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Pay needed to address effects of the coronavirus pandemic, high vacancy rates, and security staffing needs at Corrections and Health Services institutions.

MADISON — On Friday, Gov. Tony Evers announced additional pay for correctional officers and sergeants, psychiatric care technicians, youth counselors, and related supervisors to address ongoing effects of the coronavirus pandemic, high vacancy rates, and security staffing needs at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections' and Wisconsin Department of Health Services' 24/7 institutions.

The \$3 per hour add-on will go into effect March 13, 2022, for all eligible employees in pay status, impacting more than 5,000 personnel across both agencies. Historically high vacancy rates at several state institutions have affected day to day operations and have resulted in the need for extra incentives to retain and attract additional staff to work at those facilities.

## Some State Employees to Get Pay Raise

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