



Bayfield County Administrator

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TO: Bayfield County Employees
FROM: Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator
Kristine Kavajecz, Human Resources Director
DATE: January 12, 2022
RE: COVID19 Policy Update

Thank you for your perseverance and patience in following COVID guidelines. We continue to have several employees a week test positive. Through everyone's efforts we have been successful at minimizing on-site exposures.

The State of Wisconsin has recently adopted the revised CDC guidelines for COVID quarantine/isolation situations, reducing quarantine from 10 days to 5 days after a positive test, although 10 days is still recommended. Please review this memo for details and policy reminders.

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.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days. *If you are able to telecommute, 10 days is recommended. Work with your supervisor on this.*

- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you:

Have been boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Are unvaccinated

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. *If you are able to telecommute, 10 days is recommended. Work with your supervisor on this.*
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.

If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home

Where you can get tested (not all-inclusive):

- Bayfield County Health Department (715-373-3324)
- Your personal Physician's Office
- Memorial Medical Center, Ashland (by appointment)
- Walgreens (drive thru by appointment)
- Brownstone Pharmacy (by appointment 715-373-5588)

- Essentia Health (drive thru by appointment)
<https://www.essentialhealth.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>

We have recently had reports of potential exposures within the workplace. Due to the extremely high transmission rates in the community, we urge all employees to be extra vigilant in their prevention strategies.

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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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.