workers are more likely to be people of color and/or economically vulnerable members of the community. These groups continue to be disproportionately affected by the current outbreak. They face a higher rate of infection, and elevated risk of severe illness and death. Their aforementioned lack of access to health care systems compounds these risks, putting them at greater risk for hospitalization and death versus the general population. Access to vaccination works to directly mitigate these risks.

Finally, the risks to these workers represent a concomitant risk to the wider community if they serve as a vector for spreading the Covid-19 pathogen following infection. Many food service workers have more than one place of employment. Frequently they live in multi-generational households where isolating potential Covid-19 cases is difficult or impossible. The risks of transmission for workers with direct community contact go both ways, obviously. Prioritizing the vaccination of workers in these essential industries will directly act to mitigate the risk of these workers serving as vectors for further community spread of the Covid-19 pathogen.

In summary I urge SDMAC VDS to recommend food service workers for inclusion in Phase 1b of vaccine distribution. I thank the VDS for taking public comment, and for their work to help

the community during the Covid-19 health crisis.

Chris Myers

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To the Vaccine Subcommittee of Wisconsin,

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you,  
Lauren Christie  
Wauwatosa, WI  
53213

**From:** [Karie Brunk](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B  
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I would like you to consider people who work as grocery store clerks for phase 1B vaccination. They are essential workers and need to be protected. I appreciate that they have been there for me through many months, and feel that they deserve the protection and peace of mind that being vaccinated could bring to them.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karie L. Brunk

**From:** [Melanie Bartholf](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vaccine sub committee / Phase 1B  
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Please see below, public comments relating to grocery workers and other food industry workers and their inclusion in phase 1b of the vaccine.

Thank you,

Melanie Bartholf  
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**Subject:** Vaccine sub committee / Phase 1B

To whom it may concern,

I am so disappointed to even think I have to write this email regarding the front line grocery workers, our food processors, people in the meat packing industries, and all people working in food supply chains, NOT being in the 1B category. My family, as well as your family's all depend on these workers to stock shelves, cut meat, and get food from farm to table, so we all have food on our tables. With the amount of public interaction these grocery employees see with the general public EVERY single day, I can not understand why they would NOT be in the next group to get the vaccine. The meat packing plants see truck drivers from different places every day. These employees do not get names of who they interact with, so contact tracing is even harder, if not impossible. I hope and pray that you all place these essential workers back into the 1B category and show them the State of Wisconsin does appreciate what they do, and that their HEALTH AND SAFETY does matter to the health department of Wisconsin. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Hibben  
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**From:** [riclantz](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** priority 1b covid vaccine definition  
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I think the definition of "Frontline Essential Workers" should be expanded to include public facing grocery, retail, and food service workers. These people are forced to interact with large swathes of the public with limited ability to practice distancing and washing protocols while providing services necessary for the public at large to sustain themselves.

Due to the nature of their jobs these people do not have the privilege of working from home or the means to choose not to work.

Also, our society has decided that it needs these workers at their jobs in order to function.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ric Lantz  
Verona, WI

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Cristal M.](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public comment for Phase 1B Group recommendations  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:42:56 PM

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Thank you for seeking public comment on this issue.

Regarding the designation of Front Line Essential Workers, the following groups should absolutely be included, as they cannot avoid extended and varied contact with the public, many of whom do not observe proper COVID safety protocols:

1. Grocery workers - cashiers, stockers, etc. must work in proximity to a wide range of individuals, who often shop in family groups (whether or not they need to) and who exhibit varying degrees of concern (or lack thereof) regarding mask wearing, hand washing, etc. These workers do not have the option to remove themselves from unsafe behaviors, nor can they speak out against it for fear of reprisal from the public and/or their employers.
2. Retail workers - Same reasons as #1 above.
3. Restaurant Staff/Food Service - Same reasons as above, with the added reasoning that A) Cooking staff often have to work in close quarters with one another, making proper distancing impossible and B) Serving staff must be in proximity to unmasked individuals who *must* unmask in order to eat.

All of these recommendations are due to the fact that workers are being continually pushed to return to work or face the loss of their jobs, shut-offs of utilities, eviction from their homes, inability to buy food, and defaults on any loans. Unless and until those underlying causes are addressed - unless and until it is decided that preserving human life is more important than "saving the economy" - all the groups I listed above are obligated to expose themselves to danger from COVID on a daily basis for the sake of mere convenience, and they should have, at bare minimum, prioritized access to the vaccine.

Cristal Martinez



**From:** [Kristin Hagen](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Committee Phase 1B  
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Hello -

I am a member of the Madison community and am writing to **advocate that grocery store workers be considered essential workers and part of the COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1B**. These workers were previously defined as essential in *Wisconsin Emergency Order 12: Safer At Home*. Working at home is not an option and interaction with the public is critical to fulfilling their job duties.

As the partner of a grocery store employee, it's personally meaningful that they can be vaccinated early for their own protection (and mine), but also for their fellow employees, and the safety of the broader public (also me).

Thank you for your consideration on this critical matter.

Kristin Hagen

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**From:** [JAMES E HOLDEN](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee phase 1b  
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Please include grocery store workers in phase 1b.  
Jim Holden

**From:** [sjcasey513@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sjcasey513@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Stephen Casey](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Requesting inclusion of vaccines for frontline, essential hunger-relief workers in phase 1B of the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory vaccine subcommittee recommendation  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:39:54 PM

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Dear Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Subcommittee,

Thank you for your efforts to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of vaccines. It is incredibly important and necessary that the Phase 1B recommendation for the COVID-19 vaccine include hunger-relief frontline workers and volunteers. These workers and volunteers are essential to continue the unprecedented distribution of food to those Wisconsinites experiencing hunger during the pandemic and economic crisis.

Meeting the needs of hunger-relief in our Wisconsin cities is essential, especially in difficult economic times like we are seeing today as a result of COVID-19. Prior to the onset of COVID-19 I volunteered in the Double Portion soup kitchen and food pantry in Neenah and saw first hand the need to support those less fortunate by offering a hot lunch and grocery items. Because I also support aging parents in their 80's and 90's who live in their own homes and need to protect them, I have not been able to serve the community since the onset of COVID-19. Having the ability to get the vaccine would allow me to return to serving and providing food to those who struggle to put food on their table.

Collaboration between our hunger-relief organizations, public health, and those administering the vaccine will be essential to planning for equitable and efficient distribution, addressing concerns, educating about and adhering to appropriate protocols.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a critical step toward ensuring the safety and health of staff, volunteers, and those accessing food resources. It also ensures that food banks have the capacity to continue distributions at this unprecedented rate to feed Wisconsinites experiencing hunger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Stephen Casey

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**From:** [Christine Nelson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** "Vaccine subcommittee" "Phase1B"  
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Please return grocery workers to group 1B. I realize this will impact my getting the vaccine earlier, but I can continue to limit my public exposure and grocery workers cannot. They have to deal with people who either refuse or are sloppy about masks. They have to deal with hundreds of people touching their work environment. We would not have made it this far without these essential workers. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Johnnie Funches-Tucker](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine distribution  
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I'm truly stunned at the politics and red tape that exist in our nation and in this city and state. You have been very covert regarding distribution category, what, when, where and how. I just learned from the news media on last night that you have decided not to include grocery store employees as essential workers as you have with government workers, medical doctor etc. I'm a Christian and believe in doing what is right. I have nothing against the prisoners if that is who they choose to become.

But, why would you include the prisoners in the next category for distribution of the vaccine since they will not be going outside the prison day to day? I can understand you vaccinating the prison workers because they are in and out of the prison and could very easily bring Covid 19 into the prison. And, what about the most vulnerable? Black and Brown people are known to be the most vulnerable. And, what about those who are immunocompromised? Doesn't anyone who work in government able to think rationally anymore? Why are you not informing us, the public, about who to call to get vaccinated or where to go to get vaccinated? Shame on you.

Johnnie Tucker  
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**From:** [M. Carmichael](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:38:48 PM

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Dear Committee Members:

I strongly support including **grocery store workers** in the Phase 1B vaccine eligible group. No other frontline workers could feed their families without the grocery store workers. They have no option to work remotely. And they can't require all people they interact with be tested before entering their workplace. Please get them the vaccine next.

Sincerely,

Marice Carmichael



**From:** [Brittany Mattson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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In their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Sincerely,  
Brittany

Sincerely ,  
Brittany Mattson





**From:** [Brittany Mattson](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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**From:** [Nicole Galicia](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B-Farm and Meat Processing Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:36:22 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to submit a public comment about including essential workers in the agriculture and meat processing industries in Phase 1B of vaccine distribution. These workers have been some of the most affected by the coronavirus in our state and nation and have continued to work throughout the pandemic to put food on our tables without protections or hazard pay. These workers should be prioritized to receive the vaccine, as they work in tight quarters with others on a daily basis.

Sincerely,  
Nicole

**From:** [tabitha.osborne](mailto:tabitha.osborne)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:36:00 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am emailing about the phase 1b vaccine recommendations. I am wondering why grocery store workers are not being included in the "phase 1b" when we were essential workers when the pandemic of COVID-19 hit. Please reconsider and add all grocery, meat packing, food processing and other food supply chain workers to the PHASE 1b vaccine. Because we are putting all our and our families life at risk everyday, when we go to work and our customers come in and they are not wearing a mask and not staying at least 6 feet apart. Thank you for taking the time to read this and other emails. I hope you will reconsider and add us to the PHASE 1b.

Tabitha Osborne

Grocery store worker and someone who is at a high risk.

**From:** [Lois Norton](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** covid vaccine to minks  
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I find that when this all started in March, front line workers included grocery store workers. To have mink farmers to receive the vaccine before grocery store workers is insulting to say the least. Maybe we should find out why, they have mink farmers before front line workers. Humm.

Lois Norton

**From:** [Sagar Khanvilkar](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee/ Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:35:26 PM

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Dear Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee,

The pandemic has changed almost everything, but throughout, one constant has been our ability to get food. Food Processing and grocery workers have kept our communities running, and when others could be safe at home, they could not. First responders, the elderly, and teachers should be a priority but, so should workers on the frontlines of these industries who continue to put themselves at risk to keep us fed.

Federal recommendations from the CDC say that food processing and grocery workers should get vaccinated in Phase 1B alongside other frontline essential workers. Wisconsin has relegated these workers to Phase 1C without justification. I urge you to reconsider this position and include food processing and grocery workers in Phase 1B.

Respectfully,

*Sagar Khanvilkar*

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**From:** [Clarke Kerkman](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:34:40 PM

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In their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Also, I am imploring you to reconsider your actions. I am sick and tired of old white men making these extreme decisions. How dare you decide whose life is worth a vaccine and not. How dare you make this decision with little regards to the welfare of grocery store workers. We are the backbone of society. For you to tell us that we do not deserve the vaccine is absolutely demonic. You should feel ashamed.

Sincerely,  
Clarke J Kerkman

Sincerely ,  
Clarke Kerkman



**From:** [Glenn Mitroff](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments re: vaccine subcommittee recommendations for Phase 1B  
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Please add the following to the Phase 1B:

Grocery Store Workers

Prison guards

Prisoners

Grocery Store Workers are essential workers whose health must be protected so that these businesses remain open and serve the public safely.

As the high levels of COVID cases at prison facilities demonstrates, it is impossible to protect this population adequately from the virus. If we are confining people, we must ensure their safety. We also know that people of color are disproportionately incarcerated and that Black and Hispanic populations in general suffer significantly higher death rates from the virus.

Prison guards are at elevated risk of contracting the virus and taking it home to their family and community.

Thank you for taking comments prior to finalizing the guidelines for phase 1B.

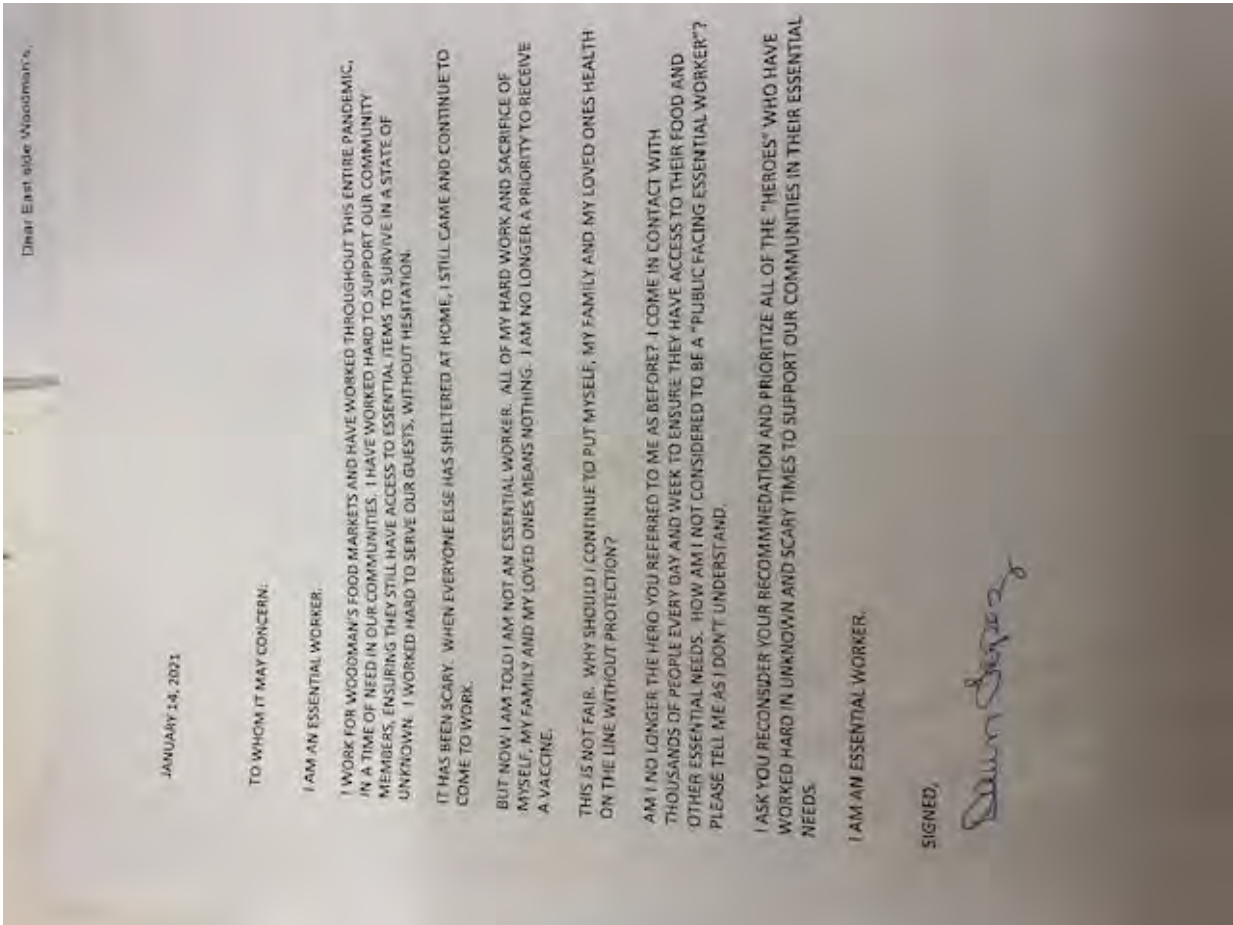
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**From:** [Kenneth Keeley](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID 19 Vaccination - Phase 1B  
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To whom it may concern:

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

Ken Keeley





**From:** [Sarah B](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Grocery Employees  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:30:00 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I just learned that WI's legislators have reworked the COVID vaccine phasing rollout plan. It is my understanding that with these revisions, legislators have determined that grocery employees are now deemed non-essential and therefore removed from phasing Group 1-B and instead, placed in Group 1-C with all other retail employees.

I sincerely hope that I am misunderstanding where these vital individuals have now been replaced on the priority list, which seems to be along side of Best Buy employees. If my understanding is in fact correct, I am thoroughly appalled by this gross and wreckless error in judgment.

While the vast majority of the population was told to stay home for safety reasons over the past 10 months, these folks did not have the same courtesy. They were forced to leave their homes to go to work, therefore leaving themselves (and their household members) vulnerable to catching COVID. They have been asked for 10 months to risk catching this virus that so many are terrified of, in order to keep all of the rest of us fed. Many of them have been exposed to anti-maskers in their workplace and the drama brought along with their refusal to mask up in public.

They were important enough over the past 10 months to force them to show up every day so that everyone in our communities had food to eat. Yet now, when there is the opportunity to put them first and finally offer some level of protection to their health, our elected officials have the audacity to conveniently change their minds and determine that this vulnerable group of individuals is no longer that important?!?!

Anyone who believes that this is the right call to make on behalf of this critical group is out of their minds.

Legislators must do better for the citizens of WI. This statement is true in general as to how this distribution has gone overall to date, but also without question, acknowledging the value and importance these individuals have to all of us.

This decision is a disgrace at best and at the very least, contrary to CDC guidelines.

I do not understand the thought process that determined delaying their eligibility, but it needs to be reversed and this needs to be done now. The lack of an organized approach to this entire rollout is unacceptable. An effective leader needs to emerge here and establish a logical and effective plan and then clearly and repeatedly communicate it to the public.

I beg of you to do right by grocery workers and place them back into 1-B where they belong.

Sincere,  
Sarah Brackney

**From:** [Sweetlilly Jarrett](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1 B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:29:19 PM

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1. Restaurants are an important part of the food supply chain – feeding the public through carryout, delivery, and dine-in; keeping farmers, wholesalers, fishers, wineries, breweries, delivery drivers, and more, in business.
2. “Front of House” restaurant workers (managers, servers, hosts, bartenders, etc) have high level of interaction with the public and cannot control social distancing – they work in close proximity to unmasked diners for extended periods of time.
3. “Back of House” restaurant workers (managers, chefs, cooks, dishwashers) are not able to physically distance from each other while cooking in kitchens.
4. Restaurant workers cannot telework and have been working throughout the entire pandemic.
5. A large amount of restaurant workers are Latinx. People in the Latinx community continue to be disproportionately represented among both people testing positive and people hospitalized for COVID-19.
6. In addition to government capacity mandates and closures, restaurants have regularly shut down when there is an employee COVID case and other employees are exposed and must isolate. When this happens, restaurants don’t have enough workers to operate, and are forced to close for the isolation period, losing valuable sales, wasting product, and putting employees out of work for several days, or weeks at a time.
7. The restaurant industry has suffered and having workers vaccinated will make customers feel safer, help our industry rebound faster, and keep our restaurants open. Restaurant sales are down 50-70%, and it’s even worse in the winter when they can’t rely on outdoor dining. Restaurants are losing tens of thousands of dollars every month due to capacity restrictions and customer reluctance to dine in restaurants. Many restaurants are on the brink of closing and the vaccine can protect employees and be a lifeline for the industry.

We are dying, help us!!! It's the very least that could be done.

**From:** [Charles Knox](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** VACCINE SUBCOMMITTEE PHASE 1B  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

1 YEAR AGO WE WERE DEEMED AS HEROS AND THOSE WHO ARE PUTTING OUR HEALTH AND OUR FAMILIES HEAL THAT RISK TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR OTHERS TO GO ABOUT THIER DAILY LIVES!

NOW WE ARE SEE AS PAWNS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OVER THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EACH DAY EVERYDAY WITH NO REGARD TO OUR HEALTH STATUS. BY TAKING AWAY THE VACCINE FROM YOUR GROCERY/RETAIL HEROS WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY IS A SLAP IN THE FACE. WE HAVE BEEN HERE DAY IN AND DAY OUT DEALING WITH CUSTOMERS WHO REFUSE TO WEAR A MASK, SPIT ON BY CUSTOMERS WHO DON'T LIKE YOUR POLICIES AND SOME JUST MEAN CUSTOMERS BECAUSE THEY ARE SICK AND TIRED OF THE WAY EVERYTHING IS BEING HANDLED BY OUR "GOVERNMENT LEADERS"

IT IN NO WAY IS FAIR TO US THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AT RISK TO CONTINUE TO PUSH US AWAY FROM THE VACCINE AND DOWN A LENGTHY LIST WHEN WE WERE ONCE DEEMED BY YOU AS HEROS! YOU TAKE AWAY OUR SLIVER OF HOPE TO WAKE FROM THIS NIGHTMARE AND THE POSIBILITY OF BECOMING ILL OR GETTING OUR FAMILIES ILL OF COVID 19!

CARL SHELTON

**From:** [Lin and Harry Grieshaber](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID Protocal  
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Please reconsider including grocery workers in to Phase 1b. They have worked throughout 2020 as essential workers and should be included in Phase 1b before prisoners and mink farmers.

Harry Grieshaber

**From:** [Brian Neu](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Grocery Employees  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:24:44 PM

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Please include grocery store employees and school employees in the next phase of the vaccine rollout. The grocery store employees have been asked to work throughout the pandemic because they were deemed to be essential. Now the legislature is pushing to open up all schools, even though we are in the worst point of the pandemic, so they should be included in the next phase of the vaccine too.

Thank you,  
Brian Neu

**From:** [Ron Pupp](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Cc:** [Jones, Benjamin](#); [Nicole Armendariz](#); [Shaver, Dale](#); [Trevor Drulia](#); [Gail Goodchild](#); [Elizabeth Laatsch](#); [Erin McMurrich](#); [Brittany Leising](#); [Linda Wickstrom](#)  
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Please find attached Waukesha County's request for additional clarification of the SDMAC vaccine subcommittee recommendations for phase 1B.

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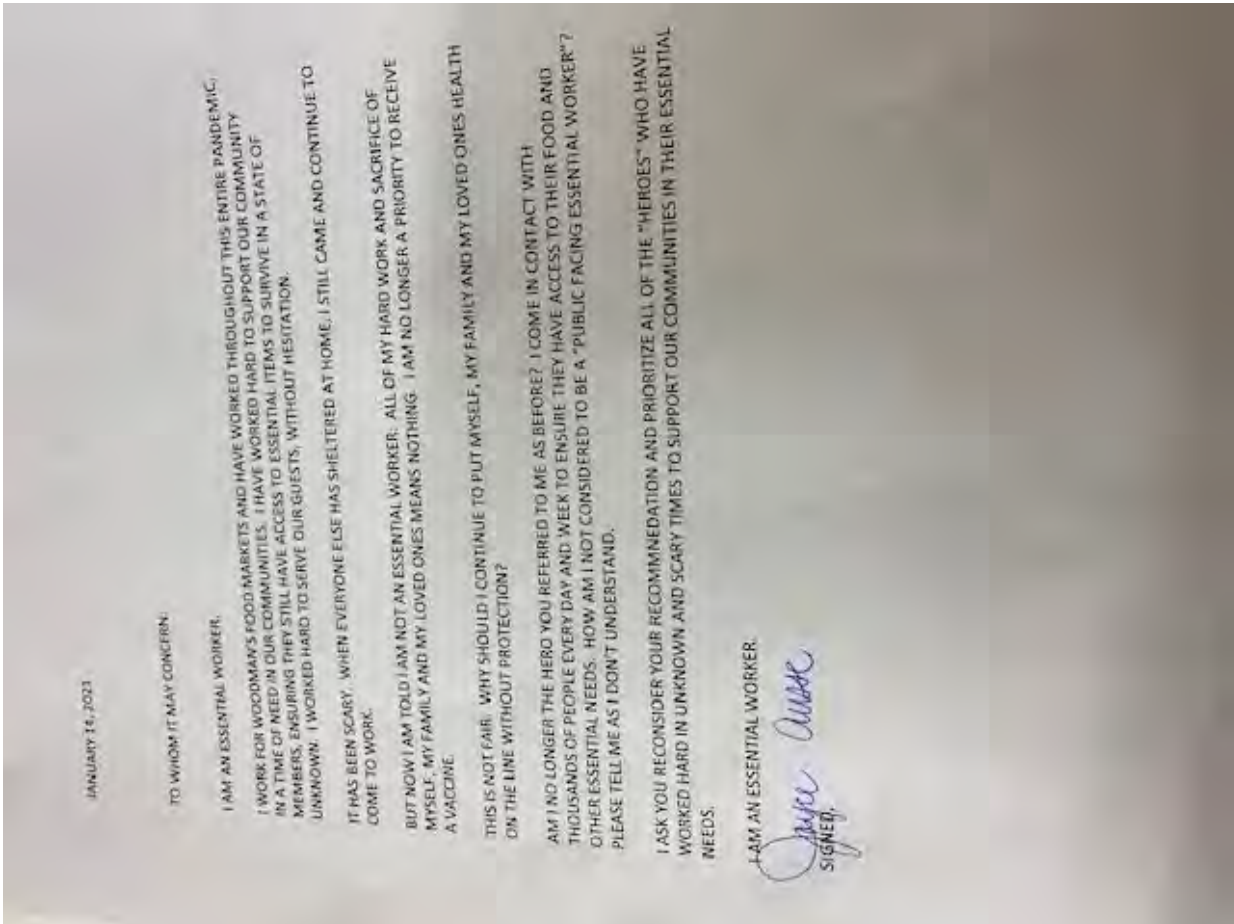
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**From:** [Carol Weidel](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine for grocery workers  
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I understand that grocery store workers are not among the essential workers getting priority for the Covid-19 vaccine. If you can play any part in changing the priority list to include them, this will help all of us in fighting this virus.

Please update me on any changes in this vaccine policy.

Sincerely,

Carol Weidel

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**From:** [Grace Jarrett](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1 B  
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Give restaurant workers vaccinations in the next vaccine round they deserve it

**From:** [Monica Schreindl](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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PLEASE KEEP GROCERY WORKERS IN THE 1B CATEGORY. WE PLACE OURSELVES AT RISK EVERY DAY.

Monica Schreindl  
Outpost Natural Foods Coop

**From:** [Jeremy Cesarec](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** please include grocery employees in Vaccination Phase 1B  
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I urge you to re-include grocery employees in vaccination phase 1b. They are critical front line citizens who have been putting themselves at risk since the earliest days of the pandemic and deserve extra consideration.

Thank you,

Jeremy Cesarec  
Madison, WI 53703

**From:** [Kamryn Hartfield](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Committee Phase 1B  
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Hello,

My name is Kathryn Hartfield, and I am a resident of La Crosse, Wisconsin. I am writing to advocate for the vaccination of grocery store workers as a part of Phase 1B of the vaccination program. By definition, grocery store workers are essential, as they are unable to work from home, have continuous public contact, and provide a necessary service for the community. I also am advocating for the vaccination of all people imprisoned in Wisconsin jails and prisons, as they are unable to adhere to social distancing, are not equipped with adequate medical care or preventative sanitary items, and thus have shown to be at incredibly high risk for contraction.

Thank you,  
Kathryn Hartfield

**From:** [Joseph Oswald](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:17:56 PM

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Grocery workers are essential frontline workers and ought to be included in phase 1B. Many are younger workers who may be asymptomatic and pass it along to customers and co-workers. It is common for these workers regardless of age to have prolonged interaction within six feet of others in the normal course of work in situations where social distancing is impractical.

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**From:** [Michelle Weber](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Please include grocery workers in 1b  
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**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee,

I am writing this because I am appalled that you are considering putting prisoners ahead of grocery workers.

How are prisoners considered essential workers?

Yesterday, I was being helped by a grocery worker who has been on the front line this last year making sure my now dead husband and I had the food we required.

The COVID shots came up in our discussion and she (55 years old) said with tears in her eyes that she is not essential enough to get the vaccine.

Neither the grocery worker nor myself can understand why prisoners will get the shot BEFORE her. Without the grocery workers NONE of us will have the substance we need to maintain life much less attempt to fight COVID.

Other states consider grocery workers essential. Why doesn't Wisconsin?

Sincerely,

Dr. Janis Giblin

**From:** [Dan Rossmiller](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B recommendations  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:16:48 PM

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I am writing to urge the vaccine subcommittee to reconsider its draft Phase 1B recommendations to allow grocery workers who are at-risk due to pre-existing medical conditions to receive vaccinations as part of the Phase 1B distribution. My spouse, a grocery store department manager, is in her early 60's and has a pre-existing medical condition that places her at high risk should she contract the COVID-19 virus. Nevertheless, she has worked full-time since last March, risking considerable exposure. Because she would not qualify by age or medical condition alone, I urge you to consider the combination of risks she faces and allow people in her situation access to the vaccine.

I note that the Vaccine Subcommittee explained its draft recommendations saying, "The Subcommittee recommends inclusion of (certain) groups as front line essential workers, based on the essential nature of their jobs, difficulty identifying trained replacements, or unique circumstances of employment." My spouse checks each of those boxes, yet would have to wait as much as several months under the current draft recommendations. I urge you to allow at least a limited medical exception for grocery workers with pre-existing medical conditions who are risking their lives in essentially public facing positions on a daily basis.

Respectfully,

Daniel Rossmiller  
Madison, Wisconsin



**From:** [ross@goodharvestmarket.com](mailto:ross@goodharvestmarket.com)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Covid-19 Vaccine  
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Our staff has always worked hard to serve our community in our locally owned grocery store. In March of 2020 we were crushed with the hoarding of a scared public as they gathered as much as they could to bunker in their homes, unsure how Covid-19 would affect their family. As grocery store employees we weren't able to work from home or even isolated in a business closed to the public. For 10 months now we have worked every day to insure our community that they can get the food they need. Our company has spent tens of thousands dollars in protection of our staff and customers and struggle every day to keep our community safe.

Back in April and May we were considered heroes and essential employees. I was ecstatic earlier this month to hear that grocery store workers were in group 1B for Covid-19 vaccinations. I was heart broken this weekend to find out that we could be moved to the general population. For 10 months grocery store workers have had to deal with the possibility of being infected from the people they serve. Also due to the political divide in this country we and state have had to deal daily with the anti-masker crowd, being yelled at, sworn at and even threatened.

I understand that many people want to get vaccinated as soon as possible, but it should be obvious that those that have been doing their part to serve the community for the last 10 months have priority.

Ross Easton  
General Manager  
Good Harvest Market

**From:** [Georgia Varney](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:15:42 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee,

My son is a frontline grocery worker and has been since the Pandemic started. He has done his best to keep himself and his customers safe. I think he should be included in Phase 1B. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Georgia Varney  
Concerned Mother & Frontline Healthcare Worker

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mark Nackers](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:15:27 PM

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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. Grocery store employees are truly front line workers, and need to get vaccinated now to insure their safety, and others.

Sincerely ,  
Mark Nackers



**From:** [Jessica Steenlage](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:14:56 PM

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Grocery and food service workers are ESSENTIAL workers who have kept this state afloat during this devastating pandemic. They must be included in the Phase 1B vaccine rollout. They are frontline workers who have been the true heroes of this pandemic. It is a shame to leave them out of the vaccine rollout at this time.

PLEASE vaccinate our grocery and food service workers! They can not work from home and they must be offered protection from the virus in line with other essential workers.

Thank you for your time,  
Jess Steenlage

**From:** [stacy zuehr](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase-1B - include grocery workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:14:53 PM

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Grocery workers are ESSENTIAL workers, therefore, they should be included in the first round of vaccines like all first responders, hospital staff, etc. We are indebted to them for all that they've done since COVID first hit the states and have been working tirelessly ever since to keep all of us stocked up and safe. They deserve to be protected just as much as the rest.

Thank you,  
Stacy Z

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**From:** [Bee Kind Design](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** I urge you to include grocery workers in next phase  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:14:14 PM

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Hello, thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

I work for Shipt, which is a grocery delivery app. I shop and deliver food, water, toiletries, medicine, and sanitary products to people who are following CDC recommendations and staying home. A large number of my customers are elderly, pregnant, mothers of young babies, in a high-risk category, healthcare workers, or isolating due to exposure or sickness. Working for Shipt allows me to help people make the responsible choice to stay home.

The grocery store has been rated one of the most likely place is for you to be exposed to the coronavirus, which means grocery store workers and delivery workers like me are risking our lives every day. (often for minimum wage or less) knowing this fact makes it absolutely crucial for us to be in the next vaccination group.

Like many I have been unable to visit my elderly parents and friends for a very long time. We chose to stay apart even though they are isolating responsibly because my job brings me in contact with hundreds of people every day.

It is hard to believe that mink farmers and the sale of fur is more important than groceries! Please include grocery store workers and delivery workers such as Shipt employees in the next phase of vaccinations.

Thank you for your time,

Shelly VonGlahn  
Shipt delivery employee

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Shelly L. VonGlahn  
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**From:** [trave@wi.rr.com](mailto:trave@wi.rr.com)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment to Vaccine Subcommittee about Phase 1B  
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Dear DHSSDMAC Member -

I am 75 years old and healthy. I contribute to society by volunteering with an independent living center for people with disabilities and to the economy by spending money. Beyond that I am past my primary years of contributing to the economy and the taking of risks versus COVID-19 are mostly within my control and choice.

Grocery workers contribute to the economy as an important cog in the wheel of food production and distribution which is needed by everyone, plus they also contribute to the economy by spending their earnings. In addition, they are in daily contact with other human beings in an enclosed environment and they also handle goods/merchandise that will be handled again by consumers. This is their job, which includes continuous risks of being exposed to and potentially passing along the virus, which is not within their control.

In my opinion, having grocery workers receive the vaccine makes much more sense than having someone like me receive the vaccine because of their critical service to and interaction with people versus my personal situation, even though I am older.

Please include grocery workers as part of phase 1b of the vaccine distribution plan.

Thank you.

Tom Rave

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Paul Williams](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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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 are also on the front lines with thousands of customers daily.

Sincerely ,  
Paul Williams

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**From:** [Paul Williams](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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We are also on the front lines with thousands of customers daily.

Sincerely ,  
Paul Williams



**From:** [Susan Hayen](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:10:41 PM

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Get mink farmers off that list & add grocery store workers!!!

Do we get anything besides fur from mink farmers? Yet we need groceries! Whether we opt for pickup or shop in store, they need relief after all this time as essential workers!

Sorry, but mink farmers, while at risk (SO AM I), are as essential as bar tenders! They need to fall back in line with avg, everyday worker.

That said, while I'm fortunate to have had very short layoff early on last year, I work for a company w/govt contracts & I can't do my job from home, many of us actually carry a letter explaining we're essential, in case stopped by law. And I'm in high risk category having extremely compromised immune system from an untreatable disease, AND I'm 62....NOT QUITE 65 so this state will have me wait...while I live telling people I can't visit, telling people to back off if I can't get away from them, can't shop for necessities if too many cars in lot compared to size of store.

WHEN are we gonna get to immune compromised?!!!!?

Lastly, why wasn't ALL of this given to pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens, Kroger, Walmart, Meijer to handle FROM DAY ONE?! They already handle flu shots, know how to do it, record everyone in computer, and guaranteed NO shenanigans like at Aurora Mequon!!! AND, we'd likely be WELL INTO Phase1b ready for 1c by now!

Get this to pharmacies, get this moving! There's no reason why Phase2 shouldn't be under way by April!

And I believe pharmacies would have long ago told fed govt they need to work direct w/mfrs! I get there's a lot to this but it never should have gotten to "the govt is holding back" 2 MONTHS IN! Should have seen/predicted that WAY sooner!

The Wisc vaccine program MUST have people who are motivated organizers & go-getters that don't back off. Find them & put them in charge!

But mink farmers?!

Thank you,  
Susan. South Milwaukee

**From:** [Sally Rossmiller](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee/Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:10:15 PM

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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee Members:

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Grocery workers have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic and are as critical to our food supply as farmers. Metcalfe's Markets, my employer, has taken every safety precaution possible for our team - masks, gloves, a rigorous sanitation schedule, plexiglass partitions, and social distancing. The reality is that our team has been exposed to members of the public every day and put at increased risk of infection for nearly a year now. Even with capacity limits in place, our team of 150 – 200 employees are exposed to 2,500-3,500 customers each and every day at each of our (3) locations. Very few other essential businesses have this type of daily public interaction during the current Community Spread stage of COVID 19 that we find ourselves in here in Wisconsin.

As grocery workers, we do not have the opportunity to do our jobs from home. Our role in the community requires us to be at our workplace day in & day out. It has been stressful for many of the team to come to work every day, but they have endured and continued to provide a way for families in our community to have food on their tables.

Please allow this group who serve such a vital need in our community access to the COVID19 vaccine as early as possible and do not move them to group 1C.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sally Rossmiller  
Madison, WI

**From:** [Lisa Bangert](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** 1B Grocery Store essential workers vaccinations  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:09:24 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Members,

For the last ten months, my husband and his 2000 grocery store employees have been "essential workers," supplying us with food and necessities during this pandemic, with great risk to themselves and their families, and now they may not be "essential" for 1B vaccinations? The dichotomy could not be more stark and disparate. I urge you to consider following the national CDC guidelines in allowing grocery store employees to be vaccinated as 1B essential workers.

My husband, Ted Balistreri, and his fellow employees at Sendik's Food Markets, including our 17 year old daughter, worked tirelessly for weeks on end, without a day off, when the "safer at home" advisory went into effect, and as the shelves ran empty, to fill them, keep the supply chain open, ensure safety practices were followed to keep customers and co-workers safe, and were a safe harbor in the community, bringing a sense of normalcy to the panic of scarcity and uncertainty. To this day, ten months later, he and his employees work harder and longer hours than most, to keep the stores open and food available to our communities.

These workers, great in their commitment and diversity, continue to be on the front line with the general public, serving all of us. When so many of us are able to work from home and choose when to interact with others, grocery store workers have no such options. They work in the stores to keep their jobs and keep their families afloat - and to keep the rest of us supplied with food and necessities. Their efforts are extraordinary, each and every one of them, each and every day. They should be recognized for these continuing efforts for the better good of the communities they serve. They deserve to be vaccinated ahead of the general public as Class 1B essential workers as outlined by the CDC guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [Francis Derausseau](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery Workers Are Essential  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:06:59 PM

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I'm a worker at the Willy Street Grocery Cooperative in Madison, WI. It truly is appalling that grocery store employees were once touted as "essential workers" and now that there is a vaccine we are all of a sudden deemed unimportant. We may not be nurses or doctors, but like them, we are on the front lines sacrificing ourselves to help keep people fed and to keep the economy afloat. I urge you to install all grocery workers under Phase 1B so that we may all have some peace of mind as Covid-19 continues to plague the world. It's not like this virus isn't going to continue to be a threat to us even though the vaccine is finally being rolled out. It will take the next year to fully vaccinate everyone, which means continued threats to our lives. It has been extremely stressful and difficult having to show up to work facing an invisible threat every day. Please reconsider where grocery store workers fall under the vaccine phases.

Thanks,

Francis

**From:** [Sheryl Aicher](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee and Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:04:00 PM

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Vaccine Subcommittee:

I ask that this subcommittee seriously consider placing grocer workers in Phase 1b of the vaccination plan. These individuals are essential and have been relied on since March as essential workers. They are dedicated and hard working. I personally know a number of individuals of various ages who have worked throughout this pandemic so we could buy groceries in store or for curbside pick up.

I have seen unmasked persons being rude to workers or insensitive by not wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance from workers and other customers. I have seen customers and outside vendors unmasked, talking loudly on their cell phone, insensitive to those around them. So I feel grocer workers are more at risk than others

Grocer workers are essential. We have and will continue to depend on them to provide us with food and a safe environment to shop in.

I recognize the challenge of determining/assigning which groups of people are to be in each Phase. I feel that the grocer worker is more at risk in serving the public than others who have less contact with the public.

Sheryl Aicher

**From:** [Richard Ready](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** It doesn't have to be this hard.  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:03:59 PM

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You know the age groups and health issues that are most at risk for death. If you do across the board vaccinations according to age groups and people's health issues you will protect the people most at risk. The elderly and our workforce ie, teachers, grocery workers, transit workers, meat packing, industry, restaurant, gyms etc. (You get the idea) The job is to get the vaccine to those who can not fight off COVID. I hope you take this into consideration as you start with 1B. Thank you, Jean Ready (retired RN).

**From:** [Kelly Harvey](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:03:01 PM

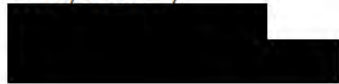
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. I feel that grocery store workers are front line workers since they interact with the public every single day!

Sincerely ,  
Kelly Harvey





**From:** [Kelly Harvey](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:03:00 PM

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Sincerely ,  
Kelly Harvey

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**From:** [ksperber@new.rr.com](mailto:ksperber@new.rr.com)  
**To:** DHS SDMAC  
**Subject:** SDMAC vaccine plan recommendation public comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:02:32 PM

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## Vaccine plan public comment

Get vaccine into arms! A report this morning claimed that Wisconsin has slipped to last in the Midwest in terms of vaccine distribution. People are frustrated with this vaccine plan because it does not seem to be accomplishing the task of getting vaccine distributed. One of the criteria for new allocations is percentages of vaccine supply actually used in each state. If our state cannot do better, we will continue to lag behind other states.

Slow rollout is encouraging entities such as Janesville School District and Mercyhealth to take matters into their own hands. Guidelines need to be reasonable, meaningful, and productive in order to be respected.

--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]--> Kids need to be in school. With the requirement that face-to-face instruction begins if it is not already in place, school personnel who have contact with students should be high priority. No-contact personnel have no need for high priority and should wait for their age group.

--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]--> Seniors should be a high priority group beginning at age **65**. The CDC new guidelines recommend high priority for seniors **65** and above in order to decrease death and serious disease. New guidelines also determine allocations based on the number of people over 65 in each state. According to CDC statistics people 65 -74 years old have 5X higher risk for hospitalization and 90X higher risk for death than 18-29 year-olds. When compared to people in the age group 50 -64 years, they have a 4x greater risk of hospitalization, but the risk of death jumps from 30X higher to 90X. Your own statistics identify this group as one of the most vulnerable. Someone 65 years old is at much greater risk of sickness or death than the 20 year-old grocery clerk, 30 year-old postal worker, or 40 year-old person who is able to work remotely.

New variants that are more transmissible are popping up every day, putting this group at even higher risk for complications, morbidity, and mortality.

Medical services for everyone are burdened when this group utilizes more resources, and high healthcare costs are crippling to our economy. Some people of all age groups are afraid to visit doctor's offices or address medical concerns because they fear Covid exposure, and their needs become greater as a result. Others have had to delay necessary procedures when medical facilities have been overwhelmed.

Many grandparents have been transportation and daycare providers for their grandchildren. Families will experience a higher need for daycare as they return to work. Without vaccine, it

is unsafe for grandparents to provide the flexible, affordable, often free daycare that parents require to make it feasible and sensible to work.

Compassion??? Higher risk has caused this population to isolate more than less at-risk younger people. Mental health suffers. They have not seen grandchildren, brothers and sisters, or close friends for almost a year. Some will die, or they will lose friends and close family before it is safe to see them again.

--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]--> Prison inmates. Your committee was asked to express compassion towards prison inmates, because they are being held involuntarily in a congregate setting. Committing a crime that may lead to prison is not involuntary. Should murderers, child molesters, other criminals be vaccinated before the people they victimized? Innocent victims are being victimized again if that is the case. Compassion can be shown by protecting inmates by preventing infection from coming into prisons. Vaccinate staff, limit or separate visitors, test and isolate the sick, wear masks, wash hands.... Prison inmates will not be denied vaccine. Like most Wisconsinites, they will have to wait patiently to receive their vaccine.

--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]--> Is it ethical to vaccinate everyone in any job just because they have an association with it? I am aware of healthcare workers in their 30's and 40's whose jobs have always been remote. Though they always work from home, they have already received their vaccine or have a date scheduled. Many school district personnel such as central office workers never have contact with students..... If a person is able to perform his job remotely and is not part of a high-risk population, is it right for him to go ahead of people at higher risk?

Thank you for considering my comments.

**From:** [Joel Christophersen](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:00:59 PM

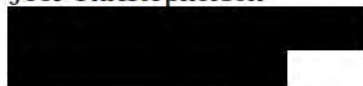
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. This action would help to stop spread the fear among the public. Everyone has to buy food at the grocery store. Ease the minds of the employees and the consumers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely ,  
Joel Christophersen



**From:** [Fred Neerhof Neerhof](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 3:00:16 PM

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Please include a seniors over age 65 as mandated by the federal government. Many of the people in this group including my wife and myself (69 years old) have serious health conditions that make us at very high. It is important to help turn the hospitalization and death rates around. Please do not risk our lives in favor of other special interest groups such as prisoners and grocery workers who are often young and at low risk. Sincerely, Fred Neerhof.  
Sheboygan Falls, Wi.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Theresa Bodus](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:56:06 PM

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Thus far the State of Wisconsin roll out of the vaccine has been subpar at best. You were the third lowest in executing the vaccines to the populations that need protection. Here is your chance to fix that. The administration of this vaccine is a state process not a federal process. States with lower populations than Wisconsin have administered far more vaccines to their high risk population. Wisconsin DHS has been slow to start and continue to be behind. You appear to have no plan and worse, are placing these populations at unnecessary risk.

1. Healthcare and EMS personnel everywhere in the state
2. Protected populations – anyone over the age of 70 or 60 and above with co-morbidities
3. Workers in public facing positions such as grocery clerks, sales clerks and gas station attendants

Teachers are not at a high risk, nor are the students. The main population that is dying are senior citizens or people with co-morbidity. They should feature prominently in your administration of this vaccine. They should be first. Many of them work part time in public facing positions.

Why haven't you set up mobile locations for the administration of the vaccine. My family members are in senior facilities and we hear that the vaccine will be administered shortly, then crickets.

Where is your plan and why isn't this at risk population obtaining the vaccines?

Theresa Bodus

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**From:** [Patricia Watson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:54:36 PM

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To whom It may Concern,

I am writing to urge you to include those who are incarcerated in Wisconsin jails and prisons, as well as staff, to be included in Phase 1B of the COVID vaccination administration.

I have been watching the news and know over 10,000 inmates and at least 2000 staff have already been infected since the pandemic began. I am older and have been hunkering down in my apartment with just short trips once in a while to the grocery store. I can't imagine what it would be like to be trapped in a cell with hundreds of people around me waiting to become infected or to be one of the staff that has to leave their loved ones each day to work in this environment.

We know that this virus spreads most rapidly in close living situations. As a society our prioritizing nursing home and assistant living environments was and is a good strategy to save lives, hospital beds and keep the virus from spreading to the general population. These reasons hold true for people incarcerated also. This should not be a moral question, but one of compassion for those of us most vulnerable and practical health policy to contain the spread of the virus ( especially with the new strains) as much as we possible can.

Patricia Watson

**From:** [Barb Franken](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:52:58 PM

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Hi!

I am requesting that you put Grocery Store workers ahead of Mink Farmers and Prisoners in your plan 1B for the Coronavirus Vaccine. I believe grocery store workers are essential workers who often do not have the choice to say they would rather stay safely at home during this Pandemic. They either work or lose their job. Please reconsider your plan 1B.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Barbara Franken



**From:** [Jason Cowley](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:52:14 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I am again writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mink Farmers over Grocers is total BS!

Sincerely ,  
Jason Cowley



**From:** [Sarah Carr](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Sub-Committee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:51:54 PM

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Hello,

I'm a member of Willy Street Co-op. They are advocating for grocery store workers to be considered essential workers and a part of COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1B. I support this wholeheartedly.

Grocery store workers throughout Wisconsin have been on the frontline of this pandemic for months. They have dealt with so much stress, uncertainty, and frustration throughout this time. They are unable to work from home and have continuous interactions with the public. Unlike other essential businesses, it can be challenging to implement physical distancing and other safety/sanitation procedures. Grocery store workers often risk their health and safety so that others can stay home, such as curbside pickup.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Sarah Carr  
Madison, Wisconsin

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**From:** [Thompson Elizabeth F](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** please place grocery store workers Phase 1B vaccine recipients  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:49:18 PM

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Dear DHSSDMAC

Please place grocery store workers on the list of Phase 1B vaccine recipients.

These workers need to be protected in order to provide their essential service to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth F. Thompson

[Redacted]  
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**From:** [Frances Culwell](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:47:44 PM

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Please make grocery workers a vaccination priority. I realize this is a large group, but they have kept us fed for nearly a year now, and have to deal with absolutely everyone. It would serve us all to have them protected as soon as possible.

Frances Culwell  
Middleton

**From:** [Diana Kahn](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccinate grocery store workers in group 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:47:18 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

I am in favor of including grocery store workers in group 1B waiting to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for the following 2 reasons:

1. **To keep these essential workers safe.** Grocery store workers are “on the front lines,” faithfully going to work every day so that the rest of us can access the fresh food that we need to get through the pandemic.
2. **To keep the rest of us safe.** Grocery stores are one of the main places where all Wisconsinites congregate out of necessity every week, so if the grocery workers are healthy, the stores will be safer for us all.

I hope that you will seriously consider these points and include grocery store workers in group 1B.

Thank you,  
**Diana Kahn**

Diana Kahn



From: [SLH](#)  
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)  
Subject: public comment, vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B recommendations  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:45:56 PM

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Dear SDMAC Committee members,

Thank you for all of your work on the 1b guidance document. I can see the amount of time and care that you have put into it.

I am a professor at a small college, and I have a few thoughts I hope you can take into consideration in assembling your final document.

**Regarding the inclusion of higher education faculty and staff:**

I agree that some educational outcomes cannot be attained in a remote format - laboratory courses, for example, and theater, and other experiential learning. In your Appendix E, I see that you phrase this as "any individual faculty, staff or administrator... for whom **direct interaction** with students is required..." and I agree. In such cases, the faculty member is at risk and to reduce their risk they should be offered a vaccine.

I also wish to express my support for your having included staff in this description. Our cleaning staff, for example, come into contact with the students, and many of them are in high-risk groups and a vaccine will significantly reduce their risk.

However, as I'm sure you know, there have been pressures from students, parents, and college administrators for *all* students to be brought back to the classrooms. Importantly, colleges are permitted to create *their own guidelines* for pandemic operations. My college is doing no testing and, to my knowledge, has done no work on ventilation or similar physical measures to reduce the risk of asymptomatic or presymptomatic transmission.

I teach four classes a day, and if I were in a room with 20 students for an hour, and then a different group of 20, followed by another group of 20 and another group of 20, that is at least **80 young adults that are exposed to one another and to me** three hours a week for 16 weeks. The vaccine has not yet been shown to significantly reduce the risk of a person's developing an asymptomatic case, and then passing that infection along to others. With no testing, there is a serious risk that I would be a vector of contagion for my students and, by extension, to the community at large.

I am also, of course, mindful of my own risk. Being in close contact with such a large number of young adults, the population with the highest incidence of infection, puts me in danger of long-term effects were I to be infected, such as heart damage,

anosmia, and other effects that may yet emerge in the novel disease.

Make no mistake, I hate teaching remotely. My students hate learning remotely. It's by no means ideal, to put it mildly. But it does, for the moment, ensure that my classes are not a vehicle of community spread.

The reasons you give in your appendix for including faculty members are good ones – I do not mean to suggest that educators at the post-secondary level be removed from 1b. My faculty colleagues in the laboratory sciences and performing arts, as well as most of our staff colleagues, must be in direct contact with our students to carry out our educational mission. I bring up the above points only to say that the **guidance for colleges** needs to be very clear so that the vaccination program does not become a factor in what could be a large spike in infections in the young adult population that could then spread to the larger community.

**Regarding essential workers:**

I have been concerned about grocery store workers and agricultural workers, and wish to encourage you to include them in an early group such as 1b.

Grocery stores, it is true, are able to offer curbside pickup, but we know that nationwide, because of the nature of their contact with the public there have been grocery store workers exposed on the job. Agricultural workers, of course, cannot work remotely, and very often must work in groups.

The work that both these groups do is important to the health and well-being of all of us. I encourage you to consider putting them in group 1b if it can be done.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. Good luck in your work. I am appreciative of all you are doing.

Sincerely,  
Susan Hollingsworth

**From:** [Zacary Smucker-Bryan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** The next stage of COVID vaccination - Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:45:34 PM

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Hello,

I am writing a letter of support to recommend those in child care and education settings as well as grocery store workers as part of this committee's final recommendation for receiving the next round of covid vaccines as part of phase 1B.

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Zacary Scott Smucker-Bryan



**From:** [Michelle Labelle](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

**From:** [Sue Heneghan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:42:48 PM

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January 18, 2021

State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)  
Vaccine Subcommittee  
Via email:dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Members,

I write today as an employee of Certco, Inc. We are a wholesale grocery distributor who service independent grocery in Wisconsin, along with other states in the upper Midwest. We are owned by the grocery stores that we service.

I ask that there be reconsideration and you include our industry in tier 1B in the COVID-19 vaccination plan. CDC guidance on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution was released even before the announcement of a vaccine, and had our industry listed as part of tier1B, as essential public facing workers.

I am disheartened to hear the committee is not following this guidance and is instead recommending our industry should receive the vaccine as part of tier 1C.

All healthcare workers, public safety workers and child care center workers are factored in tier 1A and 1B. Grocery workers and food supply essential workers were also mentioned in the same breath as these industries since early March of 2020 and called "Heroes". Yet, we are now left without the benefit of hope that these same individuals are getting.

Please reconsider your revised plan for Tier 1B to include our industry.

Food is essential to the survival for all mankind, regardless of age. My coworkers and I have been working tirelessly to ensure people have the food and supplies they need available to them in order to follow the "Shelter in Place" and "Safer at Home" orders set forth by the state of Wisconsin. Without me and my coworkers remaining healthy and the grocery store workers staying healthy, we will have a much larger issue on our hands in keeping the food available to all Wisconsin residents.

To be called heroes for 10 months and have this glimmer of hope for a vaccine ripped out of our hands is a shame. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Heneghan

**From:** [Paula Doyle](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Committee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:40:43 PM

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I am writing to encourage the decision-makers involved in deciding who gets the COVID-19 vaccine and when, to put the grocery-store workers at the front, after health care and emergency (police/fire) workers. The store workers have been at risk since day one, if they kept their jobs, and we would be in a terrible place without their work. The risks they run each shift are huge, with all of us folks passing past them and talking to them and so on. Please strongly consider putting grocery store clerks, baggers, and anyone else who helps the store run and has contact with the public - into the very next group to be vaccinated.

Thank you.

Paula Doyle

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Stephanie Ray-Kuczynski](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Food Service  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:34:56 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to say that food service workers including grocery store workers should be included in the 1B group for the vaccinations. They are essential and are at great risk of exposure to Covid.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Stephanie Ray-Kuczynski

**From:** [Elizabeth Egasti Miller](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep.Vining - LEGIS](#); [Sen.Kooyenga - LEGIS](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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Committee members:

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities, please keep these three groups at the forefront: 1) grocery industry, 2) MPS educators and staff, and 3) MPS bus drivers.

Regarding the grocery industry, there are many jobs that may be considered essential, but access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves, please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Regarding MPS educators, staff and bus drivers, I am concerned that the students of MPS have been hit the hardest by this pandemic. It is vital that we as a community (and as a state) do everything in our power to help this district return to in person instruction at least for the most vulnerable students. Vaccinating teachers, staff and especially bus drivers will help with their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [catmira](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee phase 1b  
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Please put grocery store workers in 1b!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Emma Stone](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT: Vaccine Subcommittee: Phase 1B: URGENT  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:33:39 PM

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To Whomever this concerns,

I have been informed that grocery workers have been taken off the 1B list to receive vaccines in the state of Wisconsin. I must say I am outraged and disturbed by this information. I am pleading with the state to please reconsider.

I currently work for the Willy Street Co-op in Middleton, WI. I personally am exposed to people every single day. We do our best to maintain distance from each other and customers, however each day is a war. As individuals we do our best, I know many others including myself take extra precautions. Showering immediately after each shift, raw worn red cheeks each day from wearing a mask 40+ hours a week. Sanitizer and raw hands. I have not seen family or friends in months and I am not alone. As I see people not wearing masks properly, my frustration grows.

Our staff have had this affect their mental health just like this nation. Co-workers who lost incomes, people living with immunocompromised folks. We fear we will kill our own families just from going to work. No hugs, no seeing family or friends. It has become a lifeless life. Workers are quitting at a higher rate than ever because the pay is not worth the mental toll and they are too afraid of the high exposure to their loved ones. Some of us have no choice as jobs are scarce. We need to be on the 1B list of vaccinations. We are essential and have been feeding America through this nightmare of a pandemic. This is insulting. The sacrifices I along with my grocers in this state have made to keep everyone safe. We need this. No question. It will keep the communities and the spread of this virus safer to have us vaccinated. EVERYONE GOES TO THE GROCERY STORE.

Not to mention people not following guidelines or claiming it to infringe on their rights. My staff being harrassed by consprisy therosits daily, I can't tell you how many times I have had a coworker called "a brown coat" "a nazi" "a communist" for simply telling someone to wear a mask.

**GROCERY WORKERS NEED TO BE 1B!!!!!!  
WE ARE ESSENTIAL AND THIS IS SICKENING  
WE ARE EXPOSED TO THE PUBLIC 40+ HOURS A WEEK  
WE ARE AMERICA'S BACKBONE  
WHERE IS THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANK YOU?!?!  
THIS IS SUCH A SLAP TO THE FACE!!!**

**PLEASE RECONSIDER**



Emma Stone  
Willy Street Co-op  
Middleton, WI

**From:** [Margaret Lohr](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID vaccine roll out  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:32:57 PM

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I am responding to an apparent input request from WI. residents on next phase of vaccine rollout.

I am wondering why anyone should have anything to say and why we can't just follow guidelines as outlined by CDC in their priority roll out rather than wasting time for this input in midst of a pandemic!

I am assuming we are now at 1b level and this should include persons over 75 years and essential workers that are not necessarily in health care or frontline service jobs such as EMTs, fire and police, as well as grocery store workers who are out there every day so rest of us can keep going. I definitely favor them getting over mink farmers.

As a retired RN, still licensed and willing to help give vaccines, let's just stick to the outlined roll out plan and figure out logistics for getting any and all available vaccines into people's arms. We should have been figuring this out for past 6 months!

Margaret Lohr  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

**From:** [Vincent Butler](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC: Vincent Butler](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery workers need Covid vaccine  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:30:40 PM

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*To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.*

*Thank you.*

Vince Butler

Front end assistant

Outpost Natural Foods, Mequon

**From:** [Grace Mantyh](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase1B  
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Please include grocery store workers in Phase 1B for COVID-19 vaccination, as we have been essential to keeping the state running throughout the pandemic and are at increased risk of infection through contact with the public and coworkers.

Signed,

Grace Mantyh

**From:** [Katherine Burnett](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:29:47 PM

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To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you,

Katherine Burnett  
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**From:** [Catherine Packard](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:27:36 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm a Wisconsinite who's concerned that the vaccine rollout is too slow and bogged down by red tape. There's no reason we can't start one group of people while still vaccinating another.

People shouldn't have to wait until June to get the shot. I have a front facing job, and I deal with people who refuse to wear masks every day. It's crazy that people who work in the service industry should be put to the back of the line. Grocery store workers, front desk at various businesses deserve better. We don't have the option to work remotely at home. Get us help.

Voters are paying attention. We aren't ignorant. Do your job, and cut out the nonsense.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Catherine Packard

**From:** [Kathleen Duggan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 VACCINATION PRIORITY  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:27:19 PM

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The 'all caps' herein are to highlight areas, I'm not yelling, I'm very passive.

Please remove inmates from COVID VACCINE PRIORITY LIST.

REASON #1:

I retired from the WI Department of Corrections May, 2009 after over 22 years, the last 10 at Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI). I'm requesting inmates be removed from prioritization for COVID-19 vaccination but put all staff on the priority list. I limit my opinion to facility staff, not field staff which includes Probation & Parole Agents which I was for 10 years. I have friends that still work at GBCI and they have no problem posting pics on Facebook partying maskless with friends in crowded public places. With how STRINGENT the COVID PROTOCOL is at ORIGINAL INTAKE WITH INMATES, it's my opinion that STAFF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR the VIRUS INFILTRATING FACILITIES, NOT INMATES. I think it would be safer and wiser for the entire state to reconsider prioritizing inmates and instead MANDATORILY VACCINATE ALL CORRECTIONS FACILITY STAFF ...TB Tests are staff mandated ... and instead include grocery store employees as a priority.

REASON #2:

I do everything possible to be safe. I haven't seen friends or family for about a year. I haven't even had restaurant food since this started, no delivery, no pick up, nothing. I am not anti-masker. I am 64 years, 5 months old so miss the priority cut off but willing to wait my turn. I live alone in the country and take every precaution as I only have myself to depend on if I catch COVID-19. I grocery shop once every 2-3 weeks yet have a high level of anxiety until 10 days after shopping hoping I won't have signs of COVID. I know I'm not isolated in my fear. I'd feel a lot safer knowing GROCERY STORE STAFF was IMMUNIZED, thus MITIGATING SUSCEPTIBILITY and reducing 10+ days of anxiety each time I go. Everyone shops, it's not an option, public exposure is at a high level for staff and customers at grocery stores. I don't have friends or family that work at any stores, this is a straight up unbiased opinion. My input is purely opinion with enough insight into how corrections facilities operate to strongly believe inmates shouldn't be prioritized as I feel it's a result of STAFF INTRODUCING the VIRUS, NOT INMATES. I respect inmates and their families fears but believe the greater good would be to prioritarily immunize correctional facility staff, EXCLUDE INMATES and INCLUDE GROCERY STORE STAFF.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kathleen Duggan

**From:** [Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:25:36 PM

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Dear Vaccine Priority Subcommittee Members

Thank you so much for the vital service you are providing by making the Covid Vaccine available to Essential Workers in our state. My husband and I have already received our first vaccine as First Responders in Lake Geneva, as Mark is a Fire Fighter and EMT, and I am a Chaplain to the Police and Fire Departments. Our second shot will be in February. We are immensely grateful for that gift.

I am writing on behalf of Walworth County Food Pantry (WC Food Pantry) staff, as well as the other 9 Food Pantries in Walworth County. The word "County" does not mean we receive money from our county. We raise all the money needed to keep WC pantry open.

I have served at WC Food Pantry for 3 years. We are the largest pantry in the county - and work to help provide food to other pantries as well as our own. Since the pandemic hit, our pantry went from having 72 volunteers in January through March of 2020 to 22 volunteers as of July of 2020. Every worker in our pantry is 65 or older now, due to the huge reduction in volunteers.

Our workload is overwhelming. But the volunteers know how essential it is for the Food Pantry to continue. We have significantly changed our procedures since July in order to protect our staff and guests. Unfortunately, 3 staff members contracted Covid 19, and one was quite ill for 3 months. Thankfully, they are all well now. But we are well aware of the daily risks workers face serving such a large number of people.

Over 600 FAMILIES come to us every month in need of food, baby diapers, baby food, adult incontinence supplies, menstruation pads and tampons. We also distribute Senior Boxes with shelf stable food from the government to those 65 and older.

At least 3500 guests are served by our pantry each month. It is overwhelming to serve so many, with only 22 workers. Our numbers grow each time we are open. I work in the front to welcome each guest and locate their file. Then I ask about their specific needs - put it to paper - and the guest leaves.

My coworker and I are behind plexiglass - but it has a 2 foot gap from the desk. At least 12 guests have told me in the last 2 months that someone at home or at work has covid. It is a miracle we have not all been infected yet.

The men in the back have a much greater risk. They assemble the food and other supplies requested by each family in several grocery carts. Then they take the food outside to the number on the car windshield that matches the number on the cart.



If the guest can't load the food in their car due to health problems, the men have to do it. They are exposed to possible covid cases from the driver and other people in every car they serve. This is in addition to working together in close quarters for several hours before we open, and then throughout the entire day. These workers are HEROES!!

If these 21 individuals are not frontline essential workers, I don't know who is! Since so many have lost jobs during the pandemic, and countless people have not received unemployment, these workers are literally saving lives every time guests come through our doors.

I can't count the number of individuals who weep when they come in. They are embarrassed, frightened, overwhelmed, hungry, and grateful. It may be hard to imagine that people do not have any food at home - if you are able to provide for your family.

In order for us to continue to meet these critical needs, in ways that are safe for all, it would be extremely helpful to make vaccinations available to all food pantry workers as soon as possible.

Thank you for your good work, and consideration of my request.

Cordially,

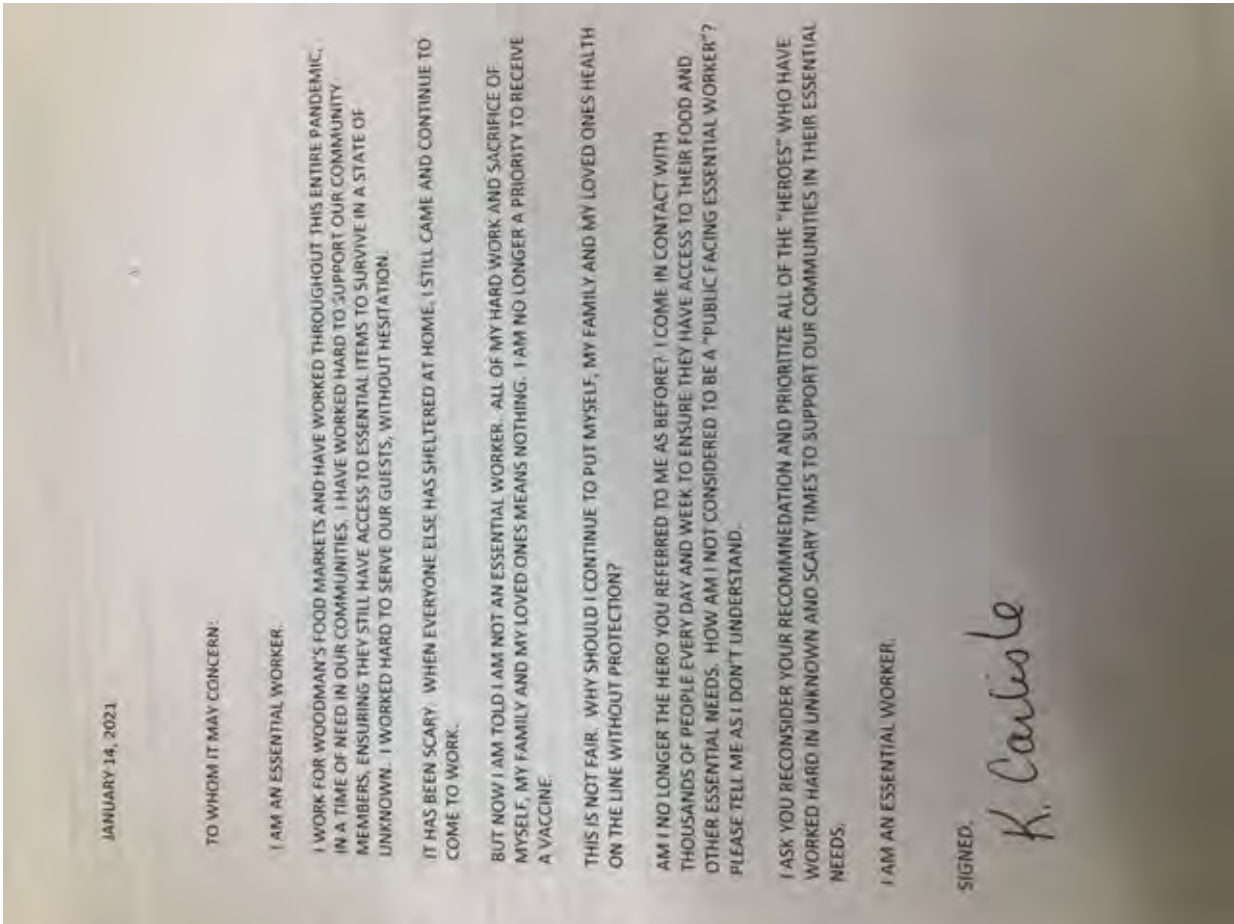
Pastor Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson



**From:** [Kristine Oshefsky](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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**From:** [Patty Prime](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:24:01 PM

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DHS,

Please reconsider your decision about grocery workers and include them in Phase 1b for vaccinations. Grocery workers face the public every day and have little more than reminders for people who resist wearing masks. It is not only important for them to be able to work more safely, but the public who buy groceries every day need greater protection.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Patty Prime  
Madison, WI

**From:** [Erin Kell](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

Erin Kell

**From:** [Kathy Meyer](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Public comments covid vaccine 1b  
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Definitely seniors, grocery store workers, developmental disabilities of all kinds, those in IRIS and long term care.

It is not possible to isolate many of our disabled as they have multiple people who care for them 24/7. Multiplying the contacts by their other family and employment contacts is a very big contact group that can't be shrunk.

Combine that with the variable inability to wear a mask, inability to manage bodily fluids and this is a potentially a superspreader situation. They need a high priority for vaccine.

Thank you

**From:** [Chris Reading](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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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.

Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee Members:

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

When the Wisconsin's Safer at Home order went into effect back in March 2020, the Governor emphasized the imminent threat of COVID 19, the pandemic to all our Wisconsin citizens...

“Wisconsin, this is serious, the crisis is urgent. It’s not safe to go out, it’s not safe to have others over — it’s just not safe. And it might not be safe for a while yet”

Honestly, we were all scared, but at that point all of us, Essential Businesses and Critical Infrastructure Workers, had a job to do, and that was to take care of our community and ourselves as we went to war against this unseen enemy.

I am proud of the bravery our over 500 team members here at Metcalfe’s Market had, along with all the other Essential and Critical Infrastructure Workers across our state, that put their own person lives on the line along with those that they love, as we pressed on to service this community during a raging pandemic.

Grocery workers have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic and are as critical to our food supply as farmers. While our company takes every safety precaution possible for our team, the reality is that this team has been exposed to members of the public every day and put at increased risk of infection for nearly a year now. Even with capacity limits in place, our team of 150 – 200 employees are exposed to 2,500-3,500 customers each & every day at each of our (3) locations. Very few other Essential businesses have this type of daily public interaction during the current Community Spread stage of COVID 19 that we find ourselves in here in Wisconsin.

Grocery workers do not have the opportunity to do their jobs from home. When their role in our community requires them to be at their workplace day in & day out. It has been stressful for many of them to come to work every day, but they have endured and continued to provide a way for families in our community to have food on their tables.

Please allow this group who serve such a vital need in our community access to the COVID19 vaccine as early as possible and do not move them to group 1C.

Sincerely ,  
Chris Reading

**From:** [Barb Franken](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Corona Virus distribution  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:20:04 PM

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Hi!

I just heard you are asking for comments on your 1b plan for the Coronavirus vaccine roll out. I really believe that grocery store workers should be ahead of prisoners and mink farmers. They are essential workers who often have no choice but to work instead of staying safely at home. I am a retired teacher and my husband is a retired firefighter. Putting grocery store workers ahead of prisoners and mink farmers will not affect us.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Franken  
414-704-7983

**From:** [Kristin Esselstrom](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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I can appreciate how challenging it must be to make decisions about who should receive vaccinations and in what order. However, I would like to advocate on behalf of grocery store workers and the 90+ employees who report to me at the store that I manage, that as essential workers, grocery store employees are included in group 1B.

Grocery store workers have been working daily since the pandemic began, ensuring that members of the community have access to food. While we have tried to do everything we can to provide the safest work environment possible, they are literally in contact with hundreds of people a day. Grocery store workers have no way to work from home and they can't control who comes into the store. While many customers are respectful and do their part to contribute to a safer work environment, there are other customers who blatantly disregard the requirements to wear a mask and to wear it properly. And while we can ask them to properly wear their masks or request that they leave, it is a grocery store employee that has to interact with the customer who is not properly wearing a mask and as a result is risking further exposure.

Grocery store workers deserve to be protected as they continue to provide food for our communities. I hope the committee will consider their inclusion in phase 1B.

Thank you,  
Kristin

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**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID 19 Vaccine Distribution - Grocery Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:18:44 PM

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State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)  
Vaccine Subcommittee  
Via email: [dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Members,

I write today as an employee of Certco, Inc. We are a wholesale grocery distributor who service independent grocery stores in Wisconsin, along with other states in the upper Midwest. We are owned by the grocery stores that we service.

I ask that there be reconsideration and you include our industry in tier 1B in the COVID-19 vaccination plan. CDC guidance on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution was released even before the announcement of a vaccine, and had our industry listed as part of tier 1B, as essential public facing workers.

I am disheartened to hear the committee is not following this guidance and is instead recommending our industry should receive the vaccine as part of tier 1C.

All healthcare workers, public safety workers and child care center workers are factored in tier 1A and 1B. Grocery workers and food supply essential workers were also mentioned in the same breath as these industries since early March of 2020 and called "Heroes". Yet, we are now left without the benefit of hope that these same individuals are getting.

Please reconsider your revised plan for Tier 1B to include our industry.

Moving the age tier down to include individuals above age 70, instead of 75 years of age, is protecting a new group that has been kept safe by the State orders to stay home, and they have been fed due to us and the stores we service.

Food is essential to the survival for all mankind, regardless of age. My coworkers and I have been working tirelessly to ensure people have the food and supplies they need available to them in order to follow the "Shelter in Place" and "Safer at Home" orders set forth by the state of Wisconsin. Without me and my co-workers remaining healthy and the grocery store workers staying healthy, we will have a much larger issue on our hands in keeping the food available to all Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Mair

**From:** [Tracy Honn](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B, Public Comment  
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Dear SDMAC Members,

I am concerned that grocery store and food service workers aren't currently included in Phase 1B vaccination plans. The service of these folks is the reason many Wisconsinites--including my husband and me--have been able to stay safe over the last ten months. They are on the front lines! The next four months are going to be very challenging in Wisconsin for everyone, and including this group of essential workers in 1B will help protect the general population's health and safety.

Though lowering the age of eligible people from 70 to 65 in Phase 1B seems prudent, I think the above--vaccinating food service workers in Phase 1B--is most important. (And I say this as someone who turns 65 next spring!)

Thank you for your attention and public service.

Tracy (Honn)

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Tracy Honn  
Interim Board President [Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum](#)  
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Grocery workers should bein phase 1B & age limit change to 65 years old

**From:** [Michael Siakpere](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:16:12 PM

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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. Our employees have been on the front line serving our communities since the beginning of the pandemic, remaining open as part of the critical infrastructure. We have remained steadfast in our dedication, but need to allow our employees access to the vaccine in order to continue doing so.

Sincerely ,  
Michael Siakpere



**From:** [Forrest Herschelman](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Grocery Store Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:15:51 PM

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As the center of communities, grocery store workers should be allowed to get vaccinated with other front line workers if they choose.

Without our workers and our industry, nothing else stays open. Putting grocery workers outside the 1b group is a great insult to those who risked their lives to keep you fed.

Best regards,  
Forrest Herschelman  
Madison, WI

**From:** [Trina Grieshaber](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B: add grocery store workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:15:39 PM

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Hello,

Please add grocery store workers to Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccine phase 1B in accordance with the CDC recommendations. Grocery store workers have extensive contact with the public every day and have been told for ten months that they're essential workers and should continue to be treated as such.

I understand that it's a careful, tricky balancing act when you're weighing whether to prioritize the fastest reduction in deaths or the fastest reduction in cases and how to balance those with equity concerns. (Please DO continue to leave incarcerated people in 1B; they are at very high risk and have no choice in their exposure levels.) Putting grocery store workers in line before the general public will reduce cases and address equity.

I myself am in the 1C high risk category and would be quite content for the grocery store workers to get their vaccines before me.

Thank you,  
Trina Grieshaber

**From:** [Ludivina Aguero](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Sub Committee / Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:15:38 PM

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Dear Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee,

The pandemic has changed almost everything, but throughout, one constant has been our ability to get food. Food Processing and grocery workers have kept our communities running, and when others could be safe at home, they could not. First responders, the elderly, and teachers should be a priority but, so should workers on the frontlines of these industries who continue to put themselves at risk to keep us fed.

Federal recommendations from the CDC say that food processing and grocery workers should get vaccinated in Phase 1B alongside other frontline essential workers. Wisconsin has relegated these workers to Phase 1C without justification. I urge you to reconsider this position and include food processing and grocery workers in Phase 1B.

Respectfully,

*Ludi Aguero*

Assistant Operations Manager

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**From:** [Amy Enright](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:15:34 PM

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I am writing to ask that you include grocery store workers in Phase 1B. As a grocery worker I am exposed to hundreds of people each time I go to work and have since the pandemic began. I cannot work from home and although my employer has taken several steps to add in safety measures, I am still exposed to customers and coworkers throughout my shifts.

Thank you,

Amy Enright



**From:** [Jenny clark](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Attention Vaccine Committee  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:13:06 PM

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Dear Governor Evers and Vaccine Sub-Committee:

Grocery store workers remain ESSENTIAL. They are Frontline worker put at Covid risk daily.. They do not have a powerful union to protect them. They deserve your support.

Do the right thing. Do not remove grocery store workers from the essential employee classification. Nothing has changed. They are still essential. Reward them for their hard work during this pandemic. They were there when we needed them. Now is not the time to abandon them.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Clark  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

**From:** [Betsy Johnson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee | "Phase 1B"  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:12:23 PM

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Dear Sir and Madam,

During these challenging times, please include grocery store workers in the phase 1B rollout of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

We can't consider people working lower-wage jobs essential and still be fine with the risks they take interacting with a sometimes challenging and non-caring public (i.e. no masks).

Thank you!

Elizabeth A Johnson

Wauwatosa, WI

**From:** [Linda Norton](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
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When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive.

Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

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**From:** [Symantha Robinson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery Store Workers Need the Vaccine  
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To Whom it Mat Concern,

I respect the fact that everyone want the COVID-19 vaccine and that some people truly need it sooner than others. However, as a teacher who wants to get back to school ASAP, I believe grocery store workers should be prioritized over teachers and many other occupations. Behind medical professionals, grocery store workers have kept this country safe. Without them, even doctors and nurses would have struggled to keep food in their homes. They are not well-paid, often lack paid sick time, and interact with hundreds of careless individuals every single day. Please prioritize our continued access to food and many of our lowest paid essentials workers by making sure they get the COVID-19 vaccines. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Symantha Robinson

**From:** [Robert Ahrens](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:07:36 PM

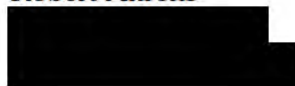
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Dear Committee Member,

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 business have been one of the groups with the most risk due to daily interactions with our large group of customers. The health of our staff and customers has always been a priority, access to the vaccine is critical.

Sincerely ,  
Robert Ahrens



**From:** [Food Pantry](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:07:23 PM

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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your designation of groups prioritized for vaccination in Phase 1b. I run Grace Episcopal Church Food Pantry on Capitol Square, and for 40 years, families and individuals in need have relied upon us to provide emergency food assistance. Our supply chain depends upon grocery stores, including Metcalfe's and Capitol Centre Market, to provide donations of fresh food. We also rely upon deliveries from Second Harvest and the Community Action Coalition. I only have a core group of volunteers allowed in the pantry. We have survived 2 Covid scares, but thankfully we have managed to remain open.

We cannot work from home. I must venture out 5 day per week securing product for my guests. Although we are masked at all times, it is impossible to truly socially distance in a food pantry. It can be very stressful and scary. Please add grocery workers, food pantry operators and delivery drivers to Phase 1b so we can continue to serve the community and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Vikki Enright

Vikki Enright  
Grace Episcopal Church Pantry Coordinator  
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**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee -- Phase 1B  
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Please add grocery workers to Phase 1B. Limit it to checkers and baggers if need be, but these \*are\* essential workers, keeping everybody fed but at daily risk through constant exposure to the public.

Move the mink workers back to the next phase, if that's necessary to allow for vaccinating people who take such good care of whole communities.

With thanks for tackling a hard job, --GK

Gundega Korsts

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**From:** [Ellen Blaschke](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** "Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B"  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:05:11 PM

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Hello,

I would like you to advocate for my Co-Workers and me, to allow the **Grocery Store Essential Workers** to be next in line for the Covid-19 vaccinations.

We all have families to take care. In my case my 87 year old Father, who also needs to be Vaccinated, as he still lives in his own home.

I would appreciate it if you put yourself in our shoes...dealing with the general public and vendors, day in and day out, and committed to doing a great job, and always keeping the store stocked and clean.

**At home Seniors** to be vaccinated also in this round. I beg of you!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Ellen Blaschke

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**Ellen Blaschke**

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**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B  
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I have been a grocery worker for 9 years. during this pandemic I have been yelled at, mocked, ignored, and seen other grocery workers threatened over asking customers to wear masks properly. I have been unable to see my grandparents who have both had multiple bypasses this year and are not in a good way health-wise, because people refuse to listen to simple guidelines. And now after the indignities we have suffered at the hands of the public up to and including essential workers being shot over masks. After all that the government has the gall to say that we are not public-facing essential workers. How dare you presume to ignore the danger that we go through everyday. How dare you say that the people who have been keeping food on your shelves and toilet paper readily available as possible are suddenly unimportant. Grocery workers deserve vaccinations and we are public-facing essential workers.

Kyla Hart (She/Her)

**From:** [iolasentry@tds.net](mailto:iolasentry@tds.net)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 2:03:43 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee 1 B,

I am a grocery store owner and operator. We have 36 employees who are at risk everyday feeding the public and is considered an essential business. You need to include grocery store employees in the next phase of vaccinations. We have been in the front lines from the beginning. We are not protected like doctors, nurses and first responders with the state of the art equipment and protections. We are the ones who have feed Wisconsin and the country while others stayed home. Please put us in the next phase of vaccinations.

Douglas Kulinski  
Owner  
Iola Sentry Foods  
Iola, WI.

**From:** [Brigette Breitenbach](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 1B  
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Please extend grocery workers in the 1B phase roll out of COVID-19 vaccination as well as non-EMS first responders, education and childcare workers, and non-frontline healthcare personnel in addition to those 70 and older.

All of these workers are at high risk given the number of interactions per shift with the public. But it seems grocery store workers, in particular, are exposed to many individuals who simply refuse to follow safe mask protocols. Their exposure is unfair (not to mention the stress of confrontation) which I have personally seen every time I shop.

It is disrespectful to individuals earning the minimum wage or just above to be deemed "essential" and still put at risk.

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**BRIGETTE BREITENBACH**  
President

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**From:** [Brigette Breitenbach](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Include grocery store workers  
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**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Recommendations for "Phase 1B" vaccine  
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Phase 1 B must include "grocery store employees" before jailed prisoners are to be considered.

This only makes common sense as front line grocery store workers are critical to our direct health

by making our food available for us. Without these people I would be getting my food at the corner

gas station and after 10 months of COVID, who would be healthy enough to make the shots we're

looking forward to worthwhile.

How do people live in a food desert, I don't know, thank goodness I don't have to.

Please change your listing of important individuals to include "grocery store staff"! Thank you.

Gordon Skare

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**From:** [James Albrecht](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:58:52 PM

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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. Grocery employee's have been considered essential workers since the beginning of the pandemic. They still are and deserve the protection of the vaccine.

Sincerely ,  
James Albrecht



**From:** [Mike Varney](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:57:50 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee,

Grocery store employees have been there for all of us here in Wisconsin since Day 1 of the COVID crisis. They should be rewarded for their diligence and dedication. They have done nothing wrong.

Unlike prisoners, who have done something wrong to get themselves behind bars. They are paying their dues to society and part of that is waiting in line behind our brave, law-abiding grocery store workers.

The best solution would be for both to get the jab but come on, you've got to give the nod here to productive tax-paying citizens. People who break the law have to pay a price.

I'm OK with Corrections personnel working getting the shot, just not those who have, on their own accord, run afoul of the law. They should come at the end of the line.

This approach, while hard, should serve as a deterrent for breaking the law.

Sincerely,

Michael Varney  
Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)



**From:** [Amy Kazda](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery Employees in Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:57:05 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to implore you to include grocery store employees in Phase 1B. Their removal from this phase is disappointing and irresponsible.

My neighbors and community members have diligently worked in person at local cooperative grocery stores throughout the duration of the pandemic. They face hundreds of people each day, do not have the luxury of working remotely, and are absolutely essential workers. People need to eat and buy food.

I am grateful to be employed in a field that has allowed me to work from home since March. Please afford my neighbors the respect and consideration they deserve by keeping them on the list of Phase 1B recipients.

Sincerely,  
Amy Kazda  
Madison, WI

**From:** [Paula Zuehr](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee phase 1B  
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Grocery workers should be included as iB essential workers! They have been on the frontline since the beginning serving nurses ,doctors,first responders, etc. We are all indebted to these people who have kept coming to their jobs so we can all eat, clean our homes and wipe our butts.

**From:** [Robert Collins](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Tier 1B Status  
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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Members,

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will have a much larger issue on our hands in keeping the food available to all Wisconsin residents.

To be called heroes for 10 months and have this glimmer of hope for a vaccine ripped out of our hands is a shame. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

**Robert Collins**

IT Manager/Systems Admin



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**From:** [Sadie Sturgeon](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B - Comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:54:32 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a grocery store employee who has worked at the Willy Street Coop for 10 years. Please, I urge you to include grocery store employees in Vaccination Priority Group 1B! Grocery store workers are at such high risk of contracting & spreading the disease to the general public. Honestly, my Doctor told me the other day that he thought grocery store workers deserved to get the vaccination before doctors because of the high amount of people we deal with in a less sanitary environment. Please align your recommendations with the Federal recommendations on this issue, it is extremely important!

Thank you for your consideration!  
Sadie Sturgeon

**From:** [Amy O'Shea](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:51:31 PM

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Greetings,

Please seriously consider including grocery store workers in Phase 1B of the vaccine schedule. They come in contact with just as many, if not more people, on a daily basis, than health care providers and are in a less regulated setting as far as safety precautions are concerned. If protecting the health of the general public is a goal then vaccinating grocery store employees should be done immediately! Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Amy O'Shea  
Madison, WI

**From:** [Larry Zimborski](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Essential Grocery Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:51:18 PM

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Good afternoon-

I am writing to you with serious concerns regarding your decision to exclude the grocery industry employees as essential workers. I hope you will recall the situation we all found ourselves in just a year ago wherein the grocery industry found itself sieged upon when everything seemed so uncertain. This reaction alone should show you just how essential ALL grocery employees are. I truly believe that if you were to ask the average ordinary Wisconsin citizen what they consider to be essential services you would discover that having the ability to purchase fresh foods for the family would be at the top of their lists. Keeping employees healthy has been a particularly difficult task over the past several months and I think you would agree that it is crucial to keeping our doors open.

Beyond the necessity of keeping the grocery industry employees healthy and at their post to serve our citizens you should also consider the impact this decision will have on the individuals that have been showing up to work every day despite the risk to their health. So many of the employees in my store alone have gone months without seeing or being able to hug their loved ones because they understand the dangers of potentially exposing them to this deadly virus. We all show up every day even though we know that we could potentially be bringing it home with us. The mental stress of knowing you must do your part to serve your community but also understanding the risks to your significant others and your children is real. I see it and I live every day. I have not seen my 83 year old mother in over a year because I know I cannot quarantine long enough for me to feel certain I am not exposing her.

Think about the impact it would have on you personally if this industry was forced to shut down due to a lack of personnel. It has been very difficult to keep employees because they are fearful for their health and all that they are giving up to show up. Employees that are dedicated and remain on staff frequently find themselves in a situation where they have to miss work to quarantine in an effort to keep those around them from being exposed. Those around them include their loved ones as well as coworkers AND their customers. Can you think of any industry that regularly comes into contact with as many people on a daily basis as the grocery industry does? The store that I work in serves, on average 50,000, customers a week. That's a lot of potential exposure, for everyone! Our employees have been braving this entire situation for nearly a year! We have been praying for and waiting for the vaccine! You could feel the collective sigh of relief when the vaccine was finally authorized and we BELIEVED we would have access quickly. Now you want to take that away just as we were beginning to feel like we would get some relief from constant worry. It just isn't right!

I wonder if you have actually stopped to think about WHY certain sectors are getting the vaccine

before others? Is the decision made based on how many different people an individual MUST come into contact with each day to perform their ESSENTIAL job, or just how IMPORTANT you believe the job is? Do you know how many people the typical grocery stores serve on a daily basis? My store serves 6500 per day!

How many people does the average police officer come into contact with on an average day?

A doctor?

Nurse?

Firefighter?

Prisoners?

Even Governor Evers?

I understand that these professions are critical for emergency services and would not want to take away from that. I am just asking you to consider that they are NOT the only people who should be considered critical. Eating is necessary to sustain life!

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to getting word of your immediate reversal of this decision.

Sincerely,



*Larry Zimborski*

Store Assistant Manager  
Janesville, WI 53546  
Woodman's Food Markets  
Phone: 608 754-3373  
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**From:** [Bjorn Chinander](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:50:42 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I write today as an employee of Sendik's Food Markets, a retail grocer serving the citizens of Wisconsin. I am asking you to consider including our industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, my coworkers and I have been on the front lines serving our communities. We never shut down. We are face to face with the public 14 hours a day. There is no opportunity in our industry to work remotely.

We are the stockers, checkers, baggers, cart wipers, clerks, delivery drivers and order fillers that get food to the people of our state. We are the definition of a front line worker. We are proud of what we do and have continued to show up everyday to do our jobs despite risk of exposure to the virus from the tens of thousands of guests who come to our stores every week. Our jobs are essential to our state's food supply and we consistently have been called "heroes" for the work we have done and continue to do.

In their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Sincerely,  
Bjorn Chinander



**From:** [Alice Wallner](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee- phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:49:57 PM

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Do not remove grocery store workers from the essential employees list!

Grocery store workers have been on the "front line" of this pandemic from the beginning. What made them essential then and non-essential now?

They should be included in phase 1B for covid vaccination

Thank you  
Alice Wallner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Polly Gabriel](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:49:17 PM

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Sincerely,  
Polly Gabriel

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**From:** [Paul Deutsch](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Input on Priority Group B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:48:40 PM

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Hello -

I understand this is the email address for input on Covid vaccine priority groups. I know a lot of people need the vaccine sooner rather than later, and I would like to weigh in and recommend you include grocery workers as soon as possible.

These essential employees must work on-site, and their customers include the most at-risk citizens, since everyone grocery shops. The elderly are less likely to take advantage of curbside or delivery services, so they are most often shopping in stores.

I know there's a lot on your plate, just wanted to submit my comment. No reply needed.

Thanks for all of your hard work in these times!

Paul



**From:** [Etaly Perkins](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:47:57 PM

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Sincerely,  
Etaly Perkins

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**From:** [Etaly Perkins](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:47:56 PM

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Sincerely,  
Etaly Perkins

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**From:** [Tova Sacks](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** advocating for grocery workers to be prioritized - and returned to the list of Phase 1B vaccine recipients  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:46:55 PM

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To Whom this May Concern,

Recently, grocery workers were removed from the Phase 1B vaccines and I strongly urge for them to be included in that. Grocery workers have been 100% essential during this pandemic and they were one of the first groups of people who were needed when the pandemic started. ALL families get groceries in order to eat and whether people are shopping for themselves, use delivery services, get curbside pickup or more, we call on our grocery workers for all of this. They encounter people wearing their masks incorrectly, and have to monitor enforcing mask wearing. I heard from a grocery worker that they see over 50,000 customers a week.

Grocery workers do not have the option to work from home, at times they have had poor access to PPE, and still have come to work to provide for people. If they are not covered for Phase 1B for the vaccine, that would be a great disservice to our community.

Thank you,  
Tova Sacks  
Dane County resident, educator, and parent

**From:** [Theresa Vander Woude](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:46:33 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee,

**Comment on Vaccine Phase 1B recommendations:**

Grocery workers are essential and should be added back to the phase 1B recommendations for vaccination. They risk their lives to provide the rest of us with food and provide an essential service while working in close proximity to hundreds to thousands of customers each day. Please add grocery workers back to the phase 1B recommendations for vaccination priority.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Vander Woude



**From:** [Linda Baehmann](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:42:21 PM

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To whom it may concern,

When considering Covid-19 vaccine distribution priorities, please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have safety of others in mind when they shop and don't social distance and/or improperly wear a face covering.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves, please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

A grateful member of society, who appreciates the risk taken each day by grocery employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baehmann

**From:** [Kristine Ochocki](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:42:13 PM

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Hello,  
Please include Food workers in hospitals, senior housing, these people are essential to our Seniors and those who need to be feed.  
Why would one think Mink Farmers are essential???

Thank you,  
Kristine

**From:** [bobp@milwpc.com](mailto:bobp@milwpc.com)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:40:49 PM

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I would strongly encourage you to put grocery and retail workers in the 1B phase. They are, with waitresses, very much in contact with the general public and need the protection. I am 77 y/o, retired with sufficient income and can self isolate as I have been doing and can continue to do so.

Yours  
Robert Phelps

**From:** [cindy@lindquist.us](mailto:cindy@lindquist.us)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:40:39 PM

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Good afternoon,

I truly wish the best of luck to you having to balance the needs of so many. I am fortunate to be able to wait until the at-risk groups are vaccinated. For 1B, my opinion as to priority generally agrees with your recommendation; however, I would substitute grocery store workers for non-frontline health care workers. They have worked continuously and have been exposed to the public since the pandemic began.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cindy Lindquist

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Larry Lichter](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Not heroes anymore????? PLEASE add grocery workers to group 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:37:48 PM

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Please add grocery workers to group 1B for COVID-19 vaccinations.  
My wife works at a grocery store, and has worked full time through the pandemic, including hours from 6AM to 11 PM, for low wages, committed to keeping the food supply chain going.

During this time, concerns have included:

- wondering which customers might be contagious with the virus
- being challenged by customers asking if she might infect them
- having co-workers quarantined and wondering if she might have been exposed
- being anxious, due to the high number of contacts and opportunities for exposure
- having to enforce masking requirements for resistant customers

Grocery workers were called HEROES and essential workers, exposing themselves to risks in order to keep our communities fed and healthy. Why are you ignoring them now?

Larry Lichter  
Brookfield, WI

**From:** [Ray Farr](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:37:26 PM

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Make grocery workers essential workers, give them the vaccine sooner.

**From:** [John Larsen](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee+Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:37:24 PM

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Keep grocery workers and other food people in for the B1 vaccine. They have risked their lives for the entire time at low wages. **They need to be valued now.**

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***John J. Larsen***

Art Instructor

Iowa-Grant High School

**From:** [Kathryn Boryc Smock](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:36:51 PM

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Dear vaccine subcommittee,

I am writing to request that grocery store workers be considered as a priority group of frontline essential workers for phase 1B vaccination. Since the start of the pandemic, grocery store workers have been on the frontline of interfacing with the public and providing the essential service of feeding people. I was very surprised to see that this group was discounted as a priority for the next phase of the rollout. While I am not a grocery store worker, their safety is in the forefront of my mind each week that I visit the store as I observe the number of people they come into contact with day in and day out while providing a service that has been deemed essential for the past 10 months. This risk only grows in lower income neighborhoods where people are dependent on local grocers and corner stores where space may be more constrained leading to more crowded conditions and riskier situations for both workers and patrons. I respectfully request that you consider this group within the essential workers included in the phase 1B rollout.

Kathryn Boryc Smock



**From:** [Ron](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee and Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:35:16 PM

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All,

I agree with the recommendation of 70 years old and up to be included in group 1B and the other groups included in the recommendation.

I also think that the grocery store workers should also be included in group 1B since they are essential workers and are being exposed to a large group of people everyday. Everyone needs to go to the grocery store so the grocery store workers are at a high risk of exposure to folks with COVID. They are out there working everyday to provide people with food.

Thanks,

Ron Zweifel  
Monroe, WI. 53566

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Kristin Pitt](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B: please include grocery workers!  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:32:00 PM

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Dear Wisconsin Vaccine Advisory Board:

I am alarmed to learn that there is a proposal to move grocery workers and other members of the food industry out of phase 1b of vaccine distribution in the state of Wisconsin. Please keep grocery workers and food industry workers at the forefront of vaccine distribution. Access to food is a very basic essential requirement for the survival of all of us, and grocery workers have been front line essential workers since the start of the pandemic. Please keep these vital front line workers at the front of the line for vaccine distribution in order to help keep grocery stores open and staffed and to protect those who have sacrificed so much for the rest of us to meet our basic needs during this most challenging period.

Thank you,  
Dr. Kristin E. Pitt



**From:** [Félix Rodríguez Gutiérrez](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:31:42 PM

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To whom it may concern,

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Failure to include these essential workers in the vaccine distribution plan is both classist and racist in nature, as many of these positions are filled by BIPOC for low wages, risking their lives every day for their wages and not being included in government pandemic plans (especially in Wisconsin, where GOP politicians have failed to act up and address any and all challenges pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Thank you.

Félix Rodríguez Gutiérrez

**From:** [Constantine George](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#); [Anthony George](#); [jacqueline.george](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 1:31:13 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask your Subcommittee to follow the CDC guidelines, in reference to including Grocery workers in the next phase of being administered the Covid vaccine.

Our 18 year old son Anthony, is employed at Parthenon Foods in West Allis, Wisconsin on a full time basis

. As you know Grocery workers were considered essential workers all through the Pandemic. They were arguably the least protected of our various classes of workers, and possibly exposed in most instances to a larger population of infected individuals on a daily basis.. Knowing the risks involved to themselves and also the possibility of infecting someone at home like myself, with a weakened immune system they continue to serve us all.

Please look at these Grocery workers not as numbers, but as Mothers and Fathers, and Children as our son who risks exposure on a daily basis to perform his job.

I appreciate your time in considering our request.

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. Constantine A. George

**From:** [Susan Knorr](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:29:42 PM

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Please do not forget the workers in the grocery industry when designating vaccine priorities in Wisconsin. They have been on the front lines to provide access to food for our communities. Ensuring their health and safety through priority vaccine access is essential as we try to get to the other side of this pandemic. Thank you.  
Susan Knorr, Milwaukee

**From:** [alliemac1311](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b include grocery stores!  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:29:23 PM

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Hello,

As a current grocery store worker, I urge you to reconsider and reinstate grocery store workers into vaccine group 1b. We are subjected to hundreds if not thousands of people a day. This includes the general public, our vendors and our coworkers. Our families and all of the social circles of our customers also come in to play. There are just too many points of contact to not worry about the transmission of COVID-19 during every work day. As grocery store workers we are essential. You, me and everyone else in the world depends on eating and having food available to eat. Preferably safely. Grocery workers handle your food. You want us vaccinated against covid-19 as soon as possible. Include grocery store workers in group 1B, for the safety of our community and local groceries.

Sincerely,  
A frontline essential Grocery Store Supervisor

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Bonnie Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:28:41 PM

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Please reconsider - prisoners before grocery store clerks - ridiculous - include both  
I'm not in grocery business but those people have been amazingly brave  
Should be included

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [David Droster](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Committee Phase 1B, Grocery Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:27:46 PM

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To The Office of The Department of Health Services,

I have heard the news that grocery workers may not be classified tier 1B for vaccination in the State roll-out plan. I admonish this decision in the harshest terms.

I am baffled by the failure of administration. What roll-out plan could let grocery stores - hubs for public activity - remain vectors for viral transmission?

I am also personally insulted. As Chief Steward of UE1186 at Willy Street Grocery Co-op, these workers are my responsibility. I helped win them protections. We enforced masks on vendors and the public before the State did. We have enforced our protective measures at personal risk of abuse from members of the public. We have harshly restricted our personal lives because of the public nature of our work. We have done this for almost a year, enduring ever-mounting strain.

I feel for those who don't even have a union.

We are still "essential frontline workers", and we must be given priority to receive the vaccine. We are deeply in need.

Yours, with urgency and hope,  
David Droster  
Chief Steward UE1186, Willy Street Grocery Co-op



**From:** [demski1way](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Essential Employees  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:27:35 PM

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**From:** demski1way <demski1way@charter.net>  
**Date:** 1/18/21 12:19 PM (GMT-06:00)  
**To:** dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov  
**Subject:** Essential Employees

**Attn:** Vaccine Subcommittee  
Hello.

I would like to encourage you to reconsider the ideamaking grocery workers non-essential. We definitely need their services and truly appreciate the risks they take to be on the Frontline to supply our essential needs.

Perhaps, it should be considered instead, for these very workers to be given a higher priority to receive the necessary vaccinations to protect them, as well as all of us, and allow them to continue to do their jobs. Our economy is already crippled by this pandemic. We need to find answers, and this just isn't one of them.

Thank you.

Letty Demski

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**From:** [jenny sholar](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b public comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:27:03 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to advocate for the inclusion of grocery store employees as public-facing essential workers. My local grocery stores have gone above and beyond in instituting safety practices, but there is only so much they can do to fully mitigate the risk of covid transmission in their stores. Grocery store employees work incredibly hard and must interact with a public who is not always friendly. There have been a few known cases of covid transmission among the employees at my local grocery stores, and any staff shortages would have a rippling effect on the ability of the public to access groceries in a timely manner.

I myself am an educator currently working in-person with small children. I can testify to the mental/emotional strain of working in a public-facing job during a pandemic. Grocery workers are not just essential workers, but people who staff the institutions that make up the bedrock of our communities. Please give them the relief they need and deserve by including them in the next phase of the vaccination plan.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Sholar

**From:** [Shannon Wartchow](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:26:26 PM

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Hi,

Grocery Store Workers are NOT getting the credit they deserve as compared to Healthcare workers. Healthcare workers are seeing the COVID-19 in real life; however, Grocery Store Workers are not in control of who they see. Healthcare workers are getting deals on cars, and Grocery Store Workers are in the thick of it without any paybacks.

GSW have seen the hoarding, the rudeness of customers when the supplies are short, and some of them are not being protected by their management. Fox Bros Piggly Wiggly is more interested in making money than protecting their employees. They are actually promoting sales to encourage the masses to come to their stores. At least the larger grocery stores are trying to protect and force the masks.

Fox Bros Piggly Wiggly is actually on a Facebook page for The No Mask Movement for places to shop.

And if Fox Bros Piggly Wiggly has an employee that gets infected with COVID 19 - the employees are forced to guarantee WITHOUT pay.

These workers get to see the cream of the crop of people and who knows how much they have already been exposed to COVID-19 just because they need a paycheck.

Worried about my spouse  
Thanks.

**From:** [Katrina Becker](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:25:58 PM

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I am would like for the committee to change Phase B to include all Agricultural workers including farmers who directly interface with the public including produce farmers who rely on farmers market income, with direct contact deliveries. While I understand that mink

Carry the virus and the farmers can serve as vectors, farmers who underpin the local food system must be listed specifically as essential workers, I would ask for similar designation for dairy workers or those in more crowded pack houses.

Katrina Becker

Athens WI



**From:** [Carol Auner](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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I am asking that volunteers and paid workers at local food pantries be included in the phase 1B vaccine group. They have been working tirelessly to keep food on tables in their local communities while putting themselves at risk by having contact with clients in need. Getting vaccinated would allow pantries to expand and open up to more community members without increasing the risk.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [SHANNON GALLATIN](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:25:14 PM

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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.

In the beginning of the pandemic, I was working 50 to 60 hours a week to guarantee, that we were able to have enough staff on hand to handle all of our customers needs and to handle when my staff was to scared to come to work. I have dealt with angry customer when supplies were running low, I have dealt with angry customers on both sides of the mask mandate. Now I'm mad that we aren't being considered in the same standing as the other "essential worker" who have also dealt with so much extra work since the beginning of the pandemic.

I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely ,  
SHANNON GALLATIN



**From:** [Faith Stockhausen](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:24:47 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you,  
Faith Nichols  
Resident Milwaukee County 53213

**From:** [Joseph Zietlow](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:23:36 PM

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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. Coworkers that have been at the front lines since the start of the pandemic making food, and making sure our customers can get that food and fuel at our stores should be in the 1B classification to ensure our customers have food and fuel to keep people safe and fed.

Sincerely ,  
Joseph Zietlow





**From:** [Peggy Jeske](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:22:50 PM

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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 are the front line workers. We have had to work to supply the food for everyone and therefore, we do not have the opportunity to NOT work. WE are in contact with people every day, handling \$, stocking shelves and coming face to face with thousands weekly. I feel we should be considered at the top of front line.

Sincerely ,  
Peggy Jeske



**From:** [Mary Ann Biederwolf](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:22:31 PM

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Hi,

I apologize for a second email in that I hadn't completed my thoughts and accidentally must have hit the send button.

I'm writing to you in support of **including** grocery workers in the 1B phase roll out of vaccination as well as non-EMS first responders, education and childcare workers, and non frontline healthcare personnel in addition to those 70 and older. Of these, there are 2 in the group that I think **MUST** be included: grocery workers and childcare workers/educators. Since March, as a senior citizen, I have dramatically altered my grocery shopping habits to significantly reduce my potential exposure to Covid by shopping twice a month. (which also means I'm spending less!) Often, there are times I think that I could just run out to the grocer for something but nix that idea. My reason is that **EVERY** time I go grocery shopping, there's at least one individual cruising the store maskless despite the overhead announcements of CDC recommendations and signs posted at the entrance of the store. This is so frustrating and anger producing. I've spoken to the store's manager about this and both of us concluded this is not an effective use of his time chasing ignorant people. I realize there'll always be blockheads in the population but my heart really goes out to the workers who daily, all day, have exposure to these disrespectful individuals while earning a minimum wage. We considered these people "essential workers" and hailed their brave behavior being on the frontlines every day. Many go home to extended, vulnerable family members. Now, we don't even show an ounce of gratitude for their endeavors to help keep them safe. For shame!! Educators/childcare workers: These folks are in the same boat. More importantly, children are potentially bringing the virus to their teacher/childcare worker from their families. Children are known petri dishes for infection and often don't have the intellectual capacity to practice infection control behavior. Many teachers may also have comorbidities or may go home to their own vulnerable family members. Many of these folks are poorly paid for all they do. Additionally, children are suffering on many levels for not being in school. Consider: the parents who are home schooling may be kept from seeking employment or even improving their earning potential because they need to care for their child 24/7.

All of this is a no-brainer. Include these folks in phase 1B to help keep our economy rolling!!!

Mary Ann Biederwolf (retired RN)



**From:** [Diane Ryan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee. Phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:22:24 PM

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Approve vaccine for grocery store workers. They are essential and have the most exposure to the public. This is extremely important for all

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Gretchen Wright](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:21:29 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I write today as an employee of Sendik's Food Markets, a retail grocer serving the citizens of Wisconsin. I am asking you to consider including our industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, my coworkers and I have been on the front lines serving our communities. We never shut down. We are face to face with the public 14 hours a day. There is no opportunity in our industry to work remotely.

We are the stockers, checkers, baggers, cart wipers, clerks, delivery drivers and order fillers that get food to the people of our state. We are the definition of a front line worker. We are proud of what we do and have continued to show up everyday to do our jobs despite risk of exposure to the virus from the tens of thousands of guests who come to our stores every week. Our jobs are essential to our state's food supply and we consistently have been called "heroes" for the work we have done and continue to do.

In their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Sincerely,  
Gretchen Wright



**From:** [donnag4654@gmail.com](mailto:donnag4654@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery employees/ vaccine distribution  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:20:52 PM

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Please keep these hard working people in the first group, their families depend on them!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Vicki Fink](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Sub-Committee, Phase 1 B and Grocery Workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:19:42 PM

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Dear Members,

Thank you for your work on our behalf.

I was told that grocery workers were not included in the Phase 1B group as essential workers. They are for me! Getting groceries is essential and helps me stay home. They do undergo greater risk, needing to be in a congregate setting in order to work.

All wisdom as you deliberate,

Rev Vicki Fink  
Neenah, WI

**From:** [demski1way](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Essential Employees  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:19:37 PM

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Hello.

I would like to encourage you to reconsider the ideamaking grocery workers non-essential. We definitely need their services and truly appreciate the risks they take to be on the Frontline to supply our essential needs.

Perhaps, it should be considered instead, for these very workers to be given a higher priority to receive the necessary vaccinations to protect them, as well as all of us, and allow them to continue to do their jobs. Our economy is already crippled by this pandemic. We need to find answers, and this just isn't one of them.

Thank you.

Letty Demski

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

**From:** [Cody Sheehy](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:17:12 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I am hopeful that you will take the time to consider the inclusion of grocery workers in the 1B group for COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Here at Pinpoint Software, we provide a program to grocery stores across the country to manage expiration dates in their stores. While we have been fortunate enough to be able to work from home for the majority of this Pandemic, the workers at the stores we service have not. I know that isn't different than a lot of other businesses who have also needed to continue in person, but given the volume of traffic in stores and essential nature of grocery stores to our communities, it is my belief that we will all benefit greatly from their inclusion.

When I look at the order, being in a household with someone who works in the healthcare industry and has already received their first dose of the vaccine, I am happy to step back and wait my turn, which at this point is likely months away. I think for people like me, who have been fortunate enough to be able to work remotely, the progression is clear and the risks grocery workers took in March and April should be recognized with priority on the vaccine.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Cody Sheehy





**From:** [Brian Wohlfeil](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:16:11 PM

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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. Our workers work directly with the public and often in close proximity to them. People need groceries and will shop with our without symptoms. This will not only protect my employees, but will also cut down on the over-working and stress of employees because others are out with Covid-19 symptoms.

Sincerely ,  
Brian Wohlfeil



**From:** [Kate Westphal](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:13:42 PM

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Dear Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee,

Please include grocery store workers in phase 1B. I can't believe that you are even considering leaving them out. Along with gas stations and other retail workers. These people get paid very little and didn't get the option to stay home without losing their jobs. The people of this state made it very clear that they NEEDED these places, these workers are essential. They provided a sense of normalcy while feeding our communities. And guess what? When this is all over they will continue to be underpaid and undervalued. Let's do them the service of making their vaccinations a priority so they can safely work for the rest of the pandemic. Vaccinating grocery store workers is phase 1b is the right thing to do!!!

Regards,

Catherine Westphal

**From:** [Matt Hughes](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery workers  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:11:04 PM

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Please include grocery workers in phase 1b. They're obviously essential frontline workers. We need food to survive and they have multiple contacts with the public every day in an indoor setting.

Thank You,  
Matt Hughes

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Renee Lorenz](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:09:35 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you,  
Renee Lorenz

**From:** [joseph kneeland](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:08:29 PM

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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 are around more people than most other sectors our customer count per week 17000. I think you should take a hard look at the grocery industry.

Sincerely ,  
joseph kneeland



**From:** [Ryan Strunz](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocers in 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:08:13 PM

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Greetings,

I just read a news article explaining that Wisconsin's grocery store workers will not be included in group 1b for vaccination. The CDC recommendations include this group, so I find it troubling that the Wisconsin panel has decided to ignore these vital workers. During this pandemic, grocery employees have consistently put their health at risk to ensure that those who were privileged enough to be able to work from home had food and supplies. To now place these same "essential workers" in the general public category is shameful. I am not sure if the panel is making this decision as a matter of political expediency. but these employees should have priority. They were repeatedly deemed essential, they make minimum wage, many do not have health benefits or sick days, they come into contact with hundreds of people a day (many of whom do not have the decency to wear a mask), and yet, these grocers showed up to work for the last nine months so that others could stay home and have food security.

Reevaluate your priorities. This is a kick in the teeth to people who have been hard hit by this pandemic so that others can safely have access to supplies. Including them in group 1b is the decent thing to do.

Thank you for your time,

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Ryan Strunz  
English Teacher  
Monroe High School

**From:** [Micheal Stroud](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Committee Phase 1B - Comment  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:06:54 PM

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Good Morning,

I am writing to communicate my support for grocery store workers being considered essential workers and be part of COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1B.

Grocery store employees are not able to work from home, may not refrain from contact with the public, and were previously defined essential in Wisconsin Emergency Order 12: Safer At Home. Wisconsin's front line workers, businesses, and larger community deserve the extra security vaccinating grocery store employees early will provide: protecting frontline staff who are ensuring the public stays fed should be the highest priority of the government of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your time.

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Micheal Stroud

**From:** [Darcy Kubichka](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:06:47 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I know I'm not privy to the decision-making process, but you have been touting that grocery workers are essential for 10 months. I am asking you to follow through with your works and SHOW grocery workers that we are essential.

Prioritize our workers for 1B vaccinations!

Sincerely,  
Darcy Kubichka





**From:** [Megan Saucke](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine committee phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:06:36 PM

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Please include grocery store workers in this phase. They are unable to work from home and play an essential role in keeping our society going. It does not make sense to leave grocery store workers out when you're including people over 70 who might live alone and be retired and have much lower risk of being exposed.

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**From:** [Carolyn Trojanowski](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:06:09 PM

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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. Our employees have worked tirelessly to keep grocery shelves stocked with fresh goods. Our distribution business has been key in keeping every retailer in Wisconsin well supplied and wish for the same acknowledgement and respect that is shown other essential workers--some of which do not contact the public to the extent that we do.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Trojanowski

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**From:** [stephanie lueptow](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:05:06 PM

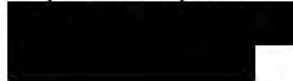
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations, please!

Sincerely ,  
stephanie lueptow



**From:** [Dan Drake](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:05:03 PM

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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 are essential workers, and always have been.

Sincerely ,  
Dan Drake



**From:** [Dale Sandley](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:05:00 PM

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Please include people 65 and older in the Phase 1B group. We are high risk for having complication if we get Covid.

We haven't seen our friends since February. We haven't seen our family since February. We haven't seen our children or grandchildren since February. We only grocery shop every 3 weeks so we don't have to leave the house.

The Federal government recommends people 65 and over should be included next.

Please, we don't want to stay home any longer.

Dale Sandley

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [stephanie lueptow](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:04:51 PM

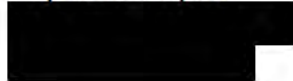
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations, please!

Sincerely ,  
stephanie lueptow



**From:** [JACK WARNER](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:04:28 PM

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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. I have been working with the public during this entire pandemic. I come in contact with hundreds of people a day. Everyday I worry that I will bring this disease home to my young children. If we have an outbreak at our store and have to close where will the people who rely on us for food go.

Sincerely,  
JACK WARNER

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**From:** [Kathy Spiegelhoff](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:03:16 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to strongly disagree that grocery workers be moved down the list. I believe that the citizens of Wisconsin need their grocery store employees protected by the vaccine. What happens when we have to close due to increasing exposures of Covid? Governor Evers, do the right thing! I also believe that prison guards need to be vaccinated and that the prison population be moved down the list. Thank you for your consideration to we, the grocery store front line workers!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Spiegelhoff





**From:** [Steve Burkhardt](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:03:05 PM

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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. There are many in our industry that will have the confidence to come back to work or work more hours if they can be vaccinated. Even if we could get the 20% most needy associate vaccinated, it would be a big moral boost. thank you!

Sincerely ,  
Steve Burkhardt



**From:** [Carrie Ninneman](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:03:03 PM

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To: State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee  
Re: Phase 1b COVID – 19 Vaccinations

Please consider grocery store workers as you complete your recommendations for Phase 1b of vaccine distribution.

It appears that Wisconsin's planned 1b list does not currently include grocery workers. Although individuals in emergency service occupations such as police work and firefighting are absolutely essential workers and must be prioritized, the next tier of vaccine recipients should be carefully considered. Teachers, child care workers, and a few others are included but grocery workers are not.

We can – and should – do better.

Retail Grocery workers do not have an option to perform their work remotely. They come into contact with thousands of people on a weekly basis. They risk their health – and by extension, the health of their families and communities - every hour of every workday, in order to provide an essential service to all of us. Let's not continue to take them for granted. We do so at our peril. Thank you.

Carrie Ninneman  
Woodruff, Wisconsin

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [STEPHANIE LUEPTOW](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:02:36 PM

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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.  
IF grocery stores are not Essential- What is ??

Sincerely ,  
STEPHANIE LUEPTOW



**From:** [Kathy Spiegelhoff](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:02:34 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to strongly disagree that grocery workers be moved down the list. I believe that the citizens of Wisconsin need their grocery store employees protected by the vaccine. What happens when we have to close due to increasing exposures of Covid? Governor Evers, do the right thing! I also believe that prison guards need to be vaccinated and that the prison population be moved down the list. Thank you for your consideration to we, the grocery store front line workers!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Spiegelhoff



**From:** [Sandra Dotson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** 1b vaccination group  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 12:02:29 PM

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Cashier workers in grocery stores should be in the 1b group for vaccination.

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**From:** [Matt Gerhardt](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:59:59 AM

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When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Matt Gerhardt  
Operations Manager  
Outpost Natural Foods

3200 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
414-431-3377 x 104

**From:** [Shervie Goodwin](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:59:40 AM

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I recommend that Grocery store personnel be included in the 1B phase. They were classified as essential workers during the state shut down so, they should remain high on the list for vaccination.

My recommended selections are below:

- People over the age of 70
- Teachers
- Non-EMS first responders
- Child care workers
- Grocery store personnel

Thanks

**From:** [Sarah Warner](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:59:13 AM

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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. I have worked during this entire pandemic at a grocery store, facing the possibility of contracting COVID-19 either from coworkers or customers and bringing it home to my family. We are essential workers who face the public daily and we deserve to get the vaccine ASAP.

Sincerely ,  
Sarah Warner





**From:** [Judy Gamalski](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:58:24 AM

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To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

**From:** [marciawayne owens](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Covid 19 vaccination schedule  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:57:59 AM

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Of course the grocery store workers NEED to be included in the 1B phase.

They ARE essential workers. They WERE essential workers from the very beginning.

They ARE a part of everyone's daily life. Can't get more essential than that unless it's a matter of life or death. Hmmm. They certainly are that.

Get the grocery workers vaccinated ASAP!!!!

Sincerely, Marcia Owens



**From:** [Lucy Hodgman](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Committee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:57:55 AM

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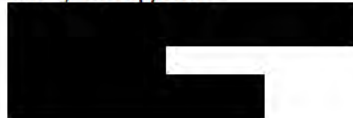
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Hello,

I am a Wisconsin resident, and I am writing to request that grocery store workers be re-added to vaccine Phase 1B. These workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since Day 1, often with much lower pay and fewer benefits than other essential workers, and they deserve protection. I am not a grocery store worker myself, but I hope to see this group readded to this earlier phase of vaccine distribution so they can continue to do their essential work in our communities, safely. This is the right thing to do in recognition of the importance of their work and their vulnerability to COVID.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lucy Hodgman



**From:** [Kimberlee Laughery](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:57:05 AM

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Dear Committee Member,

I write today as an employee of Sendik's Food Markets, a retail grocer serving the citizens of Wisconsin. I am asking you to consider including our industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, my coworkers and I have been on the front lines serving our communities. We never shut down. We are face to face with the public 14 hours a day. There is no opportunity in our industry to work remotely.

We are the stockers, checkers, baggers, cart wipers, clerks, delivery drivers and order fillers that get food to the people of our state. We are the definition of a front line worker. We are proud of what we do and have continued to show up everyday to do our jobs despite risk of exposure to the virus from the tens of thousands of guests who come to our stores every week. Our jobs are essential to our state's food supply and we consistently have been called "heroes" for the work we have done and continue to do.

In their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Sincerely,  
Kimberlee Laughery

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**From:** [Sara Martinez](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:56:51 AM

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Speaking as a rural community health R.N.:

Please include food manufacturers (meat and vegetable processors, dairies, cheese factories, migrant ag workers, etc.) and grocery workers in group 1B as recommended by the CDC.

These are important food/agriculture infrastructure jobs with high exposure risk and potential for spread at place of employment due to congregate settings.

Thank you,

Sara Martinez, RN, MSN



**From:** [Brenda Moe](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:55:23 AM

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When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you.  
Brenda Moe



**From:** [Brad Knab](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:55:12 AM

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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, including those of us who have and continue to support grocery retailers.

Sincerely ,  
Brad Knab



**From:** [Janine Godfriaux-Leystra](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee - phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:55:05 AM

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Thank you for all the work you are doing during the pandemic.

General thoughts: If I understand things correctly, the State phases must follow the Federal guidelines, and within the Federal guidelines there are some things open to interpretation. Vaccination facilities must, by contract, follow the guidelines/recommendations as outlined. If this is accurate, I would like to see the interpretations in any phase to be as broad as possible. That way, if an approved vaccination facility has x# of vaccines, but they have more unwilling participants than anticipated, or several no-shows on any given day, they can still get the shots in other's arms. I do not know that asking these facilities to throw out unused vaccines (as is being reported in other states), or ship back vaccines (that must be stored and shipped under certain conditions and have a limited shelf life) for redistribution makes a lot of sense. Maybe work on eliminating penalties if a facility jumps to persons in the next phase?

Phase 1B Guidance: The guidance is well thought out. The rationales in the appendixes are clearly written. I will try to give my comments regarding the document in order of appearance:

Age: It appears that the age cut off is at 70 and above. Based on the recent Federal recommendation, I am for the 65 and older being in phase 1B.

Congregate living facilities: I agree with most of this. The only part I have trouble with is convicted felons in prison settings being put before other essential frontliners who have frequent face to face interactions with multiple people in the public and have stepped up to the plate throughout this pandemic. For example, election workers and grocery store/quick mart workers. Please, carefully think about this one.

Public facing essential workers: Again, I agree with most of this.

I think our election workers should be in phase 1B vs 1C. They are essential public facing workers.

I thought at one point our grocery store/quick mart store workers were in group 1B, however I



do not see them there now. One of the few industries that never closed because access to food is essential. If the grocery store/quick mart employees are not in 1B, they should be in phase 1B as essential public facing workers.

It is good to see that pre-k to 12 educational institutes include all employees. They all interact with each other and all are essential to emotional and intellectual growth and well-being of our student population.

What phase is people with high risk/comorbidities? Is this phase 1B or 1C? (Hopefully 1B)

I can appreciate the logistics of transporting, storing and vaccinating with these vaccines is challenging. Wisconsin was (still is?) way behind other states in its rate of vaccinating citizens. Approximately a week ago today, we were something like 40th out of 63 State/Territory/Federal Entities for vaccinations/100k persons. It appears that as of this morning, approximately 3/5 of what was shipped (or is in transit) has been administered. With the recent news, I am unclear as to if the other 234,000 doses we are allocated are still available, possibly in the state already, or not. If these are still available or in the state, then we only have approximately 1/3 of what is available in folks' arms. Either way, now that there has been a few weeks to work through the kinks of this process, I hope the State can ramp up its vaccination rates even more. Especially with more transmittable variants of this virus continuing to spread. I hope that you are looking at what has worked in other states and implement these strategies in our state.

And, as I type this, I see Andrea Pam is departing our State for a Federal position. With the expectation of more shipments of Pfizer and Moderna, and with both J&J, and AstraZeneca possibly becoming available soon, I also hope all avenues (i.e. replacement of our Health Secretary (or at least someone to run the vaccination program); Phase 1C, critical populations and phase 2 definitions; as well as approved vaccination sites) are in place to rapidly get the vaccines in the arms of willing recipients.

Thank you

**Janine Godfriaux-Leystra**

**From:** [Paula Kidwell](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:55:03 AM  
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To whom it may concern,

When considering COVID-19 vaccine distribution priorities please keep the grocery industry at the forefront. While there are many jobs that may be considered essential, access to food is 100% necessary for all humans to survive. Grocery workers have been on the front lines of the pandemic since day one, dealing with food shortages and members of the public that may not have the safety of others in mind by properly wearing masks and social distancing.

Thank you!  
Paula



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**From:** [Cara McMullin](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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My sister is a produce manager at a grocery store and has not seen her extended family and friends in months because she is constantly at risk of exposing her loved ones to the virus because she is working on the front lines.

To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you,  
Cara McMullin

**From:** [Robin Van Roo](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution. Thank you.

**From:** [AtomicSquirrel](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I work in a grocery store. I also take public transportation to get there and get home. I have been going to work since the pandemic started, and I am very anxious about it. Grocery workers are how people get food. We encounter hundreds of people every day, and not all of them take the precautions that are necessary to protect us.

There are constitutional and ADA issues that prevent me from being safe from other riders on the bus. Many of my coworkers are in the same boat. We are underpaid and we cannot travel as securely as we would like.

So, the upshot is that we can be infected in a lot of ways, and then we can, even though we take precautions, infect people who have to interact with us to eat.

Please keep us in mind when setting priorities for vaccinations. We have been coming to work day in and day out, risking our lives, and it will be far safer for everyone if we're protected.

Regards,  
Evan M. Read

**From:** [Josh Sandleback](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee for Phase 1B  
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Grocery store employees need to be in this phase of vaccinations. They were deemed essential through all of this. Prisoners and mink farmers are not.

Appalling to think prisoners and mink farmers would be vaccinated prior to grocery store employees.

(for the record, I am not a grocery employee nor are any of my family members.)

Regards

Josh Sandleback

**From:** [William Ryerson](#)  
**To:** [Willems Van Dijk, Julie A - DHS](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:53:16 AM

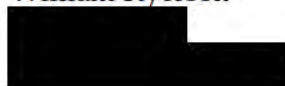
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. We are exposed to over 1800 people a day. I feel that the service we offer to make sure people have food is a reason why we need this to ensure we are able to provide to everyone.

Sincerely ,  
William Ryerson



**From:** [Jeremy Hooper](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery workers should stay in group 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:53:11 AM

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I am writing to express my strong disagreement with the proposal to move grocery and food workers out of the 1B vaccination group.

Grocery and food workers are among the most essential workers in our economy. We would all starve if the grocery and food supply chain collapsed. These workers have put their health and safety at risk for nearly a year by showing up to work. Customers don't always comply with mask requirements and grocery store workers still have to remain at their workplace.

Most of us go to the grocery store on a weekly basis so grocery and food workers are exposed to a lot of people- which means they're both at risk for catching and spreading COVID-19. Immunizing them sooner rather than later can reduce the spread of COVID-19 just as more contagious variants are appearing around the world.

Both as a matter of justice for the grocery/food workers and their families and as a matter of smart public health prevention measures, grocery and food workers should stay in group 1B.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Hooper





**From:** [Susan Krivichi](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B  
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To ensure the reliability of our food supply and show respect for those that have continued to make sure there is food on the shelves please keep the grocery industry as a top priority when considering vaccine distribution.

Thank you. Sincerely, Susan Krivichi

**From:** [Ryan Olsen](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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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. Since March, our industry has been counted on to provide a critical service to the general population that puts our staff in harms way on a daily basis. As we have followed the CDC guidelines as best as possible since the beginning of this, please do the same. The CDC is recommending to include the food industry in 1b of the vaccine distribution plan. It doesn't make sense to me to suddenly think our staff and industry as a whole isn't essential.

Thank you.

Sincerely ,  
Ryan Olsen

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**From:** [Ellen Crummy](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:52:15 AM

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I am writing to comment on the subcommittee's suggestions.

I echo concerns of others that such a narrow definition of 1b will slow overall vaccination. I understand your concerns about supply and demand and agree that letting too many people into the 1b category (ie, move to the entire population) would create chaos. But, too narrow a category creates unnecessary delay and red tape in a situation where things must move fast. In a perfect world, vaccinations could be allocated to those who need it most first and continue on from there. However, this is not a perfect world and logistics are complicated and take time in a situation where there is no time to spare. Why not broaden the 1b phase to include more people, which will speed up the rate at which people can be vaccinated?

The solution that seems most obvious to me would be add essential workers and those 65 and older into 1b. It will take more time to get through 1b, because it is larger, but it will likely speed up the overall rate.

Essential workers have had no choice but to show up to work in person every day, putting themselves and families at risk in order to keep grocery stores open, manufacture COVID kit components, perform maintenance work etc. Equity aside, we need these worker to keep society running

Additionally, vaccinating employees at an organization (ie an "essential" company") would be less logistically challenging than individual citizens. As distribution is slated to improve over time, lower hanging fruit should be grabbed towards the beginning to create more immunity early on. As time goes on and distribution improves, it will be less of an issue to vaccinate individuals.

These are also more in line with the recommendations of the CDC, which recommends giving certain essential workers and those 65 and up priority.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ellen Crummy

**From:** [Doug](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Plan A Cataclysmic Failure  
**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:52:07 AM

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I have never been more confused in my life. There are contiguous states that are moving far faster and with greater clarity. The state has more confusing categories than the majority of states. Florida has 3! They just announced Publix grocery store pharmacy will be able to give vaccines along with CVS and Walgreens.

Once again Gov. Evers has demonstrated his incompetence. Government run programs are a total disaster and even worse in this state. How about the State get out of the way for a change? Use the KISS method, **Keep It Simple Stupid**.

Enlist the private sector to do what the State clearly cannot do.

I just stood in line at the Milwaukee VA for 2 hours the past 3 days to get a walk up vaccination. While I was not fortunate to get one of 500 per day, at least they are making an effort as a Federal entity. More than I can say for Wisconsin.

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*Doug Kwikkkel*



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**From:** [mary.hodel](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
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As a retired Registered Nurse, it makes sense to me to first vaccinate the spreaders instead of the elderly people. (I myself am 82 and anxious to get the vaccine) The elderly are not the spreaders. Yes they fall victim to the disease more easily but it makes sense to vaccinate those that take care of them first. It appears this group of caregivers/workers are most reluctant to receive the vaccine. Maybe some incentive to persuade this group to receive a vaccine? gift card?

Also include our grocery store workers no matter what age.

Sincerely  
Mary Hodel