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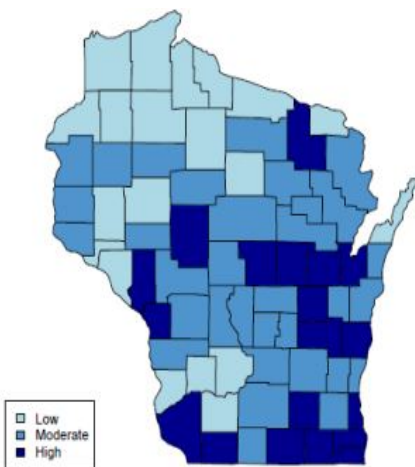
The Latest on COVID-19 from Vilas County Public Health Department

Since testing of COVID-19 began this spring, Vilas County has confirmed positive cases in the following areas: Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Conover, Eagle River, Lac du Flambeau, Manitowish Waters, Minocqua, Phelps, Sayner, St. Germain, Winchester, and Woodruff. The age range for the positive cases in Vilas County are teens through late eighties. At least half of the positive cases are believed to become ill with the COVID-19 virus through community spread. These cases did not have a history of travel nor were they in close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

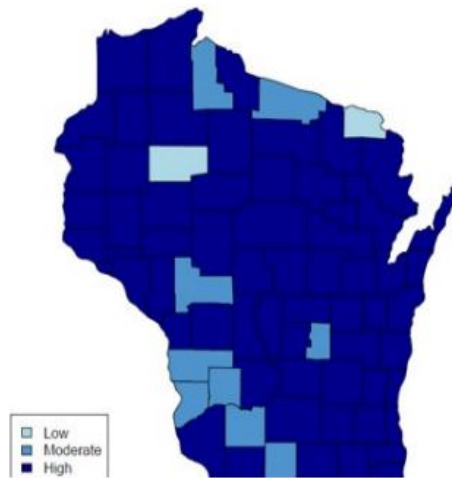
Wisconsin is also seeing a significant community spread and an increase in cases of COVID-19. This is why the Governor declared a new public health emergency and is requiring face coverings as of August 1st through September 28, 2020, unless there is a subsequent superseding order issued. It is noted that the violation of the governor's orders could incur a civil forfeiture of \$200 along with court costs.

When we look at where we are now compared to June, you can see a dramatic increase of people testing positive for COVID-19.

June 17, 2020



July 29, 2020



When you wear a face covering, you protect yourself and you protect your community. This virus does not recognize county lines, that is why the mandate needs to be statewide. People are constantly moving around, and we do not know who is infected and who is not.

A face covering is required if:

- You are 5 years or older,
- You are indoors and cannot practice social distancing,
- You are with people you do not live with, and
- When in outdoor situations where it is not possible to practice social distancing.
- **Remember that some people cannot safely wear a face covering, please don't intervene.**

Cloth face coverings help keep our economy open. They are one tool, along with the following to help reduce the spread of the virus:

- Stay at home when you are ill.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Practice coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth when in public.
- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces in your home and workspace.
- Increase ventilation if applicable.
- Explore the outdoors, but keep it local.

When we reduce the widespread transmission of the virus, more of the things we enjoy can stay open and reopen.

For more information on the Governor's orders, please visit:

<https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx> The CDC also has guidance for individuals who are exempt from face covering requirements: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#not-wear>

For the most up to date information, please visit Vilas County Public Health Department's website at <https://health.vilascountywi.gov/> or the Health Department's Facebook page.

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