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COVID-19 Relief Bill Passes Assembly
Bill Secures Distribution of Vaccination Kits
From Pfizer Pleasant Prairie Facility

Madison...Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem Lakes) voted in favor of Assembly Bill 1 today, the COVID-19 relief bill that makes \$100 million available to help fight COVID-19 and includes provisions to help Wisconsinites and businesses as we continue to navigate the impacts of the 2019 novel coronavirus.

“After months of work, I am happy the Assembly was able to pass a second COVID-19 bill that maps a path forward during the ongoing national emergency,” said Rep. Kerkman. “Pleasant Prairie is key piece in the vaccine distribution plan, and making sure vaccine kits are able to ship to every state from the Pfizer facility here is important to the nation’s health as well as the local economy.”

Pfizer employs about 100 personnel in their Pleasant Prairie distribution center, successfully shipping deep-frozen containers of COVID-19 vaccine to vaccination facilities. Going forward, they will need additional licensing from the state to ensure legal delivery of non-Pfizer products used for administering the Pfizer vaccine – a “vaccination kit” – to comply with states that require it in excess of federal regulations. Rep. Kerkman and Sen. Van Wanggaard worked with Pfizer for the solution which is included in AB 1.

The legislation also prohibits co-payments for vaccines, continues the prohibition on co-payments for COVID-19 testing, and makes it easier for Wisconsinites to access the COVID-19 vaccine by adding dentists and pharmacy students to the list of persons authorized to administer this vaccine.

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