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Local Public Health Agencies Find Substantial COVID-19 Spread in Brown County

BROWN COUNTY, WI —Brown County Public Health (BCPH), the De Pere Health Department and the Oneida Nation Health Department are issuing the following updated statement in response to the COVID-19 Delta variant and updated masking guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS):

According to the CDC data found here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>, Brown County is now experiencing a **substantial level** of community transmission. Our public health departments are strongly recommending masking in indoor settings even if you are vaccinated. This new guidance has been put in place to protect those who are unvaccinated and those who are immunocompromised.

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing severe illness that can lead to hospitalizations or death. While vaccination remains the top defense against the Delta variant, the CDC guidance recommends additional strategies that will provide additional protection against the spread of this contagious virus. Because science has shown that wearing a mask over your nose and mouth can help prevent transmission of the respiratory droplets and aerosols that spread COVID-19, wearing a mask is now recommended, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor settings here in Brown County.

Our goal is to reduce everyone's risk and keep people from becoming severely ill and/or hospitalized, especially for those who are unvaccinated or are immunocompromised.

The best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community is by getting fully vaccinated, and we encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they are able. We also recommend staying 6 feet apart from those not in your household while in public, staying home when sick, cleaning and sanitizing high touch areas, washing your hands often, and wearing a mask, even if you are fully vaccinated.

Together, we all can help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Brown County.

For more information please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>