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Coronavirus Information and Resources

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WCMA distributes member bulletins focused on coronavirus information on Thursdays and as breaking news warrants. WCMA delivers electronic newsletters with broader content on Tuesdays. Please contact [WCMA staff](#) with any questions.

CDC Advises States to Prep for Vaccine Distribution

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has notified public health officials across the country to prepare now to distribute a coronavirus vaccine as soon as late October or early November. In a letter, the CDC stressed that the timeline was hypothetical, noting "the COVID-19 vaccine landscape is evolving and uncertain, and these scenarios may evolve as more information is available."

Last week, the CDC shared [preliminary guidelines for the distribution of a coronavirus vaccine](#), first prioritizing health care workers and those most vulnerable to severe COVID-19 complications. The plan also prioritizes the nation's critical and essential workforce, including those employed in agriculture and food processing.

More more information on the CDC's alert to states, see these news reports:

- *Associated Press:* [CDC tells states: Be ready to distribute vaccines on Nov. 1](#)
- *New York Times:* [What we know about the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine plans](#)
- *CBS News:* [CDC tells states to prepare for COVID-19 vaccinations by November 1](#)
- *FOX News:* [CDC: Coronavirus vaccine could arrive in October, November: asks states to prepare](#)

USDA Reports 66% Hike in Farmer Relief Payments

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported that [direct government farm payments are now forecasted to total \\$37.2 billion in 2020](#), an increase of \$14.7 billion, or approximately 66 percent. The projected increase is a direct results of coronavirus relief programs.

WDHS Offers Free, Printable Graphics on Isolation,

Quarantine Release Times and Testing

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is offering free, printable posters on the following topics:

- [Coronavirus isolation release times \(after experiencing symptoms\)](#)
- [Coronavirus isolation release times \(in the absence of symptoms\)](#)
- [Quarantine release times when living with someone diagnosed](#)
- [Quarantine release times after close contact](#)
- [Next Steps: While you wait for your COVID-19 test results](#)
- [Negative COVID-19 test: What does it mean?](#)

Most of these resources are also available in Spanish and Hmong on [WDHS's resources webpage](#).

Coronavirus Headline News

Dairy Industry

- *KQED-TV*: [Bay Area's famed artisan cheesemakers feel economic pain from pandemic](#)
- *KQED-TV*: [Sach Paneer scales during the pandemic](#)
- *Lansing State Journal*: [MSU Dairy Store temporarily closing due to COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- *WEAU-TV*: [USDA Secretary says second coronavirus assistance program coming for farmers](#)

Wisconsin

- *WBAY-TV*: [Wisconsin coronavirus cases, deaths, positive percentage and hospitalizations up](#)
- *Wisconsin Public Radio*: [DHS: 64 counties have high level of COVID-19 activity](#)
- *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*: [Eau Claire County's health order renewed](#)
- *WTMJ-TV*: [Wisconsin residents who lost job due to COVID-19 can now get additional \\$300 a week](#)
- *WTMJ-TV*: [Renters feel relief with national eviction moratorium, but announcement comes with criticism](#)

National/International

- *U.S. News & World Report*: [Coronavirus cases rising in children](#)
 - *Bloomberg*: [Workers keeping America fed are going hungry in the Heartland](#)
 - *CNN*: [Don't argue with anti-maskers, CDC warns stores](#)
 - *Reuters*: [U.S. private payrolls undershoot expectations; labor market recovery losing speed](#)
 - *FOX Business*: [Trump's payroll tax deferral may never hit some Americans' paychecks — here's why](#)
 - *Washington Post*: [U.S. government debt will nearly equal the size of the entire economy for first time since World War II, CBO finds](#)
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Visit [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](#) 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.

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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