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## CENTRAL RACINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES UPDATE ON WISCONSIN VACCINE REGISTRY

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In a press release last week, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced it is launching a new service March 1 that will help connect people with available COVID-19 vaccine. The <u>Wisconsin COVID-19</u> <u>Vaccine Registry</u> will provide a centralized location for residents to learn where and when they can get vaccinated and allow users to schedule an appointment (note that vaccine providers must opt into the registry, so it may not be a comprehensive resource for all vaccination options).

In the release, DHS said a small group of local health departments -- including the Central Racine County Health Department -- will be testing the software during the week of February 22. Beginning March 1, the software will be rolled out in increments to participating health departments. By April 1, DHS expects the vaccine registry will be available to all interested vaccinators in the state.

While the Central Racine County Health Department (CRCHD) has been picked as a test site for the vaccine registry, there will be no public-facing interactions at this time. CRCHD continues to work with DHS to resolve technical issues with the WCVR, which will allow CRCHD to use the system in a public-facing manner. The public should avoid calling CRCHD about the vaccine registry, but rather, they can continue to sign up for weekly emails on the CRCHD website to receive a link to vaccination appointments when they become available.

CRCHD will issue another press release when the WCVR is available for its clinic. Further media inquiries should be directed to the DHS.

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