

BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

MARCH 1-31, 2022

Brown County Public Health continues to respond to the community's health needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and as we transition into COVID-19 recovery. Leadership continues to engage in conversations evaluating current and future staffing structure in light of ever-changing community circumstances. This document will continue to be shared monthly and will include updates regarding all areas of Brown County Public Health in addition to the COVID-19 updates.

Successes/Milestones this month

- On March 13, 2022 Brown County Public Health demobilized the Incident Command System (ICS) and transitioned back to normal operations.
- On March 14, 2022 the Self-Isolating Hotel Voucher (SIHV) program was discontinued due to a decreased demand for accommodations attributed to a decline in positive cases, an increased in vaccinations, low levels of community spread, and shelter mitigation strategies providing plans to shelter in place creating options for vulnerable populations.
- On March 16, 2022 the Brown County Community COVID-19 Testing Site, located at the Brown County Fairgrounds, was transitioned from an indoor site to a drive-through site.

Upcoming Considerations

Consideration	Brown County Public Health Response
<p>According to the new CDC data and guidelines found here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html, Brown County is now at a low level of community transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown County Public Health continues to allocate resources to align with recommended prioritization of highest impact public health activities per BCD 2022-01 Memo. • COVID-19 Response & Recovery Team (CRRT) transitioned from response mode to recovery mode and implemented changes to our disease investigation process. • Continued recruitment for additional staffing with a COVID-19 focus, see Brown County job listings for full details.
<p>Brown County Public Health has prioritized modernization through Public Health Accreditation (PHAB).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation Steering Committee met to begin planning for implementation of 2021 Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals and a division wide Workforce Development Plan. • Accreditation Documentation Team identified and completed several subprojects that required limited staff time and resources. • Analyzed results of the organizational self-assessment and created a system for prioritizing and completion of gaps identified.

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Upcoming Events	
Date	Activity
April 18, 2022 9:00-1:00 3:00-7:00	Family Strengthening Expo Family and Childcare Resources of NEW 201 W. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI 54303
April 21, 2022 3:00-5:30 (VFC) 5:30-6:30 (COVID)	Vaccines for Children (VFC) Clinic West Side Boys and Girls Club 311 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI 54303 Appointment needed for VFC, please call: 920-448-6400.
May 3, 2022 4:00-6:00	Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic East Side Boys and Girls Club 1451 University Ave, Green Bay, WI 54302
May 19, 2022 3:00-5:30 (VFC) 5:30-6:30 (COVID)	Vaccines for Children Clinic East Side Boys and Girls Club 1451 University Ave, Green Bay, WI 54302 Appointment needed for VFC, please call: 920-448-6400.

Number of reported confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases by date of symptom onset or diagnosis: Brown County

Updated: 4/5/2022 (Total: 83,893)

The most recent two weeks are preliminary and subject to change as more data are submitted (from 3/22/2022 to 4/5/2022)

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Brown County

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3/12/2020 to 4/4/2022
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- Confirmed
- Probable
- Confirmed and Probable



Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services
To see additional information on the COVID-19 data, please visit
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm>

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COVID-19 Response & Recovery Team (CRRT) Summary

- COVID-19 Specialists (formerly Contact Tracers) continued to staff the COVID-19 resource line providing important information and resources to the community.
- Continued the use of Qualtrics to offer self-reporting options for COVID-19 positive individuals.
- Continued serving the community through the Brown County Community COVID-19 Testing Site located at the Brown County Fairgrounds.
- Discontinued the Self-Isolating Hotel Voucher (SIHV) Program after successfully serving over 200 COVID-19 positive individuals since its inception in March 2020.

Community Engagement Summary

- Continued development of the Community Health Improvement Plan in partnership with Beyond Health, including distribution of a technical guide for strategy leads and steering committee members.
- Completed the PHAB Accreditation internal self-assessment and developed a plan and project management tool to address gaps before initial application.
- Conducted targeted hearing screenings at Brown County schools while continuing to build partnerships with UWGB, Hear WI and county school districts to ensure that hearing and vision screenings are completed.
- Supported the development of a mental health resource flyer in partnership with Human Services which was translated into Spanish, Hmong and Somali.
- Continued to work with partners to support the ENGAGE summer park program, addressing health disparities for homeless individuals.
- Worked with the Environmental Health Team to develop communications around ARPA fee waiver program for licensed establishments.

Nursing Summary

- Provided vaccination clinics to the community with a focus on vaccines for children (VFC) and COVID-19.
- Continued to work on efforts to support the accreditation process.
- Continued to provide monitoring and surveillance of communicable diseases with an increase in enteric cases.
- Began quality improvement on immunization process and reviewing policy and procedures.
- Continued work on transferring certain records to electronic documentation system.
- Provided support to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Team as subject matter experts.
- Continued the creation and revision of nursing orientation materials.
- Partnered with Environmental Health and Support Staff on a Quality Improvement project regarding a foodborne illness outbreak policy.
- Refocused efforts on nursing programs and began planning for the year.
- Continued reviewing and interviewing qualified nurses for open positions.

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Environmental Health Summary

- Hired a new Public Health Strategist with a focus on Environmental Health.
- EH is now 72% complete with our routine and pre-inspections.
- Focus continues to be on completion of routine and pre-inspections out in the field
- Worked on updating DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection) self-evaluation to determine if there are any gaps in service.
- Partnered with Nursing and Support Staff on a Quality Improvement project regarding a foodborne illness outbreak policy.
- Continued to work on efforts to support the accreditation process.

A Note from Brown County Public Health

COVID-19 activity is decreasing in Brown County and this is a positive sign. On February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) came out with [new indicators](#) to measure community levels of spread. This is a tool to help individuals make decisions to minimize the impact of COVID-19 and protect those who are at most risk of severe illness, based on their unique circumstances. Questions and concerns should be brought to your primary health care provider.

Brown County Public Health continues to recommend that everyone stays up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, get tested if you are experiencing symptoms, and to stay home when you are sick.

We're all in this together.