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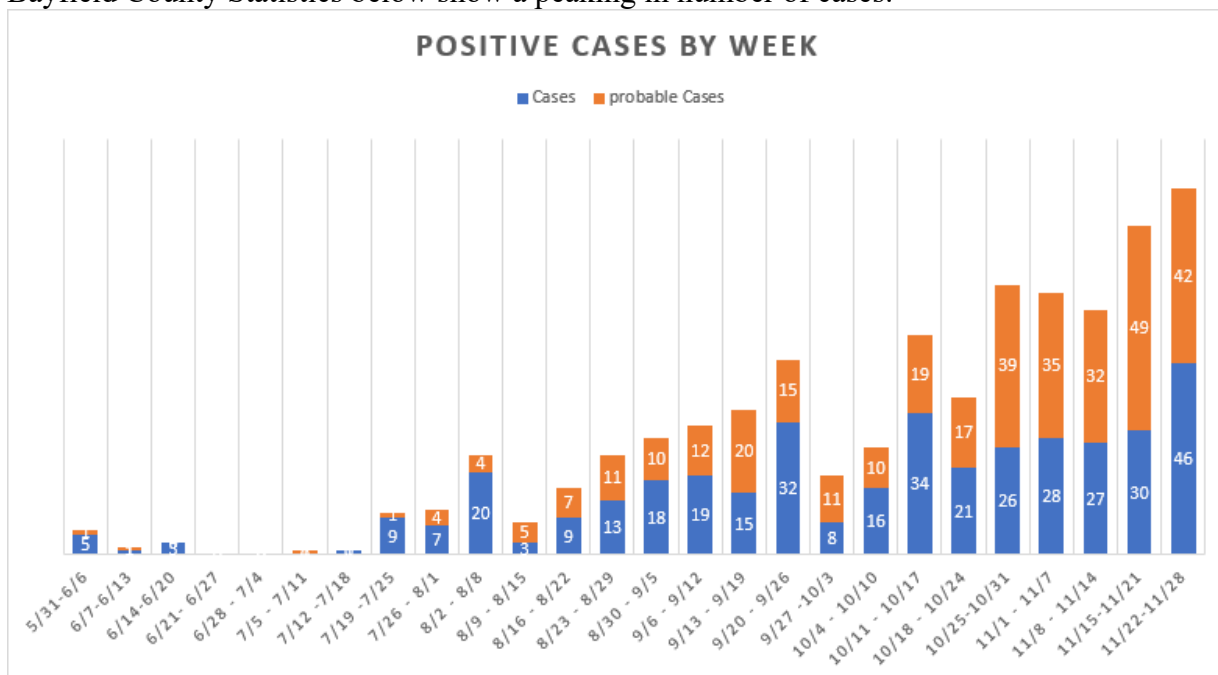
TO: Bayfield County Employees
 FROM: Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator
 Kristine Kavajecz, Human Resources Director
 DATE: December 1, 2021
 RE: COVID19 Update

COVID continues to be prevalent in our communities, with the number of cases this last month reaching all-time highs.

As of November 29th, in the Northwestern region of the state (26 hospitals), all counties are at “Critically High” activity level.

On Monday, November 29 regional ICU availability was zero with intermediate care level bed availability also at 0. 148 COVID19 patients were hospitalized.

Bayfield County Statistics below show a peaking in number of cases:



The Health Department reports that there have been five COVID related deaths in the county in the past week. Every school in the county has current outbreaks, as well as the nursing home.

With the holiday season upon us, please take extra precautions to protect yourself and family. Enjoy the season....safely.

Most importantly, if you have ANY Covid-like symptoms, **Stay Home and Get Tested**. Do not assume it is a cold, allergies or the flu.

COVID19 Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
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POLICY REMINDERS:

Bayfield County is committed to providing a safe workplace. All employees and visitors are STRONGLY encouraged to wear face masks when in public areas, to social distance, and to wash your hands frequently. If you have specific concerns, please bring them to your supervisor so that additional precautions or measures can be considered/implemented where applicable.

1) **PROTOCOL IF AN EMPLOYEE IS SICK (applies whether vaccinated or not):**

- a. If an employee exhibits symptoms of illness, they should stay home or may be directed to go home if working on-site. Use the CDC Symptom Checker to help you make decisions about seeking medical care.

Click here to access the [CDC Symptom Checker](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html)

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- b. Employee should stay home and contact a medical provider or their insurance company's TeleDoc Service.
- c. Notify the Human Resources Office of the illness.

NOT VACCINATED: Employees that have not been vaccinated and are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not return to work until **ALL** of the following conditions are met:

- 10 days from the onset of the symptoms
- 24 hours after the fever ends (without the use of a fever reducer such as Tylenol)
- Symptoms have improved.

VACCINATED: Employees that have been vaccinated and are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, may return to on-site work **ONLY** after these three things have all happened:

- You have no fever (less than 100.4°F) for at least 24 hours without use of medicine that reduces fevers, **AND**
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, vomiting/diarrhea has stopped), **AND**
- 10 days from the onset of symptoms **-OR-** you have received a negative COVID test.

d. [Where you can get tested](#) (not all-inclusive):

- Your personal Physician's Office
- Memorial Medical Center, Ashland (by appointment)
- Walgreens (drive thru by appointment)
- Essentia Health (drive thru by appointment)
<https://www.essentiahealth.org/covid-19/covid-19-testing/>
- Community Testing Sites (dates and locations vary)
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing.htm>
- UW Superior Testing Site by appointment (12pm-6pm M-F):
<https://www.uwsuper.edu/ehs/coronavirus/covidtestingsite.cfm>