

Gov. Evers: Announces DHS has activated the federal government's pharmacy distribution program for COVID-19 vaccine

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has officially activated the federal government's pharmacy distribution program for the COVID-19 vaccine.

"This announcement is another step forward toward ensuring our most vulnerable Wisconsinites get the vaccine quickly and safely," said Gov. Evers. "While hope is on the horizon, the best way Wisconsinites can help keep the folks living and working in our long-term care facilities healthy and safe is to continue to take every precaution to stop the spread by staying home, practicing physical distancing, and wearing a mask whenever out in public."

A partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the national pharmacy chains Walgreens and CVS, the program will utilize the Moderna vaccine pending its upcoming Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The effort, which will begin with skilled nursing facilities, involves the on-site vaccination of residents and staff of long-term care facilities. It is set to begin on Dec. 28, 2020. More information on this effort will be available in the coming days.