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On one-year anniversary of first emergency declaration, Wisconsin leads the country in COVID-19 vaccine shots used.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers and First Lady Kathy Evers on Friday—exactly one year after Gov. Evers declared the first public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic—received their second dose for COVID-19 at SSM Health in Madison. The governor received his first vaccine dose on February 12, while the First Lady received her first dose earlier that same week. Gov. Evers and First Lady Evers received the vaccine as members of the eligible population under the state's currently eligible population, which includes individuals over the age of 65.

"Like so many Wisconsinites, Kathy and I waited our turn to get the COVID-19 vaccine and, now with a third of Wisconsinites over 65 having been fully vaccinated, we're excited to be able to join them," said Gov. Evers. "I'm proud Wisconsin is leading the nation in using the shots we have available, and we're going to keep working to get folks vaccinated as soon as we can. Kathy and I encourage every Wisconsinite to get vaccinated as soon as you're eligible and remember to complete your vaccine series if your vaccine requires two doses."

The governor also reflected on the one year anniversary of the first declaration of a statewide public health emergency for COVID-19 at the DHS Media Briefing earlier this week .

A photo of Gov. Evers' vaccination today is available here and here .

As of Friday, March 12, Wisconsin leads the country in COVID-19 vaccine shots used in comparison to total doses received. 1 in 3 Wisconsinites 65 and older are fully vaccinated. More than 20 percent of Wisconsinites have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine with more than 1,895,000 million vaccine doses having been administered. 11.9 percent of Wisconsinites are fully vaccinated. As of March 11, there are now more people fully vaccinated than the number of people diagnosed with COVID-19 in Wisconsin.