

Brown County Health & Human Services

Public Health Division

Facilities Outreach FAQ

Q: What are the goals of this branch?

A: Our mission is to reduce or prevent local-spread of COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is spread person-to-person, the Facilities Branch empowers businesses, schools, and facilities to implement appropriate actions to safeguard their residents, employees and patrons.

Q: What types of facilities does this branch reach out to?

A: There are three main categories: businesses, schools & daycares and congregate settings. Among the facilities in these groups are restaurants and bars, manufacturing, faith-based organizations, youth gatherings, large apartment complexes, corrections facilities, long-term care, nursing homes, assisted living and HUD housing.

Q: What kind of work does the Facilities Outreach Branch do?

A: The work includes, but is not limited to, onsite walk throughs and onsite support, assistance with onsite COVID-19 testing; guidance on safe workplace environments and support for employee/employer relationships.

Q: What type of support does Public Health provide facilities?

A: Our team may provide onsite walkthroughs, participate in virtual town halls, and focused virtual conferences in order to help answer questions, provide guidance, and address concerns.

Q: What guidance is given?

A: Public Health provides guidance on safe congregate living settings, work environments, and other places of social gatherings. This can include, but is not limited to, cleaning and disinfecting, physical distancing, wearing masks, and other work environment considerations unique to individual facilities.

Q: How does Public Health identify an outbreak at a facility?

A: Our Facility Outreach Branch is responsible for proactively monitoring all types of facilities in Brown County, identifying emerging outbreaks in the community, and providing technical recommendations to safeguard against the spread of COVID-19 in congregate living or working environments



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Q: Is there guidance given to facilities that is specific to Brown County?

A: Yes. Our Environmental Health team created a reopening guide for local businesses, entities and establishments in Brown County to assist with safe reopening and continued healthy operations. There are also volumes of data through various state departments a help answer questions, provide guidance, and address concerns.

Q: Where can facilities and employers find this information?

A: Brown County Public Health created a Website with local updates and information: www.stayhealthybc.com

- information can also be found on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>
- and on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Q: What information is taken into consideration when monitoring a facility?

A: The population lives or work at that facility, what type of work or operations are performed there, size of facility, how the facility is ventilated, layouts of the facility and more.

Q: How can facilities maintain a healthy environment?

A: Intensify [cleaning and disinfection](#) of frequently touched surfaces; Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air; Ensure all water systems are safe to use; Modify layouts to promote social distance of at least 6 feet between people – especially for persons who do not live together; Install physical barriers and guides to support [social distancing](#) if appropriate; Close communal spaces, or stagger use and [clean and disinfect](#) between use; Limit sharing of objects, or [clean and disinfect](#) between use.



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