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## Winnebago County COVID-19 Recommendations

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The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) issues the following recommendations to serve as guidelines to control the transmission of COVID-19 throughout our communities.

Guidance varies dependent on your vaccination status based on the most recent [CDC guidance](#). A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if it has been two or more weeks since they got the second dose in a two-dose series (such as Pfizer or Moderna) or one dose of a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson).

Vaccination is the primary way to prevent spread of COVID-19. All the available vaccines are [very safe](#) and highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and your family from the risks of COVID-19. [Vaccines are widely available](#) throughout Winnebago County. If you are [eligible](#), get vaccinated. Employers and organizations are highly encouraged to promote and incentivize vaccination. For assistance in setting up an on-site vaccination clinic, contact the health department at 920-232-3026 or [health@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:health@co.winnebago.wi.us).

**WCHD recommends following the most recent CDC guidance.** The following recommendations apply to non-healthcare settings.

### Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, **fully vaccinated people** should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Follow [CDC](#) travel requirements and recommendations

There are **important exemptions** from the new guidelines that include:

- Healthcare settings
- K-12 schools

- Places where masks are required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, or regulations, including businesses and workplaces
- Residents and employees of correctional and detention facilities and homeless shelters
- Travelers on all planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations

**For unvaccinated people**, masking, distancing, and avoiding crowded indoor environments are the most effective ways to prevent spread and protect yourself. To help you determine the risk level and choose safer activities, use this [CDC chart](#).

**Businesses and organizations** are encouraged to adopt policies that align with the [updated CDC guidance](#) and are tailored to their specific situation. Public health supports decisions of businesses and organizations that continue to require masking for the protection of their employees and the public.

### Resources

- CDC Choosing Safer Activities <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/pdfs/choosingSaferAct.pdf>
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Guidance What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws - <https://www.eeoc.gov/wysk/what-you-should-know-about-covid-19-and-ada-rehabilitation-act-and-other-eeo-laws>
- OSHA Guidance by Industry: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/guidance/industry>
- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Vaccine Guidance for All Businesses - [https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEDC\\_DHS\\_COVID-19-Vaccine-Guidelines-2.pdf](https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEDC_DHS_COVID-19-Vaccine-Guidelines-2.pdf)
- DHS Staying Safe in Your Community - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm>
- For related information for healthcare settings, visit [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

Please see the Winnebago County Health Department [website](#) for the most up-to-date guidance and resources.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping our communities safe. Everyone can play a role in encouraging and helping others to get vaccinated - [talking to your family, friends, and neighbors](#) can make a difference in vaccine acceptance. Your efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 are greatly appreciated by those who live, work, and play in Winnebago County.