

**From:** [Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor](#)  
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Dear Judge,

I'm sure many of you have learned of Governor DeWine's announcement that probation officers are included in the [COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1C Distribution Group](#).

Although there isn't yet a lot of detail regarding the rollout process, Governor DeWine's office has indicated to my staff that your probation officers may obtain the vaccine, beginning this Thursday, March 4th, by registering at a [vaccination site](#) and providing proof of employment as a probation officer (badge, court identification, employment letter, etc.).

While this isn't the large-scale vaccination of all judges, magistrates, clerks, and court staff that we had hoped for, it is a step in the right direction. And after nearly a year of living in a pandemic, even incremental progress is appreciated. I am hopeful that we will see more widespread vaccination very soon.

In the meantime, I am thankful that you continue to protect the welfare of your staff and the public by requiring masks and physical distancing in your courthouses.

Stay well and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice