



## Vilas County Public Health Department

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**RE:** Covid-19 Updates for Vilas County

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### **Covid-19 Updates for Vilas County**

Vilas County Public Health has been monitoring the rise in Covid-19 cases throughout the county and across the state. The current situation may present questions or concerns for members of the community.

#### **How many cases of Covid-19 are there in Vilas County?**

Currently, Vilas County has had 2,473 confirmed or probable since January 1, 2020. As of today, we have 28 active confirmed cases; and our level of community transmission is substantial.

#### **Has the hospitalization and death rates increased in Vilas County as well?**

As of 8/4/2021, 86.5% of hospital beds, 88.9% of ICU beds, and 16.7% of ventilators are in use in Northcentral WI. This represents all illnesses, not just COVID-19 related.

We currently have 45 deaths in Vilas County since January 21, 2020.

Deaths per 100,000 people (state) is 193.9. Case fatality percentage is 1.8% (Source: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm#cumulative%20deaths>)

#### **What is the Delta variant and how has it affected the spread of Covid-19?**

The Delta variant is significantly more contagious than other variants. It is now widespread in Wisconsin and throughout the country and accounts for the recent rise in new cases.

#### **Should I get tested for Covid-19?**

Anyone experiencing symptoms of fever, new onset or worsening cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of taste and/or smell, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhea should get tested.

#### **Testing is available at:**

Ascension

24/7 Hotline 1-833-981-0711 or 715-361-4850

Ascension Online Care is available at: [ascension.org/OnlineCare](https://ascension.org/OnlineCare).

Prescreen required by Ascension Medical staff by appointment office visit, phone, or virtual.

Aspirus

24/7 Hotline 1-844-568-0701

\* Contact hotline to obtain a prescreening evaluation

Hours: 7 am – 7 pm, Monday – Friday | 8 am – 5 pm, Saturday – Sunday

Marshfield Clinic - Minocqua

Call 715-358-1000 for symptom triage.

24/7 Hotline 1-877-998-0880 or 715-389-5976

Lac Vieux Desert Health Center

302 W Pine St STE 2, Eagle River

715-337-2247

Walgreens

108 W Wall St, Eagle River

715-479-1069

### **If I have been vaccinated, is there any reason to get tested for Covid-19?**

Among vaccinated persons, there is a very small risk - **0.1%** - that exposure to Covid-19 may result in a new infection. Most people who experience infection after being fully vaccinated report mild or no symptoms. Because no vaccine is 100% effective, some breakthrough infections are expected. Therefore, the CDC recommends fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 be tested 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

### **If I have been vaccinated, and do not have a known exposure, do I still need to take precautions?**

It is very important to prevent community spread of the Delta variant which can give rise to new and potentially more serious variants. Although the risk of transmission among vaccinated persons may be small, the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommend that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask in public indoor settings.

### **If I haven't been vaccinated yet, does it still make sense to do so?**

Unvaccinated persons account for greater than **99%** of new COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. Therefore, getting vaccinated is the most effective way to minimize the risk from covid-19.

### **Should children 12 and older get vaccinated?**

COVID-19 in kids can range from mild to severe illness. Over 400 pediatric deaths have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic and COVID-19 is now listed as a [top 10 cause of death](#) for adolescents in the United States. Parents should seek advice from their pediatrician regarding Covid-19 vaccination for children 12 and older.

### **Where are Covid-19 vaccinations available in Vilas County?**

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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330 Court Street  
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Please call: 715-479-3659

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

Resources:

Vilas County Public Health Department – COVID-19 Information:

<https://health.vilascountywi.gov>

WI DHS Vaccine Data: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm>

WI DHS COVID-19 Data Summary: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm#>

WI DHS COVID-19 Variant Tracker: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/variants.htm>

CDC Data Tracker on Community Transmission: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>