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Strong indicator that our vaccine program is working, says DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced on Monday that one million people in Wisconsin have completed their COVID-19 vaccine series and are fully vaccinated against the disease.

"We're happy to see folks in Wisconsin doing their part and getting vaccinated when it is their turn," said Gov. Evers. "Keep up the good work, and we'll be back to our Wisconsin way of life before you know it."

Wisconsin has ranked consistently among the top in the nation and first in the Great Lakes States for number of doses administered per 100,000 people, and is first in the nation in percentage of doses administered. Additionally, more than 1 in 2 Wisconsinites age 65 and older have been fully vaccinated and nearly 3 in 4 have received their first dose. This puts Wisconsin fourth nationally for number of doses administered per 100,000 people age 64 and older.

Since first receiving vaccine in mid-December, Wisconsin has continued to ramp up vaccination efforts. Last week the state opened up eligibility to people with certain medical conditions representing the largest eligibility group to date. Vaccine providers in Wisconsin have administered over 2.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine since the program began, averaging roughly 50,000 doses per day over the past seven days.

"Being fully vaccinated using any of the three safe and highly effective vaccines available provides the best protection from COVID-19," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake.

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"Having one million Wisconsinites who have completed their vaccine series is yet another strong indicator that our vaccine program is working. Thank you to our vaccinators for getting us to this milestone."

For more information, resources, and data related to Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccination program, visit the <u>COVID-19 vaccine webpage</u>. You can also follow @DHSWI on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, or dhs.wi on <u>Instagram</u>

for more information on COVID-19.