



## Vilas County Public Health Department

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### **Wisconsin's Supreme Court Decision - Safer at Home**

The Vilas County Public Health Department understands that residents are likely to have questions following the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Decision to overturn the Safer at Home.

The Health Department recommends that all people continue to follow Public Health best practice guidance which includes:

- 6 feet Social Distancing
- Avoid gathering in groups (limit to 10 people)
- Wash your hands
- When you feel ill, do not go to work, the store, or anywhere else
- Cover coughs
- Consider wearing a cloth face covering/mask when out in public

If you are over the age of 65, live in nursing home or long-term care facility, or have an underlying health condition, please continue to stay home and take personal measures to stay safe.

Businesses should follow the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) guidance that is posted on their website at: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/> to keep staff and patrons healthy. We believe that the public will expect businesses to follow guidelines like social distancing and personal hygiene and other such practices which are supported by public health and listed within the WEDC guidance documents. Employers should be vigilant about having any employees who are sick stay home, as this is a common way for illness to spread.

Vilas County Public Health Department will continue to do our role:

- Monitor illnesses in our community
- Follow-up with anyone who is positive for COVID-19 in our county
- Contact tracing for people who are considered close contacts for people who have tested positive

If the number of people who are testing positive for COVID-19 greatly increases, where it is impacting our community in a negative way, such as stressing our healthcare systems, then we would take further steps to protect our community's health.

We have confidence that our residents will take their personal responsibility seriously. They are acting to keep themselves, their loved ones, and their neighbors safe.

If you feel you have symptoms of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider for testing options, or visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/testing> for a list of community testing sites. For more information, please visit Vilas County Public Health Department's website at <https://health.vilascountywi.gov/>

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