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Rodriguez Supports Legislation to Improve Vaccination Efforts

MADISON – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R – Oak Creek) voted today to approve two pieces of legislation that will streamline vaccination efforts in our state.

Assembly Bill 4 ([AB 4](#)) authorizes pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students to administer vaccines. In order to qualify, a pharmacy technician must complete two hours of training and be supervised by a pharmacist. Pharmacy students may be authorized to administer vaccines if they have completed at least two years of pharmacy school and are supervised by a pharmacist while administering the vaccine.

“An important piece of our SARS-CoV-2 vaccination effort in Wisconsin is having individuals who are able to administer the vaccine to those who want to receive it. AB 4 increases the amount of vaccinators in our state, while putting the necessary measures in place to ensure the vaccine is still administered safely,” said Rep. Rodriguez.

Assembly Bill 5 ([AB 5](#)) directs the Department of Health Services (DHS) to develop a plan for vaccinating the general public by no later than March 15, 2021. Among the requirements included in this direction, AB 5 requires DHS to prioritize vaccinating individuals 60 and older. The legislation also requires DHS to develop a web platform that allows Wisconsinites to check their eligibility for receiving the vaccine and easily make an appointment.

“Many other states around the country have already developed robust online platforms to assist their citizens with determining their vaccine eligibility and making appointments,” said Rodriguez. “Our constituents are asking us to bring these tools to Wisconsin, and AB 5 requires DHS to deliver for the people of our state.”

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