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## Coronavirus Information and Resources

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### HHS Secretary Plans Broad COVID-19 Vaccine Availability in March 2021

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar announced today that he expects the country could have [enough COVID-19 vaccines](#) for every American as early as March 2021, also noting his agency expected to have [100 million doses readied](#) by the end of the this year.

Speaking at a Goldman Sachs event this morning, Azar shared that the U.S. government is manufacturing doses for all six vaccines in testing, including those from Moderna, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, and Johnson & Johnson, which are in late-stage testing.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration shared [strict safety standards](#) for COVID-19 vaccine developers, which would prevent the availability of a vaccine this month.

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### SBA Clarifies PPP Deferral Period in New Guidance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) released [clarified guidance](#) Wednesday on Paycheck Protection Program, noting that lenders must honor extended deferral periods for payments on the loans' principle, interest, and fees. The Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act extended the deferral period to either the date that SBA remits the borrower's loan forgiveness amount to the lender or ten months after the end of the borrower's loan forgiveness covered period.

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### Wisconsin Judge Extends Injunction Preventing Release of Business Outbreak List

A Waukesha County judge has [extended an injunction](#) to November 30 blocking the release of names of Wisconsin businesses that had COVID-19 outbreaks between March and the start of July. Wisconsin defines an outbreak as at least two employees testing positive for coronavirus within a 28-day period.

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, together with the Muskego and New Berlin Chambers of Commerce, [filed the lawsuit](#) last week, arguing that the release would violate patient confidentiality laws and "irreparably harm" businesses.

Governor Tony Evers alerted the state's business community to the pending release the week prior, following months of discussions between attorneys for the state and for media outlets which had requested the information via open records laws.

WCMA has directly contacted all members that may be impacted by this potential release.

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## Wisconsin Mask Mandate Judgement Still Pending

A St. Croix County judge has [yet to issue a ruling](#) on a temporary injunction that could lift Wisconsin's face mask mandate, following a hearing Monday. WCMA will keep members informed of relevant developments.

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## CFAP Round 2 Payments Total \$1.9B

The U.S. Department of Agriculture this week reports it has [distributed \\$1.9 billion](#) in direct relief payments to farmers via the second round of its Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, including \$203 million to dairy farmers.

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## Coronavirus Headline News

### Dairy Industry

- *Successful Farming*: [Trump's trade and coronavirus aid to agriculture could top \\$50 billion](#)
- *Wisconsin State Farmer*: [A lonely week at Dairy Expo](#)

### Wisconsin

- *NBC News*: [Wisconsin is nation's new COVID-19 hot spot](#)
- *The Hill*: [Wisconsin activates field hospital amid COVID-19 surge](#)
- *Associated Press*: [Wisconsin activates field hospital as COVID keeps surging](#)
- *Appleton Post Crescent*: [Northeast, central Wisconsin hospitals are in 'crisis' as state officials prep overflow facility at State Fair Park](#)
- *WBAY-TV*: [2,319 coronavirus cases, 16 deaths, 141 hospitalized: ICU bed situation "dire"](#)
- *WMTV-TV*: [DHS: COVID-19 hospitalizations skyrocketing, especially in South Central Wisconsin](#)
- *WDJT-TV*: [Wisconsin Restaurant Association says half of state's restaurants will go under with the governor's new order](#)

### National/International

- *Wall Street Journal*: [New U.S. coronavirus cases top 50,000 for the first time in](#)

- [five days](#)
  - *Politico*: [K Street frets as Trump blows up negotiations](#)
  - *Business Insider*: [U.S. government negotiations for a second round of coronavirus stimulus payments remain unclear](#)
  - *The Hill*: [Nearly one-fourth of American households facing layoffs or pay cuts](#)
  - *Associated Press*: [U.S. layoffs remain elevated as 840,000 seek jobless aid](#)
  - *WJW-TV*: [Ohio travel advisory issued for seven states with high coronavirus transmission rates](#)
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## Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.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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