

From: [Karen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phrase 1 B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:40:22 PM

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That's a no for the mink farmers! Move the age limit to age 65 and up.
Thank you.

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From: [Debra Kleinow](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 3:04:15 PM

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Why is "mink husbandry" on the list and teachers of all ages are not? Teachers are far more essential than mink farmers, unless I am missing something.

Also, at the point when more phases are being opened, will there be more facilities available that will be administering the vaccines? I am 68 and an organ transplant recipient. I would prefer not to have to travel downtown.

Thank you for your anticipated response.

Debby K

From: [JULIE Santapoalo](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Distribution
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:04:36 PM

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I am responding to your call for opinions regarding vaccine distribution. It angers me to think this state administration is considering people in prisons, mink farms, etc. before prioritizing our seniors – ages 60 and above – and individuals with chronic health conditions that continue to face the highest mortality rate. I am tired of hearing about private groups lobbying for early vaccination. You claim to follow the science but it sounds like you are running a popularity contest. Let's get it together and get those who are dying vaccinated.

From: [Steven M. Kresch, Esq](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: [Sanfelippo, Joe - LEGIS](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1B, Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:07:50 AM
Importance: High

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Dear Committee Members,

In response to your request for comment on the proposal for Phase 1B of the vaccine roll out I would implore you to add live-in family members of front-line health care workers. As you know front-line health care workers have the most significant risk of exposure to COVID-19 and there is significant risk that they can bring the virus back home to family members.

My wife is a Resident Physician who has been treating patients including COVID-19 positive patients for nearly the past ten (10) months. As a Psychiatrist she works with a population that purposefully tries to infect staff members. For ten (10) months we have worried about the repeated exposure to COVID-19 sometimes without the appropriate protective gear. At times my wife and I have slept in separate beds and maintained distance so that one of us had a better chance to survive and be around to parent our young children.

It is imperative that we get relief before 70-year old's and mink farmers. It is impossible for front line medical workers to isolate from their own family even though we have tried at times throughout the pandemic. A 70-year-old can easily self-isolate and should be in phase 1C.

I would ask that you seriously consider adding live-in family members of front-line health care workers to the 1B phase of the vaccine rollout.

Sincerely,

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From: [Karen Matteoni](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccinations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:02:13 AM

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The next set of vaccinations should include persons who care for relatives who are elderly and ill. My father is 98 years old and lives in an independent living facility. Hopefully he will receive a vaccine soon. My brother-in-law has taken my Dad to the emergency room and to medical appointments during the pandemic. I am 69 years old and have not been able to visit Dad due to the pandemic. I call him every day and stand outside his window in the snow and cold to talk with him on the phone. Dad gets depressed because he cannot see us in person and get hugs. He wants to see us before he dies.

A friend takes his elderly mother who has lung cancer to chemotherapy appointments. He needs to be vaccinated.

Please do not include mink farmers in the priority list. Protect human lives. Denmark protected human lives and solved the mink covid problem by eliminating 17 million mink to prevent the spread of the virus. When my father read that mink farmers are being considered for priority, he was upset. He would like to have his children who are all over 65 vaccinated for our safety. Mink farming is for profit. Please do not put profit above human lives.

Karen Matteoni

[REDACTED]

Comments submitted on behalf of my father who does not have a computer and is too frail to write to you.

Louis Mitroff

[REDACTED]

From: [Lorna Whalen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee - Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:20:45 AM
Importance: High

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Good Morning:

First of all, I would not want to be in your position trying to decide who is essential. However, I was saddened to hear the list of people in Phase 1B. I am 67 years old with lung issues, along with being a guardian of my 13 year old Grandson, so I take exception to some groups that are listed as 'essential.'

The two categories I have issues with are:

- Prisoners
- Mink Farmers

Prisoners: First of all, I have a son in prison. Anyone new to the prison can be kept in quarantine before entering the general population. These people have done something against the law, yet they are being placed higher on the list than others? Are these people essential? Just doesn't make sense.

Mink Farmers: I understand thousands of mink have died – so have thousands of people. What is more important?

You have incredibly difficult decisions to make. One of my favorite quotes "Does the good of one outweigh the good of many?"

Good luck and bless all of you.

Lorna S. Whalen



From: [Debra Buss](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee/Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:47:04 AM

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Mink farmers and Incarcerated people!!!??? are you kidding me? Your attention should be on the people with underlying conditions and a weakened immune system. This group of people, consisting of all ages, are at higher risk of contracting covid19 and becoming seriously ill with a high risk of death. These people go out to work, school and the community daily and risk their lives doing so.

Please explain to me how Mink Farmers and Prisoners are more important or at a higher risk than all the people out there who are immunosuppressant (due to drugs they take for medical conditions)?

I am immunosuppressant and have been Imprisoned in my own home since March 2020! My husband works but has to be super extra careful as to not bring the virus home.

I am not saying I am more deserving than others, but come on, Mink Farmers! Incarcerated people would be protected if the prison employees all got vaccinated and absolutely NO Visitors for Inmates. It's the same theory you used in deciding to vaccinate Health Care workers and First Responders.

If you do decide to put incarcerated people in Phase 1B....well then, that had better include me for I am a prisoner in my own home!

From: [Liz Fenlon](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:08:22 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The list of groups who should receive the next round of COVID vaccine SHOULD NOT include prisoners. I realize the confined space is a consideration, but to put a person who broke the law and was convicted of a crime, ahead of those who are law abiding is ludicrous. As it is, my husband and I have to wait because we do not fall into any of the categories thus far. We are 62 and 64 respectively and again we have yet to know when we will be able to get ours. To allow prisoners to get the vaccine before the people who are not in prison is a “slap in the face” to Wisconsinites.

Funeral Directors and Grocery Store workers should also be considered. They were considered essential back when lockdown occurred and are constantly in contact with people, both alive and dead, who may be infected. Also, I do not think Mink Farmers should be included in the next group as well. I realize there was information regarding positive cases in the animals, but I’m sure the farmers are taking all precautions. Again, there are others who should be considered before them.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Fenlon

From: [Sandra Murrell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Mink farmers!?
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:07:42 AM

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Your nuts..mink farmers should not be in this important phase..how about emt workers, grocery store workers..use your brains people!

From: [Kelly Smith](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Mink farmers really
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:39:33 AM

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I am furious, mink farmers are a group that does not wear masks!
Should be last on the list like prisoners. Prisoners caused themselves to be put in that position. Grocery store workers should be.

I am appalled at who is getting it before others. Are these groups in Evers back pocket?
I have stayed home since March because of severe congestive heart failure not of my doing either.

Thank you for listening,
Kelly Smith



From: [Karen Raap](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Group 1b Vaccinations
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:20:42 AM

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Thank you for taking my comments.

I've read the 17 page document listing the selected groups and the reasoning behind why those groups were chosen. I appreciate that information...now I understand the reasoning behind mink farmers in that group.

My objection is to those incarcerated. **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!** As a taxpayer I whole-heartedly disagree. Prisoners should be taken off the list and **ESSENTIAL GROCERY STORE WORKERS SHOULD BE ADDED**. It's more important at this point in time that grocery store workers stay healthy.

There is no reasoning why it's necessary to vaccinate prisoners other than they're an easy group to target. This group belongs in the general population at most. It could be interpreted that the only reason is that it's easy to bolster numbers of those vaccinated to make the numbers look good.

Again I strongly support **REMOVING PRISONERS** and **ADD GROCERY STORE WORKERS!**

Thank you for the consideration.

Karen Raap

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From: [Pam Mason](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1B vaccine subcommittee
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 5:39:49 AM

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Hi

First, I don't understand why "mink farmers" are on this list. That makes no sense!!!! My suggestion is lowering that senior age to 65 years and older. Why are you leaving out so many seniors?? Again, makes no sense.

Just get this done!!

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From: [kimberly.pedersen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1b
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:25:44 AM

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Hi there.

It is my strong opinion that mink farmers should not come before those with comorbidities and high risk factors, whom are younger than 70, unless these farmers, themselves, have comorbidities and are younger than 70.

Mini farmers are not essential workers. I understand mink can catch covid, as can many mammals. It is absurd to me to think I have to wait, having multiple comorbidities, to protect MINK.

Kimberly

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From: [Roselyn Baker](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1b
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:54:35 PM

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After reading an article in the Journal Sentinel today I want to give input into the Phase 1b for the vaccine.

I do not think prisoners should be part of 1b. I know they are in close contact, but they are all within the system and employees coming from outside should be screened as schools are doing.

I don't know why mink farmers would be included. Does not make sense to me.

My GREATEST frustration is that we have known for MONTHS that the vaccine was coming. Why are we first now, figuring out who should get it? That should have been done months ago, even if we didn't have the actual vaccine.

I've gotten the first shot, so I am not speaking as someone hoping to get it. It just does not make sense to me that prisoners should be in Phase 1b.

Roselyn Baker

From: [Elisbeth McGowan](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:01:24 PM

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Mink farmers? Mink farmers? Who electrocute small mammals and skin them for profit? Who aren't essential or public facing. Are you serious? What is being received for putting them before grocery workers for the Covid-19 vaccine? I hope this isn't true. If it is, shame on you; you make me sick.

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From: [Elizabeth Wilke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee re: Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:35:29 AM

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With regard to Phase 1B

While I understand that a prison has close quarters & it may be hard to control the spread of Covid-19, I find it hard to comprehend how Phase 1B can ignore truly essential workers. Specifically, grocery workers. They have been our lifeline for getting the food & supplies we need.

I am also puzzled at the omission of groups such as Veterinarians while mink farm workers are included. These people gave up & shared their own medical equipment to help us battle this disease. They in turn take care of our pets who for many helped people sustain their sanity & health during this pandemic.

Please reconsider the recipients included in phase 1B

Liz W.

Stay safe at home!

Texting & Driving - it can wait!

From: [lisa.page](#)
To: [DHS.SDMAC](#)
Subject: COVID Vaccine
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:08:18 AM

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Why would mink farmers be on the 1B list and not grocery store employees? They have been there for all of us while millions sat home. How many of us come in contact with mink farmers?

Lisa

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Alison Seltzner](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee" and "Phase 1B
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:10:15 AM

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Mink Farmers WTF - that's ridiculous -
Lower the older group to 65
Eliminate Mink farmers- after all we don't need mink coats as we can't go outside

Use pharmacies for distribution. Stop blaming Federal government for your slow distribution -
if you had Zero vaccines left before the next shipment you could comment but 65% are still
sitting in bottles- this is your fault.

Sent from my iPhone
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From: [Frank Jarosz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Mink Farmers
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:19:02 PM

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Are you kidding? It sounds like this is a very political decision. People 65 and older should be the number one priority over mink farmer. Stop making this process so complicated.

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From: [A Carr](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee phase 1B
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 11:03:58 AM

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Yes I agree, people over 70

no to mink farmers.

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From: [jroyalton](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Covid injection plan
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:09:53 PM

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Please explain why those in mink husbandry takes precedence over 65+ with multiple co-morbidities? How long yet for our phase to get in? I've heard nothing from my medical caregiver or pharmacy.

Sent from Samsung tablet

From: [Karen Reynolds](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Proposed 1b COVID vaccine distribution
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:33:15 PM

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Please explain to me why mink farm employees fall in the same classification as first responders and teachers to be next in line for COVID vaccine. Why are these individuals at risk more than seniors age 65 and older with existing health issues?

Karen Reynolds
Lake Delton, WI

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From: [Elaine & Jim](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Phase 1b
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:20:54 PM

I read the Phase 1b recommendations for COVID-19 vaccinations & agree. Totally recommend starting with the age 70+ especially. Still uncertain of including the mink farms in this phase. Thank you for accepting comments. The sooner the vaccine can be administered the better. So many lives have been lost already.
....Elaine McNeil

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chris Alexander](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccines
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:49:05 PM

Short comment.

Who in their right mind would even put Mink husbandry as a consideration? Are the staff at DHS that un informed that they would put that above a food/grocery worker, retail employee, or anything else besides? I would hope someone pre screens these thought processes but then again we're dealing with government.

From: [Michelle Michalski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Public comment on stage 1b vaccine plan
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:26:47 PM

I believe that people in mink husbandry should NOT be included, and that people 65 and over SHOULD be included as per the CDC guidelines.

Michelle Michalski

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From: [Marilyn Dietz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee- phase 1B
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:43:20 AM

Dear Sirs:

I heard on the news this morning that the vaccine is going to be available to prisoners and mink farmers, but that the Notre Dame nuns at Elm Grove (who have lost 9 sisters in the past month) are not eligible to receive the vaccine because they are not a “certified nursing home” ! I think this is ridiculous!

I read the reasoning for the mink farmers being included because of the variant.....but really!! How many mink farmers are there (as no one wears mink anymore or they get harassed)?

Please consider getting the nuns and clergy vaccinated asap! They educated a great number of people in WI. Also, those who are taking care of their elderly, sickly parents in their home, which is also not a certified nursing home.

Thank you,
Marilyn Dietz

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