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Oneida County Reaches "Substantial" Community Transmission of COVID-19

Oneida County, WI – Over the last few weeks COVID-19 cases have continued to rise throughout the state of Wisconsin, including in Oneida County. Per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) COVID Data Tracker, Oneida County has moved into experiencing *substantial community spread*.

Mask Recommendation:
In alignment with CDC and WI Department of Health Services, to reduce community spread, the Oneida County Health Department is now providing the following mask guidance:

- Everyone, age 2+, should wear a mask in public indoor settings, even if they have been vaccinated
- Unvaccinated people age 12+ should also consider getting vaccinated – this will make a difference.

COVID-19 Exposure Guidance:
If you are identified as a close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, the following guidance has been updated by the CDC:

- Fully vaccinated people should be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- Unvaccinated people should be tested 5-7 days after exposure, and quarantine for 14 days after the last day of exposure. ** Note: Shortened quarantine options may apply in some cases.

With school beginning soon, it is important to be aware that COVID-19 in kids can range from mild to severe illness. Nearly 400 pediatric deaths have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic; COVID-19 is now a top 10 cause of death for adolescents in the United States.

Wearing a mask and getting vaccinated are the two best preventative measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, including the Delta variant for both adults and children. These measures, along with staying home when

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sick, keeping distance from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands will help prevent the spread of this illness.

The more people who are vaccinated, the better chance we have at stopping the spread of this virus, and preventing new variants from emerging. Vaccination is the best way to protect you, your family, and your community. Go to vaccines.gov to find a COVID-19 vaccine near you.

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