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## Coronavirus Information and Resources

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### Wisconsin Plans Vaccine Distribution to Essential Workers, As CDC Considers Scope of Group

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has released an [executive summary](#) detailing the state's three-phase plan to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations, noting that "limited COVID-19 vaccine doses may be available in late 2020 with supply expected to increase substantially through 2021."

Phase One vaccine recipients are likely to include:

- Healthcare personnel exposed to or treating people with COVID-19
- People living in long-term care or assisted living facilities and people 65 years of age or older
- **Other essential workers**, based upon definitions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and Wisconsin's State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)

The [ACIP is meeting](#) tomorrow to discuss modeling for the initial allocation of vaccines. Neither ACIP nor SDMAC has yet announced the scope of the Phase One "essential workers" group.

For more on the latest vaccine news, see the articles linked below:

- *Business Insider*: [Fauci predicts no COVID-19 vaccine until at least January and warns of a 'whole lot of pain' if US cases continue to surge](#)
  - *Politico*: [Historic vaccine race meets harsh reality](#)
  - *Reuters*: [Moderna on track to report late-stage COVID-19 data next month](#)
  - *FOX News*: [Moderna rakes in \\$1.1B on coronavirus vaccine orders](#)
  - *Washington Post*: [As the world awaits a coronavirus vaccine, some in China get early doses](#)
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# CFAP Round 2 Payments Now Total \$7.6 Billion

The U.S. Department of Agriculture this week reports it has [distributed \\$7.6 billion](#) in direct relief payments to farmers via the second round of its Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, including \$790 million to dairy farmers.

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## Wisconsin Supreme Court Schedules Hearing on Mask Mandate Lawsuit

The Wisconsin [Supreme Court will hear a lawsuit](#) challenging the emergency powers Gov. Tony Evers used to issue a statewide mask mandate. Oral arguments are scheduled for November 16, five days before the current order is set to expire.

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## Coronavirus Headline News

### Dairy Industry

- *WSAW-TV*: [Sen. Tammy Baldwin says second coronavirus aid program hurts dairy farmers](#)

### Wisconsin

- *Reuters*: [Wisconsin breaks one-day state records in COVID-19 deaths and cases](#)
- *Stevens Point Journal*: [Wisconsin reports 3,800 new cases, 45 deaths and a record-high seven-day positivity rate of 27.2 percent](#)
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: [As the crush of COVID cases continues, Wisconsin is on track to run short of ICU beds in two to six weeks](#)
- *Wisconsin Public Radio*: [Assembly Speaker "open" to another Wisconsin COVID-19 relief bill](#)

### National/International

- *USA Today*: ['There's no way to sugarcoat it': COVID-19 cases are surging; one American dies every 107 seconds](#)
  - *New York Times*: [U.S. reports a record 500,000-plus coronavirus cases over the past week](#)
  - *Washington Post*: [U.S. coronavirus infections hit record levels, with hospitalizations and deaths on the rise](#)
  - *Reuters*: [White House advisers warn of 'unrelenting' COVID-19 spread in U.S. Midwest, West](#)
  - *FOX Business*: [Second coronavirus stockpiling wave may be coming — and it goes beyond toilet paper, cleaning supplies](#)
  - *Bloomberg*: [Second food-stockpiling wave is here, with 3,400 percent pantry surge](#)
  - *CNBC*: [Coronavirus variant seen spreading across Europe, research says](#)
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## Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](http://WisCheeseMakers.org) for More Resources

WCMA will provide links to new and timely coronavirus resources for members in these bulletins, but we want to alert you that we update our coronavirus resources

page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) daily. Please visit the page for additional information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and ways to salute your critical, essential staff.

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## WCMA Key Contacts

WCMA staff is continuously reaching out to dairy manufacturer and processor members throughout this crisis to identify ways we can be of service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Here are ways to get in touch.

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