

# **Brown County Health and Human Services: Brown County residents take precaution as COVID-19 levels rise**

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BROWN COUNTY, WI— According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, the Brown County COVID-19 community level has risen to “medium” risk over the past week. This means that the number of people experiencing COVID-19 in the community and COVID-19 hospitalizations has increased and is having some impact on local healthcare systems. Brown County Health Department, De Pere Health Department, and Oneida Nation Health Department encourage residents to increase simple precautions today.

“The most important thing residents can do to protect themselves and our community is to get a COVID-19 vaccine and be sure you are up-to-date on all recommended booster doses,” said Public Health Officer, Anna Nick. “The more people in Brown County who are up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines means more people are protected against severe health outcomes associated with the virus. This also helps reduce strain on area hospitals, slow the spread of disease, and can save lives.”

With a medium COVID-19 community level, wearing a well-fitting mask or respirator in public indoor settings is not required, however residents may consider wearing them in public indoor spaces to further reduce their risk. Individuals at high risk for severe illness can talk with a healthcare provider about taking additional precautions, including wearing a well-fitting mask or respirator and using COVID-19

at home tests before getting together with friends and family.

Along with ensuring that you are up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, residents are encouraged to take additional precautions to stay healthy by:

- Getting tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or were exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Staying home when you are sick and seeking treatment if you are at high risk or experiencing severe illness

While the virus that causes COVID-19 continues to circulate throughout Wisconsin, Brown County's community level may change. County residents should be prepared to adjust their COVID-19 prevention strategies if Brown County moves into a low or high COVID-19 community level.

You can stay informed of the COVID-19 community levels, and related guidance, by visiting the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>.

For more information, you may also visit:

Brown County Public Health: [www.stayhealthybc.com](http://www.stayhealthybc.com)

De Pere Health Department: [www.deperewi.gov/covid19](http://www.deperewi.gov/covid19)

Oneida Nation Health

Department: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/covid-19-resource-page-new/>