



## Bayfield County Administrator

117 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, PO Box 878, Washburn, WI 54891

Ph: 715-373-6181 Fx: 715-373-6153

Mark Abeles-Allison, *County Administrator*

Kristine Kavajecz, *Human Resources Director*

Paige Terry, *Clerk*

---

TO: Bayfield County Employees  
FROM: Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator  
Kristine Kavajecz, Human Resources Director  
DATE: March 4, 2022  
RE: COVID19 Policy Update

Thank You! After 2 years of pandemic-related chaos, indications are that the situation is improving. The CDC and State of Wisconsin have indicated a “Medium” rating for the number of COVID cases in Bayfield County.

In consultation with the Health Department, we are comfortable modifying current county guidelines as they relate to COVID19. Modifications are as follows:

- People may choose to mask at any time. Prior to this, employees and the public were Strongly Recommended to wear a mask when in public areas or in close proximity to others.
- Break areas will no longer require social distancing or restrict the number of employees that may utilize the break area at any given time.

Following is a screen shot of the COVID-19 Status and recommendations for Bayfield County, [per the CDC](#):

### Medium

In **Bayfield County, Wisconsin**, community level is **Medium**.

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

---

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

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

Although the number of cases of COVID-19 have declined, protocols are still in place when an employee is sick with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

- 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)

The website address is: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>

- 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.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>

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
- 
- 

Bayfield County is committed to providing a safe workplace. If you have specific concerns, please bring them to your supervisor's attention.