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Dear De Pere Resident,

Over the last 16 months you've probably heard a lot of different and changing information. Keep six feet apart. Wear a mask. Vaccinate. It can be hard to keep facts straight, and you likely have many questions. It's normal and good to have questions! Getting informed, especially about COVID-19 vaccines, is an important step to getting "back to normal."

Since vaccines against COVID-19 became available, we've heard many questions and concerns from our residents. We'd like to take a moment to answer some of the most common ones and share with you trusted resources for additional information.

How do we know the COVID-19 vaccines are safe?

More than 150 million people in the United States, including 96% of medical doctors, are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and these vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.

- COVID-19 vaccines were developed using science that has been around for decades.
- COVID-19 vaccines went through all the required stages of clinical trials. Extensive testing and monitoring have shown that these vaccines are safe and effective.
- COVID-19 vaccines have received and continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.

Do COVID-19 vaccines work?

When we get a vaccine, it activates our immune response. This helps our bodies learn to fight off the virus without the danger of an actual infection. If we are exposed to the virus in the future, our immune system "remembers" how to fight it. All authorized COVID-19 vaccines provide significant protection against serious illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19.

- COVID-19 vaccines are effective. They can keep you from getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.

I'm worried about my teen getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

It's normal and good to be concerned for your kids' health! Like other routine vaccines and health practices, getting your teen vaccinated against COVID-19 is an important step toward a healthy life.

- The same science and rigorous testing that brought us the approved vaccines for adults were used to approve the vaccine for people 12-17 years.
- The COVID-19 vaccine works similarly to other childhood vaccines by teaching your child's immune system to recognize the virus so it can defend the body if exposed.
- Being vaccinated lowers your child's risk of getting sick from and spreading the virus, even more.

Why should people get the COVID-19 vaccine?

There are many benefits to getting vaccinated, and only you can determine what's best for you.

- You can safely restart most of the activities you may have stopped due to COVID -19 without wearing a mask or physically distancing from others.
- People who get the vaccine are 89-100% less likely to be hospitalized or die from COVID-19.
- Getting the vaccine protects you, your family, and your community. Not getting vaccinated leaves you and your family open to catching the virus and getting sick or worse.
- So far, studies show that the currently-authorized vaccines are also effective against variants such as the Delta variant.

Who can I turn to if I have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines?

With so much access to information, it can be hard to know who to trust. Trusted sources for credible information include:

- Your primary care providers for both the adults and children in your household
- The City of De Pere Health Department
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- www.GetVaccineAnswers.org
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)

What can I do?

Vaccines have the potential to be a powerful tool to get us all on the road back to the moments and people we miss most. Each of us is proud to have played our part by getting our vaccine and we encourage everyone in De Pere to do so, too. Ask questions, seek facts, and know we are here when you're ready for your vaccine.

Our city is committed to being a place where all are respected and we value the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

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