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RE: Increase of Covid-19 Cases in Vilas County

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Vilas County Increase in COVID Cases Causing Limited Capacity for Health Department

Vilas County continues to experience a significant increase in COVID-19 cases. The Vilas County Public Health Department is looking to the community to follow the recommended guidance (get vaccinated, wear a mask when appropriate, stay home when you are ill, practice personal hand hygiene and physical distancing) in order to slow the spread. The limited capacity we are experiencing may result in the inability to contact positive cases and their close contacts within 24 hours.

“We will attempt to follow-up with individuals who test positive, review isolation recommendations, and determine close contacts,” stated Laurel Dreger, Health Officer, Vilas County Public Health Department. “However, the response may be delayed more than 24 hours. That is why it is important that if you have tested positive for COVID-19, that you stay home and isolate (separate from others) immediately for a minimum of 10 days from the start of your symptoms, or the date you were tested, if you have no symptoms.”

If you or a loved one are exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should quarantine (separate from others). Exposure includes being within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for at least a total of 15 minutes cumulative within a 24-hour period, or have had physical touch with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Per Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 14 days is safest (and may be required in some situations) for unvaccinated individuals. This time may be lessened to 10 days (with no test if you have not developed any symptoms) or a minimum of 7 days (if a negative test is collected on day 6 or later) for those who remain without symptoms. Individuals who are released early from quarantine must be able to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others and must wear a mask for the full 14-day quarantine period.

Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. It is recommended to continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days after last contact, wear a mask indoors, and get tested 3- 5 days after exposure. For more information on quarantine timelines click [How Long Should I Quarantine](#) a resource provided by Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Source:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02905.pdf?fbclid=IwAR10fu73e7Gp0srj1512uXW6NESlgxKWJW1xhSj55CQtvGFVMvDopfBBQUQ>

The CDC and WI Department of Health Services recommends wearing a mask, even if you are vaccinated, while in public indoor settings in areas with substantial to high community transmission (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>). If you are not vaccinated, wear one in all indoor spaces that are not your home, as well as enclosed or crowded outdoor spaces, such as outdoor restaurants or bars, festivals, sporting events, and concerts.

Local healthcare system COVID Call Centers, urgent care rooms, and emergency rooms are being inundated with individuals seeking COVID-19 tests. **Local healthcare systems are strongly encouraging individuals to self-schedule their COVID-19 test appointments online if they do not need additional patient care.**

Individuals can do symptom checking and self-schedule COVID-19 testing appointments using online platforms with Aspirus (<https://myaspirus.org/MyChart/Authentication/Login>) and Marshfield Clinic (if this is your medical home) (<https://marshfieldclinic.org/specialties/infectious-diseases/coronavirus-update#>)

You may also contact Lac Vieux Desert Health Center- Eagle River Clinic 715-337-2247 or Walgreens at 715-479-1069 (Eagle River), 715-358-7084 (Woodruff), 715-369-1079 (Rhineland).

For COVID-19 vaccination opportunities, visit one of the following providers below:

Ascension:

Please call the COVID hot line at 1-844-803-6446 to schedule your appointment. When scheduling an appointment for individuals between the ages of 12 and 18, please ensure the location you are choosing has Pfizer vaccine available (parents or legal guardians will need to be present for those 12 to 18 years of age to sign a consent form prior to vaccination).

Aspirus:

Please call the COVID hot line number at 1-844-568-0701 to schedule an appointment.

Marshfield Clinic Health System:

Visit the Marshfield Clinic Health System website at <https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/CovidVaccine> to complete a survey for the COVID-19 vaccine or call 877-998-0880. You will be contacted to schedule an appointment.

Lac du Flambeau - Peter Christensen Health Center - Community Health Department

Please call 715-588-3371

Lac View Desert Health Center

Please call 715-337-2247

Land O Lakes – Hometown Pharmacy

4348 Co Hwy B, Land O' Lakes

Please call 715-547-3788

Online: <https://hometownpharmacyrx.com/Covid-19-Vaccine> to complete a survey for the COVID-19 vaccine or please call 715-547-3788

NEWCAP Inc

603 E Wall St, Eagle River
Please call 715-479-3357

St. Germain - Hometown Pharmacy

Please call 715-479-7608
Online: <https://hometownpharmacyrx.com/Covid-19-Vaccine> to complete a survey for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Trigs Pharmacy

25 E Wall St, Eagle River
Online: <https://www.trigs.com/covid-19>
Please call 715-479-6411

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Walgreens Pharmacy

108 W Wall St, Eagle River
Please call 715-479-1069

Wall Street Drugs – Hometown Pharmacies

123 E Wall St, Eagle River
Please call 715-479-3306

Additional COVID-19 vaccine doses are available for people with compromised immune systems, please contact your healthcare provider.

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