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Masking Guidance Issued for Burnett County

Burnett County Public Health and the Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team are encouraging everyone who is safely able to do so wear a mask when they are in a public setting. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), all recommend individuals wear cloth face coverings when they are in a public setting where they cannot reliably maintain six feet of distance from others at all times. The Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team applauds local partners, including businesses, villages and school districts, for providing masking guidance. We support these efforts.

We all play a role in helping to keep our community, neighbors and loved ones safe and we can do this by using all of the tools available to us. We continue to see vaccination numbers increase, with current data providing that 31% (4,785) of Burnett County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine; 67% (3,035) of those 65+ have received at least one dose (Data per the DHS website, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm>, as of 04/05/2021.) Other interventions, such as mask wearing, good hand hygiene, staying home when you are sick and seeking out testing if you have COVID-19 symptoms, are ways you can play your part to slow the spread in our community. All of these tools will help us be successful in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team recommends the following four steps for the most protection:

- Wear masks
- Stay 6 feet apart
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated places
- Wash your hands

More information regarding cloth face coverings can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

For resources regarding where to receive your COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

<https://www.burnettcounty.com/1206/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information>

Effective April 5, 2021, anyone ages 16+ in Wisconsin is eligible to receive a vaccination.

Remember vaccine providers will prioritize previously eligible groups before vaccinating this group.

For more information on COVID-19 call 211 or visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

You can also follow Burnett County Public Health and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services on Facebook.