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## COVID-19 Weekly Update

December 20, 2021, 11am

### Updated Numbers

Total <b>Tested</b> this week: (12/13/21 to 12/17/21)	20
Total new <b>Positive Cases</b> this week	1
Total number of positive cases since start	311
<b>Quarantine or isolation in BR housing</b>	<b>1</b>
Deaths of Community Members	<b>3 (nonrecent)</b>
Vaccines Given	<b>3023</b>
Boosters clinic staff	<b>34</b>
Boosters community (adding all vaccine categories now)	<b>449 In 3 weeks</b>
Fully vaccinated	<b>1199</b>
Partially vaccinated	<b>179</b>

## COVID News

### Boosters

- **COVID numbers down but expected to rise!** With the upcoming holidays it is very likely that we will see a significant surge in covid positive cases in the month of January.
- Booster clinic, 88 people with some starting the primary series. 26 kids done, most completing series with some 1<sup>st</sup> doses. Total 114. Very proud of our community response so far.
- Next clinic **Wed 12/22/21 9am to noon and 2pm to 4pm at clinic. This clinic is open to all ages and all stages of COVID vaccination, primary series to boosters.**

- Will continue to hold clinics on Wednesdays for continuity. **There will be no COVID clinic on Dec. 29, taking a break for the holidays.** If you are due for a 2<sup>nd</sup> shot or a booster on the 29<sup>th</sup>, it can be given the following week. Can give vaccinations later but not earlier than recommended date. Bring COVID cards if you have one.
- Recipients of Moderna or Pfizer as their primary series (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shots) must wait 6 months after the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot (primary series) to get the booster. Johnson and Johnson have a 2 month wait. Again, we do not have Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) available.
- We will continue to update the community as clinics are planned.
- **New variant, Omicron.** Several cases in Wisconsin now. Still researching. Latest news: May see an increase in breakthrough cases even with 2 vaccines on board, booster may be needed. Seeing Omicron in the UK and is spreading quickly. It will likely do the same in the US. Although clinical presentation is mild in most cases there are still numerous hospitalizations, with some in ICU. Early data is showing that a booster will be needed to build enough immunity to fight it. **Get your boosters now.**
- **Emergence of Omicron**
- On November 24, 2021, a new variant of SARS-CoV-2, B.1.1.529, was reported to the World Health Organization (WHO). This new variant was first detected in specimens collected on November 11, 2021 in Botswana and on November 14, 2021 in South Africa.
- On November 26, 2021, WHO named the B.1.1.529 Omicron and classified it as a Variant of Concern (VOC). On November 30, 2021, the United States designated Omicron as a Variant of Concern, and on December 1, 2021 the first confirmed U.S. case of Omicron was identified.
- CDC has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about Omicron, as we continue to monitor its course. CDC has been using genomic surveillance throughout the course of the pandemic to track variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and inform public health practice. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.
- Despite the increased attention of Omicron, Delta continues to be the main variant circulating in the United States however it is anticipated that Omicron will soon be the dominate variant in the US and here in Wisconsin.
- Where has Omicron been Detected in the United States
- CDC is working with state and local public health officials to monitor the spread of Omicron. This map shows the states that have detected at least one case of COVID-19 illness caused by the Omicron variant. More Omicron variant surveillance data on CDC's COVID Data Tracker.
- **Application and instructions for COVID incentive payment are available at the clinic's transportation/reception area.**

COVID rates are still high in the entire state. Testing here at the clinic has gone down and there has been only 1 positive case this week. **Remember, if a home test is positive, call Ashland County Public**

Health (715-682-7004) and the clinic (715-682-7133) to talk to a provider for direction. Do not come to the clinic without calling first.

# Thinking About Doing an At-Home COVID-19 Test?

## Here's What You Should Know

Stay Home

### Stay Home

- If you **had symptoms** before testing positive: Stay home for 10 days since symptoms started and until symptoms start improving.
- If you **did not have symptoms** before testing positive: Stay home for 10 days since testing.



### Tell Your Close Contacts

- If you **had symptoms**: Tell anyone you had close contact with starting two days before your symptoms began.
- If you **did not have symptoms**: Tell anyone you had close contact with starting two days before you tested.



### Get a Confirmatory Test

- Get a test from a healthcare provider, a community testing site, or a pharmacy.

## At-Home Tests Should Not Be Used

- ✘ As a sole reason for early release from quarantine
- ✘ To document clearance for travel
- ✘ As a sole means to determine whether a symptomatic student can return to school

For More Information:  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html)

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