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**Substantial COVID-19 Spread in Juneau County**

**[Mauston, WI]** – Juneau County is now experiencing a substantial level of community transmission according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data found here:

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

“Our health department closely monitors state and local trends and we are extremely concerned about the rapidly rising case counts,” explained Amanda Dederich, Juneau County Health Officer. “The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and provide the best protection for you and your loved ones.”

While vaccination remains the top defense against the Delta variant, the CDC guidance recommends adding strategies that will provide additional protection against the spread of this contagious virus. Our public health department is strongly recommending masking in indoor settings even if you are vaccinated. Businesses and organizations can choose to require masks in their establishments. This new guidance has been put in place to protect those who are unvaccinated, especially those that are not currently eligible for the vaccine such as children under the age of 12, and those who are immunocompromised. Science has shown that wearing a mask over your nose and mouth can help prevent transmission of the respiratory droplets and aerosols that spread COVID-19.

Currently, 43% of Juneau County has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Among Juneau County adults, the 65+ population is leading the way with over 75% being fully vaccinated and the 25-34 year olds are lagging behind at around 25% being fully vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing severe illness that can lead to hospitalizations or death.

Call the Juneau County Health Department at 608-847-9279 or your healthcare provider today to get your vaccine.

To stop the spread of illness, it is important to remember these effective strategies:

- Practice social distancing and keep six feet of distance between you and non-household members.
- Wear a cloth face covering while in public.
- Stay home when sick.
- Get vaccinated. Everyone over the age of 12 is eligible. Call your healthcare provider or visit [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org).

For more information, please visit: <https://www.co.juneau.wi.gov/emergency-information.html>

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