

From: [Foy, Morna](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Jim Zylstra](#); [Trujillo, Brandon R - WTCS](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee public input on Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:59:32 PM
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Dear Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee:

Thank you for recognizing the importance of those who work in higher education and childcare as “Public-Facing Essential Workers” and acknowledgement that vaccination of college faculty and staff will allow a faster return to more normal educational approaches, which will generate significant social, economic and health benefits to Wisconsin.

On behalf the 16 Wisconsin Technical Colleges (WTCS) and the 300,000 students we serve annually, I am writing to support your recommendation that all college and staff be included in Wisconsin’s Phase 1B Covid19 vaccinations. WTCS career and technical education programs require a significant amount of hands-on learning in labs on campuses. Our faculty and staff have been innovative in developing alternate assignments for students to achieve some learning outcomes remotely, but there is no substitute for the experiential hands-on learning that is required for career and technical education. Moreover, as you note in your proposed recommendations, the move from face-to-face to virtual instruction has created challenges for many students and all WTCS colleges are eager to return to in-person instruction for all our courses as soon as it safe to do.

However, as your report notes, college campuses have been at high-risk for COVID19 outbreaks. To best curtail the spread of the disease by immunity through inoculation, college staff and students should also be included as Phase 1B candidates for vaccination. WTCS college staff have high direct contact rates with students providing critical support and success services including academic and career advising, food pantry operations, security, mental health and health services, financial aid, and other types of assistance that is crucial to keep students on track to earning their degrees. It is not possible to safely re-open college campuses until these essential workers are also vaccinated.

As you know, the vast majority of WTCS students are already are, or preparing for careers as, Wisconsin’s essential workforce; the nurses, respiratory therapists, EMTs, electricians, law enforcement officers and other first responders to name just a few. Their academic progress, and rapid deployment to help Wisconsin combat COVID19 and rebuild our economy is dependent upon our ability to safely re-open our campuses to more face-to-face learning. With tens of thousands of adult students commuting to our campuses, re-opening safely will require faculty, staff and students to be vaccinated.

Therefore, I strongly urge the sub-committee to include all WTCS college faculty, staff, and students in the Phase 1B Covid19 vaccinations. I appreciate your work in developing these guidelines and ensuring priority is given to those who are critically important to everyone who reside in the State of

Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ryan Peterson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Educators in 1b - Support
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:56:20 PM

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January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for school district employees and contracted service providers to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. There are many staff members who support students in schools. These staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and others. Contracted service providers include bus drivers, bus monitors, custodians, pre-kindergarten staff, and others who provide services to students. These groups interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping school buildings open to allow for in-person instruction.

The Oshkosh Area School District has almost 1500 employees who serve over 9,000 students. Students need consistency in their education. Face to face in-person instruction best meets the academic, emotional, and social needs of students. Our district is facing a staffing limitation and this will impact whether or not we can offer in-person instruction. Including school staff in Group 1b will help school districts address staffing constraints and allow our district to safely resume in-person instruction.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all school district employees and contracted service providers in the 1B distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-573-3052.

Respectfully,

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Ryan Peterson

Principal
Merrill Middle School
Oshkosh, WI 54901
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Click the link below to learn about plans to build a new Middle School.
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From: [Dan Rossmiller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Ashley, John](#); [Bob Butler](#); [Barry Forbes](#); [Chris Kulow](#)
Subject: WASB Comments on Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:51:40 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) is a voluntary membership association representing all 421 of Wisconsin's locally elected public school boards, including roughly 2,800 school board members in our state, serving in Wisconsin's largest urban communities to its smallest communities.

WASB members are deeply concerned about disruption of student learning and school activities that has resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our public schools provide essential services to our communities and to nearly 840,000 students. These schools provide safe places for students to learn. They feed and nurture students. They relieve parents of caretaking responsibilities during the workday. And, most importantly, these schools teach our students valuable lessons.

From a learning standpoint, we know that in-person instruction is more effective than remote learning, and more equitable, too. However, the matter of how to provide in-person instruction safely—in a manner that protects the health of all students, staff, parents and community members—is also of vital concern. Prioritizing the vaccination of our educators and those school personnel who are essential to the delivery of educational services is a key to ensuring the continuity of in-person instruction.

The WASB welcomes the draft Phase 1B recommendations of the SDMAC's Vaccine Subcommittee that would include K-12 educators among the essential workforce to receive vaccinations in Phase 1B. We see this as an essential step toward returning our schools to more normal, in-person operation on a sustainable basis.

As employers, we are concerned, however, about one aspect of the draft recommendations that is a sort of Catch-22 and urge that it be corrected. In an odd twist, it appears some educators who arguably ought to be prioritized run a risk of being excluded from Phase 1B distribution under the draft recommendations if they are working from home because they are at high risk of serious complications from the virus.

In other words, despite being high-risk, these educators would be denied access to the vaccine under the draft recommendations because their school boards, as their employers, attempted to protect them from harmful exposure to the virus and serious medical complications that would likely result from their contracting the virus. This hardly makes sense as we attempt to return our schools to safe and equitable in-person instruction for all students. If we could vaccinate these teachers and protect them from the risk of complications, we could allay their fears and safely return them to the

classroom, contributing to our ability to conduct in-person instruction.

We note language in the draft recommendations (see paragraph on “PUBLIC-FACING ESSENTIAL WORKERS” on page 2) states:

“The (Vaccine) Subcommittee asks the public and employers to only select those who are at risk due to performing public-facing positions with considerations of frequency, intensity, and duration of contact, and ability to mitigate. **Employees who are able to work from home, perform most tasks outdoors, or have limited engagement with the public are asked to delay vaccination until supply is robust.**” (*emphasis added*)

In addition, we note language in Appendix E (see bottom paragraph on p. 15) states:

“– Vaccination should be offered to any individual faculty, staff or administrator in child care/preschool, K-12 and post-secondary educational settings, **for whom direct interaction with students is required** for achievement of appropriate educational outcomes.” (*emphasis added*)

While WASB members appreciate and strongly support the inclusion of educators in the Phase 1B draft recommendations, we urge you to adjust the recommendations to protect all teachers who are engaged in instructing students so that they may safely return to the classroom for in-person instruction. The current draft recommendation stands in the way of enabling all teachers to do so and should be amended.

Thank you for your work and thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Rossmiller

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From: [Linda Uselmann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:50:44 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing today to advocate for K-12 educators to be placed near the front of the line for this phase of vaccination.

While we, as a rather large school district, have been able through mitigation factors such as masking and distancing to remain open in a hybrid model, our students and families are eager to return to full time schooling. We all know that schools function as more than just academic delivery systems, and having students in school full time sends positive ripples throughout the community and state. In our case, we're talking about giving nearly 7,000 students the opportunity to get back to a predictable full day routine for school.

For our district to open fully, we need something more than just masking, as distancing will not be possible with a full contingent of students in school each day, and there are times when working with students when masking fails (lunchtime, fidgeting, special needs concerns). Our schools don't function without our staff, and our staff need a buffer from illness, to back up the masking. We have had many periods this year when we were short of staff and substitutes due to illnesses and quarantines. Having staff vaccinated will help with continuity of staffing, not to mention peace of mind.

We have almost 850 school staff in our district, and school nurses who are already in the mix helping deliver vaccines.

I know that Governor Evers and other national political figures have stated that schools need to open, and they understand the positive impact that will have on communities. I urge you to put action behind those words and make sure school staff get their vaccines as soon as possible so they can best serve students and families.

Please contact me with any questions or for further clarification.

Thank you for your consideration,
Linda Uselmann, FDL Board of Education
263 E Cotton St
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
920-322-0339

From: [Sandra Goodkind](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:46:46 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra Goodkind


Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217

From: [Carol Blaisdell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:42:11 PM

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If people want schools to be face to face, then teachers NEED to be vaccinated first before that happens! I am not a teacher, but a healthcare worker. Take care of those responsible for taking care of others.

Thank you for allowing me to express my two cents!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Charles R Cornett](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B Public Input
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:41:59 PM

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Hello,

I am writing you today on behalf of myself and other college/university instructors and our position in the State of Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccination priority listing. I urge you to place this group in Phase 1B. Higher education is vital to the economic success and recovery from this pandemic, and the need to move much of our instruction to alternative delivery modes is having a significant, demonstrable impact on re-enrollment of students and their overall achievement. This has the unintended consequence of delaying 2 and 4-year graduation and reducing the number of graduates available to meet the demands of a recovery. By including instructors in Phase 1B, the plan and priority would guarantee a return to "normal" instruction modes in Fall 2021 and permit instructional planning for a face-to-face mode rather than leaving the potential for vaccination disruptions throughout late Spring and Summer 2021.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
Charles Cornett
Professor of Chemistry
University of Wisconsin-Platteville

From: [Amy Smejkal](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
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Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Smejkal

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From: [Amy Bahr](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:40:31 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Bahr

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From: [Kristina Rolander](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b - Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:34:22 PM

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Hello,

I am writing today to add my input into the public commentary regarding who should be prioritized in Phase 1b for Covid vaccination.

I am the parent of 2 children in Milwaukee Public Schools. My children have not been allowed to attend school in-person since March 12th, 2020. They are and continue to be in full virtual school, with no end in sight.

Virtual school has been one of the most difficult hardships I've ever had to endure in my 41 years on this planet. My previously excelling children are now stressed, anxious, depressed, and unmotivated. My 9-year-old has not seen any of her peers since March. As Milwaukee continues to keep bars and restaurants open, but our public schools closed, the message being sent loud and clear is that our children's education is not a priority.

I am sick of being patient and I am frustrated that I still do not know when my children will be allowed to go back to school. Virtual school is not working for them and we do not want to do it anymore.

Please please please, I am pleading with you to prioritize TEACHERS and STAFF in this next vaccination cycle. The Milwaukee Teachers Union has been very vocal, saying they will not agree to go back to school in-person until it is safe. We are playing politics with our children's lives and future. The only way for our children to move forward is for them to go back to school. Please help us. Please prioritize the teachers next for vaccinations and open our public schools in Milwaukee.

Thank you,

Kristina Rolander Avery
Milwaukee, WI

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From: [Suzanne Finman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:28:42 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Finman


Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

From: [Christine Mujkanovic](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:27:27 PM

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I believe teachers that have been teaching face-to-face since the beginning of the school year should get the vaccine before teachers that have been teaching from home. I have been cleaning and sanitizing with less than ideal PPE.

From: [Mark Vincent](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B School Psychologists
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:26:42 PM

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Taskforce Members,

Although it is true that almost all MPS staff are working virtually during the pandemic and have NO direct contact with students, MPS school psychologists have been required to provide in-person special education evaluations since August, 2020.

School psychologists on the centralized evaluation teams (approximately 25 psychologists) have daily face to face close contact with students, each day from different households, for extended periods of time (occasionally up to 2 hours per student session). In addition to being at less than 2 feet away from students during testing the examiner and student constantly exchange test manipulatives.

Please consider making school psychologists a priority in 1b.

Thank you,
Mark Vincent

From: [michelle.langenfeld](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Posley, Keith](#); [Carlton D Jenkins](#); [Sue Savaglio-Jarvis](#); [Stephen Murley](#); [Eric Gallien](#); [Thompson, Michael J - DPI](#)
Subject: MPS, MMSD, KUSD, GBAPS and RUSD Comments re: SMDAC Recommendations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:26:02 PM
Attachments: Big Five Letter_ Prioritizing Educators (3).pdf

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Dear Ms. McCamy:

Please see the attached public comment from Wisconsin's five largest public school district superintendents surrounding Appendix E of 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 as it relates to this section.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Michelle Langenfeld Ed.D.

on behalf of MPS, MMSD, KUSD, GBAPS and RUSD



January 15, 2021

Wisconsin’s State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)
Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee
Attn: Martha McCamy
Via email to: dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Dear Ms. McCamy:

As school leaders, representing the five largest public school districts in Wisconsin (Milwaukee - 74,683 students, Madison - 26,842 students, Kenosha - 20,759 students, Green Bay - 20,248 students, and Racine - 17,529 students),* we are writing to provide public comment surrounding Appendix E of 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 as it relates to this section.

We strongly urge you, on behalf of the children, staff, families and communities we serve, to prioritize all staff and administrators working in child care, preschool, K-12 and post-secondary educational settings in vaccine group 1b.

We see firsthand the daily deleterious impact COVID-19 has on the health and well being of our students, particularly those most vulnerable. By vaccinating teachers and related school staff, we will not only reduce their risk for SARS-CoV2 infection, but also will increase our ability to open our doors and provide our students with high quality in-person instruction and learning opportunities.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



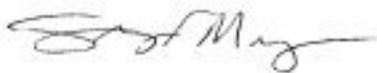
Dr. Keith Posley
Superintendent of Schools
Milwaukee Public Schools



Dr. Carlton Jenkins
Superintendent of Schools
Madison Metropolitan School District



Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis
Superintendent
Kenosha Unified Public Schools



Mr. Stephen Murley
Superintendent of Schools and Learning
Green Bay Area Public Schools



Dr. Eric Gallien
Superintendent of Schools
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From: [Thomas Kreuser](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:22:17 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am hoping you include teachers in the next vaccination group. My students are not making gains with virtual instruction. Please consider including educational staff in the next group.

Thank you,
Thomas Kreuser

From: [Ericka Watson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Pandemic Vaccine distribution
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:17:13 PM

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How can any public health facilities, hospital administrator not see the necessity to arm our teachers ,and students more quickly? How can any of the people in charge dare to subtract income from the front line workers ? All the death ,all the hours away from their families ,all the fear that they have at possibly catching Covid themselves? Any administrator who has cut the pay of a front line healthcare worker should be fired immediately! Anyone in charge of the distribution of these vaccines needs to see the necessity for teachers ,and students to receive these vaccines instantly !!! The safety of our children, should be far more important than it seems to be?

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From: [Bree Stadler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Thank you for your consideration.

Bree Stadler


Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572

From: [Connie Denk](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:10:39 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This email is in regard to K-12 staff being included in 1B. Please allow this email to serve as an email asking that staff continue to be included in 1B.

Impact on Sector:

All education systems have been impacted by Covid 19. Students learn best in the classroom, but it is very challenging keeping students in schools when there are not enough substitute teachers. To keep all safe, protocol requires that for any symptom students/staff must stay home. They cannot come back until they have a negative test. The Valders Area School District has had to go virtual three times. Two of those times were because we did not have enough staff. In a district with 1,000 students, we have had 39 confirmed cases. I have no doubt that there have been many more cases. It is similar to speeding. You may get a ticket once in a year, but you were actually speeding 10 times. So many students have come to school with colds that I have no doubt there have been many more.

Impact on Personnel:

For educators, facing 120 students every day knowing that asymptomatic carriers spread most of Covid is to be blunt scary. I got Covid in October. I do not know how I got it. It could have been a mask break or a door handle. Students often come to school with colds because if they stay home one day, they are required to stay home until they get a negative test. So they just come to school. This puts all personnel at risk. A risk that can be avoided if we are vaccinated.

Staffing Statistics:

The majority of teachers are older and because it is a sedentary job, many have health issues related to the same. Working remotely isn't an option for school staff as students learn best in person. Anyone who has had children knows that when kids start school viruses spread like wildfire. Especially because there is the variant strain that is more easily transmissible, it is very important that K-12 staff be vaccinated as soon possible. This will help keep schools open. It will allow other schools to re-open and will ensure a full in person learning venue in fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

Constance A. Schwantes Denk
Constance A. S. Denk
Valders Area School District
201 West Wilson Street
Valders, WI 54245

From: [Kathleen Hauser](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Employees of private labs are being offered vaccines today! Employees whose exposure is limited to a few adult fellow employees and who work in buildings with adequate ventilation are being offered protection, while teachers who are exposed to dozens or hundreds of individuals with no protections provided by their employers are being told to wait and continue risking their lives. This is wrong. Teachers need to be vaccinated now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen Hauser

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From: [Pamela Georgeson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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From: [STEPHANIE PELO](#)
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Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:05:14 PM

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If educators are not prioritized, move schools back to remote learning until we can be vaccinated. We CAN educate remotely and are being put into high unnecessary risk situations being in school with students right now.

Thank you for your consideration.

STEPHANIE PELO

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From: [Noel Bisog](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:01:42 PM

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I was diagnosed with covid-19 on November 1st, 2020. I am confident that I contracted covid while teaching/supervising students in a high school setting. Outside of school I was able to maintain strict social distance, hand washing, and masking, yet I was still vulnerable. Luckily I am young and healthy and recovered from the disease (after a couple very tough weeks.)

Many teachers are at very high risk and feel that they need to choose between their students and their own health and well being.

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Noel Bisog

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From: [Ashley Mariucci](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccination
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:53:41 PM

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To Whom it may concern;

My name is Ashley Mariucci, I am a Special Education teacher for Roosevelt and Merrill Elementary schools within the Oshkosh Area School District. I am writing to you today to implore you to please vaccinate teachers as soon as possible! With parents forcing the school districts to return to 100% in person learning it places teachers in a very, very difficult situation. I travel between two schools, I am in 4 different classrooms and provide pull out services for 9 different students. I also have a compromised immune system. With the amount of contact points that I have each day and my medical conditions it creates a very scary situation for me and for my family. Furthermore, it also increases my risk of not only contracting Covid but also transmitting to multiple staff members and students.

The only way for us to safely return to 100% in person learning is for the staff members to be vaccinated, first. I implore you once again, please push up the vaccinations for staff members before we are forced back to 100% in person learning.

Ashley Mariucci
Special Education Teacher
Roosevelt (920) 424-0411 x 6292
Merrill (920) 424-0420 x 6292
"Life = Choices;
You can't control the hand life deals you,
but you always have a choice in your response"

From: [John Swallow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: In support of education in 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:52:43 PM

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Dear Members of the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee and its Vaccine Subcommittee,

I write as president of Carthage College in Kenosha to express my support of vaccinating all faculty and staff in educational institutions, from K-12 to postsecondary, as soon as possible, in group 1b.

Our front-line faculty and staff are teaching and interacting with students in-person, to the best of their ability with personal protective equipment. Their risk of exposure is substantially higher than that of many, many workers — and, given their age and other characteristics, the risk they bear can be substantially above average.

I wholeheartedly endorse including all employees of all educational institutions in the 1b vaccination round for their health and safety.

Sincerely,

John Swallow
President

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John Swallow
President and CEO
Professor of Mathematics
Carthage College
2001 Alford Park Drive
Kenosha, WI 53140

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From: [Rebecca Syverson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:51:19 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Rebecca Syverson

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From: [Jay Johnson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:50:33 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jay Johnson


Wind Point, Wisconsin 53402

From: [Carley Goodkind](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:30:48 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Carley Goodkind

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From: [SuAnn Pagel-Rast](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:28:38 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

SuAnn Pagel-Rast

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From: [Kirsten Desai](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee and Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:23:40 PM

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Hello,
Please prioritize educators & school staff from elementary to college, critical workers and seniors in Phase 1B. Even just the initial shot would provide more protection than individuals have now.
Thank you,
Kirsten Desai
McFarland, WI

From: [Joseph Wirtz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:22:24 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Wirtz
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From: [Rachel Bergstrom](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comments for Vaccine Subcommittee in consideration of Phase 1B COVID vaccine distribution
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:14:26 PM

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Hello,

I write today in support of the inclusion of people working in Higher Education in the Phase 1B grouping for the COVID vaccine distribution plan.

I am an Associate Professor of Biology at Beloit College in Beloit, WI. I teach a course on Emerging Diseases (right now it's all-covid-all-the-time) and therefore have expertise on the social and biological implications of vaccination and disease spread on a college campus.

In addition to the protection of high-risk faculty and staff on a college campus the benefits of protecting the students with whom our faculty and staff work closely, inclusion of the people working higher education in this next group signals two important priorities for the state of WI. First, that education is, as promised by the Wisconsin Idea, valued by our state; acknowledging the essential nature of this work by including higher education faculty and staff in Phase 1B is a tangible signal of this value. Second, it provides an exceptionally important opportunity for us as educators and staff who mentor and interact with students daily to highlight our collective responsibility for the health and well-being of one another, including supporting the use of safe and effective vaccines. This is especially important for us as we work with educating and supporting students in the critical early adult years of 18-22 years of age.

I hope that you will consider positively the inclusion of people working in Higher education in Phase 1B.

Best,

Rachel A. Bergstrom, PhD

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From: [Michael C](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine sub committee, Group 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:14:01 PM

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Hello! I am as School Psychologist in the Milwaukee Public Schools. I work on the IEP Evaluation Team. We have been conducting in person evaluations with students since August, 2020. Evaluations can take up to 90 minutes and we have seen children from three different households during the course of a work day. School Psychologists were excluded from the 1a priority group in our district, although the Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists that I work have all received their first dose of the vaccine. I am petitioning the sub committee to please place the School Psychologists on the priority list to receive the vaccine as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Michael Crossot
School Psychologist, Milwaukee Public Schools Evaluation Team

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tamara Schick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:14:00 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Tamara Schick

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From: [Toddk](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:10:41 PM

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Hello,

I wish to voice my support for the planned inclusion of educators in the 1B vaccination group. I am a school psychologist with Milwaukee Public Schools. Since this August, my job has required face-to-face contact with students and parents. I am part of a cohort of MPS psychologists responsible for conducting special education evaluations, a federally mandated role. This duty cannot be conducted virtually. While I do adhere to personal protection practices, this role requires me to spend up to an hour and a half in close contact with children. Following every appointment, I wonder if this was the one that makes me sick. Scarier still, is the fear that I may then transmit the virus on to a child or parent, many of whom suffer from a variety of health conditions. I urge you to continue the inclusion of educators in 1B. Thank you!

Todd Kalkoske
School Psychologist
Milwaukee Public Schools

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From: [Kristen Flesch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee / Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:08:33 PM

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Hi -

I wanted to reach out and express my opinions on who should be getting the next round of the COVID vaccine.

I think that our teachers and high risk people should be next. The fact that prisoners are even on the table being considered is baffling to me.

Please keep our teachers safe, our children's mental well being depends on it.

Thanks!

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From: [Erica Wagoner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:08:24 PM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process. Middleton Cross Plains Area School District starts back in person on February 1 and we would all feel a lot better going back if we at least had our first round of the vaccine by then.

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Thank you for your consideration.
-Erica Wagoner

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From: [Janice Lang-Ikwuazu](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:07:07 PM

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Janice Lang-Ikwuazu

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From: [Katy Morrow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:02:38 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Katy Morrow

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From: [Sheryl Scott](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:02:09 PM

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Hello Vaccine Subcommittee members,

I am writing to you today with a plea for a group of individuals who should be included in Phase 1B eligibility for the Covid vaccination. I am a nurse, but I do not have direct patient care responsibilities. Therefore I have not been eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase 1A. However, I am a nursing faculty member who teaches in a nursing program where we prepare students to become nurses. We need these students to continue to progress in their nursing programs so that they can fill vital nursing roles. I feel that nursing faculty are essential and should be included in the next phase of vaccination. I see that the list for Phase 1B does include teachers, however I am not sure if that includes faculty in higher education. I am ready, able, and willing to be vaccinated as soon as possible so that I can continue educating our future nurses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheryl Scott, DNP, RN, CNE
Director and Chair, School of Nursing
Wisconsin Lutheran College
8800 W. Bluemound Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53226
414.443.8931
Sheryl.scott@wlc.edu

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1

From: [Melanie Kazel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee- Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:02:05 PM

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I am writing to you because I am a school psychologist for Milwaukee Public Schools. Even though the district is closed due to COVID19, school psychologists are continuing to test students in a one-on-one setting to complete special education evaluations. We are in contact with students daily and need to be in the highest priority in phase 1B after the individuals 75 and older. We are continuing to provide services in a face-to-face manner daily. Teachers are not providing face-to-face at this time. Please consider school psychologists when you are making the priority list for phase 1b. Thank you.

Melanie Kazel
MPS School Psychologist

From: [Jami Kohl](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Request Review...
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:56:19 PM
Attachments: Franklin Elementary Letter.pdf

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Please review the attachment below regarding covid vaccinations.

Thank You!



Jami Kohl
Principal
Franklin Elementary School
Oshkosh Area School District
Work: (920) 424-0078

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From: [Abigail Stanislawski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination Subcommittee Phas 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:52:29 PM

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Hello,

I would like to email and ask that you prioritize teachers in the next part of 1b vaccination rollout. I currently teach in Kenosha Unified School District and our students' parents have been given the choice for virtual or in-person learning for each of the children. While they have been given that option, we the teachers have no option. We all teach in-person, in some capacity every day. We are exposed to 20 - 100+ students each day depending on the grade level. It has been stressful and taxing and having access to vaccine would bring some ease to our constant anxiety about safety protocols. We know that these procedures will continue but I feel we could all breathe a little easier and focus more on teaching than sanitation and safety protocols.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Abigail Stanislawski

From: [Tracy Reynolds](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:46:40 PM

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Hello,

While I am thrilled that a vaccine will shortly be available, I am not so thrilled with how this is being "rolled out," so to speak. As a teacher, I have face-to-face time with many, many children each and every day, and yet, we have zero clue as to when we will get the vaccine, while others are on the second dose. Why haven't we been notified with a date? I feel that we have been at ground zero for a long time with little acknowledgement and now we have little transparency as to when it is finally our turn.

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Mrs. Tracy Reynolds, English Teacher

From: [Erin Leitermann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:42:43 PM

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Please consider:

Adding all practicing public school teachers to the Phase 1B eligibility list.

Thank you,

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Erin Leitermann

7/8 Math and Science
Wisconsin Virtual Learning
phone: 262.236.5087

From: [Lisa Ritchie](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Regarding priority for IB
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:40:29 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of prioritizing school psychs in the 1b group for covid vaccinations due to the nature of 1:1 testing currently occurring in the Milwaukee School district.

Thank you for consideration!

Lisa Ritchie

Sent from my iPhone

From: jenessanawrocki@gmail.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Priority for 1B vaccinations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:40:15 PM

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Hello-

My name is Jenessa, and I am a school psychologist that works in Milwaukee Public Schools. I am writing to plead with you, the decision makers, to place school psychologists among the priority recipients of the phase 1B COVID vaccine.

I have been working with the public, testing children for special education qualification since August 2020. I personally test children ages 2-5, most of whom do not wear masks. Social distancing is not possible, when attempting to assess the children I work with. They need to do puzzles, and complete activities that I need to be in close proximity to them to complete. Many can not stay seated, and often need to sit on a lap to stay seated at all. Social distancing is impossible in most of my evaluations.

We have been given face masks and shields, but that only goes so far when the child being evaluated cannot it will not wear one. I am testing 6-8 children per week, from families within the community of Milwaukee. Members of the public who are at highest risk and who have COVID running unchecked through their communities.

My colleagues, who I test with on a daily basis, have all been moved up to 1A priority for their shots. This includes speech pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists (as well as more disciplines). School psychologists were the only ones excluded from 1A status. In fact, many of my colleagues have already had their first shot, and school psychologists have been actively excluded from getting them.

I had an appointment with the Milwaukee Health Department to get my first shot. I was assured by my department head that school psychologists had been cleared for 1A status, and I was able to make an appointment. Two hours before the appointment, it was canceled by the MHD, to make room for "essential" medical personnel.

In closing, please move school psychologists up to priority among the 1B category. We put our lives on the line daily to get kids the help they need. We now do that knowing we are not considered as essential as all of our other colleagues.

Please feel free to contact me with more questions. My phone number is 414-202-1186.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jenessa Nawrocki

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kabel Helmbrecht](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID 19 - Vaccination
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:37:43 PM
Attachments: COVID-19 Vaccination Letter.pdf

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please find attached a letter to convey support for the Oshkosh Recreation Department employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Kabel Helmbrecht
Director of Recreation
Oshkosh Recreation Department--OASD
(920) 424-0248
Website: www.oshkoshrecdept.com

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From: [Julia Mathews](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee- Phase 1B- Teachers
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:34:56 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you as a teacher in Waukesha county, but a resident in Wauwatosa. My school district is currently in-person, 5-days a week. Approximately 90% of students are full-time in person. We have not been virtual at all, except for the students who opted for that route.

I am very happy to be teaching in person because I know it is a better education for the kids. However, I'd be lying if I said going to work everyday didn't make me an anxious ball of stress. Students wear masks, but they aren't always worn correctly. I come into a lot of close contact with students. Although I'm lucky to not have contracted covid, I feel that it's only a matter of time. Several of my colleagues have already gotten it. Please, please, consider teachers for Phase 1B of the vaccination roll out. I understand many schools are virtual, so it may not seem necessary. However, there are still plenty of schools that are full-time in person with nearly all of their students. It would be a huge slap in the face to not be considered for this phase of essential workers.

Thank you for the consideration,

Julia Mathews

From: [Bethany Fredericks](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:33:58 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Bethany Fredericks

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From: [Lauren Miller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:27:10 PM

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Lauren Miller
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From: [Gary Lupyán](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Inclusion of higher-ed instructors: vaccine subcommittee for Phase 1B vaccination
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:27:08 PM

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Dear members of the vaccine subcommittee, please include higher education instructors in phase 1B. The reasons for doing so are already included in your document: high rates of exposure on campuses, higher average age of these faculty as compared to K-12. Another reason is that our undergraduates desperately want in person instruction. Probably the main limitation of being able to offer in-person instruction is the risk to faculty members. We look forward to being able to regular in-person meetings with out students.

Thank you!

Gary Lupyán - lupyán@wisc.edu
Professor of Psychology
University of Wisconsin, Madison
<http://sapir.psych.wisc.edu>

From: [Amanda Swenson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: "vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:24:34 PM

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I think it would be prudent to make sure teachers are in the next phase as we need to keep children in school. This is what is best for families. Schools also run better with teachers in the classroom vs. subs.

It makes sense from the economic standpoint as well.

From: [Beth Johnson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:21:43 PM

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Parents are insisting that their children be in school face-to-face, five days a week. The same parents want their children playing sports. And the same parents refused to stay out of packed bars and restaurants. I have personally heard these parents comment that they really don't care about the health of the teachers. They are getting their way in the district where I teach. The only way to keep our community safe used to vaccinate the teachers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Beth Johnson

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From: [Jacob Oxley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Thank you for your consideration.

Jacob Oxley

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From: [Aileen Ferris](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:15:50 PM

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From: Aileen Ferris <878bmt@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 18, 2021, 1:11 PM
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
To: <DSHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

I firmly agree with the proposal to vaccinate child care workers, teachers and those over 70 in phase 1B of the coronavirus vaccine roll out. We need to get our kids back in school asap and protect our teachers. Our population over 70 are more vulnerable to the virus and have been cooped up at home for that reason. We need to get our elderly out to enjoy life with what time they have left.

From: [Zachary Starkey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Oshkosh 1B Group
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:14:57 PM
Attachments: scan_zachary.starkey_2021-01-18-13-12-31.pdf

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Thank you and have a great week!

Zach Starkey

Community Learning Centers Director
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(920)209-7870

From: [William Sakalaucks](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:14:38 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

William Sakalaucks

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From: [Gary Bretzmann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:10:25 PM

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Please include teachers

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From: [Connie Boehm](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:09:50 PM

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Connie Boehm
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From: [Trista Henke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:08:20 PM

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Hello, I am supposed to be in the 1B category. I am a public school teacher in Reedsburg, WI. I am very frustrated with the fact that I have heard nothing about a plan from neither my district or county. I know teachers in other counties have been given information from their departments of health about when they will receive their vaccine. The lack of information is frustrating. I understand rolling this out and prioritizing citizens is a difficult task. However, when I hear constant scrutiny from the public about schools not being at 100% I am perplexed as to why there is not more of a plan. I am in person teaching 4 days a week and have much more face to face time with individuals then people in other categories who have already received the vaccine. I however do not want to play the game of envy and or sour grapes, I just wish there was more of a plan or transparency.

Sincerely,
Trista Henke
Reedsburg, WI

From: [Eric Semling](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Phase 1b Feedback From Someone in Higher Ed
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:06:42 PM

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Hello,

I would like to suggest that all individuals who work on-premises in educational institutions be included in Phase 1b — not just those with “direct student interaction.”

As a support staff member at a WI technical college, though I don’t have sustained, direct contact with students, I share hallways with students, use the same restrooms as students, touch the same surfaces as students, and interact with students in passing (those asking questions, looking for directions, etc). I also interact with colleagues who do have direct student interaction on a regular basis.

From the studies I’ve read, I know surface transmission and aerosolized transmission are less likely, but that doesn’t mean it can’t happen. As new strains continue to emerge, I’m sure there is more that is unknown there. I’m sure those things factored into your decision to exclude people like me from the next phase, but I just feel it’s not the right way to go.

All individuals in the buildings right now who are doing their part to support our education system are sharing spaces with students and other staff/faculty members. This means they can all serve as catalysts for this virus spreading rapidly — not only at work, but also in potentially bringing it home to their families.

I also think there will likely be confusion and inconsistent distribution of the vaccine when attempting to apply this “direct student interaction” filtering criteria — another issue we don’t need right now — is this based on job titles, job descriptions, employee classification? Is it up to each institution to decide who falls into each category? Is it determined by local health departments? It just doesn’t seem like this can be done effectively, expediently, or in a consistent fashion.

Please reconsider your decision to exclude from Phase 1b those in K-12 and higher education who don’t fall into the “direct student interaction” classification. Simplify matters by allowing all who work on-premises in our schools to be in phase 1b of the vaccine distribution so that we can continue to safely reopen our facilities, and in turn, support both the students and their parents in our communities.

Thanks for your consideration.

Eric Semling

From: [Stephanie Bowers](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 1:03:57 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Bowers
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From: [Amanda Patza](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1B Vaccinations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:58:39 PM

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Please see the attached letter advocating for educators at Jefferson Elementary to be vaccinated with Group 1B. Thank you for your consideration.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fun00PM8kbcPsb-o5ukv4IEvTtXsE7w39BDAYb3Gnms/edit?usp=sharing>



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Amanda Patza

Jefferson Elementary Principal, Oshkosh Area School District

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From: [Jason Bretzmann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
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Hi. I am writing to voice my opinion that all K-12 teachers be included in the 1B group as soon as possible. Whether virtual or in-person, the positive impact on kids that teachers can have is diminished because teachers are currently not vaccinated. Certainly, more in-person learning could happen, but it will also make the in-person learning that is happening so much better because it will allow for more normal interaction between students and teachers. Thank you for your time. Jason Bretzmann



New Berlin, WI

From: [Elizabeth Watson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:55:46 PM

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Please consider adding all practicing public school teachers to the Phase 1B eligibility list.

Thank you,

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Elizabeth Watson
High School English Teacher
Wisconsin Virtual Learning

From: [Michael Tamblyn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:53:29 PM

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Please consider giving k-12 teachers the vaccine asap.
Schools are reopening but will shut down when teachers get sick. Many teachers are older adults.

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Jessica Hansen

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From: [Kay Krause](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Kay Krause

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From: [Teresa Losiniecki](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Teresa Losiniecki

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From: [K.Martin](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Thank you!

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Kaye Martin M.A. Ed.
High School Case Manager and Special Education Teacher
Wisconsin Virtual Learning
414.422.9931

Great things never come from comfort zones.....

From: [Erica Cosson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B vaccination -vaccine subcommittee
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:43:36 PM

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Thank you for welcoming these public comments. I would like to support K-12 teachers getting some of the next doses of the vaccine. As a teacher who has taught fully face to face since August, I would happily take the vaccine and feel more protected as I continue to educate students this school year.

Thanks
Erica

From: [Lynn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: teachers
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:42:20 PM

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DHSSDMAC,

Please prioritize teachers in the upcoming 1B vaccine rollout. The vulnerability of teachers will increase in the next week or two as they move from online to in-person teaching. Keeping our educators safe is a crucial strategy for returning to in-person learning.

Thank you,

Lynn Maglio

From: [Ruby Cabibbo](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:42:08 PM

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I firmly believe we must vaccinate all school personnel (teachers, aides, janitors, etc.) first before the over 70 group and I am in the 70 plus group.

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From: [Michelle Wick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:34:24 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Wick
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From: [Julie Birschbach](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1B Vaccination Group
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:30:06 PM

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The intent of this letter is to convey support for Merrill Elementary employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. Staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping our school open to allow for in-person instruction.

Merrill Elementary serves over 200 students and has over 50 staff members. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. As staff perform their daily job duties they are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occurs on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and young adults for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and co-morbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all of the staff at Merrill Elementary in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-424-0420.

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Julie Birschbach
Special Education Program Support
Merrill Elementary 920-424-0420
Lakeside Elementary 920-424-0131
Washington Elementary 920-0190
Oshkosh Area School District

From: [Amy Ashton](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: support letter for 1B vaccination group
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:29:39 PM
Attachments: Lakeside Letter of Support for Vaccinations.pdf

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter in support of vaccinations for educators at Lakeside Elementary in Oshkosh. Thank you for all you do!

~Amy Ashton

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Amy Ashton
Principal, Lakeside Elementary
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Oshkosh, WI 54902
(920) 424-0131

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LAKESIDE Elementary

Amy Ashton, Principal

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Phone: (920) 424-0131 ❖ Fax: (920) 424-7584 ❖

amy.ashton@oshkosh.k12.wi.us

January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for Lakeside Elementary employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, administrators and other individuals who provide services to students. My staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping my school open to allow for in-person instruction.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Ashton
Lakeside Elementary Principal

From: [Chuck Maglio](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B priority- Teachers First
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:25:21 PM

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I am 65 and retired. Still I feel teachers should be at the top in priority for the vaccine in the next phase. They are the only group who will go from a low level of vulnerability (Currently on line learning) to medium to high level of vulnerability (in person teaching in classrooms) in the next week or two. All other groups in Phase 2 will have no change in their vulnerability level as their exposure to people inside their current circle will remain the same: unlike teachers where it will increase. Safely opening are schools in the near future should require teachers get the vaccine ASAP.

Sincerely
Chuck Maglio

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From: [Karen Dingeldein](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:24:07 PM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process.

I'm 77 and tired of isolation, but vaccinate the teachers immediately when the darn vaccine finally shows up. The welfare of our children and their education is what we need to care about most at this point.

Karen Dingeldein
karend@wi.rr.com
W312S6330 CRESTVIEW CT
Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

From: [sdjaniszewski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:17:11 PM

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Teachers and others education professionals in schools absolutely need to be include in the next group of those to get the covid19 vaccine and inmates definitely should NOT be included. Priority should also be given to seniors over 70 who are not in residential facilities and it needs to be available to them in an environment where they don't have to wait in lines, as many have mobility issues but are still able to live on their own. Also those over 60 with other medical conditions putting them at high risk. And mink farmers should only be included if they meet other criteria.

Thank you for allowing me to give my input.

Sherry Janiszewski
Greenfield, Wisconsin

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From: [Kay Ugoretz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:14:45 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee,

I am writing to advocate that teachers and all school staff members, from administration, janitorial staff, nursing and food service absolutely be included in the Phase 1b Covid-19 vaccine distribution.

I was shocked to hear that it was open to discussion and that the education population was not already a "given" on the phase 1b list. Personally, we have a son who is a teacher and family friends who are teachers. One teacher was infected with covid shortly after her school returned to in-person learning last fall. In fact, her whole pod of teachers contracted the virus.

It is, without doubt, that education workers should be included in the Phase 1b stage. We are already facing a shortage of teachers and substitute teachers. The situation will only get worse if we don't get this population vaccinated. Keeping our schools open depends on teachers and staff being vaccinated!

Thank you for your time and efforts in weighing difficult decisions that must be made with regard to vaccine distribution.

Sincerely,
Jan and Kay Ugoretz
Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

From: [Tammy Roemer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:10:19 PM

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Hello,

I support and would like to encourage the covid vaccine for all teaching staff. This will help lessen the chance of exposure within the school settings. This will help keep our children learning in the in person setting. Education needs to be at the top of priority with over all physical and mental health.

Thank you,
Tammy Roemer

From: [Chelsea Stephenson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:07:03 PM

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Good Afternoon---

Teachers/childcare workers should definitely be apart of top priority for phase 1B. As a middle school teacher, I have been in personal all year round. I see 60-70 students a day. Although my groups are no more than 15 in my room at one time, social distancing, and sanitizing is taking place, my risk for exposure from choices made by members of the public that are outside of my control are vast. My community is not following guidelines consistently, however, I continue to provide education. Those individuals who still feel the COVID 19 is still a hoax or will not affect them---do not realize the possible ramifications they are imposing on other individuals. I do not have a choice or medical reason to work from home. However, I do have a choice to protect my family, vaccination of teachers provides me with this opportunity along with continued safe practices.

Looking past my personal concerns---schools and childcare providers who are able to remain open are able to provide childcare for parents to continue to work. Having schools open is essential for our families financially and our economy. Teachers and childcare providers are essential---let's treat them that way.

A concerned educator and parent---

From: [JoAnn Walker](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:06:32 PM

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I am a substitute teacher over age 65 and am very concerned about being back in a potentially dangerous situation for me.

Educators and school staff meet numerous individuals for sustained periods of time throughout the course of a workday. Often, they are working in enclosed spaces with poor ventilation and large classes. Further, it is estimated that 1 in 4 school employees are in a high-risk age range or exhibit comorbidities. The state has a duty to protect its teachers and school staff who serve as a backbone to our democratic society.

Prioritization of K-12 public school employees for COVID-19 vaccines will protect educators, but also produce a significant positive impact on the physical, emotional and intellectual health and well-being of children. Prioritizing public school employees can lead to safely restoring in person school schedules consequently elevating familial pressures leading to broader positive benefits for the state's economy.

It is clear vaccination of minors will occur toward the end of the vaccination distribution. Therefore, vaccination of those who come in close contact with children is essential in reducing community spread. Additionally, teachers are trusted professionals who can create community confidence in the vaccine.

Thank you for your consideration.

JoAnn Walker

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From: [Heidi Lippe](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid-19 vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:04:19 PM

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for including educators in phase 1b. Without educators and daycare workers, many parts of society cannot run.

You MUST also follow cdc guidelines and include those with pre-existing conditions in phase 1B. These are the people who die from the virus. Many workers in society have a spouse or member of their household with a pre-existing condition, and they fear for the safety of their loved ones by going to work.

It is ridiculous to give those in prison the vaccine before those in society who have a pre-existing condition. Prisoners do deserve healthcare, but not before law abiding people who could die from this virus.

Thank you,

Heidi Lippe
Wisconsin

From: [CAROLEe Richardson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:52:22 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

CAROLEe Richardson

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From: [Patti Lechmaier](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:50:27 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Patti Lechmaier

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From: [Sharon Vasholz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:46:11 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Vasholz

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From: [Sarah Kyes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Phase 1b Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:42:17 AM

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Hello,

As a school counselor at the Blair-Taylor School district, I firmly believe that educators should be in phase 1B of vaccine distribution. On a daily basis, teachers are working with upwards of 100 students. Due to space restraints, oftentimes social distancing is impossible. The ramifications of teachers or students getting sick would be devastating to our community and the ripple effect has the potential to be disastrous.

Please consider having educators on phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Thank you.

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Sarah Kyes

6th-8th grade School Counselor
Blair Taylor School District

From: [Charlotte Liddicoat](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:39:56 AM

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President elect Joe Biden has pledged to put Americans age 65 and older as a priority for receiving the Covid vaccine. I would like to request that, immediately following the group of people age 75 and older, you would open up the availability of the vaccine to people age 65 to 75.

Thank you,

Charlotte Liddicoat



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From: [Edward Gimbel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:39:05 AM

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I was pleased to see higher education workers included in phase 1B in the draft proposal from the vaccine subcommittee. I am writing to strongly support this inclusion. University and college campuses can be major hubs for virus transmission, including transmission to their local communities, and are staffed by individuals who tend to be older and at higher risk than their counterparts in k-12. Please do include faculty and staff in the final recommendations.

Best,

Edward Gimbel
Fort Atkinson, WI

From: [Matt Dochterman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Dairy Manufacturing
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:37:40 AM
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To whom it may concern,

This note is to recommend that Dairy processing team members be included in the 1B vaccination group. These workers are essential to the mission of feeding America and ensuring our farmers have a viable outlet for their milk.

Respectfully

Matt Dochterman
Vice President - Operations
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From: [Diane Ditzman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:26:17 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Ditzman

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From: [Kristi Lewy](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Educator Vaccinations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:25:15 AM
Attachments: 1B Vaccination Advocate.pdf

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Please see the attached letter in consideration of prioritizing our educators.





Washington Elementary School

Oshkosh Area School District

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Kristi Levy - Principal

(920) 424-0190

kristi.levy@oshkosh.k12.wi.us

18 January 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for school district employees and contracted service providers to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. There are many staff members who support students in schools. These staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and others. Contracted service providers include bus drivers, bus monitors, custodians, pre-kindergarten staff, and others who provide services to students. These groups interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping school buildings open to allow for in-person instruction.

The Oshkosh Area School District has almost 1500 employees who serve over 9,000 students. Students need consistency in their education. Face to face in-person instruction best meets the academic, emotional, and social needs of students. Our district is facing a staffing limitation and this will impact whether or not we can offer in-person instruction. Including school staff in Group 1b will help school districts address staffing constraints and allow our district to safely resume in-person instruction.

I currently serve as the elementary school principal for Washington Elementary. Our school serves one of our highest need student populations and access to early vaccination for staff could be the key to maintaining in-person learning for the remainder of this school year for our students who need it most.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all school district employees and contracted service providers in the 1B distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-376-2101.

Regards,

Kristi Levy

Principal

Washington Elementary

Oshkosh Area School District

From: [Kathryn Wundrow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination Priority Groups
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:24:44 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I know that SDMAC's current draft of recommendations has put staff in daycares, K-12 and higher education in the first priority group (1b) for vaccination. I wanted to write in support of this recommendation.

Many of our teachers are being asked to return to in-person learning where they will be in small classrooms that will be filled with the maximum amount of students according to social distancing protocol. While students will be masked, our teachers will be exposed for long periods of time to a large group of individuals. It is extremely important that these teachers are provided the resources they need to safely educate. Getting teachers vaccinated should be a top priority as we consider how to make this return to in-person learning as safe as possible.

Thank you for considering this public comment!

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Kathryn Wundrow

[Redacted]

University of Wisconsin - Madison
Bachelor of Arts

From: [Rebecca Larson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Olson, Lisa A - DHS](#); [Woickowski, Mike WEDC](#); [Wegenke, Rolf](#)
Subject: WAICU Public Comments in support of Higher Education in Phase 1(b) of the vaccination distribution plan
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:24:01 AM
Attachments: Public Comments - WAICU Support for Higher Education in Phase 1 b of the vaccination rollout 2021 1218.pdf

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Dear SDMAC Subcommittee,

Please find attached, public comments from Dr. Rolf Wegenke, President of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in support of the inclusion of higher education faculty and staff in Phase 1 (b) of the vaccination distribution plan.

Thank you and please let me know if there is any additional information we can provide.

Rebecca

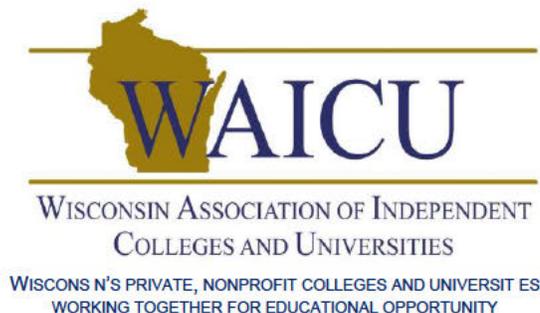
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For resources relating to COVID-19, visit: www.waicu.org/covid-19

"WAICU: Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities working together for educational opportunity."

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To: State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee’s Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee

From: Rolf Wegenke, PhD, President
 Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

Date: January 18, 2021

RE: Final recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1(b)

Public Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments from the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) on phase 1 (b) of the state’s vaccination plan. WAICU represents the 23 private non-profit colleges and universities of this state and their 56,000 students. WAICU supports inclusion of higher education faculty and staff within Phase 1 (b) of the vaccination rollout. WAICU is responding to the three questions outlined in the public comment guidelines:

1.) The impact the pandemic has had on the sector:

Members of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) have been adjusting to the impacts of the pandemic and the resulting recession. Wisconsin's private, nonprofit institutions refunded millions in room and board charges and tuition payments. Sources of auxiliary revenue dried up as campus events were cancelled. At the same time, institutions incurred additional costs—such as deep cleaning campus buildings, translating the entire curriculum to digital formats, and increased security expenses. Colleges and universities absorbed these increased costs even as they opened their facilities to help medical personnel and first responders. From surveys of its members, WAICU estimated costs for the first 12 months will total over \$245,000,000—forcing layoffs, sabbaticals, and cuts to programs. Long before the pandemic began, Wisconsin had shortages in critical occupations such as physicians, nurses, engineers, and teachers. Declining enrolment and unemployment among students and their families will only exacerbate the problem. WAICU institutions, while private, are a public service and public good and are critical and committed partners in Wisconsin’s recovery.

2.) The specific impact the pandemic has had on businesses or personnel:

WAICU-member faculty and staff have been working tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep personnel and students safe. WAICU-member staff have

instituted recommended protocols in accordance with CDC guidance and local health authority's direction: testing students when testing is available and quarantining students as necessary across our institutions. We are also privileged to have the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) as a WAICU member and have closely followed advice and guidance offered by MCW President Dr. John Raymond and expert members of the MCW team. While WAICU institutions have followed these guidelines, tragedies have still occurred. Recently, two Carroll University nursing faculty died from COVID-19 complications, one of the staff was also a first responder in the community. I note that faculty and staff live and work in congregate setting – e.g., residence hall directors who necessarily have contact with others on campus, campus security and food service and those who teach in a lab class for students who have graduation requirements in other fields such as psychology. Again, the congregate nature of higher education complicates the challenge.

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(3) Any other staffing statistics related to the pandemic.

As noted in the SDMAC report, post-secondary faculty tend to be considerably older than their counterparts in K-12 educational settings: “The median age of the U.S. labor force is 42 years, versus 49 for tenure-track professors... Similarly, compared to the general working population, significantly more faculty members are age 55 or older (23 percent in general versus 37 percent in academe).” Again, support for Wisconsin’s institutions of higher education is a critical component of Wisconsin’s pandemic response. Together, with our public counterparts, our institutions educate the overwhelming majority of Wisconsin’s healthcare professionals, essential workers and other critical occupations. Our research universities have participated in projects focused on developing treatments and vaccines.

Thank you for your important work to overcome the tragedies of this pandemic and to get Wisconsin back on track. I am grateful for your work and contributions to this effort.

From: [Amy Zollitsch](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:22:23 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Zollitsch

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From: [Jeana Schmitz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine sub-committee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:21:40 AM

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I am hoping that Phase 1B will include the following:

- Teachers and support staff including subs
- 65 years and older
- 16 and older with underlying medical condition (diabetes, heart conditions, asthma)

Thank you for your time!

Jeana Schmitz
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elizabeth Schendel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B Vaccination Support for Educators
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:21:15 AM
Attachments: 1b Support letter.pdf

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Good Afternoon State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee,

Please see my attached statement in support of our educators being offered the opportunity for vaccination as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Beth Schendel
Principal
Oshkosh Early Learning
Work: (920)424-1004

"Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."

- Rita Pierson



Oshkosh Early Learning

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Beth Schendel, Principal

January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for Oshkosh Early Learning employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. My staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping my school open to allow for in-person instruction.

Oshkosh Early Learning serves over 500 students and has over 70 staff members. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. As my staff perform their daily job duties they are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occurs on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and young adults for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and co-morbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all of my staff at Oshkosh Early Learning in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-379-4617.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "E. Schendel".

Mrs. Beth Schendel
Principal of Early Learning
Oshkosh Area School District

From: [Maureen Lacey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Distribution of Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:14:13 AM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee

I thought that the teachers and school staff members were already included in the 1b distribution of the vaccine. I do feel that they should be. I have 3 daughters, 2 teachers and one occupational therapist, who work in the school system. One of my daughters contracted Covid from a teacher on her team and is now still suffering from post Covid complications but has returned to the classroom even though her immunity from getting it will expire on Wednesday January 20th. They feel that the immunity from getting Covid again is only 3 months.

So I urge you to include all school staff members be given the vaccine as soon as it can be arranged.

With sincere thanks for the difficult work you are doing in determining the distribution of the vaccine.

Maureen Lacey

Sent from my iPhone

From: [john.larson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:10:13 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

john.larson

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From: [Christine Peot](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:09:37 AM

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Christine Peot

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From: [Dawn Pommerening](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccination Program - Oshkosh North High School 1.18.21
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:09:18 AM
Attachments: COVID-19 letter 1.18.21.pdf

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Good Morning State Disaster Medical Board,

Please see attached letter from Principal Jacquelyn Kiffmeyer of Oshkosh North High School. It conveys support for Oshkosh North High School employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Dawn Pommerening
Administrative Assistant
Oshkosh North High School
920.424.7000
dawn.pommerening@oshkosh.k12.wi.us



"Expect Excellence"

Oshkosh North High School

1100 W. Smith Avenue – Oshkosh, WI 54901

Jacquelyn Kiffmeyer, Principal
(920) 424-7000

Michelle Last, Assistant Principal
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January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for Oshkosh North High School employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. My staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping my school open to allow for in-person instruction.

Oshkosh North High School serves over 1200 students and has over 170 staff members. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. As my staff perform their daily job duties they are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occurs on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and young adults for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and co-morbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all of my staff at Oshkosh North High School in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-424-7000

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Kiffmeyer
Oshkosh North High School Principal

From: [Wendy Anderson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:08:51 AM

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Parents what full face to face instruction. Teachers know full mitigation procedures can not always be followed. Staying 6 ft. apart is impossible in elementary school. Kids need to talk their masks off during the day and they do it while all smashed into one room.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Anderson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [Jeanine Ferguson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:01:06 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanine Ferguson
Special Education Paraprofessional
Kenosha, WI

Jeanine Ferguson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [Kristin Burgert](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Advocating for Group 1B Vaccinations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:00:58 AM
Attachments: Roosevelt Letter of Support for Vaccinations.pdf

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Hello,
Please see my attached letter in advocating for all school district employees to receive the COVID vaccine in Group 1B.

Thank you,
Kristin Burgert

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Kristin Burgert
Principal
Roosevelt Elementary School
910 N. Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902
(920) 424-0411

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King Jr.



Roosevelt Elementary

910 N. Sawyer Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Telephone Number: (920) 424-0411

Fax Number: (920) 424-7593

Kristin Burgert, Principal

January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for Roosevelt Elementary employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. My staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping my school open to allow for in-person instruction.

Roosevelt Elementary serves over 250 students and has roughly 50 staff members. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. As my staff perform their daily job duties they are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occurs on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and young adults for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and co-morbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all of my staff at Roosevelt Elementary in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-424-0411.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristin Burgert
Roosevelt Elementary Principal

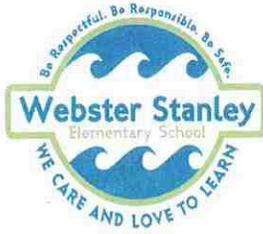
From: [Elizabeth Galeazzi](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Employees to Be Included in Group 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:58:27 AM
Attachments: WSE Group 1b Vaccination Request.pdf

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Hi,
As we look at getting our students back in school five days a week, I am hopeful that my staff will be considered for 1b Group of vaccinations. Please see my attached letter.

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Beth Galeazzi
Principal
Webster Stanley Elementary
915 Hazel Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 424-0460



WEBSTER STANLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(920) 424-0460 915 HAZEL ST. OSHKOSH, WI 54901

Elizabeth Galeazzi, Principal

elizabeth.galeazzi@oshkosh.k12.wi.us

<http://www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/elementary/webster-stanley>

January 18, 2020

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for Webster Stanley Elementary employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. My staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping my school open to allow for in-person instruction.

Webster Stanley Elementary serves over 250 students and has over 50 staff members. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. As my staff perform their daily job duties they are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occurs on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and young adults for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and co-morbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all of my staff at Webster Stanley Elementary in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-424-0460

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Galeazzi

Webster Stanley Elementary Principal

From: [Brenna Garrison-Bruden](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine priority
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:55:00 AM

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Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for Carl Traeger Elementary employees to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. My staff interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping my school open to allow for in-person instruction.

Carl Traeger Elementary serves over 400 students and has over 75 staff members. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. As my staff perform their daily job duties they are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occurs on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and adults in a school setting for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and comorbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all of my staff at Carl Traeger Elementary in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-424-0221.

Brenna

Brenna Garrison-Bruden
Principal
Carl Traeger Elementary
3000 West 20th Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54904
920.424.0221

Dedicated Educators Nurturing Lifelong Learners

From: [Jill Kammer Wozniczka](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:53:35 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jill Kammer Wozniczka

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[REDACTED]
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From: [Bruce Hoehne](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:47:49 AM

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Bruce Hoehne
[REDACTED]
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From: [Nancy Hoehne](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:46:32 AM

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Nancy Hoehne
[REDACTED]
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From: [Lauren Lepold-Schiro](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:40:11 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Lauren Lepold-Schiro

Lauren Lepold-Schiro

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From: [Stacy Ditzman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:38:14 AM

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Stacy Ditzman

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From: [Sarah Poquette](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1B Letter of Support
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:32:09 AM
Attachments: 1B Support Letter.pdf

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Please see the attached Letter of Support of including school staff members in Group 1B.

Thank you,

Dr. Sarah Poquette

Principal at Perry Tipler Middle School and ALPs Charter School

"Have the courage to be imperfect." Brené Brown



Perry A Tipler Middle School
ALPs Charter School

325 South Eagle Street Oshkosh, WI 54902

Telephone Number: (920) 424-0320

Fax: (920) 424-7514

Dr. Sarah M. Poquette, Principal

Kevin Wachholz, Dean of Students

Lisa Duff, School Counselor

January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for school district employees and contracted service providers to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. There are many staff members who support students in schools. These staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and others. Contracted service providers include bus drivers, bus monitors, custodians, pre-kindergarten staff, and others who provide services to students. These groups interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping school buildings open to allow for in-person instruction.

The Oshkosh Area School District has almost 1500 employees who serve over 9,000 students. Students need consistency in their education. Face to face in-person instruction best meets the academic, emotional, and social needs of students. Our district is facing a staffing limitation and this will impact whether or not we can offer in-person instruction. Including school staff in Group 1b will help school districts address staffing constraints and allow our district to safely resume in-person instruction.

I currently serve as the middle school principal for Perry Tipler Middle School and ALPs Charter school. Our school has approximately 400 students and 60 staff members. Through personal discussions with staff members over 80% of staff strongly support offering the vaccination to school staff so they can return to in-person instruction with students.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all school district employees and contracted service providers in the 1B distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-573-3050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah M. Poquette".

Dr. Sarah M. Poquette

Principal of Perry Tipler Middle School and ALPs Charter School
Oshkosh Area School District

From: [Nora Fitzpatrick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:29:54 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Nora Fitzpatrick

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From: [Susan Manning](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:24:58 AM

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Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1b
To: <DHSSHMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Members:

I am writing as a member of the Monona Grove School Board urging your **support of the proposal to include all 4K-12 educators and support staff (including essential custodial and clerical workers) in Vaccine Priority Group 1b, and to amend it by including all such educators, rather than only those currently working face-to-face with students.**

The rationale for the inclusion of 4K-12 educators is clear in that they are essential to the educational process of our students and that we must bring them back and maintain their health. Public education is a statutory requirement and an essential element of meeting this requirement is our teachers and our school staff.

Vaccinating teachers and all staff is similar to the process that you have advocated for hospitals and healthcare centers – in that we need to provide clear protection from a deadly virus we also need to provide that protection to those performing our public school requirements. We need to provide this protection to those who are committed to bringing our students back to school in-person and to making the buildings and educational services safe for all.

Having begun the 2020-21 school year with 100% virtual teaching and learning, and planned accordingly, the Monona Grove School District has faced mounting concerns from parents about the academic progress and mental health of their children. As a result, the Board recently approved plans for a phased approach to bring some students back to in-person instruction, limiting class sizes with a hybrid model of only two days in-person per week,

beginning January 25 for grades 4K-2, Feb. 8 for grades 3-5, and March 15 for grades 6-12. Total virtual instruction will continue to be available for those who choose it.

This brings up a problem with the current proposal that provides the vaccine only to teachers and those school personnel currently working face-to-face with students. This current proposal would be similar to only vaccinating healthcare workers who provide direct patient care to COVID patients – which would leave out the essential protection from the virus and that is the personnel who maintain and support the required hygiene measures that also protect from the disease and save lives.

I ask you to protect all those with contact with students in the public school systems and help us save lives.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Susan C, Manning

Member, Monona Grove Board of Education

Monona, WI

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Susan C. Manning

Clerk

Monona Grove School Board

susan.manning@mgschools.net

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From: [Sue Knapp](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:20:50 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Knapp

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From: [Jackie Baumann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:18:31 AM

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It has been made clear over the last several months that children being in school is vital to our economy and keeping parents working. To do this, educators are put at risk for 8 hours a day due to limited social distancing, the need to help young students up close and personal, and the fact that students are carriers of COVID 19, most often without having symptoms.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jackie Baumann

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From: [Caryn Steinberger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: TEACHERS
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:13:15 AM

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Good morning ~

Hope this finds you well.

I just wanted to add my vote to the next phase of vaccine recipients: TEACHERS!! While I am not one, I appreciate all that they do for our children (and our community) and think we owe it to them to protect them asap!!

Thank you and have a great day!

Be Well,
Carrie
Carrie Steinberger
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From: [Susan Frankel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine. Group1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:10:49 AM

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I would like to advocate that K12 staff be high on list 1B to receive the next round of vaccines. Education doesn't happen without our teachers and support staff. Let's give them the opportunity to be protected.

Susan Frankel
Fond du Lac WI

From: [Brian Annen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:08:29 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Annen

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From: [Marcel Piatek](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:06:28 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I feel strongly about getting the vaccine prior to opening schools back to face to face. I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Marcel Piatek

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From: [LINDA SIEGWORTH](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:03:58 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

LINDA SIEGWORTH

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From: [Lynn Kilb](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinate subcommittee / Phase IB: TEACHERS
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:58:33 AM

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Committee Members:

I am writing to ask that teachers be included in Phase 1B of the state's COVID vaccination plan. As a retired teacher and mother of a teacher, I feel strongly that educators are exposed daily from multiple sources for long periods of time through no choice of their own and, therefore, should receive every protection possible.

My daughter has gone to school each day since September to a classroom full of 8th grade students, many who have a casual regard to the state mask mandate. To date, she has had five known positive cases in her class.

She has had to avoid seeing family and friends and had to cancel a trip to meet her sister's newborn baby after Christmas. Meanwhile, many of her students traveled at Christmas to Florida or Colorado or Mexico. Already two of those students have come back testing positive for Covid.

Like other teachers, she must go to school even when there is a known infected student in her classroom. When a student tests positive, only those seated immediately to the left and right are required to quarantine. But, of course, word gets out and many parents pull their kids as a precaution. Teachers don't have that luxury. They must go to class knowing other students may have been infected by the positive child.

Teachers have all-day exposure to these infected students. Unlike other essential workers who may come in passing contact with a potentially infected person, teachers remain in relatively small spaces with them for seven hours a day, even during lunch hour when masks are removed for eating and drinking.

Finally, when a teacher does fall ill, from Covid or a simple head cold, there is no relief as substitute teachers are in short supply. Many teachers continue to work because there is simply no one else to cover their classes.

I hope you agree that our educators are a valuable resource needed to keep our schools open and our communities moving forward during this pandemic, and that we need to put them at the top of vaccination Phase 1B so they can remain physically healthy and fearless about their mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynn Kilb
Brookfield, WI

From: [Rick Germann](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:58:08 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I stand as/with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process.

As an educator I meet numerous individuals for sustained periods of time throughout the course of a workday. Often, I am working in enclosed spaces with poor ventilation. The state has a duty to protect its teachers and school staff who serve as a backbone to our democratic society.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Germann

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From: [Zachary Bennett](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:57:31 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Zachary Bennett

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From: [Lori Seals](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:54:55 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Seals
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From: [Therese Michna](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:52:22 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Therese Michna

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From: [Allyson Craft](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Educators Need to be Included in Vaccine Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:52:01 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I teach in a district that has forced educators into in-person teaching throughout the current school year, despite many safety objections from staff. Because of this, I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Allyson Craft

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From: [Kathy Gobel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:51:33 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Gobel

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From: [Dawn Daly](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:50:02 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees (teachers, food workers, aides, bus drivers, ...) be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process. Here are three reasons.

1. To open schools we need teachers vaccinated. To open the economy we need kids back to school.
2. Educators are with a group of students for the extended amount of time often in poorly ventilated areas.
3. There is a teacher shortage and substitute teacher shortage. We need to respect teachers and their health and encourage teachers to stay in the field.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dawn Daly

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From: [Lori Neuhaus](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:49:14 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Neuhaus
[REDACTED]
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From: [James Imhoff](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Teachers MUST be included in 1(b) phase!
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:48:37 AM
Attachments: image003.png
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Please recognize teachers are essential on so many levels. Data strongly indicates there has been a dramatic dip in academic development and attendance while being virtually educated. The easiest and most effective way to get children back in school is to protect teachers. Therefore, I implore you to include teachers and staff at schools in the next phase of vaccinations in Wisconsin. It is a no-brainer!

Regards,



James Imhoff
President
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Email: james@uhpwarranty.com
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From: [Karen Kaminsky](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:48:04 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Kaminsky
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From: [Tracy Bahn](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:44:34 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Bahn

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From: [Mary Fortier](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:44:09 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process. Our communities are letting their voices be heard. They are speaking out and attending School Board Meetings (virtually of course). They want their children back in school. Teachers are just as vital to the success of the community as firefighters and police, let's take care of them!

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Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Fortier

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From: [Vickie Cartwright](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1B Inclusion - School District Employees and Contracted Service Providers
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:43:42 AM
Attachments: State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Letter 011821.pdf

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Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

Please find attached to this email a letter to be considered during your discussions regarding participants to be included in Group 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination process. Do not hesitate in contacting me if additional information is needed or if you would like to further discuss the requested considerations.

Sincerely,



Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright
Superintendent
Oshkosh Area School District
(920) 424-0160
Building Community Through Education
<http://www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us>

“Building Community Through Education”



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| Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright Superintendent of Schools 920.424.0160 | Dr. David Gundlach Deputy Superintendent 920.424.0296 | Dr. Andrew Jones Executive Director of Administration 920.424.0296 | Dr. Belynda Pinkston Executive Director of Human Resources 920.424.0124 | Drew Niehans Executive Director of Business Services 920.424.0120 |
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215 S. Eagle Street | P. O. Box 3048 | Oshkosh, WI 54903 | 920.424.0395 | www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us

January 18, 2021

Dear State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Members,

The intent of this letter is to convey support for school district employees and contracted service providers to be included in Group 1B for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Staff members include teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers, food service providers, and other individuals who provide services to students. Contracted service providers include bus drivers, bus monitors, custodians, pre-kindergarten staff, and others who provide services to students. These groups interact with students on a regular basis and are critical employees in keeping school buildings open to allow for in-person instruction.

The Oshkosh Area School District serves over 9,000 students and is the 11th largest district in Wisconsin. There are over 1,475 district employees and contracted service providers that serve our students. The importance of offering either a hybrid or full-time face-to-face instructional model is critical for the overall health and well-being of students. Studies related to the amount of potential spread from asymptomatic students to adults that they interact with on a regular basis have been very limited. This limitation is primarily due to the lack of regular testing that occurs with students in grades 4K-12. Additionally, school district staff members and contracted service providers who interact with students are placed in situations where significant contact with many individuals over a period of time occur on a daily basis. While mitigation strategies are used on a regular basis, social distancing is extremely difficult with children and young adults for a variety of factors. Lastly, many staff members are at a higher risk level due to age, ethnicity, and co-morbidities as cited by the Kaiser Family Foundation article (2020, July).

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process. I appreciate your consideration of the request to include all school district employees and contracted service providers in the 1b distribution group for the COVID-19 vaccination program. If you would like to have additional information or further discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me at 920-642-9554.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vickie L. Cartwright".

Vickie L. Cartwright, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Oshkosh Area School District

From: [Zenna Schultz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:42:13 AM

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Zenna Schultz

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From: [Mary Landis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Waunakee teachers
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:41:39 AM

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Please please please include Waunakee teachers in 1b. It is unfortunate that this school district continues to put personnel and students at risk for COVID by resuming in school instruction and winter sports. Vaccination of school personnel with face to face student contact needs to be offered for everyone's public health. Where is the common sense?

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From: [James Giombi](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:40:56 AM

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WI Subcommittee Vaccine Distribution,

I am a retired teacher from the School District of Waukesha, which is about to go to full contact instruction at all levels. To my knowledge, they have not yet begun a program of vaccinating their teachers. My wife and daughter are both educators in the Milwaukee Public Schools. While they are currently providing virtual instruction, there is yet no program for covid vaccinations in MPS that we are aware of. I have also recently learned that the Watertown school district, on the western edge of Waukesha county, is offering full contact instruction, and has methodically vaccinated all of their staff. If this is true, then why is it MPS, with a significantly higher risk population, is being overlooked for vaccinations when a more affluent suburb steps to the front of the line? We need a program and policy that is fair, fast, and meets the needs of those most at risk.

Thank you for your consideration.

James Giombi

James Giombi
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From: [Pattilynn Barrett](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:35:17 AM

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Pattilynn Barrett

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From: [Emily Luedtke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:35:06 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Luedtke
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From: [Allison Cleland](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:31:56 AM

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Allison Cleland
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From: [MARY BELL](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:29:29 AM

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As a retired Wisconsinite, in a target group (over 65), I am writing to declare that I stand with educators and WEAC in requesting all public school employees be prioritized in the vaccine distribution process.

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Thank you for your consideration.

MARY BELL

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From: [Darren Schacht](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:28:05 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Darren Schacht

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From: [lynne.lauer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:26:09 AM

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Please vaccinate teachers so they can be back in classrooms safely as soon as possible.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Matt Noel](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:24:30 AM

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Matt Noel

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From: [Casey McKeown](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Teachers and 1B Vaccination Priority
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:22:01 AM

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To whom it may concern,

It is my strong feeling that Teachers should be included in the 1B priority group for the COVID-19 vaccination. They are essential workers that are forced to work in crowded spaces with limited protection. As the husband of a teacher, I am affected by her exposure at work and do not want to put my health or the health of those around me at risk.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Casey McKeown



Check out my latest blogs at TheSpotForPardot.com

From: [Geralynne Papa](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:20:03 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Geralynne Papa

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From: [Margie Monaghan-Wittenberg](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:19:15 AM

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Margie Monaghan-Wittenberg

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From: [Patricia Keppler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Teacher vaccination
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:16:49 AM

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Please have the teachers vaccinated as soon as possible. There is a limited number of teachers if they contract Covid in person education will be greatly effected.

Thank you

Sincerely

Patricia Keppler

From: [Tim Cartwright](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee - Phase 1B - comments
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:16:33 AM

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As one born in Wisconsin and who has lived here most of his life, thank you for your efforts to make sound recommendations for the COVID-19 vaccine distribution strategy for our great state.

I am writing to strongly suggest that educators — specifically, educators whose jobs place them in close contact with students, parents, and other staff — be placed in Phase 1B of the vaccine rollout.

As a disclaimer: I am not a member of this category (nor Phase 1A), but I do know people who are.

It seems that many school districts, including the one in which I live, are working hard to return students and teachers to classrooms. From what I hear of local plans, at least, they are following county, state, and federal guidelines for mask wearing, social distancing, and so forth. Nominally, that is.

However, even in the best of times, people are not very good at following rules. We have seen this effect nationally, where simple acts like wearing masks are routinely ignored or flouted. Even those with the best intentions receive so many conflicting messages that compliance is low. And in schools, parents routinely send their kids in when sick even when doing so violates clearly and repeatedly stated rules against doing so. Further, in the case of young children, the COVID mitigation plans make entirely unreasonable assumptions — for example, local plans call for students to sit in their own classrooms for most of a school day, in one seat, without fail. This is simply not how children work.

And unfortunately, it does not seem like there is much contingency planning for what happens when the inevitable COVID infections occur. One person summarized the local situation to me as, “if everyone follows the rules exactly, at school and elsewhere, then it will be fine”. That is not a contingency plan, that is merely blind faith.

Thus educators — primarily in-person, hands-on educators: classroom teachers, resource teachers, aides, nurses, social workers, etc. — are at great risk of being routinely exposed to COVID-19. We should strive to vaccinate them as soon as possible so that they can continue to do a great job supporting our state’s children and families.

Please include educators in Phase 1B of the Wisconsin COVID-19 vaccine rollout!

— Tim Cartwright, Verona, Wisconsin

From: [Sam Cruz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:16:18 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sam Cruz

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From: [Laura Moher](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:14:22 AM

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Laura Moher

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From: [Cory Clark](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
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Cory Clark
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From: [Tracy Stockwell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
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Tracy Stockwell
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From: [Sarah Wersal](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:11:42 AM

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As someone who has been teaching in person since September, educators and school staff meet numerous individuals for sustained periods of time throughout the course of a workday. Often, they are working in enclosed spaces with poor ventilation and large classes. Further, it is estimated that 1 in 4 school employees are in a high-risk age range or exhibit comorbidities. The state has a duty to protect its teachers and school staff who serve as a backbone to our democratic society.

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Sarah Wersal

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From: mbeeber.beeber35
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: phase 1B vaccines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:01:48 AM

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I hope that "teachers" includes support staff and university faculty and support personnel. We all come in contact with many students and look forward to the opportunity to be safe working with so many students.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Phone.

From: [Becky Thomas](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:59:43 AM

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Becky Thomas

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From: [Lori Phillippi](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:56:32 AM

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Lori Phillippi

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From: [Don Driver](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B (Include Teachers Please!)
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:56:07 AM

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Good morning,

I think it is essential to include Teachers and Education Personnel in the Phase 1B of vaccination administration.

As an essential worker in the Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital, I am about to receive my second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to get the vaccine and work towards putting the pandemic behind us. I see firsthand the effects this virus has on the pediatric population and to say the least, it's not pretty and has become very heartbreaking. Having treated countless kids with an active COVID infection or those suffering from the subsequent MIS-C (multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children), it goes without saying that this is no common flu.

That being said, my wife is a kindergarten teacher within the Milwaukee Public School system. Including all teachers and staff in the next round of vaccine administration can help us move toward returning to in-person schooling for all no matter their socioeconomic status. But in order for that to happen, the teachers and staff need to be included now since the second dose is given three weeks after the first and the strongest immune response against COVID occurs a few weeks after that second dose (one of many sources: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-vaccine/art-20484859>). So, looking at a timetable if teachers get the first dose by the end of January, teachers and staff would be most protected against COVID by mid-March. We need to help protect those teaching some of the most vulnerable in the state (since we are a long way from children getting the vaccine) and help keep these kids out of my care in the ICU.

So again, please consider including teachers and education staff in the Phase 1B of vaccine administration in the great state of Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Don Driver, RN

From: [Barb Salisbury](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid Vaccines
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:49:42 AM

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I am requesting that you keep teachers in the 1B group as many of us are teaching face to face all day and medically fragile.

Thank you,

Barb Salisbury
Abbotsford Elementary School
Third Grade Teacher
510 W. Hemlock St.
Abbotsford, WI 54405
715-223-4281 ext. 3331

From: [Kristin Barrett](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:48:46 AM

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Kristin Barrett

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From: [Susan Coyle](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:44:37 AM

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This is especially important in Whitefish Bay and other municipalities where in-school time is being ramped up to benefit the students. Please allow this effort to bring in-person class time to my children and many others by keeping our educators healthy. So far, our schools have had to revert to virtual-only status on occasion due to staff shortage. Let us keep these kids in school with teachers that feel safe and healthy and able to educate. Schools should be our number one priority.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Susan

Susan Coyle
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From: [Kristen Fischer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:40:05 AM

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Kristen Fischer

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From: [Nancy Crawford](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:34:11 AM

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Hello,

I would like to express my disappointment and anger over the teachers not being in the first tier to get vaccinated. Parents demand their children go back to the classrooms, but it is clearly putting our teachers at risk. My daughter is a special ed teacher and per the law she has had to provide services in the school since the beginning of the virus! Now, the therapists are getting vaccinated before teachers. Children are super spreaders of the virus. If this isn't bad enough, my daughter has a son with autism and has ulcerative colitis. He is on Humira and considered immune compromised. He won't get a vaccine because he's 15! Now my daughter is exposed to special needs children at school every day and is terrified she will not only contract the virus for herself, but give it to her son. My daughter is in the process of getting a divorce and HAS to work. I am just livid at the way Wisconsin is prioritizing their vaccines! Volunteer hospice workers can get one - excuse me - don't volunteer right now until the "essential people" get their vaccine!! Teachers need to be prioritized!!! It's not fair to make them go back to work when they don't feel safe!!!

Sincerely,

Nancy Crawford

From: kitzwoman@yahoo.com
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid vaccine
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:34:03 AM

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Dear Covid-19 Committee,

As a public responder and teacher, I urge you to move ahead with phase 1b of the Covid-19 vaccine to include educators.

I teach at UWEC, and my husband at Menomonie High School and we are in face to face classrooms daily. It is very difficult, dangerous, and terrifying to be in this precarious position. Staff and students, in spite of wearing masks and following all protocols, are getting sick and dropping out into quarantine daily.

Please begin vaccinations of educators ASAP as part of 1b.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Kitzmann
kitzmaeo@uwec.edu
(715) 563-5248

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From: [stephanie_skaarnes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:32:54 AM

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From: [Bryan Davis](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B - Shorewood School District
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:22:55 AM
Attachments: Vaccine Advocacy WSDMAC 1_18_21.pdf

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached letter of advocacy from the Shorewood School District for prioritizing school staff in Phase 1B.

Thanks for all of your work on this important topic.

-Bryan

Dr. Bryan Davis (Pronouns: He, Him, His)
Superintendent
Shorewood School District
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January 18, 2021

Dear Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the school-based employees, students and families of the Shorewood School District in support of the recommendation—from the Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee shown below—to include those employed in K-12 settings and childcare providers in phase 1B of the vaccination distribution in Wisconsin:

Education and childcare: The Subcommittee endorses ACIP recommendation that those serving in daycare, preschool, K-12, and higher education. 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.

While we are confident in our mitigation measures, we realize the value and protection the vaccine will provide for our school community and are eager to provide our staff and colleagues with access to the vaccine as soon as possible. We are currently planning our distribution in partnership with the North Shore Pharmacy in Shorewood to be sure we have an efficient process in place when phase 1B is approved.

Thank you for your important work during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pablo Muirhead
Shorewood School Board

Dr. Bryan Davis
Shorewood Superintendent

Amy Miller
Shorewood Education Association
President

From: [Robert Hughes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:19:30 AM

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Robert Hughes

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From: [Jessica Foster](#)
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Jessica Foster

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From: [Caryn Hein](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
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Caryn Hein

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From: [Jean Casanova](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b comments
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:43:06 PM

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I favor prioritizing vaccinations for preschool and elementary teachers, but secondary and post secondary teachers can teach virtually and the students can participate independently. Parents with young children are taking the brunt of the burden of this epidemic. I say this as an elderly person. Older people not living in institutions have the luxury to isolate themselves.

From: [Laura Mackey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:51:03 PM

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Laura Mackey

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From: [JOHN BERGUM](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:50:14 PM

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JOHN BERGUM

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From: [O'Neill, Bruce](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee and phase 1p
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:44:36 PM

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If we want to get things back to normal as soon as possible teachers must be the next group of those to be vaccinated in Wisconsin. I am over 70, but I have the luxury of staying home by choice. Students need to get back to the classrooms and teachers need to be there for them.

Carol O'Neill
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

From: [Kathryn OConnor](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:42:41 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Kathryn OConnor
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From: [Caitlin Evans](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: RE: Phase 1B Recommendations to Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:24:55 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am a secondary education teacher at Verona Area High School. At VAHS, teachers and staff will be returning to in-person instruction the week of February 9th. Returning to a classroom of 14-19 year olds without having a vaccination is terrifying to me. My concern is not only for my own health, but also for the health of my 65 year-old parents who watch my children every day so that my husband and I can work, as we cannot afford full-time childcare. My concern is for the health of my 95 year-old grandfather for whom my parents provide 24-hour care. And my concern is for my community's health.

Please do the right thing and include teachers in Phase 1B of vaccination against COVID-19.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Caitlin Evans

From: [Stefan Pavlik](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B input
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:17:31 PM

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I definitely agree that educators should be a high priority for the vaccine but disagree with Mink Husbandry. There are far more important/essential persons that are deserving.

It sucks because I'm a retired healthy 58 y/o and will be waiting from what I estimate to be a long time for my vaccination.

No vaccine for mink farmers

Stefan Pavlik



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From: [SAM ANTHONY EVANS](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee phase 1B public comment
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:12:28 PM

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Hi,

I would like to express support for the inclusion of educators and childcare workers in phase 1B and encourage you to prioritize their vaccination as soon as possible. We need to protect these essential workers, especially with many school districts now moving to more in-person instruction at all levels. I would also encourage you to include teachers-in-training in this vaccination phase since they will be in the same teaching environment as their cooperating teachers.

Thank you!
Sam Evans
Madison, WI

From: [Adriana Serwa](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:08:17 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Adriana Serwa

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From: [Susan Dederich](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:04:15 PM

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Parents across the state are begging for their students to return to school full time, but in order to do so safely, teachers must be vaccinated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Dederich

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From: [Kathy Storlie](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:01:24 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please make all school staff a priority for the Covid-19 vaccination in Phase 1B.

The negative impact the pandemic has had on families, children and the economy in our state has been devastating. Families have struggled with childcare issues and online learning.

Children are lacking the important social and emotional support of friends and school staff, and the direct help with their learning by a teacher in person. Our economy has suffered from many parents having to choose to work or stay home to watch their children.

Opening schools has to be done with everyone's safety in mind. Adults in a school building are at very high risk of contracting this virus. School staff and substitutes all need to be vaccinated to ensure school can stay open and not have to deal with disruptive opening and then closing (when outbreaks happen) of so many districts across our state.

Sincerely,
Kathy Storlie
La Crosse

From: [Liz Hedke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Please include teachers in 1a/1b vaccination
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:34:06 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that DHS begin immediate vaccination of teachers. As a CRNA who is on the front lines, I see the role of educators just as high risk as any health care professional. Educators stand in a classroom for 8 hours with potential exposure from numerous students. Educators may take all the covid precautions to keep themselves and family safe. However, they cannot be assured that their students and families of their students are doing the same. By assuring that educators are vaccinated as soon as possible, educators can at least feel a bit more comfortable that their job is not putting their health at risk.

In addition, by vaccinating the teachers, hopefully it will allow for schools to reopen more successfully.

In conclusion, educators are the backbone of our future. Please keep them safe by vaccinating them immediately.

Sincerely,
Liz Hedke

From: [Lynn Kurth](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B"
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:32:25 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a middle school educator teaching in a community where the majority of the public does not make an effort to socially distance and/or wear masks in public. As a result, many of my students and colleagues have contracted COVID-19 since the beginning of the school year. I have several medical conditions which put me at higher risk of severe complications from COVID-19 however my school district has done very little to offer me any additional protection from the virus. I am unable to socially distance from my students and the pressure to return to a normal schedule vs. working with a cohort group of students is increasing as my administration is receiving pressure to do so. I have purchased my own air purifying units and have fans running in order to try to have some type of protection from the virus as my students refuse to keep their masks on. Please include educators who are teaching face to face in the classroom as part of the early 1B groups to be vaccinated. I cannot avoid coming into contact with my 25+ students and I am sealed in a classroom with a HVAC system that is 45 years old with windows that do not open. People are demanding that we are in the classroom but I am risking my life to do so.

Educators in my situation need to be part of early 1B! I am in more close contact with more community members than most firefighters and police officers! Please include educators in phase 1B!

Sincerely,
Lynn Kurth
Merrill, WI

From: [Linda W](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee and phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:29:08 PM

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This phase should include teachers and all school workers (custodial, lunch help, administrators, etc.). We need to make sure all first responders are vaccinated. Then we need to address our seniors over 65 as well as our service personnel (not just the higher ups but our rank and file who do the work and protect us).

I don't think prisons belong in this group as I heard on the news.

So my choices are:

- Teachers and school staff
- First responders
- Service personnel
- Seniors over 65

Thank you.

From: [Amy Sovine](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:25:20 PM

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Amy Sovine
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From: [Kim Wintersberger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee; Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:25:11 PM

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Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Manager:

I wholeheartedly agree with the young teacher that was featured on CBS 58 television this evening advocating for teachers to be included in Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

As a parent of two 7th grade children in a Wisconsin public school, I also strongly agree with her that there is no substitute for in-person teaching. And, my children have not had that opportunity since March 2020.

I urge the subcommittee to act swiftly to approve teachers for Phase 1B.

Sincerely,

Kim Wintersberger

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From: [ERICA OLENICI](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:23:21 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been an Educator for twenty-two years in a completely urban area; I love my kids and wouldn't teach outside our urban area. I teach primarily African American kids and Hispanic children.

One of the little girls in my class lost both her grandparents to Covid. They have been through enough with the political scenes and everyone fighting about power. I am one of the stable people in their lives. My school district wants to throw everyone back in school and it's not safe.

I honestly expected more backing from the governor regarding safety and schools; instead, we have been struggling to come up with our own safety plan for the health department and everything still remains the same. Our school nurse just quit; we have over 30 kids in a classroom. If they throw adults into a classroom without a vaccine and kids who have mostly frontline worker families, in our urban community, we are going to see crisis like we haven't yet.

In my mind, you can't have it both ways; if you want us back in school, at least give us a vaccine so that we can stay healthy for the kids and remain a constant in their lives. It would be devastating for the kids to know their family at school had someone pass away.

Before Covid, I would have persuaded Education majors, many that I've mentored, to join our community. Now, I would tell them to take notes on how they are treating teachers like disposable beings. I've never felt such disrespect and misery in my profession before; it's almost unbelievable.

Teachers should absolutely be in group 1b for vaccinations. It's vital to our community. I don't know why we need three meetings before this is clarified and approved. The news says that some don't want the vaccine; the truth is that we can't find one. If this doesn't go through for teachers, I guarantee there will be a larger shortage of teachers, especially in the urban areas.

If our urban kids don't have a place to go, some will end up doing unthinkable things in the community; we are the heart of the school. We teach them how to be the heart of the community. I plead with you all to move on with 1b and include all of the Educators who already sacrifice a lot to do what they do. You won't find a better group of people to serve the community without much positive recognition.

A wise professor from UW-M once told me that teachers are like Air Traffic Controllers in that they do all of the work and nobody notices until they have to go without.

Best,
Erica Olenici

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From: [Gretchen Kubeny](#)
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Gretchen Kubeny

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From: [Jim Jastrow](#)
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Jim Jastrow

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From: [Bryson Heezen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Kathryn Walker](#)
Subject: vaccinations
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:51:26 PM
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Wisconsin Department of Health Services is in the process of making decisions about who will be prioritized within the essential worker group to be vaccinated in the next vaccine distribution (1b). I hope you will prioritize teachers highly in this next distribution. Please know that we support prioritizing our teachers next for vaccination and we hope our elected officials will support teachers in this effort.



Bryson Heezen | Great Wolf Resorts | Director of Development
1255 Fourier Drive, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53717
608-213-4288

From: [SCOTT TIPPLE](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
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From: [Candice Milan](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Comment to Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:40:41 PM

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From: [MARY BANDOR](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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From: [Sue Holmes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: ["Sue Holmes"](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee and Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:21:06 PM
Attachments: teachers.shouldbe1Avaccinated.docx

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To the members of the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee, the Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Covid-19 and the Vaccine Priority Group1b,
In the above attachment, please find my public comments enclosed and the reasons I feel that the vaccinations should be made available for our teachers as soon as possible. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and for taking my points under advisement. Sincerely, Susan K. Holmes, [REDACTED]

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