

From: [Holly Pittner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:54:21 PM

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I believe that all 65 and up should be given the the vaccine in Phase 1B

Philip & Holly Pittner
Sheboygan, WI

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From: [Hamilton CPA, LLC](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:52:02 PM
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To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly suggest that individuals aged 65 and over be included in those who can receive the Vaccine under Phase 1B.

Some of the other groups suggested are much younger, and consequently much less susceptible to the most serious consequences of getting covid-19.

The vaccination schedule **must** be based on age once first responders, etc. have been vaccinated. To suggest that individuals in education, for instance, have a higher priority is simply pandering to the unions in this state, while ignoring the true health risks of older Wisconsin citizens.

Thank you,

Bruce Hamilton CPA
Janesville WI

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To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee.
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:49:38 PM

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I feel that seniors 65 and older should be included in the next phase of 1B to receive their vaccinations. I truly believe seniors should be vaccinated ahead of criminals in prisons!

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From: [Jay Tlusty](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee-Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:42:18 PM

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I would encourage the subcommittee to include people 65 and older in Phase 1B, rather than just people 70 and older. It is my understanding 65 was suggested at the federal level. People 65 are Medicare eligible. My wife and I would like to get the vaccine as soon as possible. Thank you considering our thoughts. Jay and Maxine Tlusty

From: tlp001@tds.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:39:29 PM

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After learning today there is an opportunity to provide comments on the 1(b) vaccine roll-out recommendations, I thought I would add my thoughts even though they are unlikely to have much of an impact.

I have read the draft recommendations and watched the videos on the DHS Facebook page by Deputy Secretary Julie Willems Van Dijk. While I appreciate the deputy secretary's comments about the constrained supply of vaccine, I'd like to make the following observation:

There seems to be considerable data on the relationship of age with hospitalization and death from COVID-19, yet when looking at the inclusion of other potential groups to be included there isn't much data and the benefits seem more speculative. While there would seem to be great benefit from vaccinating in-classroom teaching personnel, from a practical view, the spring semester would be nearly over by the time this group would actually be protected. Would the benefits of vaccinating a 25-35 year-old teacher or a 27-year old non-EMS first responder with much smaller chances of getting sick be greater safeguarding a 65+ whose life is much more endangered by the virus?

As a 69 year-old with a BMI of 36, who doesn't turn 70 until June, it appears I would not be included in the next round. I might also add that neither of my parents who are 87 and 93 have been vaccinated yet, so it appears 1(a) hasn't been achieved, which points to distribution constraints, not vaccine availability as the limiting factor. (I might add that my 87-year old mother was in a nursing home and the facility decided she couldn't get the vaccine because she was on the blood thinner Eliquis. I was unable to find any information that supported the nursing home's position. Indeed the North American Thrombosis Forum says exactly the opposite, so there seems to be a problem even with vaccination guidelines.)

It seems that health groups such as Group Health Cooperative which have the ability to vaccinate their members with Influenza vaccine every fall and have medical records systems that can be used to target eligible groups could be more effectively used in getting vaccines into arms, yet I have heard nothing about them being involved. Our information from GHC can be summed up as "We know nothing - don't call us, we'll call you."

I do hope someone actually reads this.

Thanks for your consideration.

--Terry Prah

From: [Jeanne Eibisch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:37:18 PM

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I recommend you consider including seniors 65 and older in Phase 1b.
There's a lot of vulnerable people in that age group.
Please consider this.
Thank you,
Jeanne Eibisch

From: [Denise](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine group 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:35:00 PM

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I am contacting you to give public input re who should be included in the next group to be vaccinated, 1B. I am requesting that you vaccinate age 65 and over or those with underlying health conditions. As a nurse I am aware that this is the most vulnerable population and most likely to have complications or death resulting from Covid.

Thank you,
Denise Pipol

From: [Richard Turner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:33:23 PM

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We have reviewed the proposed groups for inclusion in phase 1B, and though we agree with many of the recommendations, we are disappointed and concerned that adults age 65-69 and those with significant medical conditions are left off the list until 1C. The CDC puts this cohort into a higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19 infection, including death and hospitalization, and recommends that these individuals stay home and away from others not in their household. All communications from the health department have emphasized protecting these high risk adults. Why are they not included in Phase 1B? It appears that the reason is because of the volume of individuals in this category. If you are trying to keep health systems (hospitals) from becoming overwhelmed, then 65+ needs to be included especially because of the new more infectious strains of the virus.

We disagree with putting inmates and non-frontline healthcare personnel ahead of older adults age 65-69 and those with significant medical conditions and since many in these categories are young adults with less risk of severe outcomes, would like to see that group in phase 1C.

Sincerely,
Richard and Mary Jo Turner
Neenah WI

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From: [Cathy Bristol](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:31:33 PM

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Please consider the CDC recommendation to vaccinate those 65 and older in the next phase.

Thank you,
Cathy Bristol R.N.
Donald Bristol C.P.A.

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From: [Ricardo Price](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:23:47 PM

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I would like to suggest that the committee include seniors 65 and older to be added to the next phase of people to receive the Covid 19 vaccine. We are just as vulnerable as people 70 years. Please change the age requirement to 65 and older.

Thank you
Janet Price

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From: [Carol](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine!
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:23:12 PM

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Seniors should come first!

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From: [Nancy Allen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Review of Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:20:15 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I believe that the vaccine should be available to people 65 and older in phase 1b. I am 71 and have medical problems; however, many of my friends are younger than I am and many of them have one or more of the medical conditions that would qualify them to be in phase 1b – other than they are too young. The statistics show that people 65 and older are 90 TIMES more likely to die from the virus than young adults. My sister is 69 and thus has a very much greater chance of death. Not being able to get a vaccine because she is months too young is not acceptable! In our mid sixties and older, the immune system is not as strong as when we are younger and the thought of the virus being such a virulent killer is very frightening. My 70 year old friend who lives in Florida has had her first vaccine and should have the second next week. Here in Wisconsin we have no idea when we can get our first injection! I just heard that it will be months before people 70 to 65 get the vaccine; that is too long! Wisconsin will lose many more valuable, productive seniors if we are not vaccinated soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Allen

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From: sca-aja@wi.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:12:21 PM

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To whom it may concern:

As a 66 year old Wisconsin Resident I am really concerned while most of the country has prioritized our age group and is using 65 and up, Wisconsin has chosen 70 years and is pushing us further and further down the list. My husband has health issues and I have been a prisoner in our home for almost the last year trying to protect him.

I have watched as younger people are moved to the front of the ques and Wisconsin doesn't follow CDC guidelines. While I understand the shortage of the vaccine I don't think the higher mortality group should be forgotten especially in Waukesha County.

Sincerely,
Angela Audas-Anderson.

From: [Pam Stockbridge](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:09:17 PM

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Please include all people over 70 or at the least those tweet 70-75 with a health condition that makes COVID 19 very dangerous.

Pamela K. Stockbridge

From: [Terry Lueschow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [P Lueschow](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee - phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:01:04 PM

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Dear committee members,

I wish to provide a comment regarding the composition of the **1B** vaccine group. Please give serious consideration to the inclusion of those in the **70+** age group. As stated by Jonathan Temte, co-chair of Wisconsin's vaccine subcommittee, "People hit 70, and we start having a preponderance of comorbid conditions." This puts that group of people at much higher risk of Covid complications and, even, death. Because of this, it is critical to protect this population by moving the vaccine age requirement downward to at least the age of 70 sooner, rather than later.

Thank you.
Terry and Pat Lueschow
Sheboygan

From: moboyle@wi.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:59:57 PM

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Hello. I am writing about priority for obtaining the COVID vaccine. I understand that there is an established order of priority, and I understand that there sometimes are unused vials of vaccine. I would like to be considered for any unused vaccine. I am 65 years old, have lung cancer that has metastasized to my brain. I am totally compliant with my treatment. I would greatly appreciate your response.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcia O'Boyle, LCSW

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From: [Margene VanderHeyden](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:56:04 PM

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Please consider seniors aged 65 and over in Phase 1B instead of ages 70 and over. The reason is two-fold, the national recommendation is saying to include seniors 65+. The other reason is many seniors aged 65 are still in the workplace, thus allowing for more exposure to the virus. Please add this to your consideration. Thank you.

Margene VanderHeyden


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From: [Rep.Kurtz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:50:04 PM
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Importance: High

Please find my letter regarding Phase 1B attached. Text is provide below.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are questions/concerns.

Best Regards,



Tony Kurtz
State Representative
50th Assembly

January 18, 2021

Wisconsin Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee
Department of Health Services
State Office Building
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Members of the Wisconsin Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee:

I would like to first start out by thanking you for your hard work and efforts in developing the recommendations regarding the crucial distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).

I do agree with your recommendation for including people above 70 years of age in group "1B." However, I do have a deep concern regarding your recommendation to include incarcerated persons in the "1B" priority group.

Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) include correctional officers in their phase "1B" group, and I agree and believe that this is a prudent step to include them. However, ACIP did **not** include, nor mention, incarcerated persons in the "1B" priority group, which is something your subcommittee acknowledge on page nine of Appendix C.

Therefore, I urge you to please reconsider the recommendation to include incarcerated persons in "1B" and include only those frontline essentials workers as specified by the ACIP.

Respectfully,



Tony Kurtz
State Representative
50th Assembly District



TONY KURTZ

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 50th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Kurtz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tony Kurtz
State Representative
50th Assembly District

From: [dennis.gardner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase1b
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seniors 65yrs old and above

From: jmorrow111148@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "Vaccine subcommittee" "Phase 1B"
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:40:48 PM

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I recommend seniors 65 and older to be top priority In this phase. I believe you need to vaccinate your most vulnerable people first and they are are in this category. Teachers and younger adults recommended need to go after your most vulnerable seniors.

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From: pnelson3057@wi.rr.com
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Subject: Covid-19 Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:38:57 PM

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To: Vaccine Subcommittee

Fm: Pamela S. Nelson and John A. Nelson, Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Date: 1/18/21

Dear Vaccine Subcommittee:

I am requesting and are hopeful that you will include people who are 65 and older in the Phase 1B (it is currently 1C) covid vaccination program. Thank you for your consideration.

From: stolowskij@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:30:29 PM
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To Whom it May Concern,

Age must be the overriding criteria for defining members of Phase 1B and **not occupation.**

Per CDC documentation age, not occupation. is critical in protecting citizens from death from the COVID-19.

| Age group | All Deaths involving COVID-19 (U07.1)1 | Deaths involving COVID-19 and Pneumonia, excluding Influenza (U07.1 and J12.0-J18.9)2 |
|-------------|--|---|
| 35-44 years | 5,742 | 2,589 |
| 45-54 years | 15,558 | 7,548 |
| 55-64 years | 38,830 | 19,569 |
| 65-74 years | 70,230 | 35,509 |

COVID-19 Provisional Counts - Weekly Updates by Select Demographic and ...
<https://www.cdc.gov/nvss/vsm/>

Chart from CDC clearly shows deaths for age group 65-74 are greater than the total number of deaths for age group 35-64 regardless of the occupation they have.

CDC does not report on deaths by occupation.

As a result teachers under the age of 65 should not be ahead of population over the age of 65.

Follow the Science.

Dr. Fauci, has stated as recently as January 2021, that the coronavirus acts very differently from the flu when it comes to children. With the coronavirus, children seem to have lower levels of infection than the broader community. In fact, it may seem almost counterintuitive, but it's turning out to be that way. Dr. Fauci stated we should do everything to get the children back in school.

Nowhere in all of Dr. Fauci's statements, is there a claim that children can go to school until teachers, and their supporting staff, are vaccinated.

Age NOT occupation must be considered as leading criteria for selection into Phase 1B because due to the high risk of hospitalization and death of the over 65 age the vaccination of this population will result in a twofold benefit, reducing overall hospitalization and reducing the mortality rate resulting from COVID-19 disease.

INCLUDE POPULATION OF AGE OVER 65 AS MEMBERS INTO PHASE 1B

John Stolowski



From: [Sue Ellis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B Covid Vaccination
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:28:49 PM

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PLEASE include ages 60+ in this group. My husband got quite sick from Covid and he's 60. 70+ is just too restrictive.

I've been a huge supporter of Governor Evers in the past, but Wisconsin's roll out of the vaccine has been nothing short of pathetic! Please speed this up! If this continues to be sluggish, we will lose more people! You've asked us to do our part to slow the virus, so PLEASE now do yours and get the vaccine out there to more Wisconsin residents!

Thank you for reading this and considering its content.

From: [Carol McCartney](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:22:04 PM

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The Phase 1B group should include everyone 65 and older rather than just 70 and older.

M Carol Mccartney, PhD

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From: [Lynn Linton](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:14:22 PM

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As it relates to the Group 1b vaccine priority, I feel it extremely important that people age 65 and up (not 70) should be included in 1b. The statistics for 90% chance of death from Covid vs someone younger are stated for those 65-74. An addition, a large percentage of those 65+ have at least one if not more medical predisposing factors that could/would contribute to a poor outcome. Another point especially now, many older people have had their young adult children move home increasing the chance of Covid being brought into their home. It would seem reasonable for not just public facing essential workers but those such as construction workers, etc. be included as they come in contact everyday with not necessarily the public but many other workers putting them at increased risk. There are essential workers that can work from home (ex. city infrastructure employees) but it doesn't make sense to push them back because if they contract the virus, they are unable to perform their job which could potentially put cities at risk. It would seem that the non-frontline healthcare personnel could wait if need be. Otherwise, it seems the recommendations for group 1b seem reasonable. Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this, it's most appreciated.

Lynn Linton

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To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID VACCINE PRIORITIES
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:12:30 PM

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Group 1b should include 65+ as recommended by the CDC.

James Holifield | Behavioral Health Supervisor

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From: ["WATERS JIM"](#)
To: [McCamy, Martha L - DHS \(Synergy\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (58 seconds)
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:06:10 PM
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Yes, ma'am. My name is Jim Waters WATERS [REDACTED]. I'm trying to get to be able to comment on the distribution of the vaccine keep when I'm online. I keep getting nothing. Got your telephone number and want to see about making a comment. I right now 74 years old and the last thing we heard was that its phase two is going to be 75 and above and I thought the CDC said 65 and above would like to be able to register my complaint and say hey at least 270 in about I do something better than 75 again. It's Jim waters. [REDACTED]. Thank you.

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Subject: WI DHS Comments
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:04:50 PM

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WI DHS:

It appears that Wisconsin citizens 65 and older are at the greatest risk of dying from the Coronavirus and should be included in the group who will be authorized by DHS to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the next phase 1-b.

This is in keeping with federal recommendations and is the policy of the States around Wisconsin.

Many thanks,

Michael B. Zellmer
Greendale, WI

From: MEaston@foley.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Comments
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:57:24 PM

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Thank you for your work. I would like to submit the comment that I think it is extremely important to include all people 65 and over in the 1B group, not just those 70 and over.

Maureen C. Easton
Foley & Lardner LLP
Suite 5000 | [150 East Gilman Street](#)
[Madison, WI 53703](#)
P [608.258.4219](#)

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From: [Sheila Fabiszak](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:54:50 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am respectfully asking that people 65 and older be included in Phase 1B. It is crucial that this age group who is at great risk for developing underlying health conditions be included in Phase 1B. The Center for Disease Control has recommended that people 65 and older be included in Phase 1B.

Please consider including this age group in Phase 1B.

Thank you.
Sheila Fabiszak

From: [Bill Greinke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Recommendation for COVID vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:52:44 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am taking this opportunity to recommend that favorable consideration be made to set the minimum age limit at 65 rather than at 75.

My rationale for this consideration is that restricting the availability of the vaccine to only 75 and older misses the more significant group of elderly who are retired and more active in society which thereby makes them more susceptible to exposure of the virus; as well as being the larger grouping of the elderly that are more prone to major surgeries and procedures.

Since the first wave of vaccines included institutionalized elderly, you have already significantly addressed those 75 and older. Consideration must now be given to people like my wife and I who are each months yet from 75. She has undergone 2 surgeries and months-long physical therapy sessions in 2019-20. I'm scheduled for a hip replacement in 3 weeks for which my surgeon strongly recommends I do my best to get a vaccination prior to that surgery. We, as an example, are considered relatively healthy and active for our age yet we spend, on average, one day a week with some sort of medical appointment. And friends, who are in the 65 – 75 age frame report similar medical experience.

My point is that by cutting off those 65 – 74 you are not going to get the reduction in virus contagion and hospitalizations that you need to make a more complete and faster difference.

Respectfully,

William P. & Judith K. Greinke

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From: [Justin S.](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee regarding members of Phase 1B
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INCLUDE POPULATION OF AGE OVER 65 AS MEMBERS INTO PHASE 1B.

Regards,

Justin Szalanski

From: [Email](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1 b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:27:31 PM

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I definitely think the age should be 65 and not 70 and older for vaccines...the elderly are dying at the highest rate... they have more comorbidities than young people ... it only makes sense that the elderly get the vaccine in them as soon as possible! Otherwise our elderly population could inadvertently be made smaller by more and more deaths...

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ellen Rehrauer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:24:59 PM

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The state of Wisconsin is moving very slowly in covid-19 vaccine distribution. We are 47th in the nation in vaccinations - this is unacceptable and quite embarrassing. It is evident from all the data that age seems to be the main factor in deaths and serious illness, yet the elderly seem to be a very low priority in Wisconsin when it comes to vaccination. We haven't even started vaccinating people 75+ yet. Other states have realized this and have opened up their vaccination process to include those 65-74 years of age (and older), making this age group a priority.

Why should a 21-year old child care worker or a 25-year old teacher get vaccinated before the elderly. Makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. As a 64 year-old with no pre-existing conditions, I am last in line for the vaccine. I doubt I will even receive it before August, 2021. Most people who are 30-40 years younger than I am will be vaccinated ahead of me.

Bottom line - age should be the main factor. **People 65-74 (and older) should definitely be included in 1B**, with those 60-64 next in line.

Ellen Rehrauer

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From: [Karen dunn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:59:19 PM

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Committee:

Please include vulnerable seniors age 65+ As recommended by the CDC in the Phase 1b rollout. This group is more severely impacted by the virus and more at risk than public facing essential workers who are younger.

Please follow the new CDC guidelines and also the protocols other states are adopting.

Thank you,

Karen Dunn

From: [Jane LaGolden](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee. 1B"
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:56:25 PM

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Our seniors over 65 especially if they have underlying medical conditions. They are active people who need real protection.

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From: [Mary St.Ville](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee--Phase 1b---Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:52:04 PM

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As recommended by CDC, all Wisconsin Individuals across the board who are 65+ in age should be eligible for vaccination as soon as possible—especially individuals 65+ with underlying medical conditions.

This allocation would cover the group most likely to have serious complications, hospitalization and death if infected with Covid. This then would reduce the overall strain on hospital systems, care facilities, emergency responders, etc. at the soonest possible time.

This would cover the largest number of the **MOST** vulnerable across the board, including those age 65+ in the other more narrowly defined subsets proposed for the next phase. This would result in the widest and soonest allocation of the vaccine thereby benefiting the broader community sooner as well.

Further, since age is the primary eligibility factor, this would streamline and speed up the entire distribution process and reduce the administrative measures involved in distribution,

Emergency funds should be immediately requested, and granted, to maximize the efforts and resources needed to widen the vaccine distribution in as rapid, organized, and safe a manner as possible.

Wisconsin should follow the CDC guidelines and expand distribution to this vulnerable 65+ age group without further delay.

Thank you.

Mary St. Ville

From: [Thomas Kennedy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Committee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:48:02 PM

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I urge the Committee to act consistent with federal guidelines favored by the President-elect. That is, those 65 or above should be included in Phase 1b. This population is especially vulnerable to COVID-19 and the mortality tables confirm that this is literally a life and death matter to these senior citizens.

From: [Kathy Grosso](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:41:53 PM

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Please follow CDC guidelines for 65 and over in group 1B.

From: [Scott Brown](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:33:01 PM

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It is critical that the roll out of vaccine be accelerated and simplicity is the key to doing this. First and foremost all those over 65 or with doctor identified comorbidities must come first. An example of what does not work are multiple tiered priority schemes that only confuse everyone. Getting as many shots in arms must be the top goal not overly and unnecessarily complex ranking. Anyone getting a shot helps everyone not yet getting a shot. So take steps for simple priorities and get speed up.

From: [Sandy Rueckert](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:27:57 PM

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So far I feel that vaccine distribution is lacking in compassion. To me, it seems as if people over 65 and with preexisting conditions should get the vaccine first, period. I am not sure why a 20 year old in the medical field with very little patient contact needs the vaccine in the 1a or 1b category. I believe that once medical personnel truly at risk and nursing home residents are vaccinated, distribution should be strictly according to age and anyone with preexisting conditions. Using profession alone is silly and as long as vaccines are limited, will cause many deaths.

A 20 year old probably does not need to be vaccinated right away just because of profession. It's a slap in the face for those of us who are older, with more than one preexisting conditions, and, in my case, who care for and spend a lot of time with grandchildren. (Not to mention I am their only remaining functioning grandparent!) Older members, say, over 40, of public service professions should get the vaccine.

I am totally opposed to mink producers getting the vaccine! How much did the lobbyists pay to get that one in? Essential work? Yeah, right! Get a vaccine for participating in extreme cruelty! Totally wrong. But hey, we all need those mink coats don't we?!

From: [Michael Jablonski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:26:37 PM

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DHSSDMAC,
Please consider >65 and older per CDC recommendation for phase 1B instead of >70 years of age.
Thank You!

From: [susan doane](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:17:44 PM

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Please follow CDC guidelines and open it to people 65 and older

From: [Carrie Rank](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B public comments
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:15:09 PM

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As an outpatient pediatrician, I am writing in support of the current plan for phase 1b. My most direct concern is ensuring K-12 teachers and childcare providers are included. This group of essential workers has a huge impact on the ability of our state's children to thrive. In my clinical practice, I have seen a significant increase in children/adolescents with mental health issues during the pandemic and academic research also supports that claim. I also see many of my most at risk patients barely attending virtual school and falling further and further behind their peers. In addition to the direct risk to children, the need for parents to work strongly supports the need to have teachers and childcare providers protected and able to work.

I also support the state plan to have a measured and controlled roll out. I do not think this will slow the process, rather having clear guidelines will help us as health care organizations be better positioned to direct outreach and scheduling to patients who qualify for the vaccine at each phase. For this reason, I support 1b including those 70 years and up, rather than jumping immediately to 65 years and up. Going down to 65 years is too great a population for our current vaccine allocation and will result in many of the most at risk patients having to wait longer to get protection.

Thank you,



From: [Patricia Hiegel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine sub-committee and Phase1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:14:49 PM

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Hello,

Looking at the COVID-19 death rates in the state of WI, 91% of death are in people over the age of 60. These numbers show that there is no question who should be the next to receive the vaccine. Our hospitals and medical staff are overwhelmed, because this age group suffers severe symptoms from COVID-19, that result in being hospitalized and death.

The CDC statistics are staggering, when you compare those 65 and older to 18-29 year olds.

| | Hospitalization | Deaths |
|-------|-----------------|--------|
| 65-74 | 5x | 90x |
| 75-84 | 8x | 220x |
| 85+ | 13 | 630x |

Please, disburse this vaccine to those 65 and older immediately; this group is 90-630 times more likely to die from the virus.

Thank you,

Patricia Hiegel



From: [Catherine Buck](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:10:21 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Although I believe the plan you have laid out for 1b is solid I would strongly support lowering the age to 65. I am 67 so definitely biased. Casting a wider net and lowering the age to 65, might help us to move faster and maybe more furiously rather than slowly but surely. I think it prudent to cast a wider net and maybe run out of vaccine rather than taking a more cautious approach. In the end, the bigger the population for each phase, the faster we should get the job done and hopefully the fewer lives lost in the interim.

Thank you for all you are doing! Please know the silent majority of Wisconsin residents are incredibly grateful for your leadership in these most turbulent times. My thoughts and prayers are with you each and every day.

Cathy Buck
Retired Hospital Administrator and RN
Brookfield Wi

PS: If vaccinators is a limiting factor, you might send out a call for retired RN, MD's PA's Pharmacists and the like to volunteer their time to vaccinate.

From: [Bill Reddin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:50:21 AM

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Please consider following the federal guidelines and other bordering states and include 65+ in the next group. We should stay consistent. 65-70 year olds are just as vulnerable as 70+. Get the vaccines out ASAP! Lives are at stake. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [tvroslawski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:43:48 AM

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I feel you should go down to age 65. Other states are going to 65. We are the ones who were told from the beginning that if you are 65 or older you need to stay home as much as you can and not see your family for holidays I thought last Easter when I first postponed Easter then ended up canceling that I would possibly not be able to do this Easter either without a vaccine.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Joe Czarnecki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Recommendation
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:33:01 AM

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

From: [Marsha Swenson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 65 and up
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:28:22 AM

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In the interest of public health for our State, I implore you to ratify Gov. Evers' 65 and up submission for corona virus. The sooner, the better. I've already had my first dose, so this is NOT a self serving request.

Marsha Swenson
Madison

Sent from my iPhone

From: benetti.luann@yahoo.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:11:39 AM

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Please included seniors 65+.
Thank you
John Benetti

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From: [Peter Layde](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "Vaccine Subcommittee Phase1B"
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:07:38 AM

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Dear sub committee members

As you consider priority groups for phase 1B immunization with COVID-19 vaccines, I encourage you to follow the new CDC guidelines that emphasize the importance of immunizing adults 65 years of age and older.

With the limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines available, it's unlikely that herd immunity will be achieved within the next several months. It will be important, therefore, to prioritize those at highest risk of mortality in order to reduce the toll of the disease. I understand that 28 states already have decided to follow the new CDC guidelines and make immunization available to adults 65 years of age and older. Having guidelines aligned with other states would help reduce the public confusion that has accompanied the rollout of COVID-19 immunizations.

Finally, in light of glaring health disparities and the high death rate from COVID-19 in racial and ethnic minorities, I would encourage the division of public health to make vigorous outreach efforts to ensure immunizations of people of color 65 and older.

Sincerely,
Peter Layde, MD, MSc

From: [Jim Dawson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:07:29 AM
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All people over 65 should get the vaccine now.

James Dawson

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From: [Ken Jensen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:43:00 AM

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The vaccine should be given to the oldest first - since the risk of death and hospitalization is related to age.
The risk of death with an infection is 10 times greater at age 69 than under 40 yrs old. Your decision to put older individuals behind other politically active groups will lead to excess mortality. Hundreds or thousands of older people will die if they are not vaccinated first. Their deaths will be on your hands.

Prisoners first? Do we we now have an advantage by committing a crime in America?

Teachers risk in Scandinavian studies were 0.5 the risk (1/2 the risk) of the general population.

People who have had Covid are immune and probably will have no benefit from the vaccine and should have a vaccine delayed until all non infected people receive one (if the need one at all) as they have excellent antibody levels produced by the actual infection.

The way to save the most lives is to start at age 100 and go down by age. NO QUESTION
Do the right thing for Wisconsin! More people will die and more families will lose loved ones if you don't.
That will be hard for you to live with.

Every deviation from an age related distribution will increase the numbers of Wisconsin deaths.

Ken Jensen MD

From: [Patricia Rutkowski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccination guidelines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:41:35 AM

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I am writing to support the inclusion of ages 65+ in vaccination category 1B as the CDC suggests

. Although individuals from 65 to 70 are not as high risk for COVID as those over 70. We are still in the high risk category.

People ages 65 -70 are higher risk for other medical problems. Almost everyone I know in this category has put off medical appointments due to concern over COVID. One of my friends delay resulted in a stage three cancer diagnosis after 6 months of symptoms. I personally have delayed four different appointments as well as routine lab work.

So please consider not just the Covid medical risk but our overall health risks and needs.

Thank you,
Pat Rutkowski
Stoughton WI

From: [Lamkins, Lisa](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B public comments
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:38:37 AM
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Attached please find AARP Wisconsin's comments on the recommendations for Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Lisa

Lisa Lamkins | Advocacy Director – Federal Issues

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January 18, 2021

Dear, Members of the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee,

On behalf of AARP Wisconsin, and our 840,000 members statewide, we would like to submit public comments on the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) Vaccine Subcommittee recommendations for Phase 1b. As COVID-19 devastates families across the state, it is critical to ramp up production and distribution of the vaccine. We acknowledge the many challenges that the state is facing in determining how to equitably, safely, and effectively distribute the COVID-19 vaccination, and we offer the following comments:

While we are pleased to see those age 70+ are a top priority for Phase 1b, we strongly urge you to ensure that Wisconsinites age 50+ are prioritized to receive a vaccine. According to the CDC, people ages 50 to 64 with COVID are four times more likely to end up in the hospital than their younger counterparts, and worryingly, at 30 times greater risk for death. If you are 65 to 74 years old, the risks are even higher. Since the start of the pandemic, nearly 95 percent of the deaths nationally from COVID-19 have been among people 50 and older. The data clearly show that the older people are, the higher risk they face if they contract COVID-19. Therefore, we urge you to quickly ramp up vaccinations of Wisconsinites age 50+.

For years, the long-term care system has been shifting away from institutional care in nursing homes to home and community-based settings. Here in Wisconsin, a significant percentage of long-term services and supports are provided by the IRIS and Family Care programs. We thank the Vaccine Subcommittee for recommending that members of the IRIS and Family Care programs are included in Phase 1b. We strongly urge the full State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee to approve this recommendation and prioritize people receiving care in these additional settings, along with their staff, to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

We cannot stress enough how eager people are in Wisconsin to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. AARP Wisconsin encourages the SDMAC to continue to base recommendations on evidence while quickly finalizing plans for vaccine administration for all Wisconsin residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "W".

Sam Wilson
AARP Wisconsin State Director

From: [Tristan Mentz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:34:54 AM

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Here's a novel idea - just get the vaccine into people's arms already! Stop wasting time with this sub-committee nonsense and don't overthink it. Anyone 65 and older should now be eligible. Speed it up!!

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From: [Melissa Wiesner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:34:41 AM

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Good Morning,

I am submitting my comments that you please consider the ages of 65+ for phase 1b.

Thank you the consideration,
Melissa

From: [Marla S](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:30:03 AM

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Hello

I would like to suggest including people over 65 into Phase 1b. I realize the risk to those over 75 but those over 65 also have an increased risk and tend to be the more active of those groups. Newly retired seniors are often volunteers, assisting with daycare for grandchildren and helping care for older family members. This puts them at an increased risk of both contracting the Covid and spreading it.

Thanks for your consideration. Tough decisions.

Marla Smith

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From: [Bill Borges](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:09:00 AM

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The main criteria should be 65 and older. This is where the most serious outcomes of the virus are, regardless of occupation.

Thanks

From: [Cynthia K Foss](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee— Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:59:15 AM

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As a reside of Wisconsin, I respectfully ask the subcommittee to swiftly put into place vaccinations for people 65 and older. Please follow Minnesota's lead in making vaccinations readily accessible to this demographic.

Cynthia Foss
Fitchburg, Wisconsin

From: [Ken Jensen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Cover vaccination recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:57:30 AM

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People 65 and older should be next in phase 1B. They are the most affected by the virus! Other states recognize this fact and Wisconsin should too! Thank You!

From: [Laurie Cortright](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:46:50 AM

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If I have a say in any of this, I think you should stay in 10 year age brackets and work your way down. Most people with underlying issues are aging and you would pick up many folks across the board by risk group. I am 60, but like many 50 - 60+ we are trying to take care of our aging parents. My mother is 83 with COPD, RA and emphysema, living at home, does not drive and still unable to get a vaccine. Most folks are working so how do we take care of them? Thanks for listening. Laurie Cortright

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From: [Stan Grall](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:45:57 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am encouraging you to please include ages 65 -70 in Phase 1B. I have a rental business and I am really concerned about going into these units while covid is raging.

Sincerely,

Stan Grall

From: [Aimee Tobin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 18 year olds higher up on next phase
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:41:48 AM

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I am writing to have input on the vaccine distribution plan. I have an 18 year old that deferred college a year bc of Covid and has been living a very secluded life. I want him higher up on the list. I am concerned that students living in dorms will get the vaccine in the next round, but not him who has been even more concerned and COVID conscious than most college students. I also have a 22 year old in graduate school who lives on her own and I fear that she will be in the groups that are left for the last round.

I also would like to have them vaccinated before me.

Aimee Tobin

From: [Nancy Pertmer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:36:23 AM

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The age group most susceptible to death from COVID are those 65 and older. This is the age group that should be included in Phase 1 B. Start at 65 not 70.
Sent from my iPad

From: [bsandley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:32:46 AM

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Please, please, please include people age 65 and older. We are more prone to getting covid than younger people. Vaccination should be based on who is more likely to catch covid and have bad symptoms. Older people are taking this seriously and not getting together with family and friends. We need the vaccination! Other states are vaccinating age 65 and older. Thank you.

Betty Sandley

Sent from my Sprint Phone.

From: [Mark Mader](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Please include people 65 or over in your standard and thank you
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:30:42 AM

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Thank you for your efforts. Although I am not doing this in my self interest, I am hoping you will consider people 65 and older. I believe this follows the recommended standards from a Biden Commission. Appreciatively. Mark

From: [Bob Bintzler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee -- Phase 1B Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:29:02 AM

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I believe you should reconsider the recommended age of 70. It seems like the rest of the world has settled in on 65 and that is the number I hear most often from the national media. This is not an island Wisconsin wants to be on -- change the recommendation to age 65.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob

From: [David Kammel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine sub committee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:28:32 AM

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Please follow federal guidelines and open vaccinations for 65 and older.

From: [Daniel Brunt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:24:40 AM

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My opinion is that 1B should include 65 and older citizens.
Dan Brunt

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From: [patricia babler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:23:16 AM

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I believe 65 years old and older should also be included in the 1b category ahead of prisoners. The 65+ year old population is out in society and more apt to contract and spread the virus in society than a prisoner, along with being in the higher risk, complication category.

Thank You
Patricia Babler

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From: [Steven Knight](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:19:41 AM

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I would like my voice heard on the who should be included in phase 1b. I believe that citizens 65 and older are more at risk of dieing from covid, then the young kid packing my groceries up. They are much more unlikely to have severe symptoms, as someone that is 65 and out of shape because of back surgery. Please reconsider you age guide lines of 70, and put them at 65 and older.

Steve"s Yahoo Mail

From: [Pat Reidy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:10:36 AM

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Now I hear phase 1b will be for people age 75 and older. Why did you ask for input if you aren't going to make decisions based on what people are asking for? It should be people over 65 per the federal guidelines. That is what I am seeing and hearing people say they want. Thank you.

Pat Reidy



Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 13, 2021, at 1:06 AM, Pat Reidy <jreidy1@wi.rr.com> wrote:

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> I take care of my niece who has special needs 5 days a week. Would I qualify as a child care provider in phase 1b? I also take care of my disabled husband who is 74. I feel that phase 1b should include those age 65 and older. That is the age most other states are following and I don't see why Wisconsin shouldn't as well. I don't think it should matter what race you are, but rather what existing health issues you have which would increase mortality risk. Thank you.

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> Pat R.

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From: [don richter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Inclusion - Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:07:20 AM

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The risk from covid-19 death falls primarily on the elderly aged 65 and up. Because of this the CDC recommends ages 65 and up be vaccinated ASAP.

Not all age groups are at the same level of risk from a covid 19 infection.

For these reasons I urge you to consider adding the ages of 65-69 year olds to the 1B group of people next for vaccination. Leaving them out would expose them to the increased risk of serious illness or death, and continue to stress the health care system and ICU units.

The elderly also experience increased disparity due to their age. More non-institutionalized elderly are living in isolation due to fear of covid infection than any other age group. They are foregoing necessary medical treatments. Why further punish them with even more social isolation?

With new variants of the virus coming I urge you to follow the science and CDC recommendations and include high risk people in the age group 65-70 in the 1B category.

Thank You,

Don Richter
[REDACTED]
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From: [Jan Ehrengren](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B recommendation
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If the objective is to minimize the number of deaths (which it should be), follow the facts!

"As of December 20, 2020, approximately 1.8 million COVID-19 cases and 180,000 deaths have been reported among adults aged ≥ 65 years; this age **group** accounted for 14.4% of cases and **80.7% of deaths in the U.S**"

Vaccinate people in age group 65 and over first, include other groups if they show a similar death rate.

To maximize speed in vaccination, stop micromanaging different groups, it only leads to confusion and delays.

Jan Ehrengren

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From: [Pat Szalanski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B Recommendation
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:04:08 AM

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As per the CDC guidelines individuals over the age of 65 must be included. Follow the science.

From: [John Hofer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment vaccine phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:58:03 AM

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I want the age for phase 1b to be age 65 and over. Teachers should not get it due to their younger age unless they sign an agreement to teach in person

Prisoners do not deserve it can wait until a later phase.

John Hofer DMD

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From: [George Jolly](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:56:30 AM

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I am a 70 yr old black man with numerous health issues living here in Milwaukee. When I heard that the CDC recommend group to be vaccinated was the group 65 and older should start getting the vaccine shot now, I went to a milwaukee county website to sign up for the vaccine and was not able to do so, at the top of that website was a list containing the people that the virus was killing the most in this country , at the top of the list was the 65 and older .

The people that you all are vaccinating are way down on that list of people that is dying from this

virus

I don't understand just what you people are doing.

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From: [Fklancnik](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [wendy klancnik](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine priority
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:54:56 AM

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People 65 and older are at the greatest risk of dying from the Coronavirus and should be included in the group who will be authorized by DHS to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the next phase 1-b. This is in keeping with federal recommendations and is the policy of the States around Wisconsin.

Fred Klancnik
Middleton, WI

From: [Jane](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:48:40 AM

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I hope the committee will broaden phase 1B to include age 65 and older as suggested.
Jane Sauer

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From: pazepaz@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: covid19 vaccine priority comments: per statistics
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:46:13 AM

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Covid statistics:

There is an imperative and immediate need to vaccinate those over 70 years old.

This is the group per your statistics that required about 70% of hospitalizations
Including those over 60 : the hospitalizations are over 80%
(most people over 70 are not working and many over 60 are also retired)

Vaccinating those over 65 immediately would result in:
hospitals will not be overwhelmed and over capacity
a lot of money will be saved
resources in both time for the health care system workers and material will be saved

the most judicious way to allocate the vaccine to save our hospitals, our health care resources and supplies, and to save lives - vaccinate those over 60 now.

those over 70 represent:
about 11% per cent of our state's population but over 80% of the deaths.
Including those over 60 years old that becomes over 92% of all deaths -

vaccinate those over 70 now
those over 70 represent only 11% of our state's populations and many are already being vaccinated in nursing homes etc.

Wisconsin appears to have sufficient vaccines right now to do this.

Thank you.
J. Paz

From: [Emily Meltesen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:44:02 AM

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I believe people age 65 and older should be included in the next phase of vaccine distribution. They are part of our population that is most vulnerable and have increased chances of being hospitalized if infected with the virus. Please consider people aged 65 and older a priority. I realize that 70 and older is included but please consider 65 and older. 65 is the age mark for several other things and even for vaccine distribution in many other states. I have family 65 and older that I have been most concerned about since this pandemic began. The sooner they can get vaccinated the better. 65 and older are so vulnerable and so important to be vaccinated as soon as possible. Please seriously consider this. Thank you!!

From: [linda.oaks](#)
To: [DHS.SDMAC](#)
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:43:44 AM

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The state should be following federal guidelines, vaccinate all 65 and up. The present method is slowing the process down. Don't think prisoners should go before seniors. Also people need accurate and timely information on how to sign up to get vaccine

From: [The King's](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:43:16 AM

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Include 65 and older. A critical and affected group as other states have already recognized and included. Wisconsin should also.

From: [Dick Kuether](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Input
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:35:02 AM

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I think the threshold for the vaccine should be lowered to those 65 and older and not in a concrete settings. Lowering to 65 from 70 would be in line the CDC guidelines

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From: [Dave Haroldson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee & Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:31:35 AM

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I am asking that Phase 1B also include age 65 and older. This age group has been considered high risk of getting Covid, but in WI 65 to 70 is not being considered high risk for the vaccine. Please reconsider this to include 65 and above. Multiple states are vaccinating 65 and up. People will cross state lines to get vaccine asap which will strain resources in the states that are giving over 65. Please lower the age to 65 and over. Thanks. Dave Haroldson

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From: [Cathryn Anderson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:27:30 AM

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65 and older

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From: [Connie Evenson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:25:38 AM

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People 60 and over ...we were told this group was at risk since the beginning

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From: [Phillip Bailey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:23:40 AM

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I believe you are micromanaging the administration of the Covid vaccine.
Make it simple, follow the CFC guidelines and open up 1B to all residents 65 or older.

Phillip Bailey
Jefferson, WI

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From: [James Marquardt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:23:13 AM

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The age group should drop down to 65 and older , almost all other states are going with this age.

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From: [David Bastianelli](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Phase 1 b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:12:31 AM

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Greetings:

I am of the opinion that you should lower the age from 75 to 65 for those eligible for the vaccine.

Thank you,
David Bastianelli

From: [Diane Whittow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID VACCINE
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:11:53 AM

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Since March, persons 65 or older have been warned of the possible severe consequences of getting Corona virus. Why does phase 1b not include persons 65 or older, but instead, persons 70 or 75 and older (I've seen both ages listed.) PLEASE, include persons 65 and older in the phase 1b group for the vaccine as the CDC currently recommends!

Thank you,
Diane Whittow

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From: [Trish Kagerbauer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine rollout
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:10:28 AM

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Is the purpose of vaccine rollout to stop the spread of covid-19, or is the purpose to cater to people you deem heroes... Completely ignoring science?

Frontline healthcare workers are not dying in droves. Teachers are not dying in droves. first responders are not dying in droves. Firefighters and police officers are not dying in droves. Do you still want to protect those people? Then vaccinate the people who are exposing them to covid-19! Vaccinate the people who need to be hospitalized if they get covid-19. do you want to stop deaths from covid-19? Then vaccinate the people who are actually dying of this disease! Stop vaccinating all of these peripheral people, who are in far less danger, and vaccinate everyone over the age of 60!!! And do it now!

What on earth happened to, you're killing Grandma! No one said you're killing teachers. No one said you're killing first responders. No one said you're killing police officers and firefighters. You said we were killing Grandma. So let's stop. Killing. Grandma.

Thank you,

Trish Kagerbauer aka Gramma


From: [john Kiley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommitte
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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Stop micro managing the covid vaccine distribution. You've made it a bureaucratic nightmare.

Make it age age age. Oldest first then downward.

Get the vaccine in people's arms now!

John kiley


From: [Vicky Lindstrom](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:51:36 AM

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Vaccine subcommittee, please include people who are 65 and older in the phase 1B covid vaccination program.

From: [TomAndBarb Josephs](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee for Phase 1B priorities
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:44:21 AM

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I am sure that you have received numerous comments about what should be and what shouldn't be considered a high priority for the vaccination, but I implore you to consider populations with the highest rates of death and hospitalization to be the next highest priorities.

The highest rates of death are in people over the age of 65 AND those with serious health conditions (which includes those under the age of 65 that have serious health conditions). For people with serious health conditions it would be a travesty to have more people die while waiting to get a vaccine.

Please accept the government's recommendation to include people over age 65 AND those with serious health conditions in Phase 1B.

Thank you,

Tom Josephs

From: [RICHARD HALLER](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:39:48 AM

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Dear Sir or Madame,

I strongly encourage the subcommittee to include seniors 65 and older in your recommendation for Phase 1B immunizations.

Regards,

From: [Debra Bembenek](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee input phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:39:36 AM

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Recommend 1b include:

Persons 65 and older,
those with a serious immune deficiency disease (Over 18 years old) Family caregivers
Housekeeping and janitorial service workers
teachers

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From: [Kassem, Iris](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1b recs
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:39:07 AM

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Those who should be phase 1b:

1. Over 65 (at a minimum over 75)
2. Anyone that works in a job that requires person-person interaction (teachers, grocery workers, food service, etc)

As a physician, I also support slowing down clinical activities (ie outpatient clinics) to speed up vaccinations. It will pay off in the end by having more people protected.

Thanks, iris

From: [Ginny Leith](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:30:29 AM

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Good day—

I'd like to express my opinion regarding the 1B vaccine rollout in WI.

I believe that 1B should include people 65 and older because this group is also very vulnerable to getting the virus and having serious complications and death. In addition, I believe that teachers do belong in group 1 B.

However, I do NOT support grocery store workers being in group 1B because I believe that they have the ability to socially distance and adequately protect themselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Virginia Leith



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From: [Mary Hoehne](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Age
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:23:54 AM

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Please include people over 65. Why are we penalized for living here? We still need to work, yet we are in a risk group. Most states and Biden are allowing this age group. The goal get the vaccine in the arms to get the economy moving....get moving on this or more will move out....I won't forget how my state of residence went against the norm and ignored me. Goodbye Wisconsin if you let me down.

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From: jcain432@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:18:33 AM

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As a retired health care professional, I urge you to include persons 70 and above in the 1B group for COVID vaccine. Stop playing politics with life and death decisions. This is the age group that DIES in the largest numbers, and overburdens hospitals and staff. As such, they must be vaccinated, and quickly. Thank you, Joan Cain Mequon

From: [Sharon Marshall](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Sub-Committee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:17:29 AM

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Greetings,

I am writing to implore you to follow CDC recommendations for all citizens Aged 65 and Older-to be placed in group 1B to receive Covid-19 vaccination. As we see states who are successfully carrying this policy out in Connecticut, West Virginia and Georgia, we need you to understand the urgency of including all senior citizens over age 65 to receive the vaccine.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Sharon Marshall, BSN,RN



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From: [Harvey S](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:17:03 AM

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Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccinations should DEFINITELY include the following groups that are high risk and vulnerable to death from COVID-19 due to medical conditions.

(1)-Age 65 and older WITH the following Medical Conditions, AND (2)-Age 16-64 WITH the following Medical Conditions.

- Asthma
- Cancer (active)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic metabolic disease
- Diabetes
- Heart conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension
- Immunocompromised conditions
- Solid organ transplant resulting in immunocompromised state
- Obesity (Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or higher)
- Sickle cell disease
- Intellectual or developmental disability

Thank you.

From: [debbie zasada](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:12:37 AM

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Please include People Over the age of 65 in Phase 1B

The State of Wisconsin should take care of the seniors, age 65 and older, who have been greatly affected by the Covid 19.

It's upsetting to see other states taking better care of their seniors than the State of Wisconsin,

Respectfully,
Deborah Zasada

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From: [Karen dunn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine priority 65+
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:09:52 AM

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Dear Committee Members,

Please consider adding Wisconsinites who are 65+ years old to the next cohort receiving the vaccine in Phase 1b.

As the CDC and several states have concluded, including our Minnesota neighbor, this population is some of our most vulnerable. And doubly so because of co-morbidities.

It is incorrect to assume that since you are 65, you have retired. Many people over 65 still work. Many over 65 help to take care of their grandchildren. Many over 65 still need to be out in the community. This group has shown to have severe complications from the virus.

Please consider adding 65+ to Phase 1b of the vaccine distribution and keep these vulnerable folks safe.

Thank you,

Karen Dunn

From: [Sara Petre](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:08:28 AM

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Good morning,

I think phase 1B of vaccine roll-out should include adults 65 y/o and older, not 70 y/o. Everything in the media to date has listed that first age group as at higher risk. So a person who is 65 y/o with co-morbidities, is about at equal chance of severe disease to his/her 70 y/o equal. However, in my personal experience, the younger (60s) grandparents are more likely to be helping care for grandchildren who go to school/daycare, so their essential worker parents can continue to work. I have LOTS of healthcare worker colleagues, myself included, who STILL depend on their parents to help care for kids. Also, think about the school-age population attending virtually. If you go about prioritizing teachers (which I think is wise), but not the grandparents of these kids who often live with them or help care for them, it will further delay kids ability to return to school.

My recommendation: include 65 and older in phase 1B

Thank you,
Sara Petre

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From: [Sharon Kammel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee- Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:07:45 AM

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I am writing to express my opinion about who should be included in group 1B. I feel Wisconsin should follow the CDC recommendation(like most of the other states), since they are “ the experts”. The CDC gave this recommendation because they feel the group(65 yrs and older)is high risk for not surviving Covid-19 if infected. Many people over 65 have preexisting conditions such as Afib, high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, obesity and heart disease which makes them very high risk for Covid 19 Also most people in this group are grandparents and our children & grandchildren need us for help with childcare etc. PLEASE consider having 1B included adults 65 yrs and older !!! I want to be able to hold my grandson- it's been 10 months since I've touched him!!

Thanks,
Sharon Kammel

From: [John & June Meyer-Schuppel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:05:49 AM

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Please consider adding all 65 and older citizens as part of the 1B next scheduled group. This age group is the most vulnerable to dying from Covid. Please lower the age requirement to 65 and older to match what CDC considers the most vulnerable to dying from the disease.

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From: jennyakramer@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Rollout Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:05:44 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing to ask that the subcommittee reconsider the next age group eligible for a COVID vaccine to include people above 65 years of age. Those over 65 are a higher risk population and the vaccine is critical for their protection. I would also ask consideration be given to allowing grocery store workers be eligible in Group 1b. They have played an essential role throughout the pandemic and they have a significant amount of contact with the general population, including the elderly.

Thank you,
Jenny Kramer
Eau Claire, WI



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From: [Michael J. Brault](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Phases
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:05:21 AM
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I do not like the way the Phase 1B is setup. The system should be by ages.

It also should **not** give special status to smokers. That is a choice they make. There are plenty of resources for them to quit. They put themselves at higher risk for a lot of other diseases like heart and lung problems, so why should Covid be any different.

Also teachers that **do not** have in person classes should also **not** be moved up.

Prisoners should get the vaccine in the **age group** they are in. The guards **should be the ones moved up.**

You should not be making the group so large. After Phase 1 you should go by ages in 10 year increments. If you open it up to anybody under 65 you will create a mass rush to have the vaccine. The younger unemployed, students and other will flood in and the older people will get pushed back.

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From: [Kathy Wenzloff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Level 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:05:17 AM

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Please move people 65+ and grocery store personnel to group 1B. The age change to conform to the CDC guidelines and the grocery workers are obviously essential. Without them the food chain is not completed.

Kathleen Wenzloff
West Allis WI

From: [Charles Breithaupt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Follow CDC Guidelines for Group 1C
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:56:11 AM

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Vaccine Groups

The CDC recommends including 65-74 in the next vaccination group. Why is Wisconsin suggesting a different approach and waiting on public comments? Please proceed with all due haste.

Sincerely,
Charles Breithaupt

From: [Kathy Wenzloff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:51:40 AM

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Kathleen Wenzloff
West Allis WI

From: [Chris Lorbiecki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: vaccine subcommittee 1B
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From: Chris Lorbiecki <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Jan 18, 2021, 6:44 AM
Subject: 1B
To: <DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

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

From: [Jean](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:46:14 AM

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President Elect Joe Biden will be recommending those 65 and over be included in the phase 1B rollout. My husband is over 70 with multiple risk factors and I am under 70 with a couple of risk factors. I am his caregiver. Please consider following President Elect Biden's rollout recommendation of phase 1B to include those 65 and over. It is important that I also am vaccinated ASAP in order to continue being able to care for him, as he is limited.

Also, please set up a firm plan so that all vaccines get distributed when extra have been prepared for injection and either someone doesn't show up for assigned injection or there is extra in a vile that will be disposed of if not used on very short notice. There are many of us that are available and more than willing to jump in the car and drive to wherever on very short notice to utilize those injections.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jean Modrow

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From: [hopes2](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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With the primary goal of saving the most lives, I am asking you to consider including in Phase 1B, people over 65-70, and people of any age that have a comorbidity that is likely to lead to a severe and possibly fatal case of Covid, such as Diabetes, COPD, etc. Doing this would undoubtedly capture a subset of essential workers, in addition to others who can expect long and productive lives if protected by the vaccine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel Hinich

From: [Cathy Kennedy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine committee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:31:09 AM

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Wisconsin must include people 65 and over in phase 1B, Wisconsin needs to follow federal guidelines and President - elect Joe Biden's decision to include 65 and plus in 1B...majority of states have included 65 and up in round 1B...the group that is most vulnerable to Covid 19,

From: [Cathy Kennedy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:26:33 AM

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People 65 and over should be in group 1B.....Wisconsin should follow what the federal government suggests and what President Elect Joe Biden stated which is 65 and over...We

From: [ann.haroldson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee & Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:22:09 AM

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As an RN and a 65 year old senior, please consider age 65 and above. From the start, it was said 65 and older are at higher risk for Covid, but now in WI, are getting pushed back in line. Multiple states are vaccinating age 65 and older. Please do the same...don't leave the elderly population more vulnerable. Thanks. Ann Haroldson

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Donna Timmerman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee/phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 5:40:17 AM

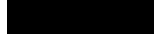
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It is imperative that people over 70 be included in Phase 1b. The risk is great due to age and existing underlying conditions. As more and more people ignore mask mandates and safe distancing, older adults experience a greater risk of being exposed and developing COVID. Older adults are already isolating; the increase of variants and the growing number of infective is forcing older adults into isolation, which causes additional concerns.

Please also make vaccines available to those over 70 in rural areas. Plans for vaccine distribution in rural areas are sorely lacking. The latest updates in Dodge and Jefferson counties to vaccination plans were done in 2019, failing to address today's crisis.

Thank you!

Donna Timmerman



From: [Donna Eddy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee. Phase 1B —65-70 year olds with co-morbidities should be in phase 1B.
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 5:19:16 AM

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People over 65 with co-morbidities should be in phase 1B. It has been listed that 65 and over would be included in phase 1C along with everyone else with co morbidities.

It seems to me, since people over 65 are more susceptible to severe complications from Covid including death and co-morbidities makes it even more likely, those 65-70 who have co-morbidities should be in phase 1B. Just like those under 65 with co-morbidities are allowed to be in 1C.

Donna Eddy
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From: ["DONNA EDDY"](#)
To: [McCamy, Martha L - DHS \(Synergy\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 5 seconds)
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 5:10:25 AM
Attachments: audio.mp3

Yes, my name is Donna Eddy. I live in Milwaukee, WI. I'm trying to make a comment regarding says 1B I went to the email address in your documents and it says it doesn't exist in the server and so after I get a whole thing on it, it didn't go through. If you could please let me know how to make a comment. I basically think those over 65 or comorbidities should be in one B. They are most likely to die from this virus vaccine virus. You could tell me how to make that comment. I'd appreciate it. My number is [REDACTED]. It did not let me send an email when I used the exact address that you had given me your documents, and I know the deadline is 4:00 o'clock today. Thank you.

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From: [Suzanne Frost](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine group selection.
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:33:23 AM

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I am 74 and have a seriously compromised immune system including [REDACTED]. In spite of this, I believe I work hard to contribute to both my family and society. And I am not alone.

Many people in the 65-74 year age group make big contributions to the care of others, especially grandchildren. Covid has kept me from mine.

I spent many years as a reading and foreign language specialist. I was looking forward to helping my four youngest grandchildren better learn how to read, write, do math etc.

I believe all citizen, contributing people with compromised immune systems should be allowed to get their shot as early as possible, generally speaking that is especially all in the 65 + age group. Then all 65 and older. sinners and illegal immigrants can wait.

Suzanne, K Frost
[REDACTED]

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From: [jane sattler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Please prioritize age
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:31:26 AM

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Hi, my understanding is that a 65 yo has the same chance of severe illness and death from COVID as a 75yo according to all research. Prevention of death should be major consideration in setting vaccine priorities. Most other countries are following this and some states. Why not wi? Jane Sattler

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From: [Jim Blau](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: 1B Vaccine Recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:44:35 AM

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From: Jim Blau <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 1B Vaccine Recommendations
Date: January 17, 2021 at 10:42:27 PM PST
To: DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Dear Committee Members,

Respect, I believe your priorities are off target.....allow me to explain.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS PANDEMIC, people over the age of 65 have been in the MOST VULNERABLE population and locked down.....65 year old and up should be next without question.

I love teachers....I have two daughter-in-laws who are teachers, BUT, they are 38 and 40 years old and very likely to survive the virus.....ALL teachers SHOULD NOT receive a vaccine, ONLY TEACHERS OVER 65.....teachers DO NOT need to be in school....the State can shift the school year to begin in the summer AFTER phase 1C and others are vaccinated.....why not do that first?

Same thing goes for Non-EMS workers and Child Care Workers....only those over 65 should receive the vaccine....not some 20 or 30 somethings !!!

FURTHERMORE...I know that close to 50% of your committee members work in the educational community.....you should be ashamed of yourselves for being so self-centered.....you are obviously playing favorites to both yourselves and your "friends"very, very, very unfair.

Finally, I am also a member of an essential worker group.....Wisconsin Licensed Plumbers and Heating and Cooling Service Providers.....If ANY OF YOU know anything about public health, you should know that the Plumbing and Heating Industry has done MORE than anyone else to improve the health and welfare of the human race.....MORE THAN THE MEDICAL INDUSTRY....MORE THAN THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY (ask ANY Doctor; They Know its true)we have been designated a Critical Infrastructure Industry from the very beginning of this pandemic and have been struggling to keep our service staff

healthy and safe WHILE WORKING ON HVAC SYSTEMS WHERE THE VIRUS LURKS AND SPREADS !! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE NOT HAVING A WORKING PLUMBING SYSTEM???...NO HOT WATER?.....NO WORKING TOILETS.....Because our workers are sick....or dead !!! ALL LICENSED PLUMBERS AND HVAC TECHNICIANS SHOULD COME BEFORE ANY TEACHER OR PRISONER !!!!!

PLEASE RE-DIRECT YOUR PRIORITIES TO THOSE MOST LIKELY TO DIE from this virus, and THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE THE MOST TO KEEPING SOCIETY SAFE !! PLEASE FOLLOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS MOST RECENT RECOMMENDATION....ALL PEOPLE OVER 65 FIRST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
JAMES BLAU



From: [Susan King](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:18:06 AM

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It's imperative that 65-70 year olds be included in Phase 1B. A large percentage of those in this age group have underlying health conditions predisposing them to serious health complications including hospitalization or death from COVID-19. They absolutely must be vaccinated in Phase 1B to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed and premature deaths.

Sincerely,

Susan and Robert King



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From: [Jeffry Reese](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Coronavirus Vaccine Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:53:06 PM

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Stop slicing and dicing the senior population.
If you are 65 and up, you get the vaccine.
OK?

Jeff Reese
Fond du Lac

From: jyana1@charter.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:43:43 PM

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Dear Subcommittee:

I have reviewed your recommendations for Phase 1 B in regard distribution priorities for distribution of the COVID 19 vaccine. Although you state a limited statistical rationale for placing persons age 70 and over. However, many states have determined that it is more appropriate that persons 65 and over should be included in Phase 1B, rather than 70. I believe that the people ages 65-70 are just as much at risk of severe COVID 19, hospitalizations, death and especially severe permanent and long term cardiac, brain, cognitive and vascular maladies arising from COVID 19 infection. I feel strongly that you should modify your recommendation to include persons 65 and over in your Phase 1 B recommendations. Please reconsider your recommendation in this regard.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Yana



From: [Steve & Bev Roberts](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee and Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:55:13 PM

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I strongly recommend following the recommendation from the Federal Government and vaccinate 65 and older. They are in the “High Risk” category and the population that could fill the hospitals.

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From: [Pollocks](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:50:24 PM

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As I study the death rates in Wisconsin, it seems age is a huge factor. Looking at the data from Wisconsin posted 1/17/2021, it appears of the 5450 deaths in Wisconsin, there are only 150 deaths for people under 50 years of age. Consider age as a priority.

Respectfully,

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From: [Cynthia Leedale](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccines
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:46:46 PM

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I agree with the next phase; however, I'm 67 & the sole caregiver for my mother who is 94. Will exceptions be made for those in my situation or reduce the age to 65? Your consideration would be appreciated. Also, please get the lead out & get people vaccinated!

Regards,

Cynthia L. Leedale

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From: [Ruby Gus](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b vaccine comments
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:45:15 PM

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Older individuals should receive the vaccine in this next group first because the deaths from Covid are highest in this group. Also hospital admissions are highest in this group. That was the original recommendation from the CDC.

25 year old teachers are not at risk the way the elderly population is. If the teacher falls into the elderly population, vaccinate.

It's almost unbelievable that comments are wanted on who should get the vaccine next. The federal government....the CDC.....has stated how to give this vaccine.

Paula Janssen


Sent from my iPad

From: [June Ding](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 65+ group needs to be moved up by partnering with chain pharmacies
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:39:18 PM

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As many other states started 65+ group vaccination (some states almost finished vaccinating this group, e.g. CT), I strongly urge WI to rapidly scale to 65+ group which has much higher death rate. Many of them don't live in long term facility, instead some of them might be staying with their grandchildren, who are going back to school now!

In order to rapidly scale, the state should work with chain pharmacies ASAP just like other states. Just clinics are not enough! If you look at Kroger/Pick n Save, they already worked with many other states, but not WI yet. As 65+ is easier to be identified by just DL or state issued ID. There are still tons of vaccines allocated, but either not distributed or not used.

WI needs to move much faster to save lives!

Thanks for your attention!

From: [Kathy Callahan](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:38:52 PM

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Hello,

I would like the age to receive the vaccine to be 65 and older.

I believe that is the age recommended from the CDC.

I am 69 1/2 with an underlying health condition and would be very disappointed if I had to wait for the general population to be vaccinated.

Thank you for allowing input.

Kathy Callahan

From: [Lori L](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:35:43 PM

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Vaccine Subcommittee,

Phase 1B should include age 65 and up as recommended by the CDC.

Also elderly household members of the ICU staff members, who are often exposed to Covid 12 hours a day, should be given consideration. These older family members at extremely high risk themselves for living in the same household as would be others with high risk medical conditions.

I am the spouse of an ICU physician age 65, who has worked overtime during this pandemic to constantly care for Covid patients. I am also 65 with health problems and I had to move out and live alone elsewhere to reduce my risk of exposure ever since the beginning of the pandemic. We have both made sacrifices and now he is vaccinated, thankfully, but I can't move home until I am vaccinated.

The CDC states 65+ should be vaccinated but for some reason Wisconsin is going to start at age 70+. It is most appropriate that Wisconsin sticks to age 65+. We know that ages 65+ are at most risk and have the worst outcomes. And you really need to consider the household members of healthcareworkers who are constantly exposed to Covid. They are being left behind.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.

Lori Liebman, M.D.

From: [Ross Werland](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1-B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:06:36 PM

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I think 65-year-olds should be included in the early phase for the vaccine. I also think that entire households should be considered for treatment at the same time. It only makes sense.

Thanks

Ross Werland. 

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From: [Robert Smith](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: Phase 1B, Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:54:11 PM

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> Please include 65 years of age and older in Phase 1B. Wisconsin is behind other states in vaccinating and it needs to, at a minimum, vaccinate in accordance with federal guidelines, and similarly to other states, that is, 65 and older as the changed Federal advice, rather than 70 and older.

>

> Please also advise how, when and where one can get the vaccine.

> If forms need to be completed then these should be available on line and completed prior to lining up.

In my military service 60 recruits could be vaccinated in 30 minutes, I suggest this be your target.

>

Thank you.

Robert Smith
Elm Grove. WI

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From: [Tina](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B, Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:41:36 PM

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Please also advise how, when and where one can get the vaccine.

Thank you.

Mary Christina Grogan
Elm Grove, WI

From: [Barbara Clark](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Comments - Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:38:06 PM

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Although I know everyone is trying to become a part of 1B, per the CDC recommendation I would like to see those over age 65 and anybody with serious "qualifying" health conditions become part of 1B. These groups have documented higher rates of serious problems and death with COVID-19.

Thank you.

Barbara Clark

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From: [Alex Ebben](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid phase
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:15:14 PM

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Evening

I recommend anyone over age of 65 period . Highest risk group .

Also teachers childcare and other essential workers

Alex Ebben

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From: [Erika Kelley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:10:25 PM

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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee,

I strongly urge you to prioritize (1) people over the age of 65 and (2) people under the age of 64 with chronic medical conditions to be vaccinated for COVID 19 in group 1B. I firmly believe that offering the option for those at higher risk for developing complications from this virus to be vaccinated, it would lessen the stress on our healthcare workers. If these people contract covid they are at higher risk for developing more serious complications, immediate and long term side effects. That medical care could range from more expensive, more frequent and longer duration hospital stays. I feel promoting more vaccinations for these populations may help reduce that burden. This also lessens the stress and burden of families that have high risk family members. As well as those people in these categories who are essential workers.

Thank you!
Erika Kelley

From: [Nancy Groff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:00:18 PM

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Should cover 65 and over and adults with underlying health conditions.

From: hwozniel@charter.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 6:00:10 PM
Importance: High

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I would like to see seniors 65 and older be included in the Phase 1B category.

Thank you

H Wozniel

From: [martinitp](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccinations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:58:29 PM

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Please reconsider and start the next phase to include 65 and over as the guidelines suggest. Thank you.

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From: [Bruce Arbit](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:57:02 PM

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Two co-morbidities should lower the age to 50 or 55. Worst 65.

The co-morbidities create greater risk than age alone

<https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Conditions-contributing-to-deaths-involving-corona/hk9y-quqm>

Bruce A. Arbit

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From: ktroher@wi.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B
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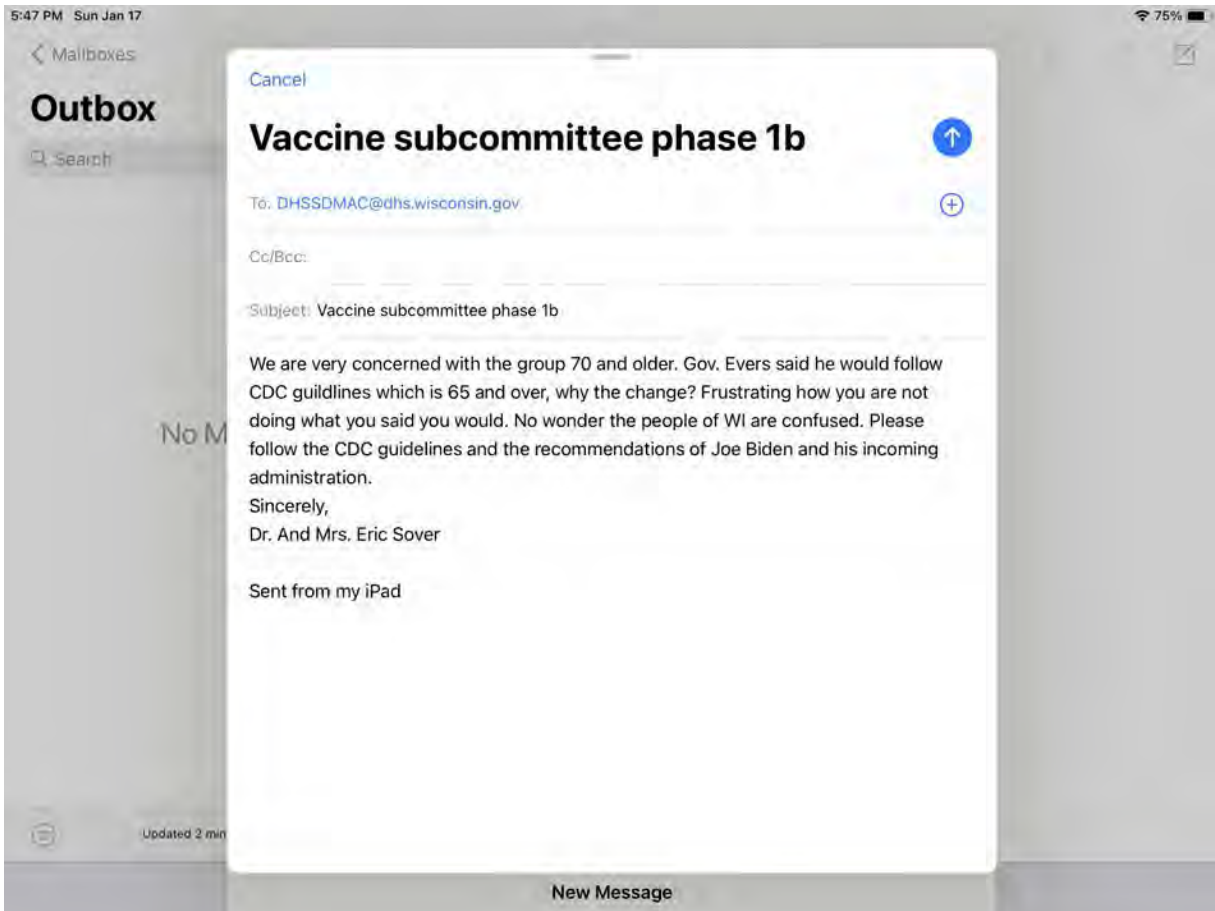
I think Wisconsin residents age 65 and older should be included in the state's Phase 1B Covid-19 vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

Kathy Troher


From: [Maryellen Sover](#)
To: DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov; [DHS_SDMAC](#)
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:50:34 PM

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From: [RICHARD SCHINDHELM](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:50:04 PM

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I really think the 65-70's should be in group 1B. They are seniors who are on Medicare & always included in the "65 & over" group for vaccines, illnesses, etc.. Maybe less confusing too for that group of seniors who usually are included in the older group? Otherwise, they may wonder when they will be eligible?

Just my thoughts.

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From: [Laurel Key](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee- phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:48:21 PM

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People over 65 should be included in group 1B - per cdc guidelines- why just 70 ?
Laurel Key

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From: [nadine.eernisse](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Submission
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:40:37 PM

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Please consider abiding by the latest federal guideline of including seniors 65+ instead of 70. I live independently in a senior complex that typically interacts with other independent and assisted living residents. I feel this will help keep us all safe. Thank you.

Nadine Eernisse
Grafton WI

From: [BARBARA BOYLE](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:28:32 PM

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Please include those over 65 or 70 in the 1b group to be immunized. The majority of deaths have occurred in those 70 and older, and we need this protective now. Thank you.

Barbara Boyle

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From: [Sage Enloe](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:27:49 PM

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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee,

I strongly urge you to prioritize (1) people over the age of 65 and (2) people under the age of 64 with chronic medical conditions to be vaccinated for COVID 19 in group 1B. If these people contract covid they are at higher risk for developing more serious complications and immediate and long term side effects. That would place a higher strain on our healthcare workers and society if these people require more advanced medical care. That medical care could range from more expensive, more frequent, and longer duration hospital stays. I feel promoting more vaccinations for these populations may help reduce that burden. This also lessens the stress and burden of families that have high risk family members as well as those people in these categories who are essential workers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sage Enloe

From: [Janet Mandel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Committee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:26:53 PM

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I would like to recommend people over the age of 65 should be included in phase 1B. I am 69 years old and sometimes called upon to oversee our 2 grandchildren when their school closes because someone in their class was exposed. Although their parents work from home they can't do their daytime job and supervise their 4K and 4th grader with online school work.

I have many friends who are in the same situation and although we wear a mask and so do my grandkids. And we try to social distance it would be safer if we were vaccinated.

I appreciate your consideration. Also why can't Local Health Departments, like the one near where I live in Franklin do the vaccines for the Franklin residents.

Sincerely,
Janet Mandel

From: [Sue Nagel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:25:32 PM

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Thank you so much. Feel free to pass this on so we can make a difference. I really appreciate it!

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Nagel

From: [Kerri](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittees phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:18:46 PM

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I would like to have 65 and over to be able to get the vaccine according to Federal government because those are the people that would be filling up the hospitals. The helpless, lonely, scared to go anywhere or see anyone is taking its toll. Please consider the 65 and oldest. Thank you,
Kerri

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From: [Virginia Niekamp](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 1B recommendations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:14:34 PM

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People over 60 or 65 with pre-existing diagnosis of immune compromising diseases, history of diabetes, pulmonary and or cardiac disease.

Thank you

From: [Dave Kriege](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:13:57 PM

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> Hello,
> I recommend that the 1B Covid vaccination guidelines include people 65 and older. This would protect a highly vulnerable group which would not only decrease their risk, but would help to unburden the hospitals sooner from a population of Covid patients that frequently needs hospital and ICU care. This would also be in alignment with Biden's proposed 1B guidelines.
> Sincerely,
> David Kriege DDS

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From: [Bethany Hawes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:11:00 PM

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Thank you,
Bethany Hawes

From: [Nanci Higgins](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Public Comment
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:07:03 PM

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To The Vaccine Subcommittee,

I would like to strongly recommend the inclusion of Persons 65 years and older in Phase 1b.

Many of us in this group are able and extremely willing to support our families and communities by Teaching in our schools or caring for our Grandchildren so their parents may return to work. We must be vaccinated in order to serve safely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Higgins-Ramsden



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From: [ADRIA DOWLING](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:06:56 PM

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I do not understand why Wisconsin has decided for 1b covid vaccination is for 70 and older. The CDC recommendations are for 65 and older. Wisconsin's age for 1b should be 65 and older. Statics have shown that the age of 65 and older are at very high risk for complications with the Covid virus.

Adria Dowling
Ellison Bay, WI

From: [Sandy Jacobson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 3:13:18 PM

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I would like to have the 1 B group for COVID vaccine include those aged 65 and older. Alex Azar, Health and Human Services, recently stated this recommendation to start vaccinating this age group.

It appears to me that vaccine supply is not currently a limiting factor to begin including 65 year olds in phase 1B.

Per the DHS update this week:

Allocated: 607,650 doses

Shipped: 373,100 doses

Administered: 213,056 doses

Lastly, people in this age group travel to southern states in the winter and it would be beneficial to have them vaccinated before going south.

Please consider dropping the age to 65.

Thanks, Sandy

From: vande_c5@bertramwireless.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment for 1b tier
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:30:40 PM

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Hello,

As a Public Health nurse, I am receiving a lot of calls from those with chronic health conditions and those who are over 60 that would like to receive the vaccine now. For the past 10 months, those I have had contact with that have the worst symptoms have been over 65 or have chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or lung disease.

I would like to ask the committee to prioritize the residents with chronic health conditions of all ages and those over 60 receive the Covid 19 vaccine before any inmates in jails or prisons or essential workers receive it as they are the ones who are experiencing the long term effects of COVID-19 infection as well as deaths in our county and throughout the state.

I am disappointed to hear veterans were part of the Federal program receiving it in 1A before these groups that I consider a priority.

Thank you for the work you are doing!

Cindy VanderWeele, RN, BSN
Public Health Nurse

From: [Keith Swartz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine consider.
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:50:57 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider

Seniors over age 65 for the 1b group, especially those with at risk conditions like diabetes, upper respiratory issues, bronchitis, heart disease, lung issues.

Also Grocery workers, funeral workers and those essential workers exposed to the general public.

Thank You!

Keith K. Swartz

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From: [Jo Pirlott](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:50:57 PM

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Thank you for asking for input for the recommendations of who to include in the IB vaccination recipients. I'm requesting that you include people 65 years and older in the next phase. In looking at the Waukesha County Dashboard it appears that people in the 65+ age range are those who are more apt to die from the virus. Please allow the vaccine to be given to those most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Jo Pirlott
Waukesha, WI

From: [Edward Bacsik](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:46:32 PM

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All people 65 and older should be vaccinated.

We need to greatly improve and accelerate our vaccinations. There is no reason to not administer every dose we have.

We need to aggressively pursue additional vaccines

Ed Bacsik

From: [Rosanne Baron-Shurilla](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee and Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:41:55 PM

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Writing to you to encourage the inclusion of persons 65 and older or younger persons with comorbidities which could cause serious conditions if they contracted the coronavirus. This would follow the CDC guidelines, the recommendation of President Elect Biden's coronavirus Subcommittee and also the current White House Subcommittee.

Sincerely, Rosanne Baron-Shurilla

From: [JoAnne Kriege](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B vaccination guidelines
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:35:34 PM

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Hello,

I recommend that the 1B Covid vaccination guidelines include people 65 and older. This would protect a highly vulnerable group which would not only decrease their risk, but would help to unburden the hospitals sooner from a population of Covid patients that frequently needs hospital and ICU care. This would also be in alignment with Biden's proposed 1B guidelines.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Kriege, MD

From: [Margie Black](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee 1B guidelines
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:17:54 PM

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I am writing to request the age for receiving the coronavirus vaccine according to Wisconsin 1B guidelines be set at 65. I think that would best balance the need to reduce death as well as hospitalizations plus include those persons still employed outside the home.

Thank you,
Margaret O Black



From: [Barbara Bornstein](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Need 65 and older
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:15:45 PM

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All of our bordering states either already are or are planning to include people 65 and up in the next group to receive the Covid vaccine. Wisconsin also needs to protect seniors 65 and up right now who are the most vulnerable population of all. Please follow the CDC guidelines and stay consistent with the wisdom of Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota. My husband and I are life-long residents of Wisconsin. Thank you.

From: [Julie Barganz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:11:07 PM

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Dear Subcommittee members,

I am making a plea for you to please consider including 65 and over individuals in your phase 1B recommendations. If you TRULY WANT TO SAVE LIVES this age group needs to be included. To date, 13 percent of Covid deaths have been to individuals within the age group of 60 to 69 year old people in the state of Wisconsin. The death rate for other younger age groups are significantly less than half. This is particularly concerning with the new strain of Covid that will soon be the norm around the state as soon as this spring. I am not saying that teachers do not need the vaccine but it should be based on their age group as with others in the community. The CCBC has now included this age group and many other states have already been giving the vaccine to 65 and over individuals. Again, if you TRULY WANT TO SAVE LIVES IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, the older age group, 65 and up, need to be included in the 1B rollout as the statistics have shown above. This decision is truly a matter of life and death for these seniors. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely yours,

Julie Barganz

[REDACTED]
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From: [Becky Auxier](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Please vaccinate 65 and above next
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 1:00:31 PM

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From: [Barbara Esser](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine... public input to 1B group
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:46:46 PM

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Please include people 65 and over as I saw recommended

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From: [John and Joan Curran](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:45:43 PM

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I agree with most of the recommendations of Phase 1B, but I believe the recommended age should be lowered to 65 and older as so many in this age group have underlying issues that could cause them to be hospitalized. Also many in this age group are helping with elderly parents and grandkids and could potentially expose them or themselves to Covid.

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From: [Harper Smith](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:31:24 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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Hello,

As an advocate for older adults living with memory loss, I urge you to include older adults aged 65+ in phase 1b of the vaccine roll-out. These older adults have been disproportionately impacted not only by COVID-19 itself and severity of infection, but also by the social isolation that follows with the distancing guidelines. We have seen first-hand how detrimental social isolation has been to older adults living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. Without social engagement, we have seen decline far more rapid across all participants than what we would typically have seen. The vaccine is the first step towards helping to remedy these effects on the older adult population. Please include older adults 65+ in the next phase of the vaccine administration plan.

Thank you,

Harper Smith

Program Coordinator

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From: [Rachelle Saunders](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:22:20 PM

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"AGE, AGE, AGE" - Gov. Justice of West Virginia statement when asked today (1/17/21) on 'Meet the Press' the overriding reason for their top US ranking in first dose vaccination (93.7%) and per capita vaccination

Please include age group 65 and above in 1B, as Gov. Justice states he plans to do, with the goal to quickly decrease hospitalizations and deaths.

Thank you,
Rachelle Saunders

From: [Allen Toussaint](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: subcommittee Phase iB
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:11:06 PM

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To the subcommittee,

We are both 87 years old. We are still in our own home in Brookfield. Except for a daily walk when weather permits and occasional trips for groceries to stores with "senior hours". we stay home. To say the least, we are very fearful of the virus and are anxious to be vaccinated. We understand phase 1B, as it presently stands, would include us with either those 65 or older or those 70 or older. Given our age and the fact that we both have underlying health conditions not uncommon to individuals our age, we would hope there will be some provision in whatever plan that is finalized to take those in the top of the age group in 1B first and then work down, in steps, to those who are either 65 or 70. We have friends our age who live in Indiana where such a plan is in effect and they are already scheduled to receive their shots. I hope that Wisconsin will honor its elderly seniors in a similar way.

Sincerely,

Rosemary and Allen Toussaint

From: [Irene Stoller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine recommendation for phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:10:59 PM

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To the Committee,

I am the mother of a 37 year old woman with Stage 4 breast cancer. She is not alone in any way as a cancer patient currently being treated except that the people who are making decisions about vaccination priorities do not even seem to recognize the existence of people who are under 65 and extremely vulnerable to dying of Covid. Unlike so many other groups of people who are jockeying to get included in 1B, people with serious illnesses do not have any organized groups lobbying for them. They are invisible people.

She and I and her dad realize that there are people like frontline workers in health care and emergency services and those living and working in congregate living situations like nursing homes deserved to be vaccinated first. But it's important to realize that she and others who are in a similar situation cannot simply stay home. She receives her care at the Carbone Cancer Center at UW Hospital. When she goes there for chemo, she has to wait in a room which is often so full that seats are not available or she has to pass by prisoners who are also being treated for cancer and who are shackled and come from correctional facilities that are experiencing outbreaks of the disease. To not recognize that her situation is so different from that of other 37 year olds is cruel at best. It makes her and us feel like no one involved in Covid decisions even understands the particular challenges she and others like her face.

We ask that you please give these patients a place in 1B. It's horrible enough to be a cancer patient and especially a young cancer patient but it is heartbreaking to feel that their vulnerability to this disease is simply not being recognized.

Sincerely yours,
Irene Stoller

From: [JANET E KUHLMAN](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment on Tier 1b draft recommendations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:38:26 AM
Importance: High

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I strongly urge the committee to make the Tier 1b Wisconsin recommendations compliant with the new Federal HHS guidelines that make all people **65 and older** eligible to get the Covid vaccine immediately.

Our new incoming President, Joe Biden, has also publicly stated that his Covid Vaccine Distribution plan will ask **all States** to start vaccinating those **65 and older** immediately.

Many states are already compliant with these new Federal guidelines and have opened vaccines to those 65 and older including our neighbors in Michigan and Illinois. Florida, California, New York, Arizona, and Texas, among others, are also doing the same. These states have also opened up mass vaccination sites to vaccinate those 65 and older. Don't make Wisconsin seniors who are between the ages of 65 and 70, have to travel to a neighboring state, if they want to get vaccinated now in order to protect themselves from serious illness, hospitalization and death from Covid. Time is of the essence especially with the new more infectious variant already present in Wisconsin.

We desperately need to jump start the vaccination rate of **those 65 and older** in our State. We are far behind other states and will fall even farther behind unless you amend the draft Tier 1b recommendations to include **all those 65 and older**.

Change the age limit for Tier 1b to include all those **65 and older**.

Sincerely,
Janet Kuhlman, MD, MS
Madison, WI

From: [Noreen Holmes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Comment Vaccine Distribution
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:30:27 AM

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Good Morning,

I am in favor of distributing the next component of the vaccine to people 65 and older. It is also important to me that folks, like my Niece who is developmentally delayed and lives in a group home with 3 other people, get the vaccine in the next round as she has been very isolated during the pandemic and needs social interaction to have a good quality of life. Thank you for your consideration,

Noreen Holmes



From: [Tom Wegner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:29:29 AM

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You need to move up 65+, then 55 + etc. It is the the older group that is dying and filling up our hospitals. Over 80 percent of the people who have died in Sheboygan County are over 60. Tom

Sent from my iPad

From: [Mark Lyday](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:22:55 AM

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I believe the Phase 1b vaccination schedule should follow the CDC guidelines and include individuals over the age of 65 and those under the age of 65 and who have comorbid conditions that put them at increased risk of negative outcomes. This entire group is at high risk and all should be afforded the option of protection as soon as possible. This is where the science leads us.

From: [Sean Ramsden](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Public Comment
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:21:15 AM

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Following new Federal Guidance as the VA and neighboring states have done, Phase 1b should include all individuals age 65+

Respectfully,

Sean Ramsden
Madison, WI

From: [B.M. Calascibetta](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 65+ vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:04:53 AM

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My hopes of getting out of the prison of my home were raised when the health department of Kenosha County put ages 65+ on their 1b list for the covid vaccines.

Now I hear that this committee may be grabbing that ability away from me?

I am 66 yrs old. I have asthma, COPD, and Rheumatoid Arthritis which is an autoimmune disease.

I have been self quarantining in my home prison for almost a year. I want out of here!

I want to get the vaccine ASAP. Many of my friends around the country are getting these shots already. Get your act together, Wisconsin!

Beatrice Calascibetta

From: [Linda Stuesser](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 11:01:05 PM

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My recommendation of persons to be included in the next phase of vaccinations is “persons over age of 65 with high risk medical conditions”.

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From: [Don and Julie Hawes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "Vaccine subcommittee meetings" "Phase 1b"
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:57:36 PM

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All individuals ages 64 and younger with chronic medical conditions should qualify for the vaccine in group 1B. This group along with people over the age of 65 would cover most negative outcomes with COVID-19. These 2 groups being vaccinated would minimize the overwhelming hospitalization from the virus and death. This would help take the strain off our healthcare workers. Most people with preexisting conditions who are at a higher risk of complications from the virus and people 65 and older have been isolated. Their family and friends lives have been altered and the worry of passing the virus onto someone vulnerable is difficult.

Thanks,
Julie Hawes

From: [Glen Tung](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Phase 1b proposal comment
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:50:28 PM

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I suggest that people who are over 65 who have high risk conditions be added to the phase 1b pool of people who can get vaccinated. The problem is that the phase 1c pool of people will be a large group of people and it might take quite a while before these people may be able to get vaccinated and they are especially at high risk.

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From: [Tamra Varebrook](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee "Phase 1B"
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:35:58 PM

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Get vaccines out of the refrigerators and freezers into willing people. For Godsake STOP all this pick and choose and vaccinate anybody 65 and over or with the high-risk health conditions ASAP. Every vaccination should be in somebody the week it arrives in Wisconsin. You are failing.

Quit complaining about not having enough doses when more than half are sitting there unused for a month. Empty all the storage, we should have zero right now then you could complain.

Tamra Varebrook
Wisconsin

From: [Winnie Durbin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Input for Phase 1B Covid 19 Vaccination Plan
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 7:36:51 PM

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It is of utmost importance to immediately include all Wisconsin residents age 65 and older in Phase 1B of the Covid 19 vaccination plan.

From: [Dolly and Al Mehlhoff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Feedback regarding Covid vaccine 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:20:21 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Our feedback regarding who should be on the list for the 1B Covid vaccine is individuals 70+. Many people in this category have significant health conditions that put them at a significantly higher risk of complications or death if contracting Covid-19.

We also agree with the demographics that show individuals at 65+ that are at high risk for complications of Covid 19 due to diabetes and other medical conditions including various ethnic groups also need to be prioritized to receive vaccine in phase 1B.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for us to give our feedback on this important issue.
Darlene & Alden Mehlhoff

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From: [Barb Slagle](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 5:57:16 PM

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I believe that Phase 1b of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout should include those individuals that are 65+ years old. In particular, those individuals that have underlying health conditions as outlined by the CDC such as asthma, high blood pressure, etc. who may be at increased risk for severe illness from the virus. I believe that if this group is vaccinated as soon as possible, we would see less severe illness (with possible life-long effects) and less deaths.

Thank you for taking the publics opinion into consideration on this most important issue.

From: [Denise](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine recommendations
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:57:29 PM

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I am writing to voice my opinion of using the age of 65 or above for phase 1b.
We have been told since the start of this pandemic that we are at high risk at this age.
I think many in this age range have preexisting conditions so should be included.
Thank you for your consideration.
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From: [Ron Vavrik](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Sub-Committee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:25:59 PM

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Please consider lowering the age to 65. Many of the people in the phase 1B will be younger and may be able to deal with getting the virus better than a 65 year old. Most older people are staying put and following protocols. Seems a lot of younger people are not, yet they could be vaccinated before me. Not all teachers are in the schools. While I know it would be easiest to vaccinate entire districts, perhaps that should be limited to staff that are older or are in contact with students.

Please, we seniors would like to be able to visit with relatives safely and not fear getting sick. Please lower the age to 65 in line with the CDC.

From: [Priscilla Meinholz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Suggestion for vaccinations
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:24:45 PM

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As I watch Wisconsin decide who should be "allowed" to receive the vaccine, it drives me crazy attempting to understand the reasoning. Vaccinating the elderly is intended to save lives. Great idea.

But then cutting off those eligible at age 70, and vaccinating inmates in prisons and homeless shelters? Those people are in those places because of BAD decisions THEY have made. Why should making bad decisions suddenly make a person eligible to cut into line ahead of those who have merely made good decisions but aren't yet 70?

For example, me and my husband are 66 years old. Last year he retired after working his entire life in construction. A worker, not a business owner. We scraped, saved and slowly got our retirement savings snowball rolling. A month after his retirement he was diagnosed as having colon cancer, which is on top of the stage 3 kidney disease he's been managing for years, as well as prostate issues, and autoimmune disease.

After the colon cancer diagnosis, he had surgery. A foot of his colon was removed. During surgery they noticed it had spread into his bladder, so they removed part of his bladder too. He then suffered through several months of chemo, during when the Covid fiasco arrived. Heavily compromised, we lived in constant fear, barely daring to even go out to chemo sessions.

Many months have now passed with my husband still suffering from the lingering effects of chemo. Still in fear of the virus. He will go in for a colonoscopy in Feb and will then most likely get a better idea of what we have ahead to look forward to healthwise for him.

But in the meantime, Wisconsin's idiotic vaccine rollout, and being "only" 66 instead of 70 years old, we are put behind the homeless and prisoners to receive our small piece of protection. Nice. Really nice.

Wisconsin at its finest.

Why aren't the "compromised" included with those first vaccinated? (Instead of, for instance a 25 year old prisoner?)

How about anyone 65 and older as in Florida?

Maybe those who have reached their "full retirement age"?

Just suggestions. Maybe just once, Wisconsin should reward those who have made good decisions throughout their lives without causing an extra drag on society.

Priscilla Meinholz

From: [Nancy Lorenz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Sub-committee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:09:06 PM

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In light of the CDC's recent recommendation I implore you to include 65 year olds in Phase 1b vaccine distribution. While this group is growing to include many younger individuals who most likely would get mild symptoms if infected, the more vulnerable group of seniors keeps getting pushed further down on the list. I am following all protocols while my younger neighbors are doing all the things they did before -- working, family gatherings, going to bars and restaurants, etc. Not caring if they get the virus or not. Many of them are in the health field, teachers, or jobs that they say are considered essential. And we are waiting for the vaccine just so that we may have some security so that we don't sick and may visit family and feel safe.

Please consider lowering the age to 65.

From: [Linda Jones](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: CDC guidelines
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:05:18 PM

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My name is Grailing Jones and I am a 69 year old retired man after 41 years at schneider and 7 years as a marine officer. After working very hard and having high risk due to age I feel strongly over 65 should be in the group of 1b to match the cdc guidelines. I also don't know why prisoners would qualify before law abiding tax paying citizens. How ridiculous

I am extremely dissappointed with the direction and execution of this administration. While I voted for this administration I don't understand why Florida for example gives the vaccine to over 65 and wisconsin is not. It is extremely frustrating and will impact how we vote next time. I am not impressed by the extremely slow rollout and did listen to your roll out last. Please include seniors over 65 and let's get more shots in arms. Enough excuses

Thank you
Grailing Jones.

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From: [Kari Schmidt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:15:15 PM

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I would like to propose that adults with pre-existing conditions which put them at high risk for complications from COVID be included in the 1b tier. Including adults under age 65. It appears the federal government is also recommending adults 65 and under with pre-existing conditions be included in the next phase.

I speak from personal experience living with a loved one who has not been able to safely leave the house in 10 months due to cystic fibrosis (a severe lung disease). I feel this group of people have so much to contribute to society and the economy but have been unable do so for fear of contracting COVID and having severe complications or dying. Allowing this group to receive the vaccine in tier 1b will allow many adults to get back into society and help eliminate the emotional toll this pandemic has taken on them from being so isolated. Please consider this group to be included in tier 1b.

Thank you,
Kari Schmidt

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ed and Janet](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Ed and Janet](#)
Subject: Developing criteria used to prioritize vaccine recipients
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:04:50 PM

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Good Afternoon, I am not sure if I am replying to the correct person with my comments about prioritizing the vaccine. I think age 65 should be considered for the next level of vaccinations. There are many, many retired households staying home, and wearing a mask when they go out. Consideration to this age would allow seniors to get out of the house, get back to exercise class, probably save medicare and medicade a lot of money. Many of the retired households want to have repairs, and other projects completed on their houses and are afraid to let anyone inside or even outside to keep their homes maintained. This should lower the unemployment situation. They could help with childcare within their families and friends with the vaccination, do more volunteer work to help the community in general along with lowering the risk of the virus.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate everything you are doing to keep the process moving along.

Janet Ellefson

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From: brucep53037@charter.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment: Vaccine subcommittee on Phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:01:59 PM

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I've been monitoring the Zoom meetings of the Vaccine Subcommittee and I appreciate the opportunity to make public comments. As a resident of the State of Wisconsin I have a vested interest in when the vaccine will be offered to various groups

To qualify my comments I am approximately 5 months away from attaining the age of 65. I also have 3 qualifying medical conditions (from your list) that qualify me in the high risk category.

First I would like to say that all groups should be qualified with the condition if someone has had 2 positive Covid tests they should assume to have immunity and be delayed 5 months from the date of their 1st positive test no matter what group they are in. Alternately assuming the vaccine will be readily available by June they could just be moved to the last phase proposed.

Was the group greater than 16 yrs. old with multiple high risk medical conditions purposely left off the page that described each group with their associated populations or an oversight?

It's obvious that age as well as the high risk medical conditions impact a persons risk of death. I reached out to the White House, Dr. Fauci and the Surgeon General regarding exactly Janet's comments about in-home care she made in the Jan. 8th Zoom call many months ago. We have been lost in this process. To remain living at home I require in-home care workers coming in 3x's/week. I come in close contact with these workers and have been incarcerated for lack of a better word for the last year. I have hired my caregivers privately after consultation with my doctor but feel both they and I should be able to receive the vaccine in group 1b.

If this recommendation to place this group in 1b is not accepted I would argue against moving those incarcerated from group 1c to group 1b. The incarcerated are locked up by decisions they have made. Many are in younger age groups without additional high risk medical conditions. Placing a higher priority on anyone incarcerated over high risk individuals who have lived their lives within the law seems unacceptable to me.

Respectfully,
Bruce Porlier
Jackson, Wisconsin

From: onengr@execpc.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:49:33 PM

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I agree with your recommendation, especially including the people over the of 70.

Reducing the age further to 65+, will significantly increase the 1b group thereby delaying when the over 70 age group would get vaccinated.

Best regards,
Robert & Lorraine Klemm

From: [Chris Thayer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:48:53 PM

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Please lower the age eligibility to 65 per the CDCs and Joe Biden's recommendation. I am 66 and I don't want to drive to Florida to get the vaccine. Thank you, Chris Thayer

From: [Tina Sorenson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Comments Phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:37:34 PM

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Rather than opening up the vaccine distribution only to all residents over 75, I would like to see eligibility which includes those over 65 with underlying conditions which put them at increased risk of severe complications.

From: [Jacob LaFontain](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:22:50 PM

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Good afternoon,

In regards to the phase 1b deployment, I would like to express my support for including people over the age of 65 and people with conditions that put them at higher risk. I think it is incumbent on us to protect the people who are most vulnerable. Those at higher risk for being hospitalized or dying from the virus should be prioritized over those who are healthy and have a higher likelihood of fighting off the virus.

Thanks,
Jacob LaFontain

From: [Robin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid19 1b public opinion
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:18:47 PM

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Please change 1b age qualification to begin at age 65, consistent with CDC guidelines.

From: jsbens1@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:18:19 PM

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Please include people over age 65 for group 1b to obtain the Covid vaccine.
Thank you very much.

Jeff Bensman

From: [Lea M](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 public opinion
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:09:43 PM

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Thank you for collecting public opinion. Please update 1b age to 65 to be consistent with the CDC guidelines.

Kind regards,
Lea M

From: [Sherry](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 1:58:48 PM

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What happened to people 65 and older getting the vaccine in phase 1b? I thought that is what is now recommended. So many people of that age group are living together with the 70 yrs and older, besides being together in small areas because of being retired at those ages. It only makes sense for them all to get vaccinated in phase 1b.

Thank you,
Sherry Casey

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From: [Strous, John E.](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1B suggestion
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 1:47:48 PM

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Dear SDMAC,

I believe group 1B should include people 65 and over, thus matching the current Federal recommendations.

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Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee | Phase 1B
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January 16, 2021

TO: Wisconsin Department of Health Service
FR: C T Berth, Green Bay, WI
RE: **COMMENTS:** “Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee Recommendations for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1b”

Draft SDMAC Recommendations failed to consider the following:

- Emergence of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 Lineage: CDC modeling data indicate that B.1.1.7 has the potential to increase the U.S. pandemic trajectory in the coming months. The increased transmissibility of the B.1.1.7 variant indicates that higher vaccination coverage will be quickly need to be achieved in order to protect those most at risk of hospitalization and/or death.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), CDC on January 15, 2021

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7003e2.htm?s_cid=mm7003e2_w

- Variant Strain B.1.1.7 of SARS-CoV-2 in Wisconsin: On January 12, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and laboratory partners identified a variant strain of SARS-CoV-2, referred to as B.1.1.7, the virus that causes COVID-19, in Wisconsin.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/011321a.htm>

- President-elect Joe Biden’s COVID-19 Vaccine Plan: (i) Immediately work with states to open up vaccinations to more priority groups by encouraging states to allow more people to get vaccinated, including anyone 65 and older. (ii) Release the vast majority of the vaccines when they are available, so more people can get vaccinated quickly.

Remarks as Prepared for Delivery by President-elect Joe Biden on the

<https://buildbackbetter.gov/speeches/remarks-as-prepared-for-delivery-by-president-elect-joe-biden-on-the-covid-19-vaccine-plan-in-wilmington-delaware/>

THE SINGLE HIGHEST 1b PRIORITY SHOULD BE PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

Age is the single greatest risk factor for mortality due to COVID-19. President-elect Joseph Biden has specifically directed that persons 65 and older, a population that has accounted for 80% of the deaths to date, be made a high priority. Due to the high risk of hospitalization and death in this population vaccination of this population will result in a threefold benefit: (i) reducing net overall hospitalization, (II) reduction of the net mortality rate resulting from COVID-19 disease and (iii) engaging a readily identifiable population that will be enthusiastic to support rapid expansion of the vaccination rollout. The federal government is now going to release the vast majority of the vaccines as they are available, which will provide the resource so more senior people can get vaccinated quickly. Faster rollout, facilitated through this class of people, will serve the greatest public good by hastening attainment of herd immunity while simultaneously protecting the largest at-risk population.

Risk of COVID-19: Age is the single greatest risk factor for mortality due to COVID-19. Using those diagnosed with COVID-19 age 18-29 as a comparison group, those age 65-74 years are 5 time more likely to require hospitalization and 90 times more likely to die from Covid-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/older-adults.html>

Benefits of COVID-19 vaccination: Due to the high risk of hospitalization and death in this population vaccination of this population will result in a threefold benefit, (i) reducing overall hospitalization, (ii) reducing the mortality rate resulting from COVID-19 disease and (iii) engaging a readily identifiable population that will be enthusiastic to support rapid expansion of the vaccination process.

Population size and vulnerability: The 2019 Wisconsin population of those age 65-69 is estimated to be 338,616 based on the "*Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Selected Age Groups by Sex for Wisconsin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (SC-EST2019-AGESEX-55)*" as enumerated by U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division data for June 2020.

Additional considerations: Age is an independent factor that is unrelated to the ability to access medical care, so can be determined and applied more equitably and readily than identification of individual co-morbid conditions that depend upon the ability of individuals to access medical care and upon a record of the medical condition(s). Further, feasibility of identification of group members and implementation of the cadre has been deemed by SDMAC as very high.

The New York Times is reporting on January 15th that twelve states and District of Columbia are already vaccinating people 65 and older.

California
District of

Illinois

New York

Columbia
Florida
Georgia

Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
New Jersey

North Carolina
Oklahoma
Texas

The article states: “The changing vaccine rollout in many states, which matches a new federal appeal this week that all people over 65 — not just those in long-term care facilities — should be prioritized, was embraced by many older people, who have been the most vulnerable to Covid-19 and have been waiting eagerly for vaccinations and a return to normal life.”

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/15/us/coronavirus-vaccine-states.html?action=click&state=default®ion=hub&context=storyline_hub&module=stylin-coronavirus-vaccines&variant=show&pgtype=LegacyCollection

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on January 15, 2021 headlined; *“Milwaukee VA will give walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations to veterans 65 and over starting Saturday, going through Monday.”*

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2021/01/15/covid-19-vaccine-veterans-milwaukee-va-offers-walk-65-plus-500-saturday-sunday-monday/4177367001/>

AARP reports that Marc Lipsitch, an epidemiologist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, feels that when deciding between first vaccinating older Americans or essential workers, “health policy should as a first pass try to minimize the number of lives lost. My best understanding of the data is that the most lives would be saved by getting vaccines to 65 and over.”

<https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2021/covid-19-vaccines-and-residents-65-plus/>

Without this requested prioritization, vast numbers of seniors aged 65-69 will be hospitalized and die as a result of their vulnerability and the CDC’s anticipated spread of the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 Lineage.

TRIAGE OPTIONS

Given that, as of January 15th, 518,251 or 9% of people in Wisconsin have tested positive for Covid-19, Group 1b should explicitly provide for the deferral in vaccinating people testing positive for at least 90 days to free up vaccine for those who have no immunity.

Finally, the draft SDMAC draft recommendations for Group 1b total, without inclusion of those aged 70+, approximately 500,000 people. Within that group are ages ranging up to 50 years that are at significantly lower risk of hospitalization and death than the 65+ age class. Relative to the 65-74 age class, the risk of death from Covid-19 for age class 30-39 is approximately 4.4%, while the relative risk of death for age class 40-49 is 11.1%. Based on 2019 U.S. Census Bureau data, Wisconsin’s population between 20 and 49 years of age is approximately 2.2 million people. Assuming a provision could be made for appropriate exclusions for medical comorbidities, deferral of those persons aged 49 and under currently included in Group 1b to Group 1c might arrive at an equity that, on balance, reduces the state’s total number of deaths from Covid-19.

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to provide input into this public issue.

From: [Allison Downing](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 12:51:21 PM

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For 10 months, I've been sitting at home trying to reduce the spread, flatten the curve and protect the elderly (over 65). Yet, WI chooses to vaccinate front line health care workers who don't attend to COVID patients. For example, 5 of my friends (OBGYN, Physical Therapist, Surgeon, Optometrist and Family Physician) were vaccinated. They are all in their young 40's and healthy. Why would we prioritize them over people over 65, those with a greater chance of mortality? Why would we prioritize teachers who aren't in the classroom? In other states, the teachers who choose to be virtual are not part of the vaccination program. Please consider people over 65 as Phase 1B, regardless of their position. Phase 1B as written, does nothing to keep our WI citizens alive. In fact, it is a giant slap in the face to our older population. We are killing our elderly.

Thank you,
allison downing
Age 41

From: [Mark Stuczynski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 11:10:36 AM

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Follow the CDC guide lines for vaccinating people over the age of **65** not 70 as you are proposing.

From: [wagnerorders](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 11:00:35 AM

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Phase 1B proposals.

We understand the reason for prioritizing certain groups of people. We have the following comments regarding Phase 1B:

- We feel that the age range should be at least down to age 65 for this phase, as recommended by the federal government.
- Consider also that since the beginning of the pandemic, we have heard people over age 60 are at higher risk for hospitalization or death. This would, in our opinion, make a strong case for vaccinating those over 60 as soon as possible.
We see many of the population under 60 getting out and interacting while we and others over 60 have been staying home, not going to church, not going into stores, not eating out, etc. We would personally like to feel that we can at least go out and do some minimal activities that might involve closer contact with others. Instead, we continue to avoid contact until we can get a vaccine.
- It is disappointing to look at the vaccine status page for Wisconsin to see as of 1/15/2021, although 373,100 vaccines have been shipped to Wisconsin, only 213,056 have been administered.
We understand that it is taking time to coordinate scheduling people to get vaccinated when you don't know how much vaccine you will have. However, there are many of us who would come at a moment's notice to a local location to get a jab. Contact us!
- Our last concern is communication. How will anyone know when it is their turn to get a vaccine? We haven't seen anywhere on the DHS covid-19 pages telling us how we will know this. We have sent email to DHS, WIR and primary care physician and each one points to the other to answer the question. Communication on how scheduling will happen would definitely relieve some of our anxiety about when we will get a vaccine.

Respectfully,
The Wagner's

From: [Sharon Schultz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:50:56 AM

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Please reconsider age requirement for 1b and adjust it to include 65 and older per the federal government's recommendation. I feel that you are forgetting about those of us who have been following the recommendations of the CDC and have been isolating since March.

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From: [Melanie Jackson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:41:18 AM

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Please include people 65 and over in this category group. I find this is very important to do this right away. A lot of people this age like my husband have basically been stuck at home and getting delivery or curbside groceries since march. The depression is setting in and there is no where to turn and if living in a tiny apartment like we do this makes matters worse. I do realize that even after getting the vaccines we will still have to distance for a while and wear masks but we may be able to see loved ones and go out with distancing and not have that fear of dying from this disease.

I am also concerned on people like my self of underlying health conditions I live with my husband who is 68 and I am 58 for those that get vaccinated at one age can the spouse be vaccinated too since we are always with this person? I really feel this is an urgent matter because people who have underlying health conditions and in close apartment settings have been totally stuck in their homes and the depression is getting so bad right now because we really can not go anywhere and staring at the walls takes such a huge toll on the health of a person. I do not feel this is considered with all the stress and even just receiving our groceries is hard because we need to be cautious on that when getting curbside like if the person putting them in your car is not wearing a mask. This has taken so much for the people 65 and over and myself with medical conditions hoping each day I do not get this and do not want to die. Please reconsider the group for 1b and have people 65 and over and those living with them and those in apartments and those with medical conditions.

From: [Debra Martin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B Comment
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:32:47 AM

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Good Morning,

I am in support of expanding phase 1B eligibility to people younger than 75, ut I do not agree that the cutoff should be 70 years old. The Federal Government is recommending that people 65+ should be included in phase 1B, and many other states are using this as a cutoff point.

I am 67 years, and the caretaker of my elderly mother, and know there are many like myself.

I encourage the group to consider expanding phase 1B to include WI residents who are 65+ years.

From someone who wants to live again and allow my mother to do so as well,

Debra Martin

Appleton, WI 54915-1214

From: [Bob Dorn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee/Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:18:06 AM

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My understanding is that the current recommendations for groups included in the phase 1b are those age 70 and older. My wife is 68 years old and has FSHD Muscular Dystrophy which gives her a very compromised respiratory system. I am writing today to encourage you to consider including in phase 1b all people age 65 and over that have a debilitating disease such as Muscular Dystrophy. Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Dorn



From: [Ted Robinson-Myers](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B covid vaccine subcommittee
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:52:17 AM

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Please include people age 65 and older, consistent with President Biden's policy nationally.
Ted Robinson-Myers, MD

From: [meg.baumann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:45:35 AM

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Please reconsider adopting the current CDC recommendations to include people over 65 along with educators and dental professionals. I personally have a daughter who is a physician in Madison and thankfully received hers. My son is an educator teaching in person full-time, his fiancé is a dentist and my husband is high risk due to health problems but is 68. Adopting the 65 would benefit him and others like him greatly. For myself, I am months shy from turning 65 but feel that once I do if the 65 and older is adopted now it could speed up the process. It's disturbing to read all the reports of the inequities in how much vaccine organizations have received and who they chose to vaccinate despite what group is eligible. How does a system like Mercy Health manage to have enough extra doses to vaccinate Janesville educators early?! How did St. Mary's in Madison manage to have enough to vaccinate all their patient interacting employees regardless of eligibility?! I am sure there are numerous other instances just like these that are preventing people at higher risk from receiving a vaccine in a timely manner. When making your decisions please factor in how to effectively manage the distribution. Thank you for taking considerations like this in mind when finalizing the 1b phase. Be well, stay safe and Go Bucky!

Meg Baumann

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From: [Peggy Blohowiak](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:43:32 AM

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Please include seniors between 65 and 70 in the next phase of vaccinations which is what the CDC is recommending. Most states are following the CDC guidelines. Wisconsin should follow the CDC guidelines.

From: [Therese Wetherington](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:42:06 AM

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Recently, the CDC changed its guidelines to include persons 65+ into Phase 1b of Covid 19 vaccinations in Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois. Since our state flag displays the motto "Forward!", we should follow our neighboring states to include all persons 65+ in the phase 1B of Covid 19 vaccinations.

Therese Powell



From: [Anita Loch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination Priorities
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:27:30 AM

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Agree with Phase 1 recommendations although extending to 65+ would align with national guidelines and broaden the pool. Hopefully, supply will increase significantly in the next few weeks under the Biden administration.

Thank you for increasing communications which helps manage the stress so many people are feeling right now. Urgency is critical and calling in National Guard and University resources, as well as mobile capabilities the absolute right thing to do.

Again, difficult times and appreciate all the hard work to manage this horrific pandemic.

Anita Loch
Whitewater

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From: [Peggy Roush](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:17:55 AM

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Greetings,

I would like to comment on the proposed Wisconsin Covid Phase 1B recommendations.

I am very pleased that IRIS and Family Care participants are included in this group and I believe they should be prioritized for administration of the vaccine even within this large group. As you know, this group of individuals usually has little or no control over where they live, what is provided in terms of health and nutrition, as well as who actually cares for them, which puts them at extremely high risk with potentially terrible outcomes. Their caregivers must also be prioritized and actively recruited for vaccination. Thank you for identifying this group and advocating for them.

However, I do not agree that the age-based group should begin at age 70 as proposed. The CDC recommends that all individuals 65 and older be prioritized for vaccination and Wisconsin should align itself with the federal recommendations. Wisconsin seniors should not be put at greater risk of poor Covid outcomes simply because they choose to live here.

I am hearing almost daily of individuals who appear to not fit in the 1a category getting the vaccine and this is not good public health practice. I realize that the federal government has shown little leadership in this distribution but that does not preclude Wisconsin from stepping up and taking control of the situation in our state which, from my point of view, has been gravely lacking.

Thank you.

Margaret Roush



From: [Ron Brzezinski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 8:48:56 AM

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Please change 1b age to 65 in order to be consistent with the CDC guidelines

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From: [Sue Hayden](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 8:47:51 AM

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I believe that 65 yr olds and older & people with under lying health conditions such as diabetes etc., should be included in phase 1B before IRIS and Family care recipients and definitely before people involved with Mink Husbandry.

Thank you
Sue Hayden

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From: [Skeets Sommerfeldt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 8:07:14 AM

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Hello,

Regarding your proposed Phase 1B, I believe it is a travesty that you won't be following the science and vaccinating those at most risk of complications from COVID-19. The number 1 risk factor for COVID-19 is age, and age with co-morbidities. The fact that there will be large numbers of people in 1B their twenties ahead of a 69 year old with cancer or diabetes is just not following the science.

Phase 1B should include all 65+ along with those 50 or 55 with co-morbidities. Be smart and minimize death in our state!

Skeets Sommerfeldt
Neenah, WI

From: [Melissa Kasper](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on Covid Vaccine Rollout
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 7:02:51 AM

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Hello,

First, thank you for all you do for our state and thank you for opening this to public comment. I know decisions should be made and implemented as soon as possible.

For 1B, while age is a great way to assess covid vulnerability, 70+ may not be inclusive enough to those at risk solely based on age. Recommended by the federal government and the CDC, states are now greenlit to vaccinate anyone 65 and older. Those over the age of 65 are at a far greater risk than the rest of the general younger population. If you do not open it up to everyone 65 and older, it would at least be beneficial to include anyone over 65 with documented medical conditions. This would then be in addition to all those age 70+. To add to this argument, some in the age group of 65-70 are not yet retired, meaning that they possibly must be out and about while in an at risk age group/condition. They may not have the option to stay home such as someone over 70 who has most likely had the ability to retire. (This, of course, is a generalization of age and retirement, but something to consider on an average).

Please consider vaccinating those 65+.

Thank you,
Melissa

From: [Peggy and Bill Sommerfeldt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:54:30 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I strongly feel this stage of vaccine guidelines should drop down to age 65 which is the federal recommendation. People are eligible for Medicare at 65 and can have a lot of health issues. My husband has Chronic lung disease (through no fault of his own but from an industrial chemical spill yet this phase will cover smokers of any age), Prostate cancer, Hypertension, and he falls in the Obese category. But because he is 67 he still would not be eligible for the vaccine for months yet.

Thank You for listening and considering my valid concern.

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From: [sajoko84](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Ideas for 1b
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:24:07 AM

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High priority should be given to those over 65 and those with medical conditions such as diabetes or cancer.

I think another one that would be good would be the partner of a pregnant women- not only would that help the partner be in the birthing room with mom, but also protect a newborn baby when that partner goes back to work and has chances of exposure.

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From: [Michelle Centofanti](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Recommendation
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:20:09 AM

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Dear DHS,

There is a lot of confusion of who is eligible for the COVID vaccine when. My recommendation is that people that are recognized as seniors by AARP and other institutions at age 55 be included rather than the threshold of 65. I am 61 with asthma which does not make me eligible with an underlying health condition earlier. I do not understand how you would lump me in with anyone between the ages of 18 and 64. That's ridiculous.

Another option would be prioritize in 10 year age thresholds such as or broaden and make clear what constitutes an underlying health condition:

65+

55+

40+

Also, my in-laws just relocated to Cedarburg from Pennsylvania. They do not have a primary care physician yet or identification identifying them as Wisconsin residents. How do they get their vaccines as soon as possible? They are 86 and 78.

Sincerely, Michelle Centofanti



From: [Jamie Bushman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:19:32 AM

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Phase 1B age requirement should be lowered to any person 65 and older. In states seeing a higher rate of total vaccination administered thus lowering community spread and the hospitalization rates, increasing the population range who qualifies is key.

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From: [Katie Kelly](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccinations 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:57:10 PM

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I think the 1b vaccinations should be first: people over 75. Then people over 70. Then people over 65. Then police and firemen.. Then people over 60. Then over 50, then over 40, then over 30, then over 20. Kathryn j. Kelly

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From: [Karen Miller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:23:40 PM

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1b should include those 65 and older, and anyone with the identified pre-existing conditions that increase risk.

My rationale: 3 days ago the CDC expanded eligibility to those 65 and older. I believe Wisconsin needs to adhere to this standard and cannot understand why the state is doing something different than CDC guidance.

From early in the pandemic, health officials emphasized that those 60 and older are at higher risk of complications from COVID. Yet those 60-69 who are not employed in a high-risk occupation (1a group) now face months of wait for a vaccination despite higher risk. This makes no sense to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my comments.

Sincerely,

Karen J Miller
West Salem, WI

From: [Bob Ellis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination priorities
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:18:27 PM

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In addition to my earlier email regarding inmate vaccinations.. I think that a more prescriptive priority criteria should be developed and articulated. There is nothing magic about setting some arbitrary age of 70 or 75 or 60 or 65. Statistically yes older people are getting hit harder so I measure my point on that.. While that makes it easy it does not inclusively identify who should get the next shot vs. who should wait other than "obvious empirical statistical buckets of age". Some credence should be given to triage who needs it (the inoculation) most or at least ,in part, based on that persons personal medical condition/risk. A 59 year old woman who has gone through breast cancer and other health issues probably needs the shot more than a 64 year old person who is in basically good health. My guess is that while my logic is hard to argue with it is also much harder to manage.. Since we have no good way or mechanism to rank risk... not that we couldn't but it would take a lot of work and probably a day late... If we did, it would be more straight forward. All I am saying is that people at "higher risk" should be considered as opposed to some arbitrary hard age date/cut off.. I know-...easier said than done ..but who said this was gonna be easy. I am 66 as is my wife who has had breast cancer, lung cancer and is not in good health. But since she is only 66 she has to wait. She waits , while lower risk folks get their shots... . I fear if she gets COVID this will all be a moot point. She probably will not survive it. Me either as I have a bad heart, COPD, H1N1 almost killed me 10 years ago or whenever it was so..... All I can say -- HURRY!

Bob Ellis
Neenah, Wi

From: [Denise Volpe](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:47:09 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I respectfully ask that you consider adding those 65 and over who have serious medical issues and their caregivers to the 1B group. I will use my husband as an example; he is 68 yrs old and is a two time cancer survivor. Although he has made it through both cancer journeys he has only one lung now and a very compromised immune system from the battles. He is cancer free now several years but I just know that he absolutely can not get Covid and I live in fear every day that although we are doing everything possible to stay safe, that it isn't enough. This is also taking a toll mentally as we try to stay isolated from family and friends for so long. The vaccine would give us some peace and hope for some normalcy. I am 65 and as caretaker still have to work part time. I constantly worry I'll get it too and give it to him. I understand the demand is great and many groups want priority but really feel our group is being sorely overlooked; one example being inmates being placed above us. I beg you to reconsider; I don't want to lose my husband.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Volpe

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From: [Sarah Hoyer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:44:34 PM

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I strongly feel, as a registered nurse working with COVID patients, that the next group of immunizations should focus on individuals 65 years or older. They are the individuals that have the worst outcomes from this virus. I understand that there are many occupations that are essential but many of those individuals are younger and have little impact from the virus. Focus on the population hit hardest.

Regards,
Sarah Hoyer

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From: [Kari Schultz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee, phase 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:53:17 PM

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Over 65 years old
Serious health conditions (cancer patients)

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Anne Spoerl](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Rick Spoerl](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:40:39 PM

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I feel that persons over 65 years old and awaiting surgeries that have been postponed for nearly a year because of Covid fears should now be offered the Vaccine so that long overdue surgeries can be performed safely and further damage to physical and emotional health can be spared.

My husband is a 67 year old man who has been in good health until this past year when the pain in his right hip caused by osteoarthritis is severely limiting him from daily exercise that maintained good cardiac and overall fitness. The only way for him to resume his healthy lifestyle is for him to undergo total hip replacement that we have been postponing for months as we await the Covid vaccine.

His mobility has become so impaired waiting that he has decided to undergo surgery February 16 2021. We scheduled that surgery Dec 7th 2020 days after it was announced vaccines were being shipped.

I believe there are other persons awaiting long overdo procedures among those over 65. We do have a Preoperative Exam with his Primary Doctor in a week and I hope with all my heart that persons over age 65 in need of surgery to maintain health would be considered to be able to receive the Covid Vaccine preoperatively

Thank You For Your Time

Sincerely

Anne Spoerl R.N. BSHA MA

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From: [Jennifer Smader](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:36:27 PM

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Please consider expediting the COVID 19 vaccinations for all individuals 65 and older.

From: dawynnn@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine priority for 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:19:00 PM

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Hi,

Thank you for giving us the option of offering our input on the decision of vaccine priority in group 1b.

I prefer 65 plus those who fit the CDC guidelines for including those with health conditions that would make them high risk.

I am not sure if that includes me or not. I am 64 {65 in October} never smoked, disabled, have asthma and obesity. Over the past few years my asthma has increased and when I have an attack now I am completely unable to breath for a period of time. My doctor says I am at increased risk of Covid. I am not sure my lungs would do well with Covid and I look forward to getting a vaccine. My partner is a 74 year old veteran, has had lung cancer, has an aortic aneurism, has ms, has had a brain tumor and needs to get vaccinated as soon as possible. I worry about him getting Covid.

I also feel it is important to get those frontline workers who are working directly with people and nursing homes, etc. vaccinated first.

We have been staying home as much as possible since this started, going out for necessities and always wearing mask, washing hands, using disinfectant, etc.

Sincerely,
Dawn Naas

From: [Bagesr1](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:17:08 PM

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Please follow the cdc guide lines and get vaccines out to 65 and older. The whole summer we heard that the older population would be first and now it looks like we are last. Stop the politics and get vaccinating.

Randy

From: [Ted Scharl](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:58:43 PM

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Use age! Start with the oldest and work down. All one needs is drivers licence or other evidence of their age. It is the oldest who is most vulnerable!!

--

Ted Scharl

Droppers & Scharl Realty

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From: [Marta Jean](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Corona virus vaccine qualifications
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:53:34 PM

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Hello

There are many non medical persons 65 and older who are providing care to elderly parents, relatives and neighbors who are living independently and not in extended care facilities. By vaccinating this population (65+), you are providing protection for two high risk populations, essentially “killing two birds with one stone”.

So, my vote would be to vaccinate the age group 65+

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,
Marta Jindra

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From: [Becky DeWar](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:50:36 PM

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I believe the CDC guidelines should be followed for 1b.
65 and older not 70.

I am a good example of why.

I am 59 with my

Husband being 66. I am a frontline healthcare worker. I have received my first dose and now waiting for 2nd.

I am following all of the safety protocol trying to keep my patients and husband safe.

I am a possible carrier and putting my husband at risk.

All of us healthcare workers are

Putting spouses at risk in this age group. It's important to keep us all safe and working.

Rebecca DeWar

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From: [dave speed](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: covid vaccines
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:49:40 PM

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Got the email from a friend as we talk about covid vaccinations and how they should be distributed. High on the list is people in nursing homes as they are high risk. Truth is they are in homes for a reason....they are dying. I think the age group of 60 and older should be next but I believe it is much more important to vaccinate people of this age group that are self-dependent and living at home or with family. I've had grandparents in nursing homes and honestly by the time they get there we all know that they don't have long.

Personally, my wife and I have worked through this entire pandemic so far and realize as essential workers in our 40's we won't likely receive a vaccination for months if not years.

From: helgerson.kenny@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:46:51 PM

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Phase 1b should include 65 years and older, as it is the current recommendation from our government.

Kenny

From: [Edith Stalsberg](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b.
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:43:15 PM

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The phase 1b. should include people 65 and older with risk listed. The inmates in prisons and mink husbandry should be 1c phase.

Thank you for asking my opinion.

From: [Katelyn Helgerson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b vaccine subcommittee
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:42:57 PM

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Hello,

I believe the committee should reconsider the age range in Phase 1B and change to 65 years and older.

Thank you,
Katelyn Helgerson

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From: [Deborah Beduhn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccination schedule
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:41:44 PM

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I strongly believe that the State of Wisconsin should follow the CDC recommendations for including all individuals aged 65 and up in the next group of 1b. I believe all the country should be on the same schedule in order to get as many people vaccinated as possible. Wisconsin should not be inventing its own categories.

Thank you,
Deborah Beduhn



From: [Russ Smestad](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment on next covid-19 vaccination priority grouping
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:30:42 PM

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Wisconsin is currently considering a phase 1b covid-19 vaccination priority group to include only those seniors over age 70. Given that President-elect Biden is strongly recommending, if not mandating, that all seniors over age 65 should be in this priority group, I believe WI should follow his mandate. Failure to do so would be a bad PR message, suggesting that WI seniors age 65-70 are not as important as those in other states. And using a different cutoff would simply cause confusion when the vast majority of states adopt the age 65 threshold, or worse might cause WI seniors to travel to other states to get vaccinated.

Thank you.

Russ Smestad



From: [Deborah](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:30:31 PM

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Speed up covid vaccines by simplifying to age 65+. Please listen to sound advice from New York Times article today. Key point excerpt here:

"Simpler schemas are less likely to be gamed by the privileged. The C.D.C. [has recommended](#) that everyone over 65 be eligible for vaccination, and that requires nothing more than an ID or a declaration required for proof — we're not going to get overrun by 20-year-olds showing up pretending they are 65."

Here is the entire article. Thank you.

Speed Up Covid-19 Vaccinations and Reduce Red Tape <https://nyti.ms/3sttoRJ>

From: [Rodney Blank](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine recommendations.
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 6:45:51 PM

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Greetings, my recommendations are:

65 and older and anyone at risk due to health or occupation.

Thank you,

Rodney Blank

From: [Laurel Molentine](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 6:29:29 PM

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While I am 70 and would be next group, I would rather it opened to those under 65 with preexisting conditions. My son is a retail manager but has type 1 diabetes. My granddaughter has been virtual all year as her exposure at in-person school is just one more risk he can't take! She is in 2nd grade, an only child and so misses going to school. Virtual education is very hard, especially with three different caretakers.

I haven't been out since March but would gladly give up my spot for my son.

Sincerely,

L. Molentine
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jenni Handrick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Comment On Vaccinations
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 6:23:11 PM

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I would like to express my concerns about the proposed WI plans to include adults age 70 and over in the next phase of vaccinations even though CDC states adults age 65 and older are at a higher risk level. Many adults age 65-69 are still in the work force or would be if they could be vaccinated. I know several of the retirees in my school district are not substitute teaching this year because of Covid. I think you should reconsider the age 70 cut off and follow CDC recommendations.

Jennifer Handrick

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From: [Patrick Thayer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines for those over 65
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:40:01 PM

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If Wisconsin is limiting the vaccine to those age 70 and above, should I travel to another State to get my vaccine?

Sent from my iPad

From: randmjensema@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Administration of the COVID vaccines
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:19:36 PM

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Since it is the elderly community which is the most vulnerable to develop COVID, it should be evident that the elderly should be at the top of the list to receive the vaccine. Also, they are emotionally vulnerable now more than ever because of the isolation from family that they've endured for so long. I do not believe they can handle much more.

Any other persons receiving the vaccine (outside of essential workers) before the elderly is wrong, and frankly suggests that politics have entered the administration of life-preserving vaccines.

Think carefully about this -- the nation watches as Democratic leaders make their choices. If they base their decisions on politics, again, the nation is watching!

A concerned citizen of Wisconsin

From: [Karri Bliet](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Feedback on Vaccine recipients
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:59:19 PM

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Going with what has worked in other states -

<https://www.texastribune.org/2021/01/14/texas-coronavirus-vaccine-one-million/>

Please consider opening up to a wider range of people. Go ahead and say 65 and up or if there are concerns with quantities, then go with 75 and up OR Medical issues for 2 weeks and then switch to 65 and up.

From what I can tell the bottlenecks are in getting the vaccine into people, not getting the vaccine. These types of broad categories would allow the mass vaccination centers to open and get moving.

thanks and good luck!

From: [Tom Olsen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine availability
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:50:33 PM

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I think group 1B should include those 65 and older. Follow the CDC guidelines. They know best how to stage this recovery.

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From: [Sandy Connery](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 vaccine 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:45:32 PM

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I realize vaccine supply has been limited but now that the new CDC guidelines include people over 65 they need to be added to 1b. I also believe people of any age with pre-existing conditions should be added. Don't put people into so many boxes, get the vaccines into arms of the most vulnerable.

From: [Susan Kowarsch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: People to receive Covid Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:41:08 PM

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Since the majority of the people that die from Covid-19 are 65 and older the next phase should start at 65 not 70. The CDC is also recommending this and other states have already started doing this.

Why do we not want to follow the CDC guidelines? People in jails and institutions do not need to go out in the general public so I do not know why they should receive the vaccine before others that are. We have shopping to do, they do not.

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From: linda7p@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:05:25 PM

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Hello

Regarding the phase 1B designation, without appearing to be self serving, (I'm 71 with heart issues), I think that the age group should be 65+, because of the vulnerability of those of us over 65, and in keeping with the latest recommendation from the CDC. Many of us who are 65 and over have been isolating for 10 months, as recommended, because of our advanced age and health issues, and as a result I believe that our mental health has suffered as well.

Thank you for your consideration

Linda Pelletier
Cudahy, Wisconsin



From: [Plutchak](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment on vaccine distribution
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:40:26 PM

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Dear Committee Members,

This is my situation. I am a retired teacher and up until this year with Covid going around I was able to substitute teach. Now every week my husband and I drive from Janesville to Madison to bring my brother food. He has stage 4 cancer. He works at Walgreens 30 hours a week just to have health insurance. We are not rich or powerful people backed by a large industry or group. I am worried about what might happen to him or us if one of us was to get sick. I am 63, my husband is 62 and my brother is 59.

This is my request. Please make another bracket of availability. Maybe 55-64 years for the shot? I really feel that we should be able to have this available to us before a private industry such as mink farmers or students at B.T. College. I am tired of seeing famous people or large powerful groups now budging ahead. Please speak for the little people. Like us.

Thank you for listening and you are doing a good job.

Laura Plutchak- Janesville, WI

From: [kevin kavanagh](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:28:07 PM

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Phase 1B people 60+

From: [Patrick Thayer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine rollout
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:15:01 PM

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Adults 65 and older should be included in the next phase, per the CDC.

Thank you.

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From: [Jeffrey Feringa](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Sen.LeMahieu - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Katsma - LEGIS](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:13:26 PM

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This letter is written as a public comment to the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee regarding Vaccine Priority Group 1b.

First, should these recommendations not be completely redone in light of the revised CDC recommendations that everyone 65 and over and those under 65 with comorbidities be vaccinated now?

The governor says we don't have the number of vaccines we need. That's not the numbers I see in the media!

Reading in Appendix A in the paragraph entitled "Risk of COVID-19" the first sentence states: "Age is the single greatest risk factor for mortality due to COVID-19." It goes on to give the statistics for age groups 75-84, 85 and older, and then 65-74. It uses those numbers as reasoning for expanding 1b to those "70(??) and older". How do we come to 70?? (and not 65?) (Those vaccine numbers again?? I hope not!)

Based on your own argument and risk factor statistics, how can it not simply be everyone 65 and over and those under 65 with medical conditions that get the vaccine first??!!

And how are "Education and Childcare" people of any age and in good health included in your group? I'm reading "The feasibility domain was rated high by the Subcommittee as educational settings likely have a relationship with an insurer, school nurse, or health facility that may be able to facilitate enrollment of a vaccine." What?!? What does that mean?.....we'll do them because it'll be easy?

So, a 67 year old (me) with a medical condition (Myeloma (a blood cancer of the immune system)) should have to wait for a healthy 29 year old teacher??

Put the political bureaucracy and agendas aside. Make some good logical decisions and get this thing done!

Jeffrey Feringa

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From: [DHS COVID VACCINE PUBLIC](#)
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Subject: FW: vaccine distribution in Wisconsin
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:06:39 PM
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From: DHS Media <DHSMedia@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:15 PM
To: DHS COVID VACCINE PUBLIC <DHSCOVVIDVACCINEPUBLIC@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: vaccine distribution in Wisconsin

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Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:03 PM
To: lisa.olson@co.pierce.wi.us; Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; DHS Media <DHSMedia@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: vaccine distribution in Wisconsin

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Hello,
As you are deciding what part of Wisconsin's population to vaccinate next, please follow the CDC new guidelines and authorize giving the shot to people 65+. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, on a daily basis, outlines covid-19 cases in our state, as well as other data. The telling tale is the death rate in older people, as I'm sure you well know. Here is the chart from

today's newspaper:

Observed case fatality rate by age

| AGE GROUP | CONFIRMED DEATHS | CONFIRMED CASES | CASE FATALITY RATE |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Under 10 | 0 | 20,606 | 0.0% |
| 10 to 19 | 2 | 58,370 | 0.0% |
| 20 to 29 | 16 | 98,294 | 0.0% |
| 30 to 39 | 38 | 80,615 | 0.0% |
| 40 to 49 | 84 | 73,488 | 0.1% |
| 50 to 59 | 293 | 78,745 | 0.4% |
| 60 to 69 | 695 | 56,225 | 1.2% |
| 70 to 79 | 1,308 | 29,492 | 4.4% |
| 80 to 89 | 1,688 | 14,542 | 11.6% |
| 90 and older | 1,166 | 5,605 | 20.8% |
| Total | 5,290 | 515,982 | 1.0% |

Updated: 2:00 p.m. January 14, 2021

Given the fatality rate in older people, doesn't it make sense to vaccinate them first? Please take heed of the CDC's recommendation, and authorize them to receive the vaccine next.

Thank you for your consideration!

Barb Montenero

Waukesha

From: [Sherrie Morrissey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:47:53 PM

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Good afternoon:

I lost my mom to Covid in November. She was fairly healthy, so it's been confusing to me as to why some people her age make it and some don't. I'm resolved to the fact that perhaps since it is a new virus, we just don't know everything yet.

In lieu of this thought, is it genetic? Of course I would be concerned.

I would like to see vaccinations opened up to age 60 and up. (If it was opened to 65 and older, you would have some 60-65 that would be at the very top of a much younger group of people)

Thank you very much.

Sherrie Morrissey



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kennedy Turner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 1B Phase - Should be 65+
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:42:42 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am in support of expanding 1B eligibility to people younger than 75, but I do not agree that the cutoff should be 70. The federal government is recommending that people aged 65+ should be included in phase 1B and many other states are using this cutoff point. I encourage the group to consider expanding phase 1B to include WI residents who are 65+ years old.

Thank you,

- Kennedy Turner
Fitchburg, WI

From: [william.larson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1b rollout
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:40:58 PM

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Consistent with COVID case numbers and CDC vaccination guidelines, I greatly ask that you extend the proposed 1b vaccination rollout to include people 65 years of age and older. The age level is universally agreed upon as the senior level and because Wisconsin needs to increase its vaccination rate, please include a broader age group that includes 65 years of age. I think that lower age level will help Wisconsin increase its vaccination numbers and help to lower the incidence of COVID-19 in our state. Dropping the age cutoff from 70 to 65 years of age will add many more vulnerable people to the vaccination rollout - a very good sign for Wisconsin.

Thank you.

William Larson

From: [Kim Klawitter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B COVID Vaccine Priority
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:40:38 PM

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Good Afternoon,

Please consider following CDC recommendations in expanding phase 1B to include WI residents who are 65+.

This **simplified** grouping seems the most efficient way to get vulnerable people inoculated, cutting the huge cost of intensive care measures for over 13 percent of our population.

Thank you.

Kim Klawitter



From: [cupofcake2](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Change age of 1B vaccine rollout to 65 and start now
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:39:08 PM

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Leaders,

I am urging you to change the minimum age requirement for the Covid vaccine 1B rollout to 65 and start vaccinating this population right away. I am a director at a larger hospital in Wisconsin with an RN license. I beg that you consider the elderly population first, as most of us, essential workers, have PPE while at work. If worn correctly, there will not be transmission. Why are we not protecting those who have the most devastating outcomes and do not have access to appropriate PPE to keep them safe as they try to do accomplish activities of independent living? This population needs our support. By helping them, we are helping those in healthcare as hospitalizations will decrease. There is also evidence to show that age 65 and older have more comorbidities than the rest of the population.

Protect those who are vulnerable as soon as possible!

Thank you,
Stacie Christensen

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: [Jean O'Leary](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public response to vaccine rollout
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:35:39 PM

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As a 64 year old widow living alone this rollout process is very difficult to hear. As someone who for the past year has followed the "rules" and stayed home, did not do family get togethers and continues to be safe at home alone isolated it is taking a toll. So being in good health, 5 months short of age 65, and no longer in the work force the proposed rollout sends the message that those of us not working have less value and need for the vaccine. Prioritizing what job has more value after 1a is dangerous territory.

The various scenarios being considered assumes that because I have no pre existing conditions I will fare just fine if I would be exposed. I would ask that the committee and bureaucrats be sensitive to the wording as the rollout decisions are made as the wording can affect people's self worth based on the criteria being used to prioritize after phase 1a.

There is a point where it is no longer equitable and needs to be available for anyone to sign up for an appointment verses layers of prioritizing what conditions or what job title has priority over other individuals trying to get through this as well. Prioritizing certain jobs and then lumping everyone else into the general public category sends a poor message to people's value to society.

Thank you for this opportunity to feel that after 35 years of public service I still have some worth to society while not employed and not "elderly".

From: [Amy Powers](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:26:11 PM

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Very concerned about the fact if you don't work for a company, you may not get one. I'm 57 and retired

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From: [Donna Schaut](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 65 and older
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:22:26 PM

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The federal government and the CDC just came out with an updated list on who should get vaccinated. They want ages 65 and up vaccinated NOW. This is the age group that's affected most and are dying from this virus. Please follow their recommendations for our state, as other states are doing so.

And I highly recommend NOT adding prisoners to the 1B or 1C groups. People are outraged that it was even suggested they'd be in the next group. They lost their rights when they became criminals. You cannot put them ahead of grandparents and parents, that are in this age group. It was be horrific if convicts were placed ahead of law abiding citizens who pay taxes and should get the vaccination ASAP.

Thank you
Donna Schaut
Green Bay, Wis.

From: [Caitlin Cullen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine 65+
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:18:23 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am a PA in the Emergency Department and I am in support of expanding the group 1B vaccines to people 65+. We have seen other areas of the United States already starting to do this. From my experience working throughout the pandemic, I think they are a very important group to include in the early groups for vaccines.

Thank you,

Caitlin Cullen


From: [Mary Grall](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee/Phase 1 B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:18:22 PM

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To whom it may concern;

My latest understanding regarding the 1B COVID vaccine phase in Wisconsin is that people 70 and up are in this phase. I had thought that the age was to be 65+ as it is in many other states. People 65 to 70 have been considered in the high risk group according to the CDC as have those 70+. I am 66, healthy but have M.S. I would really like to be able to get the vaccine soon. There are many 65-70 yr old people with high blood pressure that is controlled with meds, but should be considered at risk and in need of the vaccine sooner than later. Please consider including 65-70 in the next phase.

Thank you.
Mary Grall

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From: [Susan Rosin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:00:56 PM

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I am concerned with smokers being placed in front of age 65 people or those with chronic conditions or teachers who are being forced to potentially put themselves in danger due to the Republicans in the state. They choose to smoke and put themselves and others at risk. I don't think that is fair. Thank you!

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From: [Dan Skvarce](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine in WI
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:59:42 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I have parents that are above 65 but not yet 70 years of age. They would like access to the vaccine as soon as possible. They are still active in the workforce and in the community and are at risk. Please consider including 65 and up in your next phase. We are hoping this will be available still in the month of January in Wisconsin. Thanks for your consideration and reading my email.

Sincerely
Dan Skvarce

From: [brian.jindra](#)
To: [DHS.SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine public comment
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:45:02 PM

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Hello, I am turning 70 later this month and I very much hope to be included in the next COVID vaccine rollout. My wife is 68, and like many people in the 65 to 70 age group, we are assisting my 94 year old mother in law. I believe that a large cross section of people between 65 and 70 are also involved in the care for an elderly parent, friend or neighbor. By administering the vaccine to people between 65 and 70 you are protecting that individual and the even more elderly contact that is being visited daily or often. Please consider recommending the next vaccine rollout to people aged 65 and above.

Thank you, Brian Jindra

From: [Beth Huizenga](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B Covid vaccinations
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:42:51 PM

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I strongly feel that people with **pre-existing conditions and those over 65** should be on the phase 1B of COVID vaccinations! ALL our elderly are at high risk as well as those with pre-existing conditions, much more so than the general population.

Thank you for your consideration,

Beth Huizenga



From: [Audalee McLoughlin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Comment
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:38:05 PM

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From: Audalee McLoughlin [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Jan 15, 2021, 1:28 PM
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Comment
To: <DSHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Subcommittee Members,

First, thank you for your work on this important matter. In regard to your request for public comment, I submit my opinion.

With Secretary Azar's announcement this week, that the Federal Government is encouraging States to move forward immediately with vaccinating everyone 65 and over and everyone 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions, it seems that Wisconsin should follow that recommendation.

It was further announced that with new confidence in the supply chains, allocation of vaccines to States would be based on the number of vaccines administered and the number of seniors (age 65, not 70) in the state. Other states i.e. Florida, California, New York and New Jersey, etc. have already begun to expand the groups being vaccinated. Why are we being so conservative in our efforts? Time is of the essence! According to the revised distribution policy, our conservative 1b Plan will result in our citizens having less access to the life saving vaccine than other states, and ultimately lost lives and suffering. I am sure that was not your intent!

I respectfully request that you expand your recommendation for the 1b tier so that it is in alignment with the HHS recommendation made this week. Your decision to do so will undoubtedly, save lives, and aid the citizens of Wisconsin with returning to work, rebuilding our economy and personal finances and starting to return to the quality of life that we enjoy as Wisconsinites.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Audalee McLoughlin
Algoma, WI

From: [SHARON REHN](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine distribution
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:37:18 PM

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The vaccine needs to be given now to people 65 and over, along with those who have underlying health conditions. My mother is 92 still living in her own home. She cannot stand in a line at a large facility that is vaccinating. Allowances should be made for senior citizens like her to get it at her doctor's office.

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From: [Scott & Chris Bauman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:36:15 PM

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Here is my feedback:

My mother [REDACTED] and is 77 years old. As of 1/15/2021 she still has not received a vaccine.

I have friend who works at Medical College of Wisconsin. She is working from home received a vaccine and is not in ANY high risk group and she doesn't have any direct contact with sick people. This is likely occurring at other institutions.

I would like the age lowered to 65 and up, if possible

I believe based on risk and mortality data, those in congregational settings, including group homes, jails etc should be included. Exclude college dorms unless an individual meets other high risk criteria.

High risk individuals with appropriate underlying conditions no matter what the age.

Finally, I believe teachers should not be included unless they meet age or high risk criteria with underlying conditions. It seems teachers in the Janesville School District know they will be in the group since the Janesville School District already has an event scheduled on Friday January 22 in conjunction with Mercy Hospital.

Thank you for your commitment to a transparent and equitable process.

Christine Bauman

From: [Tony Ripp](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:31:07 PM

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Need to get people over 65 and essential workers of which I happen to be both. Been working thru the whole crisis need to feel save getting the vaccine would sure help.

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From: [Sue Ellen Simpson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine for Seniors
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:28:51 PM

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Hello and thank you for reading my email. I am pleading with you to prioritize those over 65 to be included in the 1b vaccine distribution. According to DHS website, 92% of deaths from Covid19 are in the groups 60 and over. This is heartbreaking and incredibly frightening for us.

I have read in your recommendations for 1b that those over 75 are included with other essential workers. I can appreciate the tough decisions you have to make but shouldn't the DEATH RATE be first and foremost in the decision? I don't want younger folks get Covid19 but 99% recover.

As seniors, our contributions to society are still valuable. We pay taxes, volunteer, and cherish our families as they cherish us. Please don't treat us as non-essential. Literally, our lives depend on your decision.

Sincerely,
Sue Simpson

From: [Roberta Rather](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Feedback on SDMAC recommendations for vaccine priority group 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:22:53 PM

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DHS,

I reviewed 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 document, and following is my feedback:

- On page 3 where it indicates:
 - The Subcommittee recommends the below considerations if vaccine supply is constrained such that additional sub-prioritization is necessary: Individual demographic characteristics and medical conditions have been identified that place individuals at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 infection.^{5,6} As such, vaccinating entities should consider using these factors if additional sub-prioritization is necessary. Of note, logistics may necessitate subprioritization to occur only at the level of adequately large population cohorts. Demographic Age 65+7 Black, Latinx, Native American Socioeconomic vulnerability Medical Conditions Asthma Cancer (active) Chronic kidney disease Chronic lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Chronic metabolic disease Diabetes Heart conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies Hypertension Immunocompromised conditions Solid organ transplant resulting in immunocompromised state Obesity (Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or higher) Sickle cell disease Smoking Intellectual or developmental disability⁸ Pregnancy

The above does not match up with the recommendations you have for inclusion in Phase 1B. Why would sub-prioritization be needed if these groups are not even included with group 1B? Although I agree these groups would need prioritization over the general population, I'm not sure if your intent in this document was to have the above included in group 1B, or after group 1B. Clarification might help.

- General feedback on vaccination sign-up once available to group 1B:
 - Some people do not have access to the internet (example my In-laws located in Green Bay who are 76 and 80, with underlying health care conditions and who live at home.) They also do not have a cell phone. As a result they would not be able to sign up for a vaccine online, or create an account with a local health care provider. People in this situation will need a safe way to timely get signed up and to obtain the vaccine. We are already seeing reports that the local clinics are asking people not to call them with questions about the vaccines, as they are overwhelmed with phone calls. Any guidance you can provide here is appreciated.

I much appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback. Thanks for all the work you're doing to keep Wisconsinites safe.

Roberta Rather

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Greg Gunderson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:08:29 PM

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People 65 and older.

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From: [Joanne Jones](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment regarding vaccine rollout
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:04:58 PM

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It sounds like Wisconsin is planning on the 2nd group of vaccine eligible to be those age 75 and older. I would like to see Wisconsin follow what the federal government and other states are doing regarding the elderly - drop that age to either 65 or 70. That would be more consistent with the rest of the nation. Thank you for your consideration. - Joanne Jones, Townsend wi.


From: [Judith OBrien](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:01:19 PM

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I would like you to commit to adding people over 65, who do not live in residential facilities, and others with severe medical issues to your Phase 1B. Many other states are open to people over 65. I also feel it is unfair for people with major medical issues to have to wait, just because they do not live in residential facilities.

It appears as if Wisconsin is so far behind other states. Please consider these additional qualifications.

Thank you,
Judith Berger O'Brien



From: [Alan Wiltgen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 Level 1b Comment: Age 65 - 69 With underlying Health Issues
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:57:30 PM

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I was optimistic when I saw the CDC recommendation that people 65 or older should be in the 1b category as the next group to have priority for the Covid 19 vaccines. The recommendation by the review board to make the age limit 70+ has pulled the rug out from under me.

I am 67 years of age. I have been fighting to overcome the Rheumatoid Arthritis that struck me at age 30. RA is a immune system disorder as you are probably aware. I am now at the point that I am taking a weekly injection of a biologic prescription that suppresses my immune system. The normal dosage is every other week. My RA doctor felt that I a higher dosage was needed as several other medicines did not reduce my flare ups. (I had been on Humira for about 8 years but my body eventually rejected it.).

I am therefore concerned that the subcommittee recommendations make no allowance for the CDC recommended inclusion of the 65 – 69 year old age group. In particular those of us in that age group who have additional health risks. I believe that there is probably a higher statistical probability that this group would have a severe adverse reaction, including death, to Covid 19 than many of the other groups listed in the subcommittee 1b draft recommendation.

Please present to the subcommittee the concerns of those of us in the 65-69 age group and, in particular, those of us with additional health issues. Thank you.

Karen Wiltgen
Sun Prairie

From: [Sue Brockman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Sue Brockman](#)
Subject: Covid 19 Vaccinations by Age Group
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:50:04 PM

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Hello:

It is very good to see the Covid 19 vaccination rollout in Wisconsin to all of our amazing healthcare workers and those with the greatest need. It's also good news to see that these efforts are increasing at a pace that brings these numbers higher on a daily basis.

Based on the Federal Government recommendations of including people ages 65+ to group 1b, I sincerely hope that you consider the Federal Government guidelines rather than the current state recommendations of people 70+. I am currently age 69 and would welcome the opportunity to be included in group 1b.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Brockman
Verona, Wisconsin

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From: [Debra Rosholt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine committee. Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:48:27 PM

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I feel that Phase 1B should include those over the age of 65, as recommended by the CDC. However, if they cannot be part of Phase 1B, then those 65 or older, with the preexisting health conditions, excluding smoking, should be included.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Debra Rosholt

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From: [John Skvarce](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:47:15 PM

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PLEASE make it for folks 65 and up. Please.
John Skvarce



From: [Andrea Utrie](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:23:22 PM

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Please consider those 70+ for the next phase as well as those with chronic disease and teachers.

Andrea

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From: ["COOK JAMI"](#)
To: [McCamy, Martha L - DHS \(Synergy\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (2 minutes and 11 seconds)
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:19:50 PM
Attachments: audio.mp3

Yes, I'm commenting on the New York Times article today about the state distribution of the vaccine and Wisconsin is still deliberating how to get it to people 75 and older, whereas the state of New Jersey has announced that everyone 65 and older can already have the vaccine plus other non essential health care workers. Or just front anybody with a previous medical condition. Smokers is available for everyone in New Jersey, so they must have all of the vaccine. Whereas Wisconsin has done and we are so far behind and I do not want no lie or leaders are not demanding that this is corrupt by the federal government that they gave all their vaccine to wealthy places like New Jersey or other places that have the vaccine. Whereas there's hardly any in the state and we're still just messing around how to distribute it to people. My 78 year old mother cannot get the vaccine. I have a history of cancer and I can't get the vaccine in New Jersey. Everyone can get the vaccine and I don't know what is going on in this state. And why you have let yourself be walked all over by the federal government while they just carted off and just bring it probably in limousines to the people in New Jersey. And this needs to be looked into because it's more than just like fighting for what little vaccine we have in the state. It's actually standing up for this state because it's enough corruption from the federal government. They obviously know the populations of the States and it could have been evenly distributed, so I would like to know also, how is my 77 year old mother going to get her vaccine? She's not going to stand some line in her car by herself out in the freezing cold in January for hours waiting for the National Guard to distribute it. She should be able to go to her doctor's office or some place easily like a pharmacy, some place close because I can't get in the car with her because I don't want to get her sick, but you can't drive herself and there's just so much stuff going wrong in the state so. Thank you.

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From: [Kim Cooley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B Recommendations
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:14:34 PM

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Hello-

Please consider those 70 and older and those with pre existing conditions as the next group to vaccinate. Both of these groups are more likely to get sick or worse off, pass away from Covid unlike a young and heathy individual like myself. I know most in my age group would like to see our parents/grandparents vaccinated before us.

Thank you for considering,
Kim Baumann

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From: [Cates, Lisa A - DHS](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: FW: vaccine distribution in Wisconsin
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:10:14 PM

From: Barb Montenero <montenerobarb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:03 PM
To: lisa.olson@co.pierce.wi.us; Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; DHS Media <DHSMedia@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: vaccine distribution in Wisconsin

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Hello,

As you are deciding what part of Wisconsin's population to vaccinate next, please follow the CDC new guidelines and authorize giving the shot to people 65+. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, on a daily basis, outlines covid-19 cases in our state, as well as other data. The telling tale is the death rate in older people, as I'm sure you well know. Here is the chart from today's newspaper:

Observed case fatality rate by age

| AGE GROUP | CONFIRMED DEATHS | CONFIRMED CASES | CASE FATALITY RATE |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Under 10 | 0 | 20,606 | 0.0% |
| 10 to 19 | 2 | 58,370 | 0.0% |
| 20 to 29 | 16 | 98,294 | 0.0% |
| 30 to 39 | 38 | 80,615 | 0.0% |
| 40 to 49 | 84 | 73,488 | 0.1% |
| 50 to 59 | 293 | 78,745 | 0.4% |
| 60 to 69 | 695 | 56,225 | 1.2% |
| 70 to 79 | 1,308 | 29,492 | 4.4% |
| 80 to 89 | 1,688 | 14,542 | 11.6% |
| 90 and older | 1,166 | 5,605 | 20.8% |
| Total | 5,290 | 515,982 | 1.0% |

Updated: 2:00 p.m. January 14, 2021

Given the fatality rate in older people, doesn't it make sense to vaccinate them first? Please take heed of the CDC's recommendation, and authorize them to receive the vaccine next.

Thank you for your consideration!
Barb Montenero
Waukesha

From: [Nancy Privatt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:09:07 PM

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I feel strongly that people age 65 and over, should receive the Covid vaccine "as soon" as possible. There are so many in this age group, that live by themselves and are very vulnerable. They have no one to take care of them if they contract this deadly virus.

Thank You,
Nancy Privatt

From: [Jan Hanson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:01:34 PM

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Good morning

I am just reaching out with a question on when I can receive my covid vaccine. With me having Rheumatoid Arthritis, considered a comorbid disease, I am wondering how I would go about getting the vaccine. Also, would my husband, who will be 65 in April... but is in constant contact with me..be able to get his vaccine when I do.

Thank you for any information that you can provide me with..

Janice Hanson

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From: [Carol Candito](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Carol Candito](#)
Subject: Public Comment about Covid Vaccine 1B Subgroup
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:50:15 AM

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Good Morning, Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input to the sub-committee for Covid vaccine IB roll-out. I have carefully read your proposals, the WI Vaccine Phased Approach, and the CDC's latest guidelines regarding targeted populations. The latest guidelines of 1/12/21 recommend that adults age 65+ and those with underlying medical conditions be prioritized now for vaccines . WI Covid Vaccine PDF Section 3 under "Phased Approach" also recommends that adults ages 65+ and those with underlying conditions be prioritized early in the vaccine roll-out. In checking WI statistics for Covid-19, 91% of deaths occurred in adults ages 60+. These are terrible statistics to even consider. A number of other states are now including adults ages 65+ in the current roll-out. The new administration will be emphasizing increased production of vaccines, as well as actually coordinating how to administer them.

I ask that you consider including those 65+ in Part IB as well as those with serious medical conditions.

Thank you for working diligently during such difficult times.

Carol Candito



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From: [Jennifer Missling](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid for 65+
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:44:43 AM

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Please consider expedited access to COVID 19 vaccinations for all individuals 65 and older as soon as possible. They pose not only an increase in risk of death and serious illness they are generally caregivers, spouses, of immediate family members even older and with more serious risks. The over complication of this roll out is heartbreaking for this country. Do your part to take down barriers of expediting an end to this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Missling

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From: [Kathleen Cullen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:41:32 AM

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Good Afternoon,

I am in support of expanding 1B eligibility to people younger than 75, but I do not agree that the cutoff should be 70. The federal government is recommending that people aged 65+ should be included in phase 1B and many other states are using this cutoff point. I encourage the group to consider expanding phase 1B to include Wi residents who are 65+ years old.

Thank you,
Kathleen Cullen



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Kathleen Cullen

From: jbinder000@centurytel.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine request
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:31:00 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,I

Please consider giving vaccines to the 65 and older group. I'm 69 years old and many of us must care for our very senior parents who aren't in nursing homes or assisted living places. My mother is almost 92 years old with several underlying conditions. I haven't been able to enter her apartment for almost a year since I don't want to get her sick with Covid. She has had two close calls and needed to be quarantined once already. She doesn't have a computer so the only form of communication is via a phone call. She wants me to visit, but I can't take the chance. Please consider the above mentioned fact that many baby boomers are carrying for their senior parents so they can stay in their own homes.

Thanks,
P. Binder
Eau Claire, WI

From: [D.J. Maaske](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:26:34 AM

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Please open up Phase 1B to include all individuals 65 and over. The speed of vaccine distribution needs to increase, and with the expected increase in dosage shipments, we need to get more shots in arms.

From: [Cowan, Landon](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: DHS Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Recommendations
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:24:08 AM

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Good morning,

I appreciate the work the subcommittee put into producing these recommendations. These are thoughtful and well supported guidelines. As someone who was fortunate to receive a vaccine through Phase 1A, I am grateful for the planning that goes into this process.

My one consideration for change relates to the selection of folks 70+ years of age to receive vaccinations. Recently, the CDC put forth recommendations to offer vaccinations to anyone 65 and older (with or without comorbid conditions).

The selection of the 70+ folks is sound, but it may be worthwhile to expand this range to 65 and older to cut down on confusion from the public on different age ranges. Given the fast pace of media reports about this issue, it may be worthwhile for the DHS to reduce the risk of this confusion/frustration from folks.

Thank you for your service, and stay well!

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From: [Mary Baer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:20:39 AM

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I believe that the age for vaccinations in the 1B group should be lowered to 65+. This would cover many people in independent living environments as well as people on Medicare. This group is in the higher risk category and it would improve their lives and immunity if they could be part of the 1B group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Baer, Retired Vice-President Waukesha County Business Alliance
Member Waukesha County Health & Human Services Board

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Rachelle Saunders](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Distribution
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:03:54 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I hope you will reconsider including the 65 to 69 age group for vaccination in 1b rather than 1c.

* our experts, CDC and federal government strongly advise it - why aren't we following guidance?

* this age group has much higher hospitalization/death rates than many younger age groups in 1b

* many in this age group remain employed - full or part time, contributing to the workforce, facing risks

* once vaccinated, more retired nurses, in this relatively younger age group, might feel safe and honored to

volunteer as vaccinators for the larger rollout to come - delaying vaccination or need to use vaccines with

less efficacy would possibly hinder this effort

* this age group is more likely to have higher acceptance of vaccination, speeding the process while younger

persons may take more time to decide, delaying the process (a current problem)

* as recent covid variants seriously threaten easier contagion and effectiveness of vaccines and monoclonal

antibody treatments, delaying this age group puts them at greater risk of hospitalization and death than if

vaccinated now

If you decide not to include ages 65 to 69 in 1b but rather 1c, at the very least please consider overlapping these groups as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.
Rachelle Saunders

From: [Kristine Andrews](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Expanding Phase 1B eligibility to people aged 65-plus
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:53:45 AM

I write to express my support for including people aged 65+ in phase 1B in Wisconsin.

It seems the fastest way to get the most vulnerable people vaccinated in Wisconsin is to simplify grouping. Inoculating those 65 and older will encompass over 13 percent of Wisconsin's population but could also prevent close to 80 percent of deaths due to this disease. We can quickly cut into the burden on our health care system by efficiently and relatively cheaply cutting the extreme cost of intensive care measures for critically ill victims of COVID 19.

I urge you to prioritize vaccinating those 65 and older.

Thanks for all you're doing to keep us healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
Kris Andrews



From: [Kelly Martinez](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b category feedback
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:47:08 AM

Hello Martha,

I request that DHS strongly reconsiders the recommendation of category 1b starting at age 70. The state of Wisconsin should be following CDC guidelines and offering to those 65 and older, especially with comorbidities. 8 out of 10 COVID deaths are over the age of 65...why would we not urgently aid those that between 65-70? Those that are younger, more active and mobile, and have many more years of life ahead of them, if they can avoid this terrible disease.

As an example, my father in law is a Hispanic 65 year old retired Milwaukee police officer, recent cancer survivor and just had a pace maker put in for atrial fibrillation...it blows my mind that he is not at the top of the list to be vaccinated.

We need to reprioritize and get our 65 and older residents with high risk medical conditions vaccinated...urgently!

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Kelly Martinez

From: kbraier@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Wisconsin Vaccine Plan
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:18:14 AM

Hello Martha McCamy,

I am a 67 year old woman living with Pancreatic Cancer, Stage 4.

When you check the CDC website, it lists cancer as one of the conditions that places adults at an increased risk of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19. Age is another factor that places people at greater risk of requiring hospitalization or dying if diagnosed with COVID-19.

When I check Wisconsin's priority list for receiving the vaccination, I fall into Phase 1C, included with all people who are between ages 65 to 75. Even in light of the fact that I fall into two high risk groups, I am given no special placement and treated as if I have the same risk factors as anyone else in that age group.

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and all adults between ages 65 to 75 who are also at high risk due to a medical condition. I am aware that this is being reviewed by SDMAC.

I understood that the priority list was created on the basis of increased risk, which is why people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities are on the top of the list. People who are ages 16 to 64 with high-risk medical conditions are given priority over their peers without medical conditions and will be getting the shot earlier in Phase 1C. Why are adults, ages 65 to 75, with medical conditions not afforded the same respect?

Please take a moment and review your priority list and move people ages 65 to 75 to receive the vaccination earlier so that older, high risk people can have the opportunity to be protected earlier. For me, it would mean that I could have a visit with my family and close friends before I died. This is not a small request.

Thank you for reviewing this and I would really appreciate a reply.

Kathleen Braier

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain." Vivian Greene

From: [Sandy George](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B COVID-19 Vaccination Plan
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:48:42 AM

Hello,

It has come to my attention that Wisconsin's current plan for distributing COVID-19 vaccines recommends that the next group to receive this life-saving vaccine include those over 70.

I am writing today because I am perplexed as to why only those over 70 are being reached this round. The federal guidelines suggest that this second wave should include those over 65, and I know that many other states are currently distributing vaccines to those of this age. Why is Wisconsin holding out on this subset of our elderly population?

I hope that you will consider widening the 1B group to, at the very least, those over 65 (as per federal guidelines) and, if possible, those with underlying health conditions that put them more at risk.

We need to be sure that we are doing everything we can to protect the most vulnerable members of our population.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra George

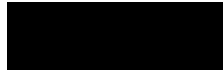


From: [Caren Whalen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination grouping
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:24:41 AM

It seems the fastest way to get the most vulnerable people vaccinated in Wisconsin is to simplify grouping. Inoculating those 65 and older will encompass over 13 percent of Wisconsin's population but could also prevent close to 80 percent of deaths due to this disease. We can quickly cut into the burden on our health care system by efficiently and relatively cheaply cutting the extreme cost of intensive care measures for critically ill victims of COVID 19.

I urge you to prioritize vaccinating those 65 and older.

Caren Whalen



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sharon L. Hoffman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:16:59 AM

Hi,

I would ask that you please consider including the 65-75 age with underlying conditions in phase 1B, this people are so most likely to have complications even relating to death. They should go ahead of the general population in phase 1C of the 65-75 age group.

Thanks for your consideration

Sharon Hoffman



From: [Sally Rosemeyer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:00:39 AM

I am responding to request for guidelines for vaccination. I totally agree with the guidelines but stress that police, fire and rescue be first in any circumstance. They respond to all calls. I think emphasis then needs to be on over 65 with compromised conditions.

My concern is there seems to be inconsistency among states and even counties. Also, there needs to be an effective communication system to reach out to people. I have talked to some who say they are on a “waiting list” at their provider’s office whereas other clinics say notification will come from the health dept.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dotty Ho](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Distribution
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:49:46 AM

I appreciate the effort prioritizing vaccine distribution and am generally in agreement with specifications in the public document. The one thing I would ask you to reconsider is the abrupt cut-off for prioritization for 65 and above. If I am reading this correctly everybody ages 16 to 64 would fall into the lowest priority group. People ages 60 to 64 are still at significantly increased risk so maybe a more gradual cut-off would be warranted.

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Dotty Ho

From: [Tim Powell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:49:05 AM

Please adopt Federal guidelines and vaccinate everyone over 65 as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence, Now is not the time to be sorting people into categories. Also adopt penalties for those that jump the line.

From: [Tony Candito](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Tony Candito](#)
Subject: Comment on vaccine group 1b prioritization
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:30:31 AM

A review of the proposed criteria seems to be in conflict with the CDC's recently revised guidelines to include, amongst other groups, people aged 65 or above. Prior to the revised CDC guideline other states already include age 65 and above in early vaccine phases.

In light of soon to be President Biden's commitment to get 100 million vaccinations done in the 100 days following his swearing in, medicinal supplies should not a barrier. Published statistics as of January 14th show Wisconsin is presently ranked 35th out of the 50 states in doses given with only 31.49% of doses given out the number having the potential to be given.

As the ability to administer vaccines ramps up, my comment is those doses given should be consistent with CDC guidelines. I believe that this is also consistent with our governor's stated policy direction to be guided by the CDC guidelines.

Thanks for all you do during thus exceptionally difficult and challenging time. We are blessed to have caring medical teams battling this virus 24 hours a day. Hopefully a successfully executed Phase 1b consistent with CDC guidelines will help turn the tide of deaths and illness in our state, county, and country.

All the best,

Anthony Candito



Sent from my iPad

From: [David Heironimus](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid phase 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:26:05 AM

Would like to see 65 and up for Phase 1b

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cates, Lisa A - DHS](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: FW: Covid-19
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:50:52 AM
Attachments: EPSON061.PDF

From: dennis weden <djweden@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Covid-19

Attached is my letter about the next round of vaccines. For prisoners to get it is shocking to me when I have a need.



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January 13, 2021

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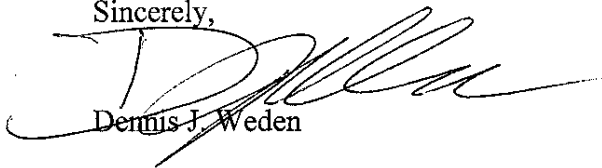
Dear Ms. Palms:

It is my understanding that your agency is taking public comment on who should receive the next round of Covid-19 vaccine. Studies have found that of the individuals who have lost their life from Covid-19, 90 percent are above the age of 60 years old.

I am a 71 year old who has paid taxes in Wisconsin for 54 years. I have severe asthma, a heart condition, and diabetic. According to what has been published, individuals that are in prison will be the getting the next round of vaccines. I find it shocking that murderers, drug dealers and rapists will be given the vaccine prior to me. As a person who practiced criminals law for 30 years, it is my belief that most prisoners are under 60 years old. This is shocking and unconscionable.

Help your tax paying individuals not criminals.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Weden

From: [Cates, Lisa A - DHS](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: FW: COVID vaccine to 65 and over
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:50:19 AM

From: debra hagen <wdhagen@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID vaccine to 65 and over

Please place the population of 65 and older at the top of the list to get the COVID vaccine. This group is the most vulnerable to COVID and it's adverse effects, ie death, which makes it the logical population next in line for the vaccine. We need to get this group vaccinated now. I encourage you and Gov. Evers to work with former Governor Tommy Thompson to get this done now.

Thank you

Debra Hagen

From: [Julia Moebius](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Rollout phases
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:50:06 AM

I keep hearing that we can provide input to this vaccine rollout protocol. I think that those 65 and older with preexisting conditions should be in phase 1B. Please consider this as it will save people in that age group.

Initially I thought that was the plan, and I was amazed that the plan had changed.

Thank you

Julia Moebius

From: [Claire J Kostechka](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:27:23 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that you consider changing the requirements for the phase 1B of the vaccine distribution. The age of 70 years and older should be changed to 65 years and older. I feel that individuals that are between the ages of 65 and 70 should not be left out of phase 1B because this age is just as vulnerable as the others that fall into the elderly population. These individuals are at or reaching retirement age and they do not fall into any of the work groups that are eligible to receive the vaccine. Many of these people in this age group are grandparents who help watch their grandchildren. A lot of parents help with childcare but since the pandemic hit they no longer feel safe watching or seeing their grandchildren until they get the vaccine and it has been a struggle to make the adjustments in order to make ends meet so that younger low risk category individuals can continue to work their essential jobs, many of which are frontline workers. I know that many families have encountered this issue. Many people in this age group also have aging parents that depend on their retired children's care, and they cannot take their elderly mothers or fathers to required appointments or get them the supplies they need for everyday life without putting everyone at extreme risk of illness or death. It may not seem that a lot of people depend on this age group as much as other frontline and essential workers, but I assure you that they are very much needed to help others fight through this pandemic. Please consider getting the age group of 65 and older vaccinated in phase 1B. I appreciate you taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,
Claire Kostechka

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From: [Barb Gorman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccination for 1b
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:15:20 AM

Absolutely should include people 65 and over. This vaccine roll out is way too slow! Get more people vaccinated quickly. Follow CDC and Dr. Fauci's recommendations.

From: [Mary Nick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Age groupings for covid19 vaccinations
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:09:15 AM

I'm writing in support of lowering the age limit for group 1b from age 75 to age 65+. People in the 65-75 age group are a more vulnerable population. As importantly, vaccine distribution will be most effective if we have larger, less finely delineated groupings of eligible individuals. The goal should be to vaccinate as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time while ensuring more vulnerable populations are served first. Please broaden group 1b accordingly.

Thank you.

Mary Nick

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From: [Tracy Peterson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B feedback
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 6:52:37 AM

I believe the vaccine should be opened to those 75 and older but also to those 65-75 with preexisting conditions in this next phase. It is Irresponsible to not vaccinate them immediately as they are at much higher risk than many in the proposed group. Add them into this next phase please.

Tracy Peterson, MS LPC
Director
Compass Counseling

From: [Michelle Felton](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 6:51:41 AM

Please change the age to 65. Let's start with the oldest community population and work our way down, along with those who have chronic health conditions (asthma, cancer, pulmonary disease, cardiac disease, etc.). West Virginia has adopted the acronym SOW, which stands for Save Our Wisdom, and have been vaccinating the elderly population first. Take a note out of their playbook! Thanks!

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From: [Kathy Schmill](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Distribution Comment
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:21:56 AM

Subcommittee

Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to comment on the recommendations.

I strongly feel that the age should include 65 and above as recommended by the CDC. This is a very vulnerable group. Also many in the 65+ age group are helping to care for their elderly parents - in most cases not in a group setting but individually.

The distribution is taking longer than anticipated and delaying vaccinating this very vulnerable group could have a disastrous outcome.

Please consider including 65+ in the 1B as sadly a lot of these adults are either passing away or having to be hospitalized for extended periods of time.

Thank you for taking this under consideration.

Kathy A. Schmill
[Manitowoc, WI 54220](#)

Sent from an iPhone - please excuse any errors.

From: [Mary Virlee](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Corona Virus vaccine selection
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:43:20 AM

The guidelines should include special circumstances and follow the current CDC guidelines of vaccinating people over age 65. Most in this age group have observed the guidelines and have been totally isolated for almost a year. It is frightening and exhausting to worry about dying every time you go to the grocery store. Teachers should also be included in this group and selected by age.

Mary Virlee

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vincent Kirchoff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Distribution Comments
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:14:14 PM

Wisconsin DHS,

I would like to provide comments on the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution plan. After health care workers and those in the assisted living/nursing homes are vaccinated, the vaccine needs to be distributed to those 65 and older immediately along with those with cancer, heart diseases, lung diseases and those with diabetes.

Additionally, wasting time and asking the public their opinion over the course of about a week (such as I'm doing with this email) is ridiculous because this is supposed to be your job to make these decisions. You are the experts. You knew these vaccines were on the way months ago and you are just now determining how to prioritize people? People have died that should have received a vaccine by now. Whatever decision you make will likely leave people out of a priority group and might even "offend" someone. That's life though, you need to make a decision and stand behind it.

I'm middle aged with a chronic lung disease and frustrated every day that goes by when I see other states getting shots administered at a faster rate than Wisconsin. The people of this state deserve better. One way or another, please get these shots administered at a much faster pace.

From: [Barb Sagstetter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccinations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:08:48 PM

I feel that 1b should include 65 and older not 70 and older. I feel that most 65 year olds are retired and have no employer to get a vaccine through. Upper Michigan is now vaccinating 65 and above. Many older couples have one spouse over 70 and one in the 65-70 age group. Who will care for the other if the younger spouse dies. Acceptance of vaccines for prisoners and mink farmers would be a little more accepted if you include 65 and older seniors in this next group.

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From: [janet.abrams](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B - Public Comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:47:11 PM

Please accept the following statement as my public comment to the proposed Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (“SDMAC”) Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee Recommendations, as they relate to the Phase 1B plan for distribution:

Wisconsin has been slower than most other states in its distribution of the Covid 19 vaccine (“the vaccine”). While other states are setting up large vaccination centers, including large-scale drive-up centers), Wisconsin is now just getting its first large vaccination center set up at the Milwaukee Center. Wisconsin has always been widely known as a leader in medical technology, but Wisconsin is falling far behind the other states regarding the vaccine. In listening to the DHS representatives speak about Wisconsin’s vaccination distribution plan, it appears that the administrative snags and mounting red tape is what is holding Wisconsin back. Getting administrative paperwork and overly-detailed and burdensome recordkeeping plans perfected is not more important than getting needles in people’s arms. Please don’t lose sight of the mission: to vaccinate as many as possible as quickly as possible.

I feel that the Phase 1b recommendations proposed by the SDMAC are not acceptable, in that they are not consistent with the CDC’s most recent guidelines. The CDC recently provided new guidelines that expand vaccine eligibility to everyone age 65 and older, as well as to those with comorbid conditions. This is the subgroup listed on page 3 of the SDMAC’s recommendations. Per the proposal, this group will only be given priority AFTER those listed in the proposal as Group 1b, and ONLY if there is still a shortage of the vaccination after Group 1B has been vaccinated. The way that I read this is that the page 3 subgroup will only get any type of priority if there continues to be a shortage of the vaccination. How does this prioritize our at-risk population?

Wisconsin should have large-scale vaccination centers ready to go and should follow the CDC’s recommended guidelines. This doesn’t mean that the proposed Group 1b persons should not be included, but Group 1b should be inclusive of those listed groups, as well as the 65+ and underlying medical conditions group, as recommended by the CDC. This ensures that the most vulnerable Wisconsinites will be prioritized, and it makes Wisconsin policy in conformance with the CDC recommendations. Any other plan reveals that Wisconsin’s concern for its documentation and red tape is greater than its concern for the lives of its residents.

Sincerely,
Janet Abrams

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Scott Nash](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:19:04 PM

I strongly support adding 65+ ages and those with medical conditions that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19 being added immediately to Phase 1B vaccinations. The most recent recommendations from the federal government recommend opening up vaccinations to 65+ and those with medical conditions. I have friends in other states who have been able to register for the vaccine based on age / medical conditions, it's very frustrating that we are lagging behind as a state in this regard. I believe by doing this that Wisconsin can help reduce deaths in the state and we can go forward as a state.

Best,

Scott Nash

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Scott Nash



From: [Cindy C](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B classification
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:04:07 PM

I would favor following the most recent recommendation of the CDC and include age 65 and older and also people with pre-existing conditions in the 1B classification. I believe the data would support this recommendation.

Many other states are following these recommendations and it is important to have consistency in the Midwest.

Sincerely,
Cindy Long

From: [Bob Long](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:13:24 PM

Although I am pleased to see the suggested modifications to include 70+ age people in the 1B classification I would strongly suggest we follow the recent CDC recommendations of including 65+ age people and those with pre existing conditions in the 1B classifications as many other states have done. I believe there is enough data to suggest these groups are at a significantly higher risk of death and should be vaccinated as soon as possible. We need to follow the recommendations of the scientific community in dealing with Covid 19.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:52:53 PM

I forgot to add to the message below. My mom lives at home. She is extremely limited in what she can do so my brothers and myself are frequently in and out of her house helping. Mom is forced to go out in the community often for health care. For example she just needed surgery for a detached retina. Then they found out her hemoglobin was low so also had to go to the emergency room. Please please reconsider some of these situations and allow her to get the vaccine sooner.

Dear Representative,

My mother is 69 years and 9 months old. She has [REDACTED]. Her body has zero ability to fight anything. Her [REDACTED] all have said she should be first in line for the vaccine. With your current recommendations she would be in the later category. Could you please consider adding those who have 2 or more risk factors at the same time into the earlier category. We're seriously living on prayer here. Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have questions.

Tiffany Duff
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Sprint phone

From: [Casey Kostechka](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:50:46 PM

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,
Casey Kostechka

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Jeanine Adams](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Federal vaccine guidelines
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:50:46 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am asking that you please consider following the federal guidelines allowing the population 65 years of age and up be eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine. Rather than the 70 year old minimum being suggested for Wisconsin.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit our requests.

Sincerely,
Jeanine Adams
Chippewa Falls, WI

From: [Karen Pappas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:45:58 PM

I agree with everyone 65+ of age and people with underlying health conditions should be in the next group (1b). We are the people who have been waiting to hug our grandchildren and to go to a restaurant (with less anxiety) with a sibling or friend (who are probably in the same group). We've worked hard all our lives. We are at the time in our lives that joy is a major motivator in our daily routine to keep us healthy.

Please be there for us and do the right thing.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Pappas



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Grandma Joy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Recommendation
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:25:01 PM

The fact you are wasting precious time asking for public input instead of just vaccinating the public is so fucking sad.

Of course everyone over 65 and those with compromising conditions, but as of now get off you zoom and get those vaccines in peoples arms.

From: [Sandy Malloy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:21:33 PM

I feel Wisconsin should be following the CDC guidelines of age 65+ to be included in the phase 1B. As your report states age is a large factor in hospitalization and death in this age group. The majority of states are using the 65+ guideline, and it would only be appropriate for Wisconsin to go along with the rest of the country.

Sandra Malloy



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karen Peterson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on phase 1b vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:13:47 PM

I strongly recommend changing phase 1b to include those over 65 (rather than 70).

This is to coincide with the most recent CDC guidelines. I understand the Federal government will be shipping vaccines based on the state's population over age 65. These vaccines should be given to the people they are intended for.

I also believe that it is more important to vaccinate those who will likely become more ill or die if they are infected. Although grocery workers etc may be exposed to more people and thus more able to be infected, they will most likely survive and have a mild case. Those over 65 may not survive.

Thank you for having a platform to respond

Karen Peterson

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From: [John Malloy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee and phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:13:46 PM

I believe you should follow the CDC guidelines that allow 65 to 74 age group in phase 1B.

John Malloy



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From: [Lois Brzezinski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Please make eligibility 65+
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:13:21 PM

Regarding phase 1b of Covid 19 vaccine priority, please change age for phase 1b to 65. This will make it consistent with the Federal CDC guidelines update and Medicare eligibility.

From: [Tom Nichols](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b feedback
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:12:53 PM

I am a physician who helps manage covid operations.

Simply put, when the vaccine is in short supply I strongly feel we should prioritize those most at risk of dying. Clearly that is those 60 and up.

I was supportive of vaccinating front line healthcare workers caring for covid patients. However, extending it to other healthcare workers, dentals offices, specialty clinic staff—many of whom are young and healthy—should wait until those most at risk of dying have had an opportunity for vaccination.

All the people discussed—those in congregate living, teachers, etc, very much need the vaccine and should be a priority. But not the first priority. Not over people who have a 15% (age 60-70) to 80% (age 90+) risk of dying if hospitalized with covid. Those are the people who are dying, and those are the people who are overwhelming our healthcare systems and limiting our ability to meet the other healthcare needs of the state.

I have fancy spreadsheets to illustrate the point, but honestly it's just the above narrative that matters.

From: [Conniejselby](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:10:01 PM

Please consider lowering the age below 70. I am 66 and care for my grandson and for my Mother in law!!
Thank you

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From: [Lara Hartman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 Vaccine Priority group 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:09:56 PM

To Whom it May Concern,
Please include age 65 and over in this group.
Thank you
Lara Hartman

From: jeflathom@live.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:07:34 PM

Assuming that health care workers and first responders have been offered covid vaccinations, nursing home residents, those in long term care facilities should be next.

After that, people such as myself, stage 4 metastatic cancer/renal transplant. I don't know how much time I have left and I'd love to spend time with those that mean the most to me, my adult children. I've been isolating hoping that the cancer doesn't get me before I can be vaccinated.

Truthfully, there are so many over 65, over 75 that have ignored safety, masking, gatherings, and I believe I need to be in front of them. Selfish, yes.

Jean Flathom



From: [C.S](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine subcommittee
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:04:57 PM

As a parent of an individual with disabilities I support including people with disabilities in the 1B cohort of people to receive the vaccine. They are at a higher risk for fatal or serious illness from COVID. I think caregivers over the age of 65 should also be included.

Thank you,
Cindy Strand

From: [mark.lazar](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Subject vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:50:10 PM

I will keep my comments short but first I must tell you how disgusted I am with DHSS and our Governor. I have read that we are far behind other states in getting this vaccine to the people who need it the most. Florida was administering the vaccine the day after it was delivered and **this week** they are planning on reaching 250,000 **more** people. Wisconsin is still trying to figure Phase 1B. You should be ashamed. How can you blame the Federal Government when other states are moving ahead.

My suggestion is simple.

Distribute the vaccine to the DHSS in each county (the Florida model) based on the population in the county. Require them to continue putting first responders and medical personal first until they all are covered or until they have none of the first group available to receive it that day. Reserve vaccine and time to visit places where the people can not come to you.

Then anyone who is a Wisconsin State resident and is 65 years old or older. Citizenship should not be required, only residency.

As the vaccine is being used we ask for more. Vaccine that is here and not being used is allowing people to die.

I say keep it simple, get it out fast to the most vulnerable first and let each county. In Wisconsin 88% of the deaths have been people 65 and older. FOCUS. Please. Do this fast and save the most lives.

Mark Lazar

From: [Sandy Wisneski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B Priority Group
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:44:50 PM

Dear Committee,

I looked over the document and did have concerns since I am a retired teacher (age 66). I wondered why the number was lowered to 70 but not 65. The CDC state the risks in the chart. Why was it cut off at 70 instead of 65? I have friends that have been able to get the vaccine in Florida when they could not in WI. This inconsistency is frustrating

I have tried to stay current on the number of staff members that have contracted COVID19 and the severity and does not appear to be as much a risk as it is for my friends over 65.

Thank you for your time.
Sandy Wisneski

From: [Larry Nevenhoven](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:37:47 PM

I am 72 and soon to be 73 and am wondering why some states can put out a plan for vaccinations and make decisions without having the delay of a public comment time period. Other larger populous states are administering greater numbers of vaccinations than Wisconsin and we are struggling to even bring a solid plan to the table. The week delay will only allow for more deaths when we are already at a very high death rate. Maybe we need to look at how Michigan is going forward with a strong plan to vaccinate over 65 now and the entire population of over 16 years of age by March 31st.

Larry Nevenhoven

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 9:19 AM Larry Nevenhoven <nvnhvn620@gmail.com> wrote:

I am an adult senior - 68 years old. During the last almost 11 months, the 65+ population has been asked to stay home and not see their families and friends and basically quarantine, but now you are suggesting that a person needs to be 70 to be in line to get the vaccine. Now that the CDC has advised all governors that it is time to start vaccinating all people 65 years of age and older, I feel that Wisconsin needs to follow the CDC guidelines without question and ramp up the state's vaccine distribution. The more people vaccinated, the more vaccine Wisconsin will receive. I question why each state is doing their own thing rather than following CDC guidelines.

Sharon Nevenhoven - Oregon, WI

From: [Richard Cullen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Expanding eligibility for Covid shots.
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:30:57 PM

Dear DHSSDMAC folks, I support lowering the age for vaccine shots to 65. We are an economic engine as we have the time, money and desire to frequent restaurants, pubs and music venues who have been hurt badly by this pandemic. I speak for a lot of people my age(69). Dick Cullen Madison

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Theresa Zabrowski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:18:26 PM

Please look at those 65 and older for the next phase. Many have medical conditions by this age or at greater risk than those younger, and have been stuck home waiting for the vaccine since the beginning. This has been very hard emotionally too since they are expected to stay home and not have family or friends visit, or are all alone.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Vida Willins](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccines
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:12:52 PM

Get them to all 65 and over and those with co-morbidities

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ray Petersen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: Comments on 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:06:40 PM

Adding recent comments from HHS secretary.

Azar wants states to allow any resident 65 and older and anyone younger than 65 with health conditions that put them at risk for contracting the coronavirus to begin getting vaccinated right away.

Initial guidance from the CDC advised states to put the first priority on vaccinating health care workers and residents and staff in nursing homes, followed by Americans age 75 and older and frontline essential workers.

Expanding those getting the vaccine “is the most effective way to save lives now,” Azar said at the briefing. States make the ultimate decisions on when specific populations get vaccinated. A number of them have already begun vaccinating their 65-plus residents.

Thanks
Ray

On Jan 14, 2021, at 18:58, Ray Petersen <raymond.petersen@usa.net> wrote:

Please same approach recently communicated by the federal government and even the incoming administration, as well as that being followed by many states.

1b should include those with 2 or more pre-existing conditions regardless of age.

Thanks
Ray

From: [Theresa](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:04:58 PM

Age 65 and over with pre-existing conditions, firemen, EMT's, Teachers, and essential workers should be included in Phase 1b.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sherrie Nagy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:57:19 PM

65 and above or younger with pre existing medical conditions that qualify. This will cover most of the negative outcomes.

Why give it to a 20 year old they may have sniffles or who has already had Covid just because they bag groceries today. If their is a frontline line worker and they have medical condition then they should be given vaccine too. But if the goal is stop hospitals from overfilling and death this would do the most good.

Sincerely,
Sherrie Nagy
Sent from my iPad

From: [Patty Kostechka](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:55:09 PM

I am pleading with you to reconsider your proposal to Phase B1 of inoculating people over the age of 70. Please change this to people over 65. We are also in the vulnerable group. Most of us are retired and fall into the sandwich caretaking group. We are taking care of our aging parents and also providing care for grandchildren when their parents are in the workforce. In the past two weeks I personally had to take my 92 year old mother to dr. appointments 4 times. I am 67 yrs. of age. My husband is 69. We are so at risk! Other states are doing over 65. Please, please reconsider. We are very much in need and scared.

Respectfully Hopeful,

Mrs. Patty Kostechka

From: [Hansen, Jody](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b age diffenetial between those greater than 70 vs greater than 65, what is WI problem
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:20:17 PM

Why are other states allowing their 65 year olds and older to get vaccinated while WI is only allowing 70 year olds and up??

We have seen that the state is sitting on vaccinations already. Is the problem that you do not have a sufficient delivery system in place? There are people in our state that excel in product delivery system's and I am sure they would happily volunteer their time, please get help!

Jody R. Hansen



From: [Peggy Home](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Patty Kostechka; <patty.kostechka@charter.net>](#)
Subject: 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:10:56 PM

Please consider 65 and up, so many in that age group are taking care of older parents and need to be vaccinated to take them for appointments and/or visit in facilities.

Thank you for the consideration.

Peggy Fleck
Age 63

Sent from my iPad

From: [David Frost](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 Vaccine Group 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:09:17 PM

I support giving the vaccine to every 65 and over as recommended by the CDC

David W. Frost



From: [Charles Smader](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID 19 vaccinations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:07:54 PM

Wisconsin should lower the age from 70 to 65 for next group to get the vaccine. This would align with federal program.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Miller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:29:13 PM

Please make it people 65 and older so my husband can get his. I still have to wait anxiously because I'm 54. Manufacturers would be nice to be included it's very hard to social distance in a factory!
Thank you

Sent from my iPad

From: [Hero1881](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee; 1. b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:22:36 PM

Please start with 70 [or 65 is even better] years of age for the vaccine. I have seen so many seniors suffer and die from the virus in the years they should be enjoying themselves after years of giving to the community.

From: [Paul Bubinas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 4:57:10 PM

Please open phase 1b vaccine availability to individuals 65+ as the CDC has recommended.

Paul & Kathleen Bubinas

Kenosha, WI

From: hda4317@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B Comments
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 4:50:40 PM

If the goal is to minimize deaths and hospitalizations for Covid vaccinating those 65 and older and those with preexisting conditions seems to be the most important next phase. If the goals are more economic, then there may be other priorities, but if saving lives and minimizing the pressure on hospitals seems to be the most essential. Teachers who are in elementary, middle and high school are also an important group. Having children in school is more important than bars, restaurants etc. Younger people who aren't vulnerable seems to have minimal risk of hospitalization or death.

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From: [susan wallenslager](#)
To: [DHS COVID VACCINE PUBLIC](#)
Subject: Last group for Covid vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 4:39:42 PM


To whom it may concern,

I am alarmed by the plan for Covid vaccine rollout that includes anyone from age 16 to 64 years in the last group. Given that people in their 60's have a mortality rate at least 5 to 10 times that of people in their 40's, this age group needs to be broken into smaller segments with older groups going first. As a 62-year old, I don't want to be competing with teenagers to get the vaccine. That just doesn't make sense.

Susan Wallenslager

From: [Sandi OLESON](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 4:14:48 PM

Please consider the next group open to the vaccine to be age 65 and older vs 70. Our age group provides much support to our adult children for day care, parent day care etc. this would allow us to help them out without the fear of the virus.

Sandi Oleson

Wis Rapids WI

From: [DHS Media](#)
To: [DHS COVID VACCINE PUBLIC](#); [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: FW: Public input re vaccination priorities
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:58:31 PM

Hello,

I think this is for public, but am sending to SDMAC as well, because writer asked us to pass on...

Elizabeth Goodsitt
Communications Specialist - Advanced
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
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From: Joan Riedle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:26 PM
To: DHS Media <DHSMedia@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Public input re vaccination priorities

I've read that we can offer input to the committee setting the vaccination priorities. Please forward my email to that committee.

It has been announced that Wisconsin citizens 70+ will soon be eligible for vaccination, while many other states are using 65 as their age cutoff. Please consider that a 65 year old with health issues is at greater risk than a healthy 70 year old.

My husband is 68 and [REDACTED] but by current policies it could be months before he is eligible for vaccination.

A one-size-fits-all age-based policy may be easy to implement yet not be ideal. Please consider a more nuanced plan that considers preexisting health conditions.

Thank you.
Joan Riedle
Platteville WI

From: [Cere Turner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Vruwinks](#)
Subject: Comments on recent vaccine rollout
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:51:55 PM

To whom it concerns:

The recent rollout for Covid-19 vaccines should include 65 and older, plus what does mink husbandry have to do with the vaccines of the public. Poor choice by our Senators and Assembly. Stop the favors.

Respects,

Gerald D. Turner Age 71



From: [J. Rick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination schedule
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:36:01 PM

The majority of people dying from this disease and putting strain on our hospital system are people 60 and over. The Wisconsin web page shows 90% of deaths are in this age group. Please consider this group as a very high priority when determining who's next in line for vaccinations.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Edward Blau](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Availability
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:24:51 PM

Ms McCamy,

My wife's sister and her husband both over 70 received the vaccine already in Phoenix. Another friend of a similar age received the vaccine in SC.

Wisconsin is getting an increased allotment of the vaccine but getting the vaccine into arms has been stifled by too many people on too many committees.

You are in charge, you decide.

This is no time to play the consensus game so dear to the hearts of bureaucrats.

In addition to lives lost the turgid roll out of the vaccine is hurting the governor politically.

This is a public health emergency.

Act like it is.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Blau, M. D.

Marshfield, WI

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From: [Linda Curtis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:07:24 PM

Please follow the CDC guidelines for all people over 65 should be getting the vaccine in the Phase 1B group. The elderly (over 65) with health issues should be priority for getting the vaccine.

From: [Cates, Lisa A - DHS](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: FW: Covid vac schedule
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:59:35 PM

From: C. Scheihing <c_scheihing@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Covid vac schedule

Is there a plan for getting the vaccinations out in the very near future? All I hear in the news and from medical professionals is "nothing has been decided yet". Meantime people keep dying. Stats show the death rate per 100,000 is highest among people over 80, followed by people over 75, etc. Why not start there and work back in years? I understand the concern for people who have to deal with the public, first responders, teachers, and so forth. However, I doubt many people in those groups are in the 65 years and older higher risk bracket, especially those working with younger children who supposedly are less risk to the general public than high school or college students.

Thanks for your consideration.

Chuck Scheihing



From: [Deb Burich](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine recommendation comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:57:35 PM

I am 66, almost 67 with asthma. With the CDC recommendation of everyone over 65 to get the vaccine now, I feel you should follow that and reduce the age 70 to 65 fir group 1b.

It doesn't make sense to me that prisoners and SO many others should get the vaccine before those of us at higher risk ..

There has been enough "talk/committees", we need action and large vaccination centers set up statewide.

Deb Burich

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Deb Countney](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee, Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:45:36 PM

Hello,

After hearing the Government's CDC News Briefing on 1/12 I would strongly like to put my support in going with the new guidelines, which state that the next phase should be all 65 and over along with those with verifiable pre-existing conditions that put them in a higher risk. I also support the recommendation that this phase start now while we are finishing up the first phase. With vaccines already set aside for long term care and Assisted Living facilities we can be confident moving onto the next phase.

In listening to the briefing it was stated that they will be sending more vaccines to states that are using the vaccines, so it is extremely important that Wisconsin works hard in this difficult situation to be as efficient as possible to get the vaccine to the highest number of at risk citizens of the state.

I would also like to recommend setting up drive-thru Vaccine Clinics. My physicians clinic did this for the Flu Vaccine this fall which was highly efficient.

Sincerely,

Deborah Countney

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From: [Menard, Raymond](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:28:41 PM

I think that the state should follow the new federal guidelines and change the age to 65 and older. In addition that is what most states have adopted all ready

Ray Menard, CFP[®], ChFC, CLU | **Retirement Planning Specialist**

Please note my new email address. I will no longer be receiving messages at my AXA address as of Sept. 25, 2020.

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From: [Michele Jakel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine rollout comments
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:08:58 PM

It is so disheartening to watch the news and see the slow progress for vaccine rollout in WI compared to other states. I would beg that the age for phase 1b include those 65 and older. I am a nurse, and I completely understand the need to assure that the most high risk groups receive the vaccine first and that there is enough allotted. I also have a mother who, [REDACTED] and has not been able to see her grandchildren and truly live for this last year. She isn't 70 yet. There are many stories like this in my community. To know that there are vaccines sitting in a fridge just waiting while there are people who so badly want one is gut wrenching. I know so many community members who have followed guidelines, masked up, wash their hands, social distanced, and done everything possible to stay safe and stop the spread. In my home county, our health department has been holding vaccine clinics for phase 1A. Last week they had 200 available and posted online that only 130 were given. 70 people could have gladly received it on that day and been potentially less patients who contract COVID thus easing the burden on our community and healthcare system. Instead they went back to the fridge for a different day. It is such a shame. As a healthcare worker on the front lines, I am so grateful that I was able to receive the vaccine a few weeks ago, however, I would have gladly given up my place in line for the patients I have cared for who were not able to overcome their COVID diagnosis. Please consider those with high risk conditions and those over 65 for phase 1b.

Regards,
Michele Van Meter

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Geri Mulliner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:47:38 PM

I would like to share a public comment about vaccine distribution

I feel strongly that the next phase of vaccine distribution should be administered to:

Those over 65 and persons with pre existing medical conditions

Police, fire, EMTs

Teachers, day care providers

Persons living and providing care to disabled individuals in CBRF's

I feel that we need to immediately vaccinate the vulnerable according the federal guidelines of those 65 and older. I feel that we will be wasting valuable time vaccinating groups according to age ranges such as about 75 or above 70... perhaps providing vaccines to anyone who is currently receiving Medicare would help differentiate the need base groups.

Thank you!

From: [Jensen, Julia](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:33:44 PM
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Good afternoon,

I am in support of expanding phase 1B eligibility to people younger than 75, but I do not agree that the cutoff should be 70 years old. The federal government is recommending that people aged 65+ should be included in phase 1B, and many other states are using this cutoff point. I encourage the group to consider expanding phase 1B to include WI residents who are 65+ years old.

Thank you,
Julia Jensen

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From: [Ellen Breithaupt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccinations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:07:25 PM

Hello again,

I'd like to make another plea for ramping up the pace of vaccinations in our state. Friends of mine (age 65 & up) are scheduling their vaccinations now in Michigan, North Carolina, & Illinois. These individuals are regular retirees, like me, not living in nursing homes or prisons. Why is Wisconsin lagging so far behind?

I'm proud to be a resident of our beautiful state, and am hopeful we can "get with the program." She truly think we don't want to be last, do we?

Ellen Breithaupt


From: [Karen Hartman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:03:57 PM

I strongly urge you to change the age for phase 1B of the Covid vaccine **to age 65 and above**, instead of age 70 and above.

If our goal is to reduce the spread of the pandemic AND reduce deaths caused by the pandemic this MUST be changed.

- CDC has recommended that the age be reduced to 65 and older
- There are enough vaccines available to expand this high risk group

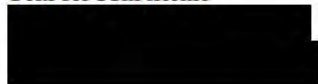
Many people 65 and above:

- • have the same medical issues as those that are 70. There is also a high number of those 65 and older who require support of their family members to be safe. Many family members providing this support would not be receiving the vaccine until the next phase, putting their own parents/family at risk.
- • have spouses 70 and older- so you would be increasing the risk of increasing that exposure to their spouse by not including them. (There is a span of time where they will not be protected until after the 2nd vaccine. Why NOT do what we can to limit that exposure/
- • are still working and in a public environment, and being at high risk because of their age, The likelihood of them contracting the disease is higher, and then spreading it in the work environment and throughout the community
- • if retired, retirees have more free time and are more likely to be mobile, traveling throughout the community and visiting more businesses - increasing the risk of spreading the virus
- • are included in the numbers of people with a higher death rate. We need to protect our seniors.
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PLEASE..... give this careful thought. The outcome of your decision will impact many families.

Karen Hartman



From: [Cindy Close](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Cindy Close](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee and Phase 1B Public Comments
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:00:56 PM

Good Afternoon.

I am writing to submit my comments on the Covid Vaccine Subcommittee recommendations for Phase 1B in the State of Wisconsin.

As a lifelong Wisconsin resident and RN.....I believe the vaccine should continue to be expanded to prioritize the most vulnerable populations in the State.

So I believe the vaccine should be expanded in Phase 1B to the 65+ populations as well as our residents under the age of 65 with comorbid conditions. This is in line with the recent CDC guidelines, and supported by scientific data and the impact of the virus on elderly patients.

I note in our State's Phase 1B plan it will include teachers and educators who may be in their 20's or 30's....instead of a 65 -70 year old who has a much higher risk of dying from the disease. This does not make sense to me, and is not supported by what we are seeing in hospitals for the patients that are dying of this terrible disease.

My perspective is also based on the advocacy for patients like my husband who is 65 years old, Diabetic, and recently finished an extremely difficult cancer treatment course of surgery, chemo, and radiation. We know there is a very high probability with the Covid virus that it would end his life. Is this not the population that would be considered as a higher risk category, and that they should receive the vaccine in the next phase of distribution?

So as these decisions are being made by your Committee....I ask that you please re-consider expanding Phase 1B to include patients 65+ and those with comorbid conditions as a priority population which is also in-line with the recent CDC guidelines.

Thank you.
Cindy Close

From: [Steve Roder](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 vaccine eligibility
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:39:36 PM

States are using age 65 as the eligibility age for phase 1B. Please support this. Wisconsin has been embarrassingly lacking in distribution of the vaccine. California just came out with age 65.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim McGinn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:39:34 PM

Would strongly suggest you follow CDC guidelines and start vaccinating 65 and older, have many friends who are Wisconsin residents over 65 already vaccinated in Florida. Let's get going.

From: [Kat Swanson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:28:24 PM

With phase 1B about to begin I need help on the possibility of including my 65 years old disabled mother. She currently lives independently at a senior apartment but her health over this last year has serious deteriorated. She is considered high risk and day to day activities are becoming harder and harder for her. I have taken a leave from my job and my children are attending school virtually. My husband has to work outside of the home. I try my best to socially distance and help her as much as possible. With the weather getting colder this has only made everything so much harder. She needs help and I physically can only do so much to help her while maintaining 6 feet. I am fully aware vaccines are limited but I'm not sure how much longer she will be able to maintain this lifestyle. Do we having any options, waiting lists or any other possibilities. The fact that she is not 75 does not cancel out the fact that she is still high risk.

Thank you,
Katrina Swanson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roger Goppelt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public c comment on vaccine rollout.
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:24:32 PM

Iconic me not find where to make a public comment on the vaccine rollout. Here is my comment. Please include people over 65. I am a sub teacher but I am afraid to work.I am 67.I would be left out. I have asthma as does my wife

My wife is deaf without her hearing aid. If I get sick she cannot communicate. Please make it 65. We need help. There are many teachers under 65 who would not be as likely to die as people 65. Please help now.

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From: [Michael Brooks](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:14:33 PM

Hello

First thank your work on this important issue. I have three comments.

1) The media has reported that you are considering the inclusion of those over 70 years of age. Because I, along with many others, will ask if that means 70 or 71. Please be as specific as possible in those statements.

2) The CDC has just recommended including 65 and older in 1b. Stats have shown that including 65 and older would have several positive immediate impacts in ending this pandemic. Those 65 and over have a higher percentage of death and hospitalization. Vaccinating this demographic will open hospital beds and as a result free up beds and staff for other health issues. Additionally doing so will also have a more immediate impact on reducing exposure of covid-19 for the first responders and other essential workers dealing with this group.

3) The quality of life issues are not only physical but mental/emotional. I have heard many times that it "will only be for a year". At age 70 one year represents a significant remainder of my life. We have curtailed all of our activities that involved being indoors and with people outside of our household. At 65 and older that most likely means your immediate household is 2 people. With in person schooling and summer activities we haven't been able to see (zoom doesn't cut it) our children or our five grandsons in 11 months. While I am 70 I still can appreciate that at 65 and above many of us have missed our grandchildren's graduations (both high school and college) marriages etc. I am sure I am not alone in saying that not having in person contact with family has been harder on us than any other precaution we have taken.

I realize each state makes its own decisions especially on who is included as an essential worker based on their state's needs. But I would argue that including those 65 and older would have a significant and quicker impact on spread. At this point the committee's recommendation is to deviate from the CDC recommendation of lowering 75 year olds in 1b to 70 years old. Now that the CDC has lowered 75 to 65 I hope you will follow suit.

Thank you for your time and your worker.

Michael Brooks



From: [s.rosenthal](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Who should be vaccinated in Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:02:54 PM

I am happy to see the age limit lowered to over 70. Over 65 would be better. These are the age groups who are very vulnerable. I am not at all happy with vaccinating prisoners and people in jails ahead of law abiding citizens of any age. That is totally wrong on many levels. Would like to see that changed.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Frank](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 18"
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:56:09 AM

I watched the "Jan 12 vaccine subcommittee meeting" and have reviewed their recommendations for Group 1b. Looks good to me except the "Mink Husbandry" but understood its merits after reading the explanation.

My question is - Will the People above 70 years of age be at the top of the 1B list and if not, what is the order of priority for the groups that have been recommended for group 1B?

Thanks in advance for your response to my email and to the staff and committee members for their work on this issue..

Stay Healthy and Safe.

Frank J. Balthazor

From: [Cathryn Anderson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:55:07 AM

Why would milk farmers go before people 65 and older that end up in the hospitals. They get sick and they die more often. It should go with the CDC guidelines, trumps guidelines and Biden's guidelines phase 1B should be 65 and older. Especially with the new fast spreading viruses

Sent from my iPhone

From: ribraunel@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:46:25 AM

To Whom It May Concern

I understand you taking a survey about next phase. I would suggest that after medical and first responders you vaccinate people over 65 like all other states.

My sister in law was vaccinated at 81 hrs old, in HOSPICE, at a nursing home after she already had covo. I am 74 yrs. With asthma and a blood disorder and have been in isolation for 11 months and NEED relief. Thank You Bob Braunel 920 973 8780

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From: [Tom Hurley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine schedule
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:33:46 AM

I would like to give my opinion as to the group 1b age range.

At the time that the Federal guideline was set at 75 years old, Wisconsin was proposing 70.

Now that the Federal guideline has been lowered to 65, I believe that Wisconsin should follow that recommendation as have many other states.

The 65 and above population are at the highest risk for ending up in the hospitals and in the highest danger of dying from this virus.

Thank you,

Thomas Hurley

Sent from my iPad

From: [Brian Powers](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments for Vaccine Subcommittee on Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:24:21 AM

I support prioritizing people age 65 and over in Wisconsin's Vaccine Priority Group 1b.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued new guidelines on Tuesday, January 12 that expand COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to everyone age 65 and older.

Please modify your Group 1b recommendation to follow the CDC guidance.

Brian Powers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Keith Holschbach](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:19:32 AM

I would like you to consider those 65 and older in Phase1B. We too are a vulnerable group and our parents, children and grandchildren depend on us. Wisconsin should join other states in including those 65 and older.

Thank You
Keith Holschbach

From: [DJ Beck](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:06:19 AM

I have read the proposed Vaccine Priority Group 1b plan for administering the Covid 19 vaccinations. The one input I have is lower the age group from 70 to 65. This group of people are most likely to be on fixed incomes, public assistance and Medicare. Contracting Covid 19 by people 65 and over would be financially devastating. Excluding them from this second phase abdicates your responsibility to helping those most in need.

I appreciate the challenge of administering a vaccine to a large number of people, but the complexity of your plan is baffling. It appears you are caught in the quagmire of creating a plan rather than actively planning the logistics of getting the vaccine out to the largest number of people as quickly as possible.

Best Regards,

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Daniel Becker



From: [Deborah R](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:51:13 AM
Attachments: COVIDVaccineAvailability_Distribution_FlyerSize.pdf

The federal government is now recommending 65 plus as a priority group for covid vaccines. Many states have gone to this and, after overcoming some logistical hurdles that Wisconsin can learn from, are finding it an effective way to get available vaccine distributed faster.

Please, whatever you do, top priority must be to protect at risk populations first in order to save precious lives, but also to communicate with and comfort scared (rightly so!) vulnerable people, who have been isolating since last March, by ensuring them of their place in line and giving them a prospective timetable.

Please view the flyer that South Dakota is currently using (attached). If I were living there, this would make me feel that my state has the vaccine distribution process under control and that I could be comforted knowing that I had a place in line that made sense based on my risk.

In the meantime, Wisconsin holds the horrendous distinction of being 35th out of 50 states in the percent of vaccine that has been administered out of the amount distributed to our state: <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/public-health/states-ranked-by-percentage-of-covid-19-vaccines-administered.html>

A different approach is needed. Get this out of committee and on the road and in people's arms. Over 65 people know they need this vaccine. Get it to them.

Thank you.

Deborah Ryan
Madison, Wisconsin

COVID-19 VACCINE: Priority Groups for Phase 1

- + **Frontline Healthcare Workers** (working in an emergency department, ICU, COVID unit, or general acute care)
- + **Long-Term Care Facility Healthcare Workers**

A



B

- + **Long-Term Care Residents** (nursing home and assisted living)

WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE

- + **Other healthcare workers, including laboratory and clinic staff**
- + **Public Health Workers**
- + **Emergency Medical Services**
- + **Law Enforcement**
- + **Correctional Officers**

C



D

STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 18

- + **Persons Aged 65 Years and Older** - Starting w/those 80 years and older (age to be lowered in coming weeks)
- + **High Risk Patients** - dialysis, post-transplant, and active cancer
- + **High Risk Residents in Congregate Settings, Residents in Licensed Independent Living Facilities, and Residents of Licensed Group Homes**
- + **Persons with 2 or More Underlying Medical Conditions**
- + **Teachers and Other School/College Staff**
- + **Funeral Service Workers**



- + **Fire Service Personnel**
- + **Other Critical Infrastructure Workers, including water and wastewater, energy, finance, food service, food and agriculture, legal, manufacturing, shelter and housing, transportation and logistics, information technology and communications**

E



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Due to limited allocation of the vaccine, the South Dakota Department of Health will use COVID-19 infection rates and will follow recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to guide which counties will receive the vaccine first.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Expected Vaccine Availability in South Dakota

| Phase | Population Group | January | February | March | April | May-December |
|---------|--|---------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|
| 1A | Frontline healthcare workers and long-term care facility healthcare workers | | | | | |
| 1B | Long-term care residents | | | | | |
| 1C | EMS, public health workers, and other healthcare workers (lab & clinic staff) | | | | | |
| | Law enforcement, correctional officers | | | | | |
| 1D | Persons aged 65 years and older <i>Starting w/those 80 years of age and older (Age to be lowered in coming weeks)</i> | | | | | |
| | High risk patients - dialysis, post-transplant, and active cancer | | | | | |
| | High risk residents in congregate settings | | | | | |
| 1D | Persons with 2 or more underlying medical conditions | | | | | |
| | Teachers and other school/college staff | | | | | |
| | Funeral service workers | | | | | |
| 1E | Fire service personnel | | | | | |
| | Includes public-facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure | | | | | |
| Phase 2 | All others 16 years and older | | | | | |

 Estimated Vaccine Availability

Note: Tribal vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the [IHS](#)
 Veteran vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the [VA](#)

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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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From: [Nancy Repshas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on recommendations for next phase Covid vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:22:55 AM

HHS Secretary Alex Azar asked states this week to now start vaccinating adults 65 and older plus people under 65 with a comorbidity.

Vaccine will be allocated based on the pace of administration and the size of the 65 and older population.

Your group needs to change their recommendations based on this statement or Wisconsin will be lagging once again.

From: [Karol Tomlinson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B Vaccines, include 65 and over
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:22:13 AM

I just want to let my opinion be known that I believe 1B of the vaccine distribution should include people 65 and older. The federal recommendation is to get the vaccine to people 65 and older as soon as possible and Wisconsin should follow this guideline.

Thank you.
Karol Tomlinson

From: [Rod Karman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Priorities
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:14:41 AM

All available data collected worldwide clearly demonstrates that the truly vulnerable population is tied to age if mortality is the primary concern. Certainly the increased exposure to Covid of certain work and other population groups increases their likelihood of contracting Covid, data shows that chances of dying are greatly diminished when age over 70 is not a factor.

So why would we ignore the greater possibility of death facing the older population by diverting vaccines to more healthy younger populations that may be a bit more likely to contract Covid but would be far more unlikely to die from Covid.

How many reduced “routine” cases of contracted Covid among the relatively safe younger population justifies an unnecessary death of a much more vulnerable over 70 death?

After protecting the direct caregivers, Wisconsin needs to protect its population most vulnerable to death. That can be best accomplished by giving priority to age and those with known health/immune conditions. And if these were the established priorities for phase 1b, the increased speed of the vaccination process could also be improved allowing WI to get control of Covid’s spread AND devastation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Rod Karman

Sent from my iPhone

From: dooleyjw
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinating People 65 and Over
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:59:18 AM

I hope this email finds you well and that it is directed to the appropriate party. I am writing to respectfully implore the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee to follow the new federal guidelines for distribution of vaccines to persons 65 years old and older.

I am 68 years old and [REDACTED]. Thus, I am in that group which is very vulnerable to the virus. My doctors tell me that I must be extremely cautious. I retired at the beginning of the pandemic from my position as a university instructor. I did so as to not be required to enter the classroom. My days are spent staying in my home, leaving only to walk the dog or take long walks when weather permits. I have groceries delivered and perhaps occasionally go to the grocery store early in the morning just to get out of the house. I have not had a haircut in almost a year. That is my life now.

I know that there are many people like me who are waiting patiently to be vaccinated. Many have grandchildren who have not been seen in person for a year. There are others who are not fortunate enough to be able to have groceries, etc. There are those who cannot retire and still must leave their homes to go to work leaving them at risk for contracting the virus. I realize that not getting a haircut is not an extreme deprivation, but it is an example of how truncated peoples' lives have become in this pandemic.

The other day I was waiting to be tested by UW Health as a requirement for a medical procedure. The process is to wait in line in one's car to be tested. There were two lanes, one for testing, the other for immunizations. While waiting in a half-mile long line for an hour to be tested, NO ONE passed through the immunization line. There were many medical staff waiting to immunize but there was no one to immunize. This was very discouraging and disheartening to those of us who so desperately wish to be immunized. It also is a snapshot of how slow the distribution of vaccines has been going at this time while the virus is raging. I hope that the age requirement will be lowered in order to protect more people who are vulnerable as well as to speed up the vaccination process for the general public.

I thank you for your attention to my email and I wish you well.

Sincerely,
Joe Dooley

[REDACTED]

From: [Steve Roder](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Covid 19 vaccine rollout
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:57:51 AM

California just opened up eligibility for the vaccine to 65+. Why is Wisconsin so unwilling to protect us?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2021, at 9:12 AM, DHS SDMAC
<DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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

To stay current on the activities of the SDMAC and subcommittees, please visit: State Disaster [Medical Advisory Committee website](#). All of the meetings of the SDMAC are open to the public, and posted on the [public meetings website](#).

If you are writing with questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, please review these resources: [COVID-19 vaccination plan](#) and DHS' [executive summary of the vaccination plan](#), [stakeholder FAQs](#), and our [COVID-19 vaccine data summary page](#).

If you are a vaccinator or would like to be a vaccinator, including details of the enrollment process: [information for vaccinators](#)

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

From: [Kay Bierbaum](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine eligibility
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:52:22 AM

Please consider lowering the age for vaccine availability to those with underlying conditions to the federal recommendation of 65 years old. Actually, any body with underlying conditions should get the vaccine as soon as possible. Let's save lives!

Katherine Bierbaum

Sent from my iPad

From: [R Grangaard](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b Group
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:32:47 AM

Please use 65 and over as the CDC recommended. I am 67 with emphysema, taking care of my mother who is 89 and living in her apartment. I am the one getting her groceries, taking her to the doctor's appointments, eye appointments, etc. I don't have the luxury of staying at home and safe as many over 65 do.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Susan Wetherald](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:25:42 AM

I am wondering if you are considering following the guidelines of the CDC where seniors over 65 are among the first? It's common sense that Wisconsin should adopt this as we are the most vulnerable. I am 73 I take care of my 93 year old mother can I consider myself assisted living? When and where can we get the vaccine?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maggie Huston](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Comment on draft SDMAC VDS recommendation
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:25:31 AM

Dear committee,

I'm writing in support of finalizing the phase 1(b) draft recommendation document published on January 12, with one change: the document should be revised to include people age 65 or above (rather than 70 or above) for consistency with federal recommendations. While I appreciate the reasoning behind having 70 as the age cut off, we should avoid a situation where we materially diverge from federal guidance and the approaches taken by our neighboring states. Those types of differences are likely to seem arbitrary and unfair to the public, delegitimizing the prioritization process.

Otherwise, the document is good enough, and for purposes of public confidence in this process, it is important that it is finalized as quickly as possible. Any further delay risks harming the relevance of the committee's recommendations.

Sincerely,

Maggie Huston

From: [Larry Nevenhoven](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:19:35 AM

I am an adult senior - 68 years old. During the last almost 11 months, the 65+ population has been asked to stay home and not see their families and friends and basically quarantine, but now you are suggesting that a person needs to be 70 to be in line to get the vaccine. Now that the CDC has advised all governors that it is time to start vaccinating all people 65 years of age and older, I feel that Wisconsin needs to follow the CDC guidelines without question and ramp up the state's vaccine distribution. The more people vaccinated, the more vaccine Wisconsin will receive. I question why each state is doing their own thing rather than following CDC guidelines.

Sharon Nevenhoven - Oregon, WI

From: [Steve Roder](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 vaccine rollout
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:12:46 AM

Please follow the National CDC recommendations and include people 65+ and those with medical conditions in group 1B. Prisoners should not get the vaccine before those that are not incarcerated.

Thank you,
Dawn Roder

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jacob Harris](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:45:04 AM

All Wisconsinites age 65 and above should be included in Phase 1B of COVID-19 vaccine distribution, consistent with the federal government recommendation.

Jacob B. Harris



From: [James Williams](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: HHS Recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:43:33 AM

HHS has recommended all Americans 65 and older should receive the vaccine which is different from what WI DHS is saying.

Please mirror the Federal Guidance on this matter especially considering Wisconsin's slow progress distributing the vaccine to this point and since States that are not distributing the vaccine quickly enough will receive smaller allocations per the Health Secretary.

From: [Joe Smader](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b public comment
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:31:54 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joe Smader, from La Crosse. I have a request about your vaccine 1b plan. I ask that you lower the age to 65, to reflect what other states are doing and what the federal government is recommending. Or adding a clause for spousal qualifications.

My mother, 66, is the caretaker for my recently handicapped father, 71. My father will be in 1b, but my mother will have to wait until 1c as it stands now.

I imagine this effects a lot of grandparents of Wisconsin, where there is an age gap around your 70 year old benchmark. If you add a spousal qualification, you'll make a lot of grandparents and grandkids happy they can visit again.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request, and thank you so much for all your work getting Wisconsin back on it's feet again.

- Joe Smader

From: [Scott](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Comment on the issuance of vaccines for COVID
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:16:09 AM

The recommendation to provide vaccines for the 70 and older group is much appreciated as this age group is more susceptible to long term hospital stays which occupies more resources than perhaps those heartier individuals. Although the belief that the virus attacks only the old has been dispelled many times over. The fact is the consumption of hospital care resources is of greatest concern.

One group that is not mentioned are those younger than spouses of the 70+ group that live with them. Many such as myself are younger in our late 60's and with ongoing health issues that could be complicated by the virus. Should my vaccinated 73 yr old wife gets the vaccine, then contracts the virus but is immune to it and gives it to me while I'm waiting in line, then the chances of the immunization program reducing the load on the hospitals have increased not decreased.

Therefore consideration for the under 70 spouses of the 70+ group should also be given.

Yours respectfully
Scott McCurdy MS ENPH

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From: [Karen dunn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Comment regarding vaccine distribution
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:15:29 AM

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From: **Karen dunn** [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 8:06 AM
Subject: Comment regarding vaccine distribution
To: dhssdmac@dha.wisconsin.gov <dhssdmac@dha.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Committee Members,

I've read your recommendations regarding the phase 1b eligibility for the vaccine. I disagree with the priority you have placed on frontline service workers and others over citizens over the age of 65. This is in direct conflict over the latest CDC guidelines. I find it hard to believe that a bank teller, grocery store worker or prisoner should take priority over this vulnerable group, which most likely have co-morbidities.

I urge you to consider following the CDC guidelines in Wisconsin for the next rollout of the vaccine.

Thank you,
Karen Dunn

From: [Daniel Skorupa](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:05:56 AM

The latest CDC recommendations urge states to include seniors over age 65 in the next round of vaccinations. The CDC data your group accessed on January 9 to help make your decisions is now obsolete. Please include this high hospitalized, high mortality group in Phase 1B to alleviate suffering and death and to slow the growing hospitalization rate. Thank you. Dan S.

From: [Mike Mulvey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:03:58 AM

I feel strongly the phase should include those 65 and up and those, including individuals 65-69, should be given the highest priority. (I am 67, my wife 66.)

Seniors have been told for months that those 65 and up would be given high priority. And that's as it should be as that group has accounted for more than 90 percent of our covid deaths — about 4,800 total in Wisconsin. Those in their 60s, mostly 65-69, account for nearly 700 deaths. That's a whopping 13 percent of the total and nearly double all of the deaths among all of the age groups below 65.

Many groups - frankly, all groups - need the vaccine. But I think it's a mistake to take a King Solomon approach and split up resources at this juncture. A wall should be built around those 65 and up and then extended outward.

We have all paid a steep price to this disease. Let's not kid ourselves that we can shave around the edges at the expense of lives 65-69 to get past this crisis.

Thanks for your consideration and time and deliberations on this.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Donald Pikul](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:00:26 AM

To Medical Committee: Please, please help! Please follow the CDC guidelines....I am a 69 year old resident of Marshfield and feel I should be able to get the vaccine since I am a senior with pre-existing heart conditions....Please adjust your current vaccine phases to include other seniors and those who have health concerns. Thank you for your work!

Gratefully, Mary Jo Pikul

From: [Kevin Patrowsky](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: public comment on 1b vaccination plan
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:46:42 AM

To the state medical advisory committee:

I respectfully ask you to reconsider the age requirement in the Wisconsin 1b Covid vaccination plan and lower the age of those eligible for vaccine to age 65. This would follow the federal guidelines. Many other states are using age 65 as the cut off for inclusion in group 1b. If you can't include everyone over age 65, then I would ask that you include those over 65 with preexisting conditions that make them more likely to suffer serious illness or death if they contract Coronavirus. A person, such as my husband, who is 68 but has many underlying conditions including diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, and COPD should be vaccinated as soon as possible and not have to wait until group 1c. The risk is too high for this group.

Sincerely,

Janice Patrowsky



From: [Mary Lee Olson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination comments
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:41:08 AM

My comment on those guidelines for who gets vaccinations-please open the age to 65 or at 70 also include those with underlying conditions like high blood pressure or those who have gone through cancer treatments. I know some are always going to fall through the cracks but when originally 65 was the age given it would just be more consistent.

The group of 65 and older plus those with underlying conditions I feel need to be included with this group as they are the ones that seem to be affected so often. Thanks for asking for our input. Can't wait to get the vaccine.

We have been diligent in staying home and following all guidelines. I'm 67 and my husband will be 70 not until May. (It's sad to think those who have had no regard for the safety measures can get the vaccine before those who have followed.)

Could doctors give oks for their patients for the vaccine?

Thanks. Stay safe.

Mary L Olson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Judy Maupin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: VACCINE
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:29:19 AM

PLEASE open allocation of any overflow, ungiven vaccine to any person over 60 years of age asap on a county by county basis, by email notification, on a daily or weekly basis. Give people the option to receive the vaccine in place of those who refuse. Notify and allow 8 hours of response time for the individual to arrive. Thank you.

From: [Szadkowski, Adam](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1b recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:26:41 AM

To whom it may concern,

Please update your group recommendations for 1B to the federal and CDC recommendation that people aged 65 or higher get the vaccine.

Kind regards,

Adam Szadkowski, MD
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Medical College of Wisconsin

From: [A.RK](#)
To: [DHS.SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:56:08 AM

I see nothing about people at high risk/with underlying conditions in group B. This is APPALLING!!!! For those of us who are too young to qualify at 65/70 and older but are immunocompromised/have underlying conditions it is ABHORRENT to think this population would be taken out of Group B over MINK FARMERS???? To hear at my rheumatology appointment in December that I and others like me, are in Group B and then to have that no longer be the case is DEPLORABLE.

The VERY people this disease targets for deadly outcomes in younger populations are often parents of young children who have been living in terror of contracting this virus and orphaning their children. Every rheumatology/oncology/etc. clinic that treats patients 16 and older who are labeled immunocompromised or have other high risk underlying conditions should be in Group B. PERIOD. Wisconsin would be doing their at risk population a HUGE disservice by not including them in the next phase, further crippling a group that has already been hit hard by this virus in one way or another. Many of us are teachers, substitute teachers, daycare providers, and other essential workers, who had to choose their lives over their jobs because the risk of serious complications and death is higher for us.

DO THE RIGHT THING IN GROUP B AND INCLUDE THOSE AT RISK OF COMPLICATIONS/DEATH WHO ARE NOT 65 AND OLDER. NOT MINK FARMERS.

From: [Barb Buetow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Input
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:53:48 AM

Good Morning,

Please, please add 65 years and older, to your recommendation for group 1B. This age group is filling our hospitals and sadly..... our obituary pages.

We are the "sandwich" generation taking care of our elderly parents and often, grandchildren that are virtual schooling.

Many are still working part time service jobs, in the public, to make ends meet.

Most of my 65+ years old peers, are not fortunate "snowbirds", that have traveled to southern states and already received their shots.

We prayerfully ask you to reconsider, and add 65+ to your recommendations for 1B.

***Thank you and keep well,
Barb***

From: [Richard Krueger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC: rkrueger49@wi.rr.com](mailto:rkrueger49@wi.rr.com)
Subject: covid-19 vaccinations
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:46:52 AM

Now that the federal government has recommended vaccinating adults 65 years and older, and dropped the requirement to retain enough vaccines for second doses, when will Wisconsin follow the CDC directive? How will we seniors be notified when and where we can get vaccinated? Thank you in advance for your prompt response a concerned tax payer and voter. Richard Krueger

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [dave Nachreiner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on vaccination
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:06:32 AM

Wisconsin should be following cdc recommendations. 65 and above. Not holding back 2nd doses. We need a better plan of vaccination. Why is Wisconsin so slow!!!!!! Prisoners certainly should not be prioritized before any law abiding Wisconsin citizen.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sandra Zentz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:12:14 AM

Just on tv other day cdc says 65 years and older should get their vaccine shot because more people die in that group- What about the people in that group that have underlying health problems - grocery workers also should get it asap - we had a lot workers out with it - the Janesville police all ready had their shot last week or sooner - so why say all of this when it is not true. My brother and his wife left for FL on Jan 3rd (live there from Jan- March) all ready got their 1st shot - What is going on in Wisconsin when they do not go by the guide line - then that have the jail ,prisoner up on the list before the 65 and up give to the workers and staff 1st let the prisoner wait their turn- not our fault they are where they are and get the shot ahead of the 65 and up- that is wrong .

Sandra Zentz

From: [Bernie and Marcia Schmidt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comments regarding Phase 1B of Covid vaccine rollout
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:56:38 PM

In general, I agree with the recommendations for phase 1B, however 1B should include the age group of 65 and older. It's very important to vaccinate the MAJORITY of our elderly population in this phase. 70 and older is not enough.

Respectfully,
Bernard Schmidt
Wittenberg, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marcia Schmidt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comments about 1B phase of COVID vaccine rollout
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:53:06 PM

Please be advised that 1B should include the age group of 65 and older. It's very important to vaccinate the MAJORITY of our elderly population in this phase. 70 and older is not enough.

Respectfully,
Marcia Schmidt
Wittenberg, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Charter.net](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments on Guidelines for phase 1b Covid vaccination rollout
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:56:28 PM

Wisconsin should follow the recent CDC recommendation to make Covid vaccinations available to people over 65. Don't let our state fall behind the rest of the country in caring for the vulnerable elderly.
Judith Cardin

Sent from my iPad

From: [Helen Herrera](#)
To: DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov
Subject: Comments about next COVID-19 vaccines
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:40:45 PM

I believe all seniors above the age of 65 should be included in next phase. Most the surrounding states are scheduler all seniors above 65.

Sent from my iPad

From: [DENISE K DIPERT](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment about Covid Vaccine Rollout IB
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:40:37 PM

Dear Committee Members:

I would urge the committee to follow federal guidelines and include those 65+ in the IB group for the covid vaccine. The CDC has stated that those 65 and older account for 8 in 10 deaths.

I admit I speak from self-interest as being someone just shy of age 70. My spouse will be able to receive the vaccine while I will continue to wait in fear and anxiety. I know everyone is stressed, but the risk to those my age is more similar to those 70+ than to those age 60 to 65. I am not reassured to see from the State's data that the number of people 60 to 69 who have been hospitalized is 4510 while 5169 hospitalizations have been necessary for those 70 to 79.

Please follow the federal guidelines and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations and death in seniors.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Denise Dipert

From: [LilyView](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Groups
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:27:23 PM

My suggestion would to include age 65+ in the next group. Also use scheduled appointments possibly administered at large site auditoriums. In our weather it is just too cold to be standing outside.

Thank you.

Sandy Hunziker
Greenville, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From: [larandkar](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment for Covid Vaccines
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:21:05 PM

Please lower the age to 65 and over for 1B, those who can receive vaccines to include more people that are older, high risk. That also will include a larger percentage to up the number to prevent hospitalizations and death. Please...

Karen J. Hafenstein
Lake Mills

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: carpenteral01@yahoo.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Coronavirus vaccine distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:08:50 PM

I think the state of Wisconsin should follow the federal guidelines and open up the vaccine allocation to all people 65 and older. The data shows that people 65 and older are at higher risk for serious complications or death from Covid.

From: [Chris Bloch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:06:42 PM

Please follow most recent CDC guidelines and begin vaccinating people 65 and older immediately.

Chris Bloch



From: [Harvey S](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:00:58 PM

Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccine should DEFINITELY include:

Due to the high risk and vulnerability, people in the following age groups with the following medical conditions, are extremely high risk and vulnerable to death from COVID-19, and should seriously be considered for phase 1B.

(1)-Age 65 and older WITH the following Medical Conditions, AND (2)-Age 16-64 WITH the following Medical Conditions.

- Asthma
- Cancer (active)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic metabolic disease
- Diabetes
- Heart conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension
- Immunocompromised conditions
- Solid organ transplant resulting in immunocompromised state
- Obesity (Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or higher)
- Sickle cell disease
- Intellectual or developmental disability

Thank you for your consideration.

Harvey Shields



From: [Linda Joyce](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine phase
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:49:28 PM

I work EMS and I feel we need to get the 60 year old and up with health conditions in the next group. Many still work and are high risk, I feel they need to be cared for. Many I know have their elderly parent that live with them as well so high level risk.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mark Jacobs](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: phase 1b of vaccine rollout
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:49:04 PM

People who are 65+ with pre-existing risk factors should be included since they represent the greatest risk of death from Covid.

The idea that you would include "educators" who face little risk of death unless they fall in the 65+ category is obviously the product of a powerful lobbying effort.

Reconsider this phase of th rollout.

Mark Jacobs



From: [Julie Wortiska](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b priority list for covid vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:48:57 PM

Please consider putting high risk 60-70 or 65-70 in this group. My husband is 68, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I have a relative who works out of her home, for the IT dept of a medical facility who is age 59 getting the vaccine this Fri. No contact with patients and no risk factors. I don't understand this.

Thank you,
Julie Wortiska

From: [Thomas Ziebell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B Recommendations
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:48:57 PM

Dear Chairperson Hamedani,

I would like to thank you and all the other members of the SDMAC for your thoughtful effort when recommending groups for inclusion in the State's various COVID-19 vaccine phases. I realize that it is never easy to prioritize such things.

As an individual who is 73 with heart disease, I was especially gratified to see that your committee saw fit to include anyone age 70 and older in the group eligible for Phase 1b vaccine distribution, and I sincerely hope that the DHS will adopt this recommendation.

Earlier reports that the subcommittee would suggest a cutoff at age 75 had been particularly disheartening to me as someone who (like many other "seniors") rigorously tried over the past 10-11 months to follow the CDC's statements about social distancing, mask wearing, and so forth. A fair number of us who happen to be widowed with no living children or siblings have had to forego virtually all other meaningful human interactions as well - e.g., in-person religious services, normal routine hugs and handshakes, etc.

I recognize that my own personal sacrifices in that regard are certainly not unique - nor do they even come close to the pain and suffering endured by the people in our State and nation who have lost loved ones during this pandemic. Such individuals, as I know the committee is fully aware, have often been denied the chance to say "good bye" in ways which they otherwise normally would have been able to do. (My own sister-in-law was in that situation last fall when her brother succumbed to COVID-19.)

Moreover, since quite a few of my fellow seniors in their 60s unfortunately have found themselves forced to undergo similar losses and circumstances, I hope that the committee and the DHS would consider lowering the eligibility for Phase 1b to anyone age 65 - as a number of other states and several foreign countries have done already.

Respectfully,
Dr. Thomas Ziebell



C: Dr. Ryan Westergaard

From: [Pamela Siehr](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:33:56 PM

My husband and I would like the vaccine to be offered to anyone over 65 instead of 70 years of age. This follows the new federal guidelines. As it is it is taking way too long to get people vaccinated. At the rate Wisconsin is going, this pandemic will last much longer and jeopardize more lives.

Thank you
Pam & Vic Siehr

From: [Ed Heyes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:06:51 PM

I have never provided feedback like this before. I am concerned that your recommendations for phase 1b will put more people at greater risk and also contradict the Federal guidelines I am aware of. I am referring to pushing this group eligibility from age 65 to age 70. We are sitting on vaccine in WI storage, with more coming. We need to ramp up the injection counts right away and get people age 65 + protected immediately.

Thank you,
Ed Heyes

From: [John Wachholz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Lack of Preparation
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:59:19 PM

Unfortunately we lost several months of planning to develop the most efficient way to vaccinate large numbers of people. Instead we hear a lot of discussion as to what groups should be vacated next which seems to change weekly. Once we settle on what groups will be vaccinated next and open it up to the 65+ group, could Medicare just schedule us to get the vaccine? We're all enrolled in Medicare and they have our medical history already. Let's use this system we have in place already. If someone decides they don't want the shot, they can decline so someone else can be scheduled.

The idea of waiting in long lines did not work for tests and won't work for shots.

Hopefully the following has already been developed in the last 2 months:

1. Large vaccination sites for each county.
2. Sufficient personnel to administer the vaccine. New hires or volunteers should have been recruited by now.
3. 24/7 vaccination schedules. The idea of very few vaccinations on Saturday and Sunday is not acceptable.

We're ready to get the vaccine, is our state ready to administer it quickly?

From: [Steven Szymanski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B, Vaccine subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:58:48 PM

I would say that your 1B group is too granular. Who is going to validate all the acceptable priority groups in all counties.

I think a simpler approach would be more effective, focusing on the most vulnerable to death, which of course has been determined to be by age.

Should a 20 year old grocery worker have priority over a 65 year old with asthma.

Thank You

Steve Szymanski

Waukesha

From: [Nancy Skeffington](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee--Phase 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:53:27 PM

Nancy Skeffington 

6:46 PM (5 minutes ago)



to DHSSDMAC



I am responding to the published information surrounding your latest recommendations for Phase 1B of the Covid 19 vaccination priority list. It appears that you are including people aged 70+, although many of them will be included in the first phase as long term care facility residents. But more and more states are including people 65+ in the second group of vaccinations. Looking at the data provided on the Wisconsin DHS website, it would appear that lowering the age limit to 65 or even 60 would make more sense. For ICU admissions, the age group **60-69 had the greatest number--547**. That dropped to 514 for the age group of 70-79, and dropped even more drastically for the 80+ groups. Total hospitalizations for the 60-69 age group was 4,510, 70-79 was 5,169, and 80-89 was only 3, 942.

So the group aged 60-69 placed the greatest burden on the hospitals for specialized intensive care, and was the second largest group for hospital admissions.

In order to avoid overwhelming the health care system in our state, please drop the age limit for the next vaccine group to 65 or 60. Many states are now doing this, and the federal government now recommends it. As a retired educator, I am well aware of the problems surrounding schools right now, but the fact remains that most of the younger teachers will not have a serious illness if they contract covid-19. The same holds true for prison inmates and anyone else you are considering for the second category.

The people most vulnerable to serious illness and death need priority, and the data clearly shows that the biggest risk factor is in people over 60.

Sincerely,

Nancy Skeffington

From: [BARBARA LEX](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public input
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:16:19 PM

I would like to see Phase 1 B include people 65 and older. This is what is being recommended by the federal government. As a person 65 and older we have also been told we are the ones most vulnerable for the last nine months. Why all of a sudden are we not in the most vulnerable category. We have done everything possible to make sure that we are free of the virus including following all guidelines presented by the federal government and the state. I think this needs to be corrected and corrected right away.

From: momwarp@aol.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment on when (age group) people should be vaccinated
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:03:54 PM

I am 72 years old and strongly agree that people my age should be next in the list to get vaccinated. As you have said people over 70 have a high morbidity rate.

Sent from my iPhone

From: kmerlau@tds.net
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Opinion on COVID Vaccinations
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:02:57 PM

I think that you should stay with the vaccination recommendations by the CDC and include people age 65 and up in the next phase of vaccinations. I do not think that every state should be doing their own thing as far as who is in these next phases. Half the problem in this pandemic has been all the changing requirements and information. One day it is one thing and the next it's different. You'd be doing everyone a favor by just going with CDC recommendations and people will be less inclined to find any fault with that.

Thank you.

Karen Merlau

From: [linda mamrosh](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments re who should qualify for COVID vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:39:59 PM

The CDC recently recommended that people over 65 should be included. Yet, the State of Wisconsin decides upon age 70 instead; why? I am age 68 and live independently. For months, people over age 65 were considered in a high risk group, yet now we will be deprived of the vaccine!

I am totally blind so feel even at greater risk. While I wear my mask constantly in public, I have no clue whether or not I am approaching or near an individual without one, which would put me at risk.

Please consider making the vaccine available to seniors over age 65 now!

From: [Linda Jevaltas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine eligibility
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:31:41 PM

Hi there. I am 68 years old and giving input regarding age and eligibility for the vaccine. I am retired and live in my own home in Oshkosh and my quality of life has been significantly restricted since last spring when Wisconsin residents started contracting the virus. The federal government just decided that folks 65 and older should be eligible for the vaccine now. I feel Wisconsin needs to follow the guidelines of the federal government rather than change the federal recommendations to age 70 years old. I need the vaccine now.

Thank you,
Linda M. Jevaltas

From: [Pat Pollock](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:31:27 PM

I'm asking for you to place those 65 and older and/or those with high risk factors be placed in the 1B category.

We have been locked in our homes and following recommendations since March. We deserve to be higher on the list.

Thank you.

Tom and Pat Pollock



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jack E](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine comments
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:26:38 PM

I would request that the next round of vaccination include age 65 and above in line with new CDC guidelines.

John Evers

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [CHRISTINE QUINLAN](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b Covid 19 Wisconsin Vaccination consideration
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:23:03 PM

I am respectfully suggesting people over 65 be included in the 1b group, (especially if there are existing health issues) , as recommended by the recent federal government recommendation. Older adults aged 65 and older remain the most vulnerable groups affected by this pandemic.

Thank you for reviewing this request.

Christine Quinlan

Sent from my iPad

From: [Loie Raether](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:21:05 PM

Phase 1b should include people over 65 years of age - who are not in long-term care facilities.

From: [Steve Parker](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:16:14 PM

Why would those 65 (vs 70) and older not be in the next round like so many other states?
Doesn't seem very fair to me.

Steve Parker

From: [Deb Kudick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:15:59 PM

65+. I am responsible for my elderly mother. My husband is immune compromised. I want the vaccine.

From: [Mary Huguet](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:59:37 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on who should be in group 1b for the COVID vaccination. It has been recommended by the federal government that anyone over 65 years of age get the vaccine. Please consider this option.
Thank you
Mary Huguet

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Wisneski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 next
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:56:47 PM

You should vaccinate age group with high hospital rate. All over age 65, start with medical conditions first. Don't hold any vaccines back, get into many arms as possible so you get some protection.

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From: gvosters@new.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments regarding Covid Vaccine recommendations for group 1b
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:42:37 PM

Dear Vaccine Subcommittee

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer my suggestions regarding your recent recommendations for vaccine group 1b.

I am a 68 year old male from Neenah Wis. and I desperately want to get the vaccine as soon as possible as I have basically been staying in my home and not going anywhere at all or seeing anyone including my family since the end of last March and believe me its taking its toll.

I think the starting age for group 1b should be age 65 not age 70 as you have stated and the reason I suggest starting at age 65 is if you look at the CDC diagram that I have attached below you can easily see that the CDC states that the risk of death or hospitalizations are exactly the same in the 65 age group as they are all the way up to the 75 age group.

Your recent suggestions to start in the 70 year old age group says that people in that group have a high hospitalization rate and the highest mortality rate which is not totally accurate because according to the CDC guide people in the 65 year old age group have exactly the same high mortality rate as people in the 75 year old age group so I believe you should change the starting age to 65 years old.

I also disagree with your recommendation to include mink farmers , prisons and jails in group 1b unless they are in the 65 year old age group or higher. While I agree these groups are important to protect I dont think they should take priority over anyone 65 years or older and should probably be included in group 1c but not 1b.

I think there should be more supervision or stricter guidelines for the hospitals that are currently administering the vaccines because I have first hand information that there are some people that do not currently fall in group 1a but are getting the vaccines anyway well ahead of when they are supposed to. I personally know of two hospital volunteers in the early 70 ish age group that just got their vaccines today yet my own internal medicine physician whom I talked to just last week still has not received his vaccine and doesnt have a clue when he will be getting it and he is also in the same 70 ish age group . These two hospital volunteers I am talking about are very well off financially which may or may not have been a factor, I hope not but non the less there is absolutely no way a volunteer at a hospital should be getting the vaccine before an internal medicine doctor in my opinion.

Last I would like to suggest taking advantage of the University of Wisconsin College systems offer they made to you to help administer the vaccines because they claim they would be able to vaccinate the entire state of Wisconsin by the end of March or beginning of April, I realize getting enough vaccine would dictate how well that plan would work but it certainly would speed up an otherwise extremely slow process if enough vaccines were made available .

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my suggestions,

Greg Vosters



From: [Shane Jia](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19 Vaccine for 65+ in multi-generational household
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:38:35 PM

To those who might help save more lives for the people of Wisconsin,

It was recommended in "Phased Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccines" by CDC during one of the ACIP meetings that seniors 65+ living in multi-generational households should be given priority. (page 32 of below pdf file link from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2020-12/slides-12-20/02-COVID-Dooling.pdf>)

It has come to our attention that the newly released Wisconsin SDMAC 1b vaccine group (Jan 13) included people 70+ and people living in congregated settings. While this is very much appreciated, vaccine group 1b fails to include seniors 65+ living in multi-generational households. Many of these families have school-age kids (K-12) living in the same household as seniors and have had to continue all-virtual learning at the risk of depression or other mental issues for the safety of their grandparents. Even if they chose a hybrid setting, these children would go back knowing that they risked infecting their grandparents, adding additional stress onto them.

We strongly urge the state committee to include people 65+ living in multigenerational households in the 1b phase. Moving this group even just 1 week ahead can save lives and lower youth mental health issues, especially because many schools are finally going hybrid after months of all-virtual learning.

Any consideration is appreciated and will save lives, as well as make a difference for Wisconsin families!

Thank you so much for your attention,
Shane Jia

From: [Fred Neerhof Neerhof](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:32:29 PM

Wisconsin should be including people 65 and older especially those with chronic medical conditions. This is what the federal government has recommended and what many other states have chosen to do. Why would you choose to ignore this very vulnerable group in favor of others specifically prisoners? I am 69 years old with diabetes and pulmonary fibrosis therefore at high risk of death from COVID and now you are telling me to wait until April or later. I am sorry but that just doesn't add up. Thank you and please consider my concerns.

Fred Neerhof Sheboygan Falls, Wi.

Sent from my iPad

From: ron_rechlicz
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:18:39 PM

> In reading the committee's recommendations for the next phase of the vaccine rollout I would like to offer my opinion and following suggestions to be considered and implemented:

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> Since the beginning of this pandemic, grocery store workers have put their health on the line everyday so that the public can safely obtain food and basic needs. They are exposed to people who refuse to wear masks and those who wear them incorrectly (which many do). Now that we know that the more highly contagious variant of the virus is here in Wisconsin, their risk goes up higher every day. Those same workers may have to go home to elderly or health compromised family members, also they may be out in the community as asymptomatic carriers which would further the spread of the virus. For that reason that group of front line workers SHOULD be placed higher in distribution rollout.

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> Also since this pandemic began, we'd been told that people 65 and older are more at risk for serious complications and death due to the virus. I fall into this group and I have been staying home, not gathering with friends or family, not even for the holidays. Now the age for the next phase has been changed to 70. For 11 months we're been told it is extremely dangerous for our age group, but we are blocked from this early distribution. I would STRONGLY like the next phase to include people 65 and older.

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> Employees who work in prisons and other detention centers should get the vaccine soon, however if they are vaccinated and visitors are restricted like they are in long term health facilities and hospitals, then the incarcerated individuals will have less of a chance of contracting the disease and therefore their vaccines SHOULD be moved farther down the list.

>

> I know many factors go into making these decisions and with a limited supply of vaccines there has to be prioritized individuals. I hope you will consider my comments and revise the distribution Phase 1B rollout.

Thanks,
Ronald Rechlicz

From: [mary.vasquez](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:13:09 PM

Please allow senior citizens 65 and older to be vaccinated in Phase 1b. Some of us have compromised health and some of us babysit grandchildren so their parents can keep the economy going. Please get the vaccine out ASAP. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Aaron D Anderson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Aaron Anderson](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccinatin plan
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:59:39 PM

Hello,

My suggestion is that we increase our sense of urgency to vaccinate everyone over the age of 65 as has been recommended by the HHS secretary Alex Azar.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-vaccine-usa/us-releases-millions-of-covid-19-doses-urges-states-to-broaden-vaccine-access-idUSKBN29H15F>

While everyone can understand the desire to be highly organized and vaccinate health care workers and residents in long term care facilities first, we have now vaccinated 176,165 people and have 373,100 shipped doses, and 607,650 allocated. It seems that we can safely pick up the pace of administration without risking running out of supply of vaccine. Also, since the Trump and Biden administrations have agreed to release their second doses and there are no production issues that we know of, we could reasonably assume that there should be more doses on the way.

As with any other complicated task involving so many moving parts there will be logistical challenges along the way. Some of these challenges will not become apparent until they are encountered during the roll out. This is why I suggest we move forward with each of the 3 groups mentioned (1. people over 70 who are not in long term care facilities, 2. staff and residents of congregate living facilities, 3. public-facing essential workers), as well as everyone over the age of 65, to prevent further delays in our vaccine rollout. The logistical challenges can then be addressed as they arise but fewer doses will sit idle on the shelf while the pandemic rages on.

The discovery of the more contagious British variant B.1.1.7 in Eau Claire county should give us renewed urgency to protect as many residents of Wisconsin as quickly as we are capable.

Aaron D Anderson MD

From: [Stephen Marquis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine SubCommittee Phase 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:52:13 PM

I would expect the Wisconsin government to follow federal guidelines and have the next phase opened to all people 65 and older. Most of us have existing conditions by this age that put us at higher risk for Covid. The federal government and the CDC has stated this fact many times. I think pushing the age to 70 for Wisconsin is going against federal guidelines and I would certainly hope that that would not be the case. Lynn Marquis Appleton Wi

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peggy Blohowiak](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccination
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:51:29 PM

The CDC is recommending seniors over 65 to have priority for the COVID vaccine. Why is Wisconsin taking a different position on this? Seniors are more at risk than younger people in prisons and other living facilities. Seniors are dying at higher rates and are PRISONERS IN THEIR HOMES!! Please reconsider the priorities for seniors over 65.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stephen Marquis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: People 65 and older
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:33:19 PM

I would hope that you would go with the federal recommendations and have people over 65 be included in the 1B group. There are a lot of us that have other conditions that make us at high risk for Covid. Guidance from the CDC has pushed for 65+ to be inoculated as soon as possible. This is my wish is that this would be what Wisconsin follows. Lynn Marquis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Franke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Individuals over 70 dying faster than any one younger and vaccinations should be a priority.
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:32:20 PM

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From: [shyla2353](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:30:42 PM

The age range in this group should be lowered to 65 and above to align with the Federal government's recommendation. People aged 65 to 70 are also very vulnerable to this virus and should be included in the next phase.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Sharon Nesemann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:26:49 PM


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

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

Thank you,
Sharon Nesemann

From: waybro@wi.rr.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: ["info@tonyeyers.com"](mailto:info@tonyeyers.com)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:24:46 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am 80 years old, my wife is a little younger. We both have existing medical issues. If either of us is infected with COVID-19, the probability is very high that we will be hospitalized, assuming that a bed can be found for us, and that we may very well die. The consequences suffered by either my wife or me after being infected with COVID-19 are much more severe than the consequences suffered by a younger essential worker who has been infected by COVID-19. For us this is a probable life or death situation. We have been very careful over the last ten months not to contract COVID-19, knowing that one mistake could be fatal. We have avoided other people as much as possible, always wear a face mask when out in public, have stopped going to church, do our grocery shopping at 7:00 AM, have not been in either of our children's houses and have not been in physical contact with any of our grandchildren. We have been fortunate to not have contracted COVID-19, however the risk remains high and the consequences severe. Adopt the changes announced by Health and Human Services Secretary Azar on January 12, 2021 and begin vaccinating people over 65 immediately. Time is critical and does not allow for meetings, public comments or debate. Secretary Azar's changes were created in an attempt to speed up the vaccination process. To ease the burden on health care personnel the vaccine could be administered in phases starting with the oldest first and working down to those 65 years old. The quicker this is done, according to Secretary Azar, the faster Wisconsin will be able to obtain additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government.

Thank you, Wayne Brogelman - 

From: [Maggie Lang](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccinations plea
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:04:39 PM

Hello,

Please give consideration to including those 65 and over as new federal guidelines recommend rather than only to those the age of 70 and above.

This would be so important for those of us that have quarantined faithfully for so long and allow us to again babysit grandkids and more easily our 87 year old mother.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Margaret Lang

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From: [Bonnie Hofmann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Re: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:00:27 PM

Hi Vaccine Subcommittee,

Here's my input:

Group 1B should include anyone age 65 or older.

These are the citizens most at risk, most likely to need hospital care and have the highest mortality rates. Let's not overwhelm our Wisconsin health care systems.

Bonnie Hofmann



Sent from my iPad

From: [Sally Lindner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID VACCINE SUB COMMITTEE 1A and !B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:46:38 PM

Personally i believe that the elderly (seniors 70 and up) should receive the COVID vaccine as part of phase 1A or at least 1B.

SALLY A. LINDNER



From: [James Hofmann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:44:16 PM

Hi Vaccine Subcommittee,

Here's my input:

Group 1B should include anyone age 65 or older.

These are the citizens most at risk, most likely to need hospital care and have the highest mortality rates. Let's not overwhelm our Wisconsin health care systems.

James Hofmann



From: [Roger & Bonnie Jolly](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccination plan
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:36:31 PM

Having read the proposed COVID vaccination plan, my opinion is that people over the age of 70 should have the HIGHEST priority and there should be sub-prioritizing of people with underlying health issues especially lung and heart problems. These are the people who will disproportionately need ICU level hospital care and who are most likely to die if they contract the coronavirus.

HHS is now saying “everyone over the age of 65 with underlying health problems should be vaccinated RIGHT AWAY”. I agree and hope Wisconsin will take IMMEDIATE action to take care of the most vulnerable citizens of our state.

Next in line should be non-ems responders and educational personnel, followed by public-facing essential workers. While prison workers should also be in phase 1b, prisoners should have to wait until all law abiding citizens of Wisconsin have been vaccinated.

Sincerely,
Roger Jolly



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rod Karman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1B schedule
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:23:54 PM

I think that the people that should get top
Priority for the vaccines are the age group 70 and over. These are the ones who are hospitalized more and also the highest percentage of deaths. Younger people seem to fight this coronavirus easier. Seems like a no brained to me to inoculate this group first. Thanks.
Kathy Karman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kerrie Huebner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:20:30 PM

In response to who qualifies for the next phases of Covid-19 vaccines. I realize there isn't enough vaccine for everyone who wants it at this point but you are ignoring an age group that is very vulnerable to COVID-19 the 50-64 age group. This group is lumped in to the very last group to receive the vaccine (16-64). There is a huge difference between contracting the virus when you are 16 to someone who is 64. It doesn't make sense that someone who is 65 is in a priority group but if you are 61,62,63,64 you are in the last group because you miss the cut off by a couple of years. Wouldn't it make the rollout much faster to start going by age (include people with medical conditions) after you have the frontline workers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and firefighters/Emts done. You could set up mass vaccine clinics and only have to prove your age or medical disability. You are currently trying to micro-manage and this is holding up getting the vaccine into the arms of as many people as soon as possible. Let the UW system help out Tommy Thompson suggested this approach.

Thank You,
Kerrie Huebner

From: [john rautmann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:15:57 PM

Just read your plan, now you are going against CDC recommendations. This state needs to get its act together! Age group should be 65 and older in next phase because they are MOST vulnerable. That we would vaccinate prisoners first is unacceptable! Do your job for once!

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From: [Tiffany McCorkle](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Adding 70 years of age to 1B Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:07:32 PM

Dear DHSDMAC,

It has come to our attention that the SDMAC and Department of Health Services is considering adding people 70 years of age to 1B priority for Covid-19 Vaccine. This is great news to hear.

My mother is a 76 year old resident of La Crosse, Wisconsin who has been sheltering in place for 10+ months.

We have been concerned she is not currently in phase 1b based on Wisconsin guidelines and 1A seems to be taking longer than expected.

The CDC guidelines have said that people aged 75 years and older should be in 1b. They recently announced that everyone 65+ should be vaccinated.

It is our desire that Wisconsin accelerates vaccinations and includes people age 70 and older in phase 1b.

Many states are already in phase 1b and vaccinating 70+. What can we do to not only include 70 year olds, but also accelerate the rate vaccines are distributed? Please let us know what we can do to help ensure our parents and grandparents can get vaccinated as quickly as possible in Wisconsin.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Mary Poehling and Tiffany Poehling McCorkle

Mary Poehling
La Crosse, WI resident
Age 76



Tiffany Poehling McCorkle
Park & Stone, LLC
Wisconsin Real Estate Owner



From: [mkck](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Next phase of covid vaccine.
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:06:43 PM

So the CDC recommends 65 and over for the next phase. What do you know that they don't. I strongly support 65 and over. Look at the stats. It's black and white. Too many in this group are dying.

Thanks

Mark Cheslock

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Tim Crawford](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee priority one be Vaccine subcommittee priority 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:04:47 PM

I would encourage those 65 and older to be included in the priority one B

If you continue to keep the cut off at age 75 then the elderly over age 65 with immune problems such as diabetes should be included

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Tim Crawford



From: [Tim Crawford](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Coronavirus vaccine priority 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:02:44 PM

I think it is very important to include the elderly in the 1B priority. It should start with age 65 is recommended at the federal level--

Tim Crawford



From: [Fred Lex](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public input
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:43:12 PM

I would like to see Phase 1 B include people 65 and older. This is what is being recommended by the federal government. As a person 65 and older we have also been told we are the ones most vulnerable for the last nine months. Why all of a sudden are we not in the most vulnerable category. We have done everything possible to make sure that we are free of the virus including following all guidelines presented by the federal government and the state. I think this needs to be corrected and corrected right away.

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From: [Jill Dunham](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Jill Dunham](#)
Subject: Vaccination prioritization
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:39:07 PM

People age 65 and older and under age 65 with vulnerable comorbidity. NOT smokers...why would they be included? Making this more complicated will not excuse your inability to get vaccines done...people can bring licenses to prove age and current medication bottles to prove current medical conditions. PLEASE get moving on this...it is upsetting Wisconsin is lagging sorely behind almost all other states. I will run anywhere at any time of day to get a vaccine and will NOT need a time consuming costly reminder to return for a second shot! This group is responsible and reliable to follow up.

From: [Sue Zablocki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:34:26 PM

I feel people over 65 should become eligible for Covid-19 vaccines no matter what their medical condition.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Pat Kirgues](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID vaccination plan
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:33:43 PM

In light of yesterday's CDC recommendations that requests states begin vaccinating the 65 and over population as soon as possible, I urge you to reconsider Wisconsin's existing proposed plans to incorporate this recommendation. Doing this will enable reaching those at higher risk regardless if retired, working, in prison, or living in group homes. I believe the goal is to reduce hospitalizations, loss of life and the burden on healthcare workers. I would think this would reduce the burden sooner. There are locations that could be utilized to administer the vaccination such as healthcare medical facilities, drug stores, school gyms, state fair park (could be inside and drive through at state fair park) and other large facilities to administer vaccines. Perhaps this is already being considered. I understand we are waiting for supply, but right now there's supply waiting to be administered. The COVID Tracker website indicates Wisconsin has 429,300 doses either here or on its way while 163,371 have been administered and I assume some of those include the second shot. If vaccines are being held for the second shot it seems future shipments could be held for this. The first shot provides some immunity and may reduce the seriousness of symptoms if it a person contracts COVID.

Florida is scheduling appointments and texting the population with a vaccination time. They're working through glitches but I'm aware of 4 people that were scheduled and did not wait more than 30-45 minutes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Eileen Gorr](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:32:21 PM

We must be sure to include everyone age 70 and older in Phase 1b. My husband & I are both in our 70's and we need this vaccine now. We have been waiting too long already. Please include everyone age 70 and older in Phase 1b and begin Phase 1b immediately. Thank you.

From: [Dennis Kempfert](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:31:46 PM

I am very concerned that our state's government bureaucracy will get so bogged down in categories and subcategories of distribution that we will lag in getting the vaccine in people's arms and saving lives. Let's make it simple and spend our energies at the state level in setting up as many trained vaccination locations as we can and follow the recommendations of the cdc and vaccinate those over 65 and also those with other high risk conditions.

I understand that allocations from the federal government will be based on our population over 65 and also on our ability to quickly get shots in arms. Please don't let our state fall behind on the latter.

Let's show that Wisconsin can end up number one in vaccine distribution and save a lot of lives.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Dennis Kempfert

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From: [Ellen Breithaupt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccination Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:20:04 PM

Hello,

I understand the reasoning behind your current vaccination rollout recommendations, however, I would like to suggest a more expedited approach:

“Per HHS current recommendations: “states should expand vaccinations to everyone age 65 and older, in an effort to get the vaccine to more people immediately.””

The reasoning behind this is to immunize more people at a more rapid rate, thus hopefully reducing the amount of people who will contract the disease. According to what I have read, the federal government is expediting vaccine shipments to the states. A means to accomplish this end might include using the National Guard & large public venues.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my recommendations.

Ellen Breithaupt


From: [Lynn Koss](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:17:49 PM

Seniors over 65 should be included in the next round of vaccines

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From: [Chris Pogodzinski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:17:46 PM
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Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2021 11:35:54 -0600

Subject: COVID vaccine

Reclaiming our lives will only come with vaccinating more and more people. Please consider adults 65 and older (as per the fed gov) and those with underlying conditions as the next in line.

Create more places where these vaccines can easily be administered and decrease the backload.

From: [Temte Jonathan L](#)
To: [McCamy, Martha L - DHS \(Synergy\)](#)
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Vaccine Plan
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:59:51 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Temte Jonathan L <Jon.Temte@fammed.wisc.edu>
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

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Hi Jon,

My name is Nancy Suchomel. I am a widow who lives alone and 69 years old. I do not agree with vaccinating prisoners before my age group 65-69. The CDC just released recommendations to vaccinate all 65 and older as soon as possible as the Federal Government plans to release its stockpile. But with Wisconsin's plan it will be months before I will be vaccinated. I have followed every guideline and been alone and isolated since March! I am grieving the loss of my husband from ALS. I am fighting depression every day! I pay my property tax and installment income taxes before they are even due. Is there anyone else I can contact about my opinion? The State Journal said to contact the state if I disagree with the plan.

Thank You,
Nancy Suchomel
[REDACTED]

From: [Darlyne Haertlein](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations for 1B group
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:50:16 AM

The next group after medical personnel, firefighters, and police should be adults 65 and older, many of whom have underlying health issues that make them more vulnerable to contract the disease and battle it. The idea of the state making prisoners 1B and giving the vaccine to criminals in prison is absolutely ludicrous!! Rewarding criminals who have chosen their consequences by their actions do not deserve any special consideration...and they especially do not deserve to have the life-saving inoculations that are in short supply and should be given to those who have lived productive lives and now need the vaccine to continue those productive lives . Prisoners have not earned the vaccine and should not be placed before older americans who have spent their lives doing what is expected, obeying the laws, paying taxes etc. etc. Come on. Get the priorities in order and get on with the job of administering the vaccine to those who need it and deserve it.

D. Haertlein

From: [Jim Weigman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid 19
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:47:35 AM

Good day

I am a 60 year old with heart AFib as well as hypertension issues with a weight issue. I believe that you been to lower the age groups quicker that you are, I get vaccines are limited but if you've only had 27% thus far move on to people who really want the vaccine.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [pogodzinsk](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:27:43 AM

I think you should follow the federal suggestion of vaccinations for all over age 65 and high risk patients. Why arbitrarily age 70.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Bill Fei](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:37:41 AM

Hi

Please make the age limit from 70 to 65 !!!! Both of us are age 68 I have diabetes and my wife had cancer 2 years ago so we are both high risk so please lower the age limit to 65. Pulse vaccine the gard,s at the prisions not the inmates we the public did not put them in there they did.

William J Feiereisen

From: [Suzanne Toce](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#); [Thomas D Harter](#)
Subject: MDAC plan for 1b distribution of the COVID 19 vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:35:20 AM

I have read the entire plan and felt that, in general, it was very well thought out and documented. The ethical principles on which recommendations were made were clear. While I am 72 years old and pleased to be included in group 1b, the documentation for age risk for infection referenced groups 75 and over and 65 and over. I was unclear what the support was for choosing age 70. Other states are using age 75 for group 1b and 65 and older for group 1c.

Regards, Suzanne Toce, MD
Retired Neonatologist
Member of the Bioethics Committee
Gundersen Health System
La Crosse, WI

From: [Michelle Sackerson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:23:51 AM

Please follow the data as provided by the CDC. It clearly shows those at greatest risk are the elderly. After 1st responders, hospital staff and nursing home staff and occupants, I strongly urge you to do all elderly people over 65 and those with compromised immune systems, then 60, then 50 before the general population. This would do the most to prevent death and serious complications as well as reducing the need for hospitalization.

Since last March, actions by government were based on the need to not overwhelm the hospitals. To that end it makes sense to vaccinate those that are more likely to need these services. To change the reasons now will only sow confusion.

From: [Amalia Hicks](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public Comment on: Recommendations for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1b
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:00:45 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Wisconsin I urge you to adopt the new CDC recommendations to immediately begin vaccinations of all citizens above 65 and citizens below age 65 with comorbid conditions.

This will allow us to vaccinate more of our population in a shorter amount of time, which is critical given the new, more contagious virus strains that are circulating around the country.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration,
Amalia

Amalia Hicks, Ph.D. | Principal
Cadmus | 625 N. Segoe Rd., Suite 107 | Madison, WI 53705
She/Her/Hers; They/Them/Theirs

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From: [Jay Hiller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:58:21 AM

Logically it makes most sense to vaccinate the most vulnerable first. It is the best way to limit deaths, increase hospitalization availability and limit economic impact. Seniors and the most vulnerable must be first, start at 75 and work down to 50. Get this population vaccinated and deaths and hospitalizations are probably reduced by 75%. Morally it's right.

That has to be the goal. Every day counts, vote to save lives!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Joan Jabusch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:56:45 AM

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I am very concerned about this...I've been waiting like the rest of the world....I am 70....am I included?????....I already lost a year of my life....I cant afford any more....I am isolated and live alone...I need my friends...PLEASE let 70 be included....thank you...Joanie Jabusch...
joanieja@charter.net

From: [Judy Meylink](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Input on 1b phase Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:04:09 AM

My husband and I are both 69 years old. We also have serious underlying medical conditions. At this point we are in the 1C category. I can't believe how long it will be till we are vaccinated!!! The federal government is now recommending 65 and older get the vaccine but here in Wisconsin we will have to wait months. My husband and I have followed all the guidelines. If one of us gets sick and possibly dies, how do we or the your governing body live with the way Wisconsin is handling these vaccinations?

Look to successful states on how to do all of this. Example: my sister was notified through My Chart when it was her turn.

Judy Meylink

From: [Gale Powers](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine to 65 and older and underlying
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:50:48 AM

Dear Sirs,

The federal government is now planning to release all vaccine to state, and is strongly urging us to vaccinate the vulnerable group of 65 and older and underlying health conditions as all of know that these people are at a much significantly higher risk of getting seriously ill or not surviving should they become infected. Please follow the science and recommendations from the federal government for Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration for this most vulnerable group of people!

Very Concerned Citizen in Wisconsin
Gale E. Powers

Sent from my iPad

From: [Deborah R](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Simple! Vaccinate Over-65 now! Stop holding up vaccine! Stop talking about it and get it done!!!
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:31:15 AM

Wisconsin is now, horrendously, in position 34 out of 50 states for percentage of covid vaccine administered of the doses distributed to Wisconsin:

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/public-health/states-ranked-by-percentage-of-covid-19-vaccines-administered.html>

I just read your committee's very complex rationale for all the different groups, like mink farm workers, that you are including before vulnerable high-risk 65-70 year old Wisconsin residents with co-morbidities.

Your group spent A Lot of time and money rationalizing and counting up all these different groups, and have decided to recommend that a healthy 20 year old teacher, grocery store worker, or mink farmer should be vaccinated ahead of an over-65 person with chronic heart and lung disease.

This is reckless and heartless. Yes, all lives are important, but covid deaths rise sharply after age 65!

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm

Focus on saving lives and getting this done in the quickest and simplest way possible. Recommend to get that vaccine in high-risk Wisconsin residents arms now!!! Please!!!

Deborah Ryan
Madison, WI

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From: Deborah R <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Jan 10, 2021, 11:07 AM
Subject: Preserve life! Vaccinate Over-65 now!
To: <dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

The preservation of life Must be the top priority! The data is clear. Covid-19 deaths rise sharply after age 65:

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm

Persons in many of the priority groups that you are establishing, and trying to convince many people in those groups to take the vaccine, are not taking it, or stating that they are planning to not take it, because they do not feel vulnerable. Valuable time is being wasted in this part of the effort.

Over-65 people, almost all, Know that they are vulnerable and will be so very thankful to be protected from severe disease and death. Please don't let Wisconsin allow more people to die unnecessarily. Many other states are realizing where the priority needs to be. Do the right

thing please! Preserve life!

From: [John Vater](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Shots
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:08:17 AM

Delete Mink Farmers and Add Seniors 65-60. Seniors are at more risk and more venerable. The mink farms are many fewer people and can wait. Require teachers to go back to the classrooms after the shot and properly educate the students.

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From: [Lars Russell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:07:10 AM

Members of the Wisconsin DHSSDMAC

I would respectfully suggest that you include those 65 years of age and up in 1-b if they have co-morbidity factors.

I would also suggest that the idea of vaccinating anyone incarcerated before law abiding citizens is insulting. We have been virtual prisoners in our homes for almost a year. They can be isolated a little while longer.

Thank you for the chance to give my opinion,
Larry Russell

(70 year old retired health care worker)

From: [Kristi Winchester](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccine Distribution
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:55:21 AM

Hello,

I would like to go on record to support the updated CDC recommendation of administering the Covid Vaccine to Wisconsin residents age 65 and older in Phase 1B. 1/12/2021

Please reconsider your WI recommendations from 1/12/2021 that state 70 and older in Phase 1B.

Thank you,
Kristi Winchester

From: [ginger wipperfurth](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: phase 1b
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:05:20 AM

I'm not convinced about the mink idea. I realize there is a problem but I'm not as concerned about the mink as I am about those over 65 & medical problems. And I've been a prisoner of my home for close to a year & I didn't break any laws. I can understand employees of the prison system but the prisoners?? No, over 65 & those with underlying need to come first. The elderly are probably taking up the most rooms in the hospitals & dying the fastest why wouldn't you vaccinate them first?? I don't get it. Even the CDC has finally figured this out.

Virginia Wipperfurth

From: [Wendy Felten](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:33:04 AM

Open it up to people 65 and older, which is now recommended. Open up mass vaccination centers and call in the National Guard to assist. Every day that passes without more people being vaccinated means more unnecessary deaths. This rollout of the vaccine has been a joke. I know that this is a big undertaking, but everyone knew it was coming and had time to prepare. Other states are opening mass vaccination centers and opening it up to more groups. We must get the vaccine in peoples arms. This is taking far too long.

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From: [Pat Reidy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:06:20 AM

I take care of my niece who has special needs 5 days a week. Would I qualify as a child care provider in phase 1b? I also take care of my disabled husband who is 74. I feel that phase 1b should include those age 65 and older. That is the age most other states are following and I don't see why Wisconsin shouldn't as well. I don't think it should matter what race you are, but rather what existing health issues you have which would increase mortality risk. Thank you.

Pat R.

From: [Cindy Adams](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:53:28 AM

My recommendation is 65 years and older and underlying conditions.

Thank you to you all. I know you're trying your best to look out for the citizens of Wisconsin.

Cynthia Adams
Greenfield, WI

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From: [Mary B](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Secretary Azar 's new vaccine rollout
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:59:00 PM

When will the County DHSS offices be given the go ahead to vaccinate all people over 65 according to the new guidelines issued today by Secretary Azar and the Trump Administration? I live on the border of Washburn and Barron Counties. A call to their DHSS offices indicated they were still focused on Group 1a and totally unaware of recent changes. I am 73 with 6 high risk conditions including advanced heart and lung disease. My husband is 78 with advanced COPD and recently in remission from Stage 4 lung cancer. If either one of us contracts Covid, our chances of survival are very limited. Yet neither one of us can get a vaccine because they are still vaccinating only frontline workers Healthcare workers in our counties.

Please help the millions of people in Wisconsin in this situation and make the County DHSS offices aware of the change in vaccination distribution.

Thank you. Mary Brady

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Mary

From: donna.detvan@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:13:11 PM

I believe the guidelines should be what the Federal government is saying and not less. They indicate 65 and over for the age.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Madeline Strassburg](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:12:20 PM

I feel phase 1b should go to 65 or older because I am disabled and high risk and in an apt. And share common areas and I need this vaccine to survive.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gale Powers](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:22:44 PM

Please give serious consideration to making people 65 and older and people with underlying conditions a priority in group 1B. Our state should follow the science and the new guidelines recommended just yesterday. This group is much more at risk to become seriously ill and die from Covid.

Thank you.
Carolyne Powers
Concerned Wisconsin Citizen

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lisa Przybyla](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine distribution
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:56:36 PM

Dear Committee,

I would to strongly suggest that people with health conditions that are considered high risk for covid-19 be included in phase 1b.

I am a stage IV Lung cancer survivor and have to routinely go into hospitals for tests and treatments and risk being exposed. If I were to contract Covid-19 I would surely end up in the hospital or even worse die from this virus. I am not alone in this matter. All cancer survivors and others with serious health conditions are currently being overlooked. I am being held a prisoner in my own home by this virus. We should have higher priority than those in prison. The Department of Health and Human Services stated that everyone 65 and older and those with serious health conditions should now be able to get a vaccine.

I ask that you reconsider your plan and follow the recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Thank you,
Lisa Przybyla

Sent from my iPhone

From: [jerry Ryan](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: who should get 1b rollout vaccine
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:37:41 PM

I think it is important that people under 65, but over 16 with underlying medical conditions be included in this.

Many of us are not working in fear of getting COVID19. If we were to receive the vaccine, we could be of a benefit to society and our families.

Regards,

Jerry Ryan
Burlington Wisconsin

From: [Mochi ron](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:46:42 PM
Attachments: image.png

Hello,

Thank you for seeking public comment. As the [State's own data](#) show that deaths increase substantially in all groups aged 50 and older, my suggestion would be that Phase 1b be expanded to include those over age 50.

Percent of COVID-19 deaths by age group

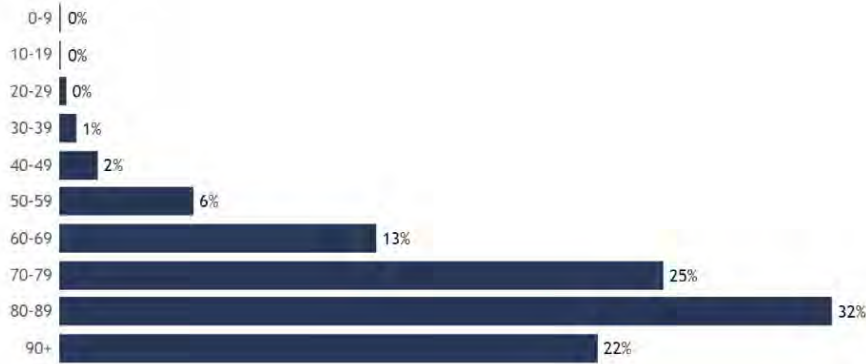
Updated: 1/12/2021 (Total: 5,211)

View deaths by:

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

Select case confirmation status:

- Confirmed
- Probable
- Confirmed and probable



Thank you.

Ron Stein
Milwaukee, WI

From: [Kathy Bruger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:45:59 PM

I think anyone 65 and older should be in the next phase of vaccinations as the federal government is recommending. Thank You . Katherine Bruger

From: [Sheila W](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 12:05:26 PM

I am totally voicing my opinion on what is happening with this covid rollout in Wisconsin. This is absolutely ridiculous. I just read Gov Evers email on who is in each phase and want clarification.

I am 67 years old and believed I would be in Phase 1C based on the known risks for older people, CDC guidelines, and what has been the current culture within other areas of our country. Gov Evers email dated 1/12/21 in which I am now listed as Phase 2-general public!!!!!! Did I read this correctly?????? Your definition of Phase 1c is only for those 60 and older with chronic health conditions?????? The CDC is expected to change their recommendations today to recommend anyone older than 65 get vaccinated in the next group. Knowing full well I am in a group impacted greatly by covid and this vaccine I am expecting to know why Wisconsin is lagging behind in both supply and rollout and not in a position to be able to follow the CDC? How is Wisconsin dealing with the changing CDC guidelines? I am expecting an answer please from your office and intend to keep asking this question of all my elected officials.

Communication and planning appears to be nonexistent. We are moving backward rather than forward... Please correct. I do not think you have my best interests in mind. Please remember you work for me.