

# BROWN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## ***COVID-19 Alert: Very High COVID-19 Activity Levels – Take Action to Stop the Spread***

BROWN COUNTY, WI—Brown County Health and Human Services – Public Health Division, De Pere Health Department and Oneida Nation Health Department are joining with our neighbors and colleagues in the Fox Valley by issuing a **Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Alert** due to the very high levels of COVID-19 cases resulting in increased COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths.

The recent surge in cases has diminished the ability of our collective public health agencies to notify positive cases and their close contacts in a timely manner and hampers our efforts to contain the spread of the virus. In turn, hospitals are enacting their emergency plans. Public health implores everyone to take immediate actions to stop this uncontrolled community spread.

### **Act Now - Stop the Spread**

- Physically distance at least 6 feet from people with whom you do not live.
- Wear a cloth face mask, unless unable to wear one for medical reasons.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Indoors, do not gather with people outside of your household.
- Outdoors, limit gatherings to 10 people or fewer, physically distance and wear face coverings.
- Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after return from travel.
- If symptomatic, call your health care provider, get a test, and stay home while awaiting results
- If you test positive for COVID-19 notify your place of businesses or school, as well as your close contacts right away, and instruct close contacts to quarantine for 14 days.
- A **close contact** is defined as:
  - Any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before the infected individual experienced symptoms.
  - Any individual you touched (such as a hug or handshake) for any length of time starting from 2 days before the infected individual experienced symptoms.
- Cooperate with public health officials if you have tested positive or are a close contact.

We encourage the following strategies as found in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [COVID-19 Data and Mitigation Strategies to Aid Local Communities](#).

### **BROWN COUNTY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY**

Businesses and community organizations use [WEDC Guidelines](#).

**Community Gatherings:** Do not hold indoor gatherings. Limit outdoor gatherings to 10 people or fewer; physically distance and wear face coverings.

**Restaurants, Bars:** Offer take-out, curbside pick-up or delivery only. Close indoor bars.

**Salons, Spas, Gyms:** Provide minimum operations only.

**Offices, Workplaces:** Keep only essential workforce on-site; symptom monitor; use precautions.

**Grocery Stores, Pharmacies:** Remain open, with no dine in, self-service or customer dispensing.

**Retail:** Use mail delivery and curbside pick-up options. Limit the number of patrons who enter.

**Hotels, Lodging:** Use strict sanitation protocols.

**Concerts, Festivals, Sporting Events:** Do not hold these events at this time.

For more information on cases in your area and COVID-19 recommendations, visit your local health department's website.

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**References:**

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