

8.3.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family and Friends,

Here is our current and cumulative information:

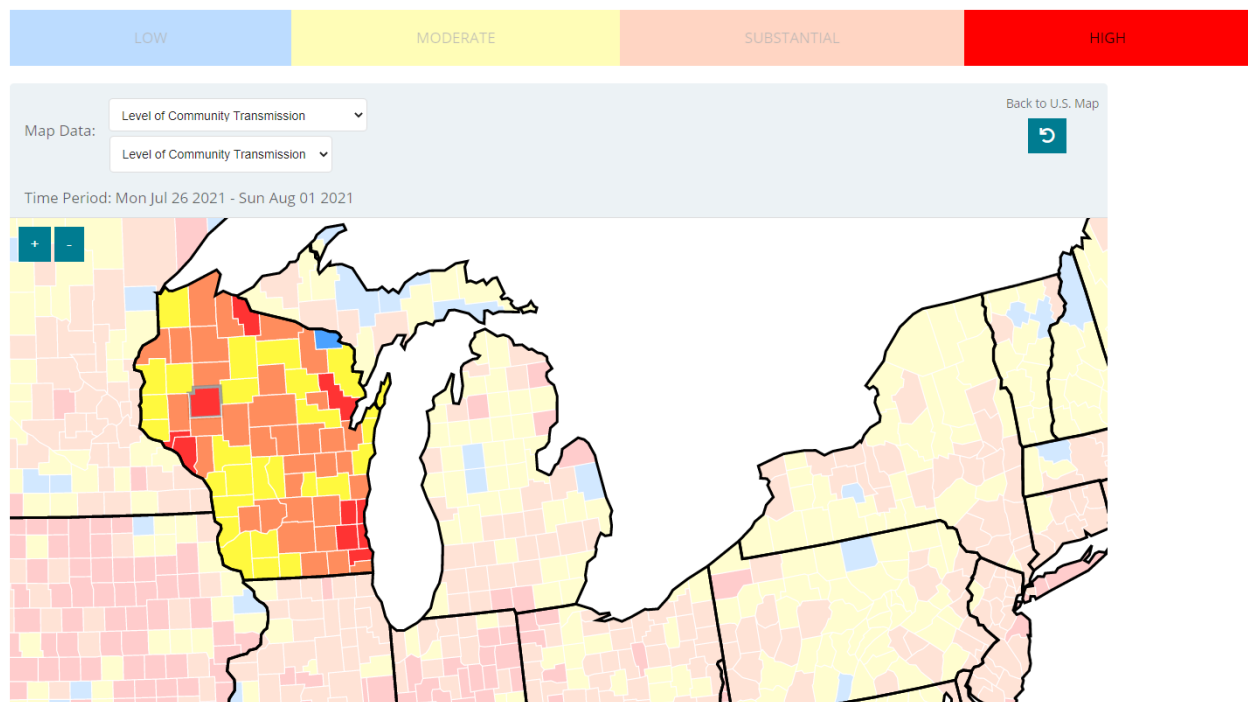
Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	0
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	63 (twenty-four members, thirty-six employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered:	61 (twenty-one members, thirty-seven employees, three contracted individuals)

Recently, the [CDC released new guidance](#) relating to the use of masks in public spaces in response to the highly contagious Delta variant. This guidance asks all individuals in specific areas of the United States to continue wearing masks indoors and outdoors.

Updated Mask & Social Distancing Requirements

Because the number of COVID-19 cases in our area has increased, we are now always requiring that all guests at the Veterans Home wear masks, no matter their COVID-19 vaccination status, as per the new CDC guidance. Additionally, we recommend that all guests socially distance and keep at least six feet away from members. We still can allow up to two guests per member in the building at a time.

Level of Community Transmission in Chippewa County, Wisconsin



As a reminder, our team members are still required to wear face masks regardless of community transmission rate.

According to the [CDC's County Tracker](#), Chippewa County is now considered "High" level of community transmission, and Eau Claire County is now considered "Substantial" level of community transmission.

Outdoor Visits

You may consider visiting outside in the gazebo, in the courtyards, or on any of the benches outside, as visiting outdoors can pose a lower risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Off-Campus

Additionally, we want to encourage the use of masks and social distancing if you take your loved one off-campus. As you've probably heard, several businesses are updating their mask policy, too.

Clean Hands

Hand washing or the use of sanitizer continues to be of utmost importance. Please continue to wash or sanitize your hands before and after visits and as often as possible.

COVID Test

If you would like to have a rapid test for COVID-19 prior to your visit, our team members can conduct a test before the visit or you can get tested in the community before arriving. Just alert the receptionist when you get here if you'd like us to do a rapid test for you.

Activities & Meals

*Member meals and activities will not change, at this time. Meals will be served in the dining rooms and activities will continue to take place in the common spaces.

Please know that we want everyone to be safe. By following CDC guidance, we can help minimize exposure as much as possible. We will send out updates with any further changes as they happen.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Katie Plendl at 715-720-6775 or katie.plendl@dva.wi.gov or veterans.home-cf@dva.wi.gov.

Best,



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