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Representative Snyder Votes to Improve Vaccine Rollout

Madison... Representative Patrick Snyder (Schofield) gave the following statement after the State Assembly held votes on two bills (Assembly Bill 4 and Assembly 5) that make improvements to Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccination plan:

"The unfortunate reality is that Governor Evers has Wisconsin lagging behind the rest of the nation in getting vaccines to those who need them. The bills passed by the Assembly today are the result of an informational hearing held by the Assembly Committee on Health in which medical professionals testified about the shortcomings of the current vaccine distribution plan. These are common-sense reforms based upon the recommendations from that hearing to improve Wisconsin's vaccination program and it is my hope that the Governor signs them into law."

AB 4 and AB 5 include provisions that:

- Allow trained and supervised pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students to administer the vaccine
- Place Wisconsinites over the age of 60 in the highest priority group for vaccination
- Improve the process by which vaccines are administered at long-term care facilities based on feedback from those administering vaccine
- Require that the Department of Health Services publish a public vaccination plan and create a website for vaccinations such as those already available in many other states.

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The 85th Assembly District includes the Cities of Wausau and Schofield; the Villages of Rothschild, Elderon, and Hatley; and the Towns of Ringle, Norrie, Weston, Bevent, Easton, Reid and Franzen.