My name is T.R. Williams and I serve as the Deputy Director of External Affairs in the Office of Governor Evers.

I am emailing to confirm that our office successfully received your email and letter from President Soriano, M.D. on behalf of the American Academy of Home Care Medicine. I have copied your email and letter below, for reference.

We understand the request for the prioritization of home care medicine (HCM) providers in the COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Your concerns are important. I have shared your message and the information included in your message with the appropriate people on our team, including directly with the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC).

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is still receiving guidance and recommendations on matters of vaccine prioritization. DHS will be relying on guidance from the Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In addition, the <u>State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)</u> is actively working on <u>recommendations</u> to the DHS Secretary and the Governor on vaccine allocation for Wisconsin. All of the meetings of the SDMAC are open to the public, and posted on the <u>public</u> <u>meetings website</u> as well as on the <u>DHS website</u>.

The SDMAC Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee has advanced their recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1b. You can review the document <u>here</u>, and submit comment to <u>DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov</u>.

The **public comment period will remain open until 4:00PM on Monday, January 18.** The subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, January 20th to review & address public comment, and ultimately advance the recommendation to the full SDMAC on Thursday, January 21st.

The <u>Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19: Vaccine</u> website has additional information and updates regarding the vaccine and additional <u>information for</u> <u>vaccinators</u> (including details of the enrollment process). Additional resources include:

- DHS <u>COVID-19 vaccination plan</u>
- DHS' executive summary of the vaccination plan

Thank you for reaching out to our office, for your service, leadership and advocacy on behalf of Wisconsinites.

We truly believe that we will get through this together.

Best,

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