



HEALTH ALERT

Recommendation: Continue to Follow COVID-19 Precautions

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There continues to be cases of COVID-19 throughout Wisconsin, including all Western Wisconsin counties. There have also been cases associated with the variants that may be more easily spread. While there is no longer a statewide mask mandate, it is still the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health Services (DHS), and the Clark County Health Department (CCHD), to follow all COVID-19 precautions. **This recommendation includes the use of a face covering** (as able) when in a public setting, enclosed space, or anytime there is close contact to another person outside of your household.

Throughout the pandemic, key measures of prevention have helped protect against the spread of COVID-19. Each prevention measure is one layer of protection. Additional layers means more protection for everyone within our county.

Following the below COVID-19 prevention measures in combination with vaccination, is the best defense we have against this virus:

- Wearing a face covering
 - *Face coverings protect you and others. Science shows that wearing a face covering helps prevent transmission of the virus, and the more people who wear them, the more effective they are at stopping the spread of COVID-19.*
- Physically distancing
- Avoiding crowds
- Washing your hands often
- Covering your coughs and sneezes
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces
- Monitoring your health
- Staying home when sick and getting tested
- Getting vaccinated

WI is making great progress on vaccinating residents with the COVID-19 vaccine, and we are moving in the right direction. However, we still have a long ways to go. The State of WI seeks to achieve herd immunity for COVID-19 by immunizing approximately 80% of the eligible population. Despite Clark County's hard work in offering residents the vaccine since 1/7/2021, Clark County has the second lowest COVID-19 vaccination rate in the state (eligible residents who have received at least one dose) as of 3/31/2021. To view COVID-19 vaccination data by county level, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm>.

For more information on vaccine safety, benefits of getting vaccinated, where you can get vaccinated, etc. please visit <https://www.clarkcounty.wi.gov/vaccine-information>.

Public health and partners are taking all available actions to prevent the spread of this virus in our communities. Please continue to work together to protect the health and safety of our family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc. Thank you for your partnership.

With Kindest Regards,

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