



Bayfield County Administrator

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TO: Bayfield County Employees
FROM: Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator
Kristine Kavajecz, Human Resources Director
DATE: May 17, 2022
RE: COVID19 Policy Update

Bayfield County's COVID-19 Community Level has been increased to "Medium" as a result of increased cases. At this time, seven counties in the state have been elevated to a High community level. We are seeing an increasing number of positive cases within our employee group. As a result, we felt it necessary to provide a reminder of the protocols required if you have symptoms or are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

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

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](#).

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

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)

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

If You have Symptoms or Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days. *If you test positive and 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)
<https://ashlandmmc.com/coronavirus-covid-19-screening/>
- Walgreens (drive thru by appointment)
https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing
- Brownstone Pharmacy (by appointment 715-373-5588)
- Essentia Health (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>

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. If you have specific concerns, please bring them to your supervisor's attention.