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## Rep. Plumer Supports Bills to Expand Vaccine Access

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**MADISON, WI** – Representative Jon Plumer today voted in favor of Assembly Bills 4 and 5, which will aid the State of Wisconsin in its fight against COVID-19 by expanding access to vaccination.

"Both of these bills passed today will make sure the most vulnerable in our state have access to the COVID-19 vaccine," said Rep. Plumer. "This legislation brings us one step closer to defeating this virus in Wisconsin."

Assembly Bill 5 makes a number of changes to how the Department of Health Services is prioritizing and managing vaccine distribution. Wisconsinites over the age of 60 represent 66% of COVID-19 related hospitalizations and 92% of all virus related deaths. This bill makes sure Wisconsin residents over the age of 60 receive prioritization for the vaccine. Additionally, the bill streamlines vaccine distribution in long term care facilities and directs DHS to publish a plan and timeline for vaccinating the general public.

Assembly Bill 4 allows for trained pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students who have completed two years of schooling to administer vaccinations under the supervision of an authorized health care provider.

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