



Veterans Home - Chippewa Falls

8.27.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family and Friends,

COVID -19 Update:

We are happy to report that no new cases of COVID-19 have been identified in our members or team member since our last update. This means we currently still have two team members who are positive for COVID-19. We will continue with frequent outbreak testing for all members and staff as directed by CMS and public health.

Indoor Visits Temporarily Suspended:

Unfortunately, indoor visits need to continue to be suspended at this time. If no further positive cases are identified, we will be able to reopen for visits after the end of next week. We will notify you again when we are able to open for visits.

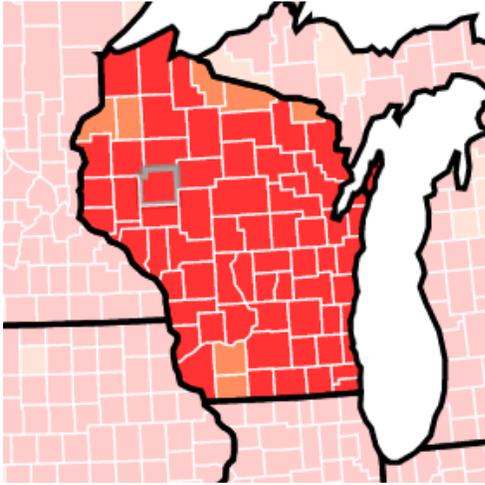
Until then, families are encouraged to continue to connect with their loved ones via closed window visits, telephone calls, virtual visits, or through the mail.

Vaccination – Best Tool

Again, I urge everyone to become fully vaccinated. Vaccination is the best tool we have to protect everyone's health and wellness. If you need help finding a place to become vaccinated, please [click here](#) for a link to find a vaccination clinic location near you or call the Veterans Home and we will happily help you! There are also State incentives to become vaccinated until September 6th. There is a link for that information here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/100.htm>

CDC Information:

Per the CDC, everyone living in areas of "high" or "substantial" levels of community transmission must wear masks in public regardless of vaccination status. Currently, Chippewa County continues to have a HIGH community transmission rate, and the entire state of Wisconsin is either at High or Substantial community transmission rate.



Masks should be worn when indoors in public areas, despite vaccination status.

Please call 715-720-6775 or email veterans.home-cf@dva.wi.gov if you have further questions.

Below is the Wisconsin Department of Health's weekly COVID Update with some important information.



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of **HEALTH SERVICES**

COVID-19

Weekly Update: August 23, 2021

Roll up your sleeve. Get a shot. Get \$100.

Today, Gov. Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced Wisconsin residents who get their first dose of any COVID-19 vaccine from a Wisconsin provider between August 20 through September 6 can receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card. All Wisconsin residents ages 12 and over are eligible for the reward and will need to fill the form on the [Reward Sign-up page](#). Proof of insurance, citizenship, or ID is not required to be eligible for or to receive the \$100.

Learn how to get your \$100 reward or get help registering by visiting the [DHS COVID-19 Vaccine Reward webpage](#) or by calling 844-684-1064 (language assistance is available).

Roll up your sleeve. Get your COVID-19 shot.
Get \$100.



YOU STOP THE SPREAD



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Search vaccination options at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Need help finding or scheduling an appointment for a vaccine? Call 211 or 877-947-2211.

COVID-19 Vaccine Milestone: Over 6 Million Doses Administered

[Six million doses of COVID-19 vaccine](#) have been administered in the state of Wisconsin. That means, over half of all Wisconsinites have already completed their COVID-19 vaccine series. This is a tremendous milestone, and we couldn't have gotten here without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. Whether you're administering shots, scheduling appointments, sanitizing work stations, or rolling up your sleeve – thank you.

Join the 3.1 million Wisconsinites who have done their part to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community against COVID-19.

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Know the Facts: COVID-19 Illness After Vaccination

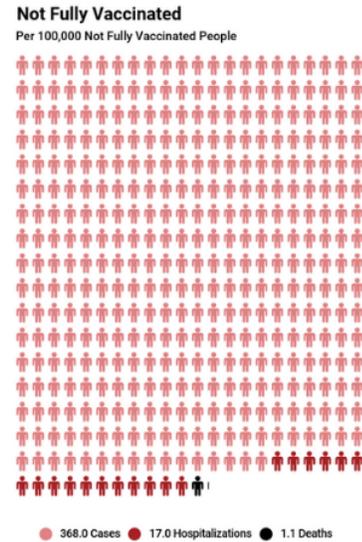
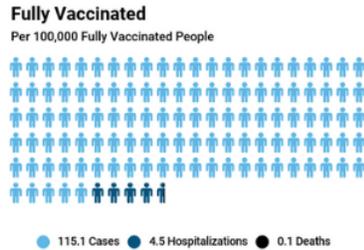
Did You Know? A [breakthrough infection](#) is when a fully vaccinated person tests positive for COVID-19.

What Causes Breakthrough Infections? COVID-19 cases are increasing, particularly among those who are not yet fully vaccinated. As more people in our communities get sick with COVID-19, we can expect to see people who have been fully vaccinated get COVID-19 too. All vaccines have breakthrough infections; no vaccine is 100%. And the purpose of the vaccine is to protect from hospitalization and death, so it's doing its job. So – we are bound to see some breakthrough infections.

Are The Vaccines Working? Yes! The COVID-19 vaccines still do their job by preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Look at [new data](#) on COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths by vaccination status.

New COVID-19 Illness After Vaccination Data Page

View COVID-19 case, hospitalization, and death rates per 100,000 for July 2021



Displaying these rates side-by-side helps clearly illustrate the difference in rates between these two groups

New tables also show the rate of COVID-19 outcomes by month, for trends over time among fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated people

Updated the 15th of every month.

dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-status.htm



How Can I Protect Myself? First, get the COVID-19 vaccine. And continue to follow current best health practices such as wearing a mask in public indoor spaces and staying home when sick. These measures will help stop the surge of the Delta variant across the state.

The COVID-19 vaccines remain one of the best ways to protect yourself, your family, and your community from COVID-19 and the more infectious Delta variant. For more information on vaccine effectiveness, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-safety.htm>

FDA Grants Full Approval to the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine

After a thorough evaluation of the safety and effectiveness data, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [approved the first COVID-19 vaccine](#). The vaccine known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty, for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age.

If you are feeling ill or if you may have been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, visit our [testing page](#) to learn the different ways you can get tested.

Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Dose Available for Certain People Who Are Immunocompromised

DHS supports the CDC recommendation that some people who are immunocompromised get an additional dose of Pfizer (ages 12 and up) or Moderna (ages 18 and up) COVID-19 vaccine.

If you think you may be eligible, or are interested in additional information about the recommendation for an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine, visit the DHS [COVID-19 Additional Dose](#) webpage.

PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS OR UNDERGOING CERTAIN TREATMENT ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE

Who is eligible?

FDA, ACIP recommend additional dose of mRNA vaccine to people with medical conditions or people receiving treatments that are associated with moderate to severe immune compromise. This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood.
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, tumor-necrosis (TNF) blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory
- Moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).
Advanced or untreated HIV infection.

If you are not included in this new group of individuals recommended for an additional dose, you should be reassured that the data shows good protection with the one or two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series at this time.

To learn more visit: dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-dose.htm



Use your phone to slow the spread of COVID-19

The WI Exposure Notification app is available to download for free from the Google Play Store or enable in Settings on your iPhone. The more people who use the app, the faster we can [stop the spread of COVID-19](#) in Wisconsin.

How does it work? Once you activate the app, your phone exchanges anonymous signals with other phones that are near it for at least 15 minutes. If somebody who has the app tests positive for COVID-19, they can then send an alert using the app to those other phones.

Stay alert.
WI Exposure Notification on your mobile devices

Protect your community, share your COVID-19 test result
Sharing your COVID-19 test result, especially if you have tested positive, will help notify others who may have been exposed. It will let others in your community monitor for symptoms.

Share positive test result

COVID-19 STATUS
COVID-19 Positive
Shared on April 21, 2020

Exposure Notify Others Settings

Are You a School, Employer, or Event Organizer? Host an On-Site Vaccination Clinic!

Schools, faith-based, community-based organizations, or community events who want to hold an on-site clinic for a group of individuals ready to be vaccinated, can communicate their interest to DHS by filling out the [vaccination clinic matching survey](#) and learn more on the [DHS COVID-19 vaccine partner resources webpage](#). Employers can also hold an on-site clinic for their employees and their families, visit our [COVID-19: Businesses, Employers, and Workers webpage](#) to sign up.

Reducing Barriers to Advance Equity through COVID-19 Vaccination

As part of our [\\$6.2 million grant program to promote vaccine equity](#), local and tribal health departments, vaccinators, and community-based organizations are finding ways to ensure

underserved and historically marginalized populations have the opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Here are a few examples of the work our partners are doing:

- **Partnership Community Health Center** held another successful vaccination clinic at a methadone clinic in Oshkosh last week.
- **Near West Side Partners, City on a Hill, and Neighborhood House of Milwaukee** have 3 remaining clinics this month on **August 25 and 26** at the International Learning Program at 639 N. 25th St. **from 9-11am** and Neighborhood House of Milwaukee at 2819 W Richardson Place from **12-2pm**.

Vaccine Distribution Summary

Check out the [latest data on Wisconsin's vaccination effort](#). DHS updates the allocated numbers and provider data every Tuesday, and the administered number is updated every weekday at 2 p.m.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

- [Cases](#)
- [Deaths](#)
- [Disease Activity](#)
- [Race and Ethnic Disparities](#)
- [Vaccine](#)

Testing

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- Call your provider or 211 if you [have symptoms](#) or have been exposed to COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- Visit a [community testing site](#).
- Request [an at-home collection kit](#).

COVID-19 Resources

Resilient Wisconsin

[Resilient Wisconsin](#) has information and resources to help you cope with challenging times. Access services such as hotlines, virtual support meetings, and more.





Other Languages, Graphics, and Print Materials

DHS materials are available in multiple languages as electronic files you can view online or download and print. You can use these materials at home or for your business. Visit the [DHS website](#) to view what resources are available to you.

Media Briefing

[Media briefing on August 19, 2021.](#)

Social Media

Follow DHS on social media for the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 response and vaccine rollout.

- @DHSWI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- dhs.wi on [Instagram](#)

Newsletter

Looking for previous newsletters? To view past versions of this newsletter, visit the [DHS website](#).

Please do not respond to this email. Additional information about COVID-19 is available at the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) website.

Best,

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