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**Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Alert**  
**Very High COVID-19 Activity Levels – Act to Stop the Spread**

The Covid-19 case activity is **very high** as defined by Wisconsin State Department of Health Services (WDHS). There is **significant uncontrolled spread** of COVID-19 in our community. In September, Door County had 271 new confirmed cases. Our local hospital has enacted their surge plan. Our healthcare partners in Brown County are reporting being overwhelmed.

**Door County Public Health implores everyone to take immediate actions to stop this uncontrolled community spread.** With COVID-19, the health and safety of our community as a whole depends on individual decisions and actions.

**We should all continue to follow these simple steps:**

- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people when you leave your home
- Wear a cloth face mask in public setting, unless unable to wear one for medical reasons.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Stay at home as much as possible.
- If you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, limit interactions with others, consult your health care provider or contact the COVID-19 Screening Hotline at 920-746-3700 or your health care provider, get tested, and stay home while awaiting results.
- Cooperate with public health officials if you have tested positive or are a close contact.

**Along with following the new Emergency Order #3 issued by the Governor, Public Health is recommending new mitigation strategies that are strongly encouraged to stop the spread. These include:**

- Avoid indoor gatherings outside of household.
- Limit outdoor gatherings to 10 people or fewer, with physical distancing and face coverings.
- Avoid ANY gatherings, including family events, where physical distancing and masking are not strictly being practiced.
- Postpone or cancel all non-essential activities, events, gatherings and travel.
- Offices and other workplaces consider allowing only essential workforce on-site with active monitoring of symptoms, physical distancing, and face coverings when feasible.

- Business and community organizations should continue to monitor and adjust operations outlined by the [WEDC Guidelines](#).

**Please note that these recommendations do not apply to our local schools. Public Health continues to work with our local school districts to provide the best practices to ensure a safe environment for the students, facility and staff.**

**Resources:**

WDHS strategies for local communities: [COVID-19 Data and Mitigation Strategies](#).

WEDC Guidelines: [WEDC Guidelines](#).

WDHS: [Wisconsin State Department of Health Services](#)

State face coverings mandate: [Governor Executive Order #90](#) & [Order #1](#)

Governor Emergency Order #3: [Order 3](#)

FAQ's for Emergency Order #3: [FAQ's](#)

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