

BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

OCTOBER 1-31, 2021

Brown County Public Health continues to respond to the community's health needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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

- Implemented HIPAA compliant surveying technology to support both clinic scheduling and contact tracing for COVID-19.
- Facilitated a COVID-19 vaccination media briefing on October 19, 2021 with our healthcare partners.
- Drive through flu clinics served nearly 160 children.

Upcoming Considerations

Consideration	Brown County Public Health Response
According to the CDC data found here: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view , Brown County continues to experience a high level of community transmission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased staff assigned to COVID-19 response duties including supports for long term care facilities and schools. • Restructured internal organizational chart, and response objectives and goals to accurately reflect what is happening in our COVID-19 response. • COVID-19 mailer with isolation and quarantine guidance went out to all households in Brown County, excluding the City of De Pere. • Updated stayhealthybc.com with most up to date guidance and resources for businesses, schools, long term care facilities, and childcare facilities. • Updated the interactive presentation on stayhealthybc.com to share what COVID-19 activities BCPH worked on during the third quarter of 2021.

Upcoming Events

Date	Activity
November 9 th , 2021 3:00pm- 6:00pm	Vaccines for Children clinic at the Brown County Central Library – appointments needed.
November 16 th , 2021 3:00pm- 5:30pm	COVID-19 vaccinations for ages 5-18 at the Neville Museum No appointment necessary, walk-ins welcome.
November 18 th , 2021 3:00pm- 5:30pm	Vaccines for Children clinic at the Boys and Girls Club (East) – appointments needed.

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Number of reported confirmed COVID-19 cases by date of symptom onset or diagnosis: Brown County
Updated: 11/3/2021 (Total: 40,851)



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>

COVID Response Team (CRT) Summary

- Contact Tracing demand remains high, team continues to refine processes to reach as many community members as possible to contain community spread.
- Integrated HIPAA compliant surveying technology into the contact tracing process, an email is now sent to select groups to obtain information and share isolation and quarantine guidance.
- Five new contact tracers were hired.
- COVID-19 mailer with isolation and quarantine guidance went out to all households in Brown County, minus the City of De Pere.
- Shared 30 doses of COVID-19 vaccine with the jail.

Community Engagement Summary

- Hearing and Vision Program planning efforts continue, working with both Prevent Blindness and Bellin College (Nursing) for vision screenings and with Hear WI for hearing screenings.
- The Beyond Health Steering Committee, facilitated by BCPH, continues to communicate with key community partners to see how they can link with the Community Health Improvement Plan process and start determining measures of progress.
- Friday Night Out with Edge Barbershop planning for community outreach and COVID vaccination clinic with additional community partners. Clinic was held on 10/1.

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- Collaborated with La Mas Grande radio station to promote COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.
- The Quality Improvement project for the Community Engagement team began and the steering team established an initial charter.
- Health Equity Coalition wrapped up their mapping exercise.
- Presented at Prevea Health's Health Disparities Summit session related to language and barriers to health in addition to participation in other sessions.

Nursing Summary

- Team continues to provide education and updates to schools and families regarding school policies and general guidance in addition to brainstorming on novel school strategies.
- Routine childhood vaccination clinics were strategically planned and carried out in the community (Boys and Girls Club and Brown County Library).
- Drive through flu clinics for children were held at West High School in Green Bay on two Saturdays in October, serving almost 160 children!
- Flu clinics were held for BCPH, also offering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines.
- The "Self-Isolating Hotel Voucher" program (SIHV) continues to operate to provide accommodation for those ordered to isolate/quarantine who do not have appropriate accommodation.
- Child lead exposure case investigation and follow-up (in partnership with Environmental Health).
- Continuing to establish, monitor, and support facility outbreaks as needed.
- Two nurses attended a statewide HIV conference.
- Hired a Registered Nurse.
- Held four COVID-19 vaccination clinics downtown in partnership with Brown County and the City of Green Bay.
- Facilitated a lead virtual provider town hall, where two of our public health nurses gave an overview of lead in Brown County.
- Facility complaint letter completed. This letter will be sent out to facilities when we receive a complaint about not following COVID-19 guidance and recommendations.
- Started to plan for pediatric COVID-19 clinics in November.

Environmental Health Summary

- Focus continues to be on completion of routine inspections out in the field.
- Responded to several noise and ordinance complaints.
- Worked on a lead hazard investigation in partnership with nursing.
- Have identified pattern of repeat pool violations. Will be working on creating education and working with establishment owners to address to keep pools open and safe.

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A Note from Brown County Public Health

According to the CDC data found here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>, Brown County is now experiencing a high level of community transmission. Brown County Public Health is strongly recommending masking in indoor settings even if you are vaccinated. This guidance has been put in place to protect those who are unvaccinated and those who 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 indoor areas, staying home when sick, cleaning and sanitizing high touch areas, washing your hands often, and wearing a mask.

We're all in this together.