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## REPRESENTATIVE STUBBS ISSUES STATEMENT ON NEW DHS VACCINE DASHBOARD

MADISON- Yesterday, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) released a new <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard</u>. This dashboard breaks down Wisconsin's current vaccine distribution, including a breakdown by county, race, age and sex:

"I am glad that DHS acknowledges the need for transparency regarding this unprecedented vaccine rollout. Our communities deserve to know the progress of our vaccination effort, and how Wisconsin is prioritizing those who receive the vaccination."

"However, the data shows a dangerous racial disparity in who has been given the vaccine so far. Only 2.9% of Black residents have received a dose of the vaccine, compared to 10.4% of white residents. Similarly, only 2.9% of Hispanic residents have received a dose, compared to 10.8% of Non-Hispanic residents."

"Racism is a Public Health Crisis, plain and simple. COVID-19 disproportionately impacts communities of color, and inequity in COVID-19 vaccination further endangers our communities. DHS must take action immediately to address this disparity, and prioritize reaching communities that have a unique barrier to healthcare access."

"DHS must continue to pursue distribution through community health centers, and mobile vaccination clinics. Equitable vaccine distribution is vital to seeing an end to this pandemic."