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Vaccination Rates Slow, Threatening July 4 Goal

The rate of COVID-19 vaccinations nationwide continues to drop, threatening President Joe Biden's goal of vaccinating 70 percent of American adults with at least one dose by July 4. The latest data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) now shows U.S. vaccinators are on track to reach only 67 percent of adults by that date. As of yesterday, 64 percent of U.S. adults had received a vaccination.

Wisconsin officials this week noted the state isn't likely to hit the 70 percent benchmark until mid-July. About 63 percent of adults in Wisconsin have already received at least one dose.

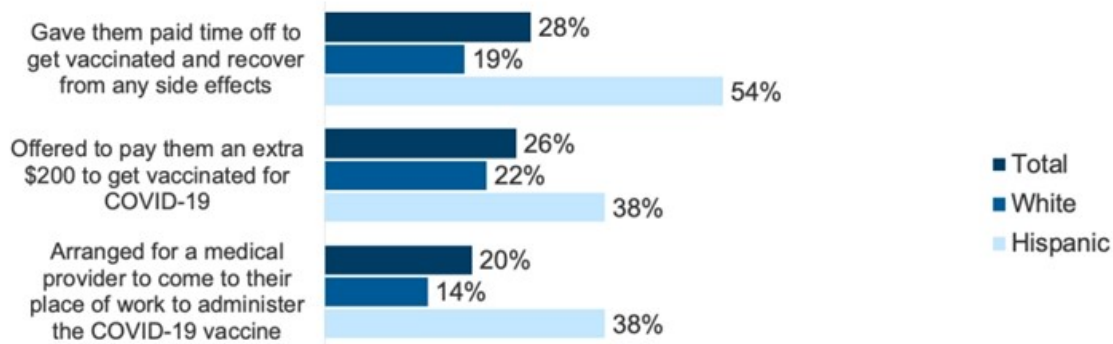
[Click Here to Find a Vaccine Appointment Now](#)

New Study Reveals Paid Leave As Powerful Vaccine Incentive; Tax Credits Available to Cover Costs

A [new study](#) released by the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that paid leave is a powerful vaccination incentive. The study shows that [28 percent of employed adults](#) who describe themselves as "not yet ready" to get the COVID-19 vaccine say they would be more likely to get it if their employer provided paid time off for their vaccination and associated recovery.

Providing Paid Leave and Certain Other Employer Actions Increase Willingness to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine

Percent of unvaccinated employed adults who say they would be more likely to get a COVID-19 vaccine if their employer:



Note: Among those who are employed and not self-employed and who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19 and do not want to get the vaccine as soon as possible. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic; other groups are non-Hispanic. See topline for full question wording.

SOURCE: KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor (April 15-29, 2021).

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As a reminder, federal payroll tax credits are available for businesses with less than 500 employees to cover the full cost of paid leave provided for employees' vaccination and recovery. The credits are available for leave from April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021. For more information, the Internal Revenue Service has issued [a fact sheet](#) and the U.S. Treasury has released [a flyer outlining employer benefits](#).

Wisconsin Lawmakers Vote to End Supplemental Unemployment Benefits, Evers Signals Veto

Republican Wisconsin [lawmakers voted](#) Wednesday to refuse the federal \$300-per-week unemployment booster, a measure that Democratic Governor Tony Evers has signaled he will veto. Without agreement, the federal payments are scheduled to end on September 6. Twenty-five states have already approved an early end to the offerings, citing their workforce shortages.

WCMA has advocated for an end to the supplemental unemployment payments on its members' behalf.

Coronavirus Headline News

Dairy Industry

- *Feedstuffs*: [Efforts aim to increase rural COVID vaccination understanding](#)

Wisconsin

- *WBAY-TV*: [50 percent of Wisconsinites should have COVID-19 vaccine by month's end](#)
- *WLUK-TV*: [Northeast Wisconsin hospitals see young, unvaccinated COVID-19 patients hospitalized](#)
- *WEAU-TV*: [Wisconsin municipalities will have the opportunity to receive Coronavirus relief funding](#)

National/International

- *ABC News*: [The COVID-19 virus can cause diabetes, new studies find](#)
 - *CNN*: [U.S. Surgeon General warns unvaccinated people are at risk from a potentially more dangerous COVID-19 variant](#)
 - *NPR*: [New evidence suggests COVID-19 vaccines remain effective against variants](#)
 - *Mercury News*: [Regulators back down from new California workplace mask rules](#)
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WCMA's coronavirus resources page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) is updated daily, featuring information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and salutes to your critical, essential staff.

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