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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.

WCMA Members Recognized for Vaccination Efforts

Dairy processors have stepped up throughout the coronavirus pandemic to meet the needs of their valued employees and communities - and today, four WCMA members are in a well-deserved spotlight for their work to provide COVID-19 vaccines. This [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel piece](#) focuses on the exemplary efforts of leaders at Grande Cheese Company, Organic Valley, Pine River Pre-Pack, and Sargento Cheese.

Curd Immunity: How Wisconsin cheesemakers and dairy farmers are getting vaccines for workers and others in the community

Mary Spicuzza Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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USDA Announces New Pandemic Aid Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack yesterday announced a new, four-part [Pandemic Assistance for Producers](#) initiative, designed to address gaps and disparities in the distribution of previous aid.

USDA will devote at least \$6 billion to the program, including \$2.5 billion for a third round of Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) aid, beginning April 5.

Vilsack noted that food processors will be eligible for aid to support the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE). More details on that will follow in the weeks ahead and WCMA will keep members updated.

CDC Adds More Toolkit Materials in Spanish



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week added to its essential employers' vaccine **communications toolkit**, posting new resources in Spanish. Materials include fact sheets, printable posters, and information about how to secure a vaccination appointment.

State-by-State Vaccination Access Information

With nearly all states offering vaccinations to dairy processing workers, and many opening appointments to the general population, WCMA ceased state-by-state eligibility updates last week.

Now, we're pleased to offer members these links to key dairy states' vaccination scheduling resources:

- [California](#)
- [Idaho](#)
- [Illinois](#)
- [Iowa](#)
- [Michigan](#)
- [Minnesota](#)
- [New Mexico](#)
- [New York](#)
- [Ohio](#)
- [Pennsylvania](#)
- [South Dakota](#)
- [Tennessee](#)
- [Texas](#)
- [Vermont](#)
- [Wisconsin](#)

Coronavirus Headline News

Wisconsin

- *Associated Press:* [Wisconsin GOP leaders praise vaccination efforts](#)
- *WAOW-TV:* [Wisconsin reports largest COVID-19 case increase in a month](#)
- *Wisconsin Public Radio:* [COVID-19 activity level remains high across much of Wisconsin](#)
- *Cap Times:* [What's Wisconsin getting from the new federal COVID package?](#)

National/International

- *BBC News:* [COVID vaccine: AstraZeneca updates U.S. vaccine](#)

efficacy results

- *CNN*: [U.S. will see 27 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week, White House says](#)
 - *Reuters*: [U.S. COVID-19 cases top 30 million as states race to vaccinate](#)
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Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) for More Resources

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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Members with pandemic-related questions or concerns should feel encouraged to contact WCMA staff at any time. Here are ways to get in touch.

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