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**ASHLAND AND BAYFIELD COUNTY ISSUE NEW GUIDELINES REGARDING FACE MASK USE**

**Northern Wisconsin** – Ashland County Health & Human Services and Bayfield County Health Department issue new guidelines for face mask use upon revisions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and for all persons – regardless of COVID vaccination status - in outdoor settings. Current recommendations from the CDC regarding masks state:

- Masks are not required for outdoor activities – regardless of COVID vaccination status - unless there will be a large crowd in a small space.
- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated people, with some exceptions:
  - If a business has a policy requiring face mask use for either employees or customers, that policy should be followed.
  - In certain congregate settings, face mask use may be recommended or required. Examples include hospitals, detention facilities, schools or nursing homes.
  - Some areas may have mask mandates while out in public, so please check the rules in your local area (such as in your city, county, or state). Additionally, check whether any federal mask mandates apply to where you will be going.
- Masks should be worn [any time you are traveling](#) on a plane, bus, train, or other form of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- People age 2 and older who are unvaccinated against COVID-19 should wear masks in public settings and when around people who don't live in their household.
- Wear a mask inside your home if someone you live with is sick with [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Masks may not be necessary when you are outside by yourself away from others, or with people who live in your household (and are well).

Please be responsible and considerate and continue to wear a mask in public settings if you have not been vaccinated. If you need assistance in locating a place to be vaccinated, please visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/> to find a vaccine site near you.

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