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DOOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY REGARDING FACE COVERINGS

In accordance with the new CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) guidance, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html> fully vaccinated people can resume the activities they did before the pandemic, including participating in indoor and outdoor activities – large and small – without wearing a mask or physically distancing.

Over the course of the pandemic, new scientific data has informed guidance and decision making. The CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services have released new guidance based on science that shows COVID-19 vaccines are effective in real-world settings in preventing mild and severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Door County Public Health is therefore updating our previous Advisory Regarding Face Coverings, dated April 1, 2021. Individuals who are fully vaccinated can start returning to normal activities.

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 (Pfizer or Moderna), or one dose of a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

With these updates, there are important exceptions where everyone, including those who are fully vaccinated, should continue to wear a mask. Mask wearing should continue in health care settings, K-12 schools, correctional and detention facilities, homeless shelters, and public transportation as well as places where masks are required by local laws, rules, and regulations, including local businesses and workplaces.

Door County Public Health encourages organizations to adopt policies that align with the new CDC/DHS guidelines. We support the decision of any business or organization that continues to require masking for the safety of their staff and patrons.

We ask that all residents and visitors continue to do their part in supporting efforts against this pandemic. We are grateful that over 56% of Door County residents have chosen to be vaccinated and encourage others to get vaccinated to protect friends and families from COVID-19.

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