

## **BROWN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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### ***Public Health Encourages Brown County to continue with COVID-19 Precautions***

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

BROWN COUNTY, WI— Brown County Public Health, De Pere Health Department and Oneida Nation Public Health are encouraging everyone in our community to continue to follow public health safety recommendations, even with the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine in Brown County.

“We saw people out in large numbers and unsafe this past weekend,” said Anna Destree, Brown County Public Health Officer and Administrator. “We recognize that COVID fatigue has set in, but we’re asking people to stick with our safety guidelines a little bit longer. The more we continue to follow public health recommendations, the faster our economy can recover, and our daily lives can return to pre-COVID activities.”

While we may have entered a new year, we are all still dealing with the same pandemic. Because COVID-19 is so highly infectious, one infection can grow quickly into an outbreak that could affect a small business, school, neighborhood, or an entire city. Even if you have not been vaccinated, there are still steps we can take to protect each other.

“We all have a responsibility to slow the spread in our communities,” said Debbie Armbruster, De Pere Public Health Officer. “It is imperative that we protect our loved ones by doing things like wearing masks and practicing social distancing so we can return to a strong economy and normal activities.”

“The science is clear,” added Michelle Myers, Oneida Nation Public Health Officer. “In addition to the vaccine, mask wearing, hand washing and sanitizing, as well as social distancing, reduce the spread of COVID-19 and save lives here in Brown County. We each have a personal responsibility to slow the spread and protect one another.”

Community members can take several steps to help keep Brown County safe and healthy:

- **Download the WI Notification App.** This app uses Bluetooth technology to anonymously tell someone if they have had contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Continue to get tested if you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms.** We now have at-home testing kits that can be ordered online and sent straight to your door at no cost to you.
- **Limit your trips and gatherings to essential functions only.** Stay home as much as possible to help slow the spread.

You can find more information and resources regarding COVID-19, including where to get tested and more about the vaccine here: [www.stayhealthybc.com](http://www.stayhealthybc.com)

You can order an at-home testing kit here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/collection.htm>

Public Health will continue to keep the public updated of new vaccine developments and when they may be eligible to receive the vaccine.

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