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We are happy to announce that today, the State of Wisconsin announced that adults over the age of 65 will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning January  $25^{th}$ .

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/011921.htm

Door County Public Health, in coordination with Door County Emergency Services will begin providing vaccinations to this group beginning next week. We are planning three drive-thru clinics per week. Door County Medical Center and local pharmacies will also be helping provide these vaccinations. We continue to work together to coordinate our efforts to vaccinate our county residents as safely and efficiently as possible. We ask that you please check with those sources for their specific updates.

One factor in how we conduct the vaccine clinics will be the availability of the vaccine. From the Public Health Department perspective, we believe we can provide a little over 700 vaccines per week, utilizing a drive-thru model. Two doses of the vaccine are required to get the best result. The 700 vaccines will include approximately 350 first doses administered and approximately 350 second doses administered. Although we are planning weeks in advance, we are only able to order vaccine doses week to week. This means that despite our planning efforts, things could change week to week. We will continue to evaluate and adjust our processes as we learn more about how things are working.

We will be using an online scheduling system to coordinate our efforts. We will provide a link to allow individuals to schedule directly as well as a phone number to call for assistance with scheduling. We are working out some software issues and will release this information as soon as we have it set up.

As was the case early on in the pandemic regarding information available about COVID-19, things related to the vaccination process are also changing quickly, for updates, please continue to visit the COVID-19 pages: Door County website at <a href="Door County">Door County</a>, WI | Official Website, The Door County Public Health Facebook or the Door County Medical Center website at Door County Medical Center - Home (dcmedical.org)