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Vilas County has seen an increase in positive cases resulting in increased COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths. This increase in cases severely limits the Vilas County Public Health Department's ability to contact all those affected by this virus and contain the spread of the virus. In response to the surge of cases, our area hospitals and long-term care facilities are beginning to have staffing challenges. To stop the uncontrolled spread of this virus, everyone is being asked to take action now.

We, the undersigned, are asking you to take the following steps to help us protect the health of our citizens of Vilas County. We must **Take Action Now to Stop the Spread**

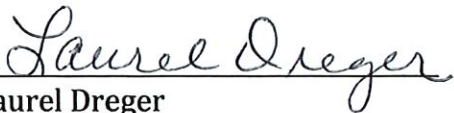
- Wear a cloth face covering, unless you are unable to wear one for medical reasons.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from people with whom you do not live.
- Reconsider gathering indoors with people who do not live in your household.
- Limit outdoor gatherings to 10 people or fewer, physically distance, and wear face coverings.
- Wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- Check daily for symptoms, stay home if sick.
- If symptomatic, call your health care provider, get a test, and stay home to await results.
- Answer the phone when the health department calls if you tested positive or are a close contact. Be truthful with them about your close contacts.

Don't be the cause of this disease to spread, be the person who helps stop the spread.

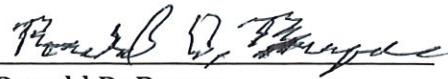
Business and community organizations are being asked to protect employees and customers:

- Promote cloth face coverings.
- Create spaces that maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet between people.
- Limit the number of people indoors.
- Move meetings and gatherings to virtual.
- Encourage delivery and carryout and curbside options.
- Consider postponing events.


Together, as a community, we can make a difference!



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