

Surge in variants calls for extra vigilance

Door County Public Health recommends wearing masks when in indoor public spaces

Although Door County vaccination rates are still among the highest in the state—second only to Dane County—the area has not been immune to the surge of the highly transmissible Delta variant that the entire country is experiencing. As with the rest of the state, Door County’s seven-day average for new confirmed and probable cases has been

trending upward, **as of mid-August statistics**, and sample testing of all positive cases for variant identification shows 80 percent of those were positive for the Delta strain. The Delta variant spreads more easily than other variants, and can be carried and passed on by vaccinated people as well as the unvaccinated.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) data has placed Door County in the “high” level of community transmission. The CDC places Door County in the “high” level of disease activity, which means it is advisable per the CDC that everyone mask in indoor public places, regardless of vaccination status. Door County Public Health is recommending that all people age 2 and over wear face coverings when in public spaces, in alignment with the CDC recommendations.

“To be proactive, we are now recommending that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask in indoor public spaces per the recent CDC guidance,” said Susan Powers, health officer/public health manager, Door County Department of Health and Human Services. “This new guidance has been put in place to protect everyone, especially those who are unvaccinated and those who

are immunocompromised.”

Powers emphasized that vaccination is the best protection against COVID and its variants. Although fully vaccinated people can still carry the virus, the vaccines have shown to be highly effective in preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. From January 1 through July 22, 2021, over 98 percent of COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin occurred among people who were not fully vaccinated, according to the DHS.

COVID vaccines are available through Door County Public Health at the following locations:

- **Door County Public Health Office**, 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay
Every Wednesday from 2–4:30 p.m.
- **Sister Bay Fire Station**, 2258 Mill Road, Sister Bay
Thursdays every three weeks, 3–5 p.m.
Next date September 2

To schedule an appointment at either Door County Public Health clinic, visit bookdcp.h.timetap.com or call 920-746-7180. Walk-ins are also welcome.

COVID vaccines are also available in Door County at the following locations:



Bellin Health

311N 3rd Ave., Sturgeon Bay
To schedule: Call 920-445-7313
Vaccines are available by appointment or walk-in.

Door County Medical Center

323 S. 18th Ave., Sturgeon Bay
Schedule online at dcmmedical.org

Walgreens Pharmacy

808 S. 18th Ave., Sturgeon Bay
Schedule online at walgreens.com

CVS Pharmacy

1407 Egg Harbor Rd.
Schedule online at cvs.com
Walk-ins welcome during pharmacy hours.

Walmart Pharmacy

1536 Egg Harbor Rd., Sturgeon Bay
Schedule online at Walmart.com
Walk-ins welcome during pharmacy hours.

Door County

Door County Public Health

421 Nebraska St,
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
920-746-7180

<https://www.co.door.wi.gov/909/Situation-Up-date-May-12-2021>

The following transportation services are providing NO-COST rides for vaccination appointments:

Door County Connect

(920) 746-6948
<https://www.co.door.wi.gov/170/Door-County-Connect>

Door-Tran

(920) 743-9999
<https://door-tran.org/>