



# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Committee Members: Tim Buttke, Chair; Michelle Van Krey, Vice-chair; Kelley Gabor, Dennis Gonnering, William Harris, Donna Krause, Tom Seubert

**Marathon County Mission Statement:** *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

**Committee Mission Statement:** *Provide leadership for the implementation of the strategic plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to health and human services initiatives of Marathon County.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Health & Human Services Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

**Phone#: 1-408-418-9388**

**Access Code: 146 159 7938**

The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)** *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*
3. **Approval of the August 4, 2021 Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
  - A. Acceptance of 2021 Grant Funds in connection with Health Department activities (COVID-19: Public Health Workforce Grant – \$180,300; COVID-19: Immunization and Vaccine grant – \$195,000; ARPA WI-DHS COVID-19 Response Grant – \$1,037,700)
  - B. Cooperation Agreement for the CDBG Program
  - C. Resolution Declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month
6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
7. **Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**
  - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
  - B. Next Scheduled Meeting: **October 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
8. **Adjournment**

*\*Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail [countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting*

**SIGNED** /s/ Michelle Van Krey  
Presiding Officer or Designee

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Other Media Groups  
FAXED/EMAILED BY: T. Ranallo  
DATE & TIME: 9/3/2021 1:00 P.M.

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# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Tim Buttke	X	
Vice Chair Michelle Van Krey	X	
Kelley Gabor		X
Dennis Gonnering	W	
William Harris	W	
Donna Krause	X	
Tom Seubert	W	

**Also Present:** Lance Leonhard, and Toshia Ranallo.

**WebEx/Phone:** John Robinson, Joan Theurer, Julia Wicke, Julia Gadke, Amy Leitzer and other members of the public.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

Amy Leitzer, 500 Grand Ave, Wausau, WI 54403 expressed concerns with increases of COVID infections throughout Marathon County due to large gatherings and unvaccinated people.

**3. MOTION BY KRAUSE; SECOND BY VAN KREY TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2021, PUBLIC HEARING AND HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination – None**

**5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**

- A. Request to County Board to Abolish Vacant 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant Position and Expand .5 FTE Social Service Specialist to 1.0 FTE

*Discussion:*

Julia Wicke explained restructuring these positions would better align staff to meet customer needs, support services for families, and decrease the net levy.

Administrator Leonhard explained the process which is illustrated in the Marathon County Code of Ordinances. Any new position or expanded position must be approved by the administrator first, then by the related standing committee, next forwarded to the HR Finance & Property Committee and lastly approved by the full county Board. Administrator Leonhard approves the request.

*Action:*

- B. **MOTION BY HARRIS; SECOND BY KRAUSE TO MOVE TO ABOLISH A 1.0 FTE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION AND EXPAND A .5 FTE SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIALIST TO 1.0 FTE. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Follow Thru:*

Forward to the HR & Finance Committee for consideration at their meeting in August.

**C. 2022 Budget Position Requests:**

- 1) Two 1.0 FTE Social Workers (C42) for The Children’s Long Term Support Program (Julia Wicke and Julie Gadke)

*Discussion:*

Julie Gadke explained these positions would allow the county to serve more children and eliminate the waiting list for programs. The positions are funded by state and federal Medicaid dollars and not by the tax levy. Sustainability for this funding is stable and long term.

*Action:*

- MOTION BY VANKREY; SECOND BY GONNERING TO MOVE TO RECOMEND TWO 1.0 FTE SOCIAL WORKERS (C42) FOR THE CHILDREN’S LONG TERM SUPPORT PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Follow Thru:*

Forward to the HR & Finance Committee for consideration in August.

**6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

**A. Update on the Start Right Program (Joan Theurer)**

*Discussion:*

Health Office Joan Theurer gave an update on the Start Right Program and explained what the program is about, and the need and purpose as to why it is important for Marathon County. The presentation can be viewed in the packet on our [website located here.](#)

**B. Health Officer Announcement**

*Discussion:*

Administrator Leonhard praised and extended sincere gratitude to Joan Theurer for her years of service working for Marathon County and her efforts throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Leonhard reported after an extensive interview process, current Health Department employee Laura Scudiere was chosen to take over for Theurer as Health Officer. Her wide-ranging qualifications and resume can be viewed in the packet on our [website located here.](#)

**7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**

**A. Next Scheduled Meeting: September 8, 2021, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY VAN KREY; SECOND BY KRAUSE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:15PM. MOTION CARRIED.**

[Recorded meeting can be view here.](#)

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo



# Delta Variant

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MARATHON COUNTY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*June 16, 2021*

CONTACT: Jennifer Miller, 608-266-1683

Elizabeth Goodsitt, 608-266-1683

## DHS Now Tracking SARS-CoV-2 Variant of Concern B.1.617.2, the Delta Variant

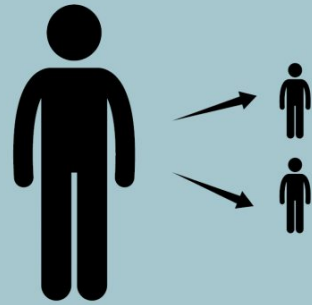
With the addition of new variant of concern, DHS urges vaccination to combat COVID-19

Today, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services released new information about the newest [variant of concern](#) <sup>Ⓔ</sup>, variant B.1.617.2, also known as the Delta variant. Following the CDC's recent classification update on June 14, DHS will begin reporting current case counts that are updated weekly, starting tomorrow, June 17. This strain was previously classified as a variant of interest, but has since been raised to a variant of concern. The [CDC has established criteria](#) <sup>Ⓔ</sup> for identifying variants that may be more worrisome than others. Variants are most commonly raised to variants of concern if they show evidence of being more contagious, causing more severe illness, or are more difficult to treat using known therapies. DHS, using CDC's criteria, publicly reports on [variants of concern](#).

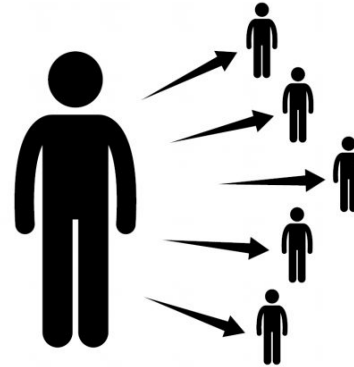
To date, 26 cases of the Delta variant have been identified in Wisconsin since April 2021. Variants are identified through a process called [whole genome sequencing](#) <sup>Ⓔ</sup>. Whole genome sequencing takes a sample of the virus from a positive SARS-CoV-2 test specimen and reads its genetic code. DHS, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and other laboratory partners regularly perform whole genome sequencing on a portion of positive tests.

The Delta variant spreads more easily than previous variants—it may cause more than **2x** as many infections

ORIGINAL COVID-19 STRAIN



DELTA VARIANT



Vaccines protect you from hospitalization, severe infections, and death



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## Cumulative total number of reported COVID-19 deaths among confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases by date of death: Marathon County

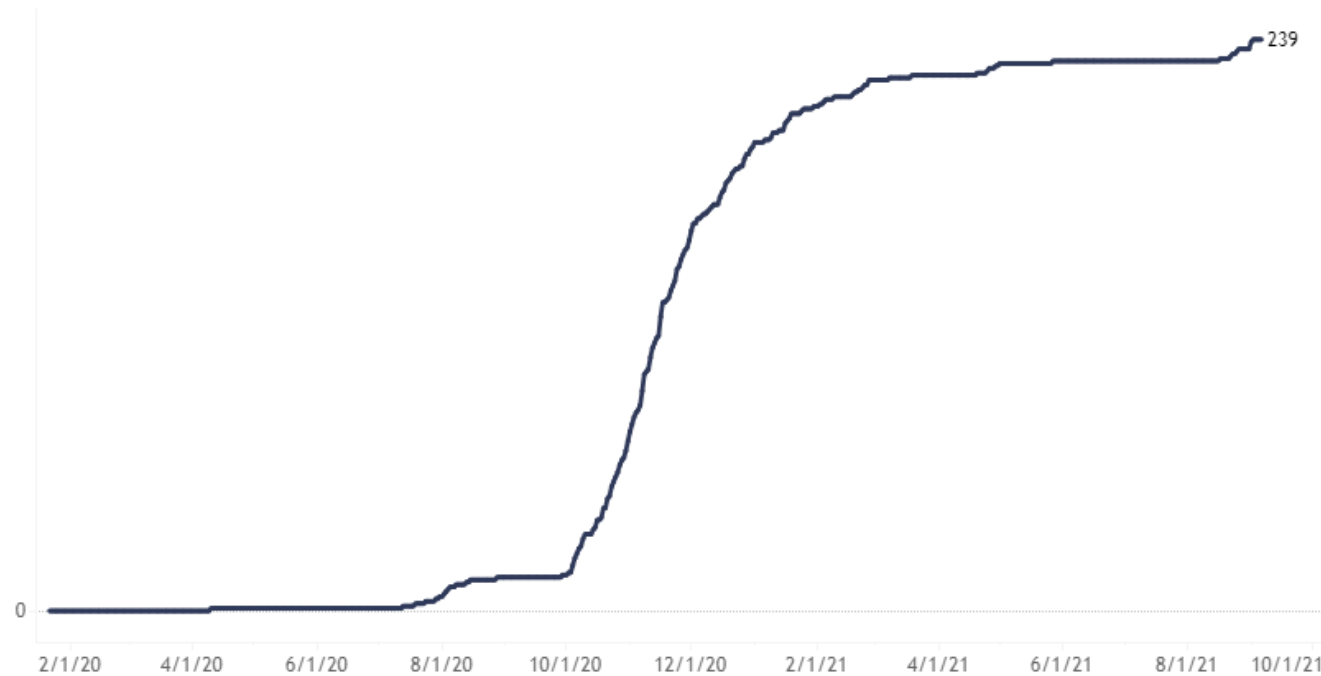
Updated: 9/7/2021 (Total: 239)

Select County:

Marathon County

Select Case Status:

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- Probable
- Confirmed and Probable



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# Post COVID Conditions

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- COVID “long haulers”
- Serious ongoing concerns for immunocompromised or those who had multiorgan effects
- Multi-system inflammatory syndrome (rare)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects.html>





# Marathon County

## July 2021: COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Among Fully Vaccinated and Not Fully Vaccinated People

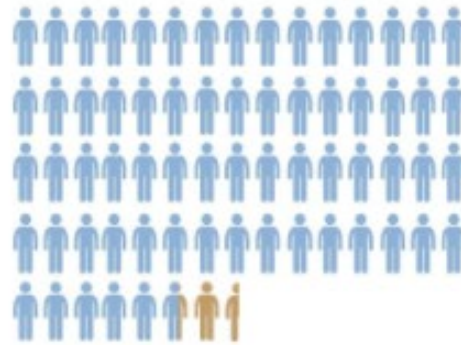
Last Updated: 8/18/2021



For more state trends, visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-status.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-status.htm)

### Fully Vaccinated

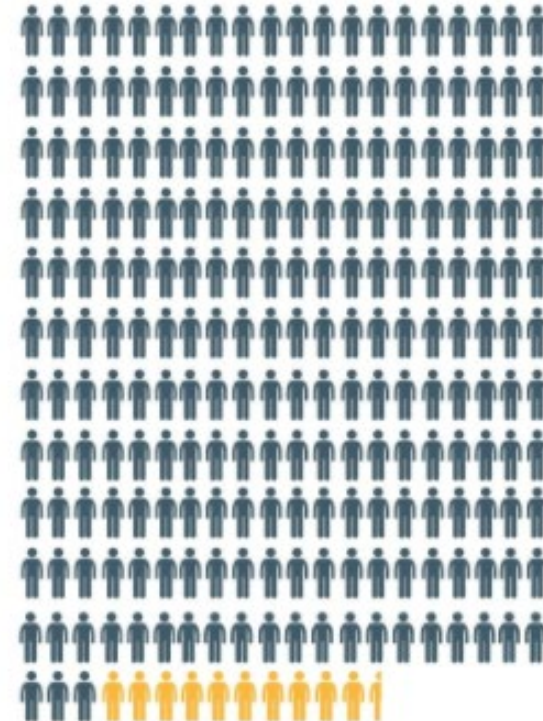
Per 100,000 Fully Vaccinated People



● 65.6 Cases ● 1.7 Hospitalizations ● 0.0 Deaths

### Not Fully Vaccinated

Per 100,000 Fully Vaccinated People



● 223 Cases ● 10.5 Hospitalizations ● 0.0 Deaths

Note: DHS plans to update this data by the 15th of every month. This data is updated on a monthly basis, halfway through the following month, to account for the 2-week data lag in receiving COVID-19 reports and to ensure the most complete data is presented for the previous, full month.

For statewide illness after vaccination data click [here](#) to visit Wisconsin Department of Health Services

**36**

**New reported confirmed case(s)**  
since yesterday  
(cumulative 16,116)

**1**

**New reported confirmed death(s)**  
since yesterday  
(cumulative 202)

**3**

**New reported hospitalization(s)**  
since yesterday  
(cumulative 852)

# Here is today's Marathon County COVID-19 data for September 8, 2021

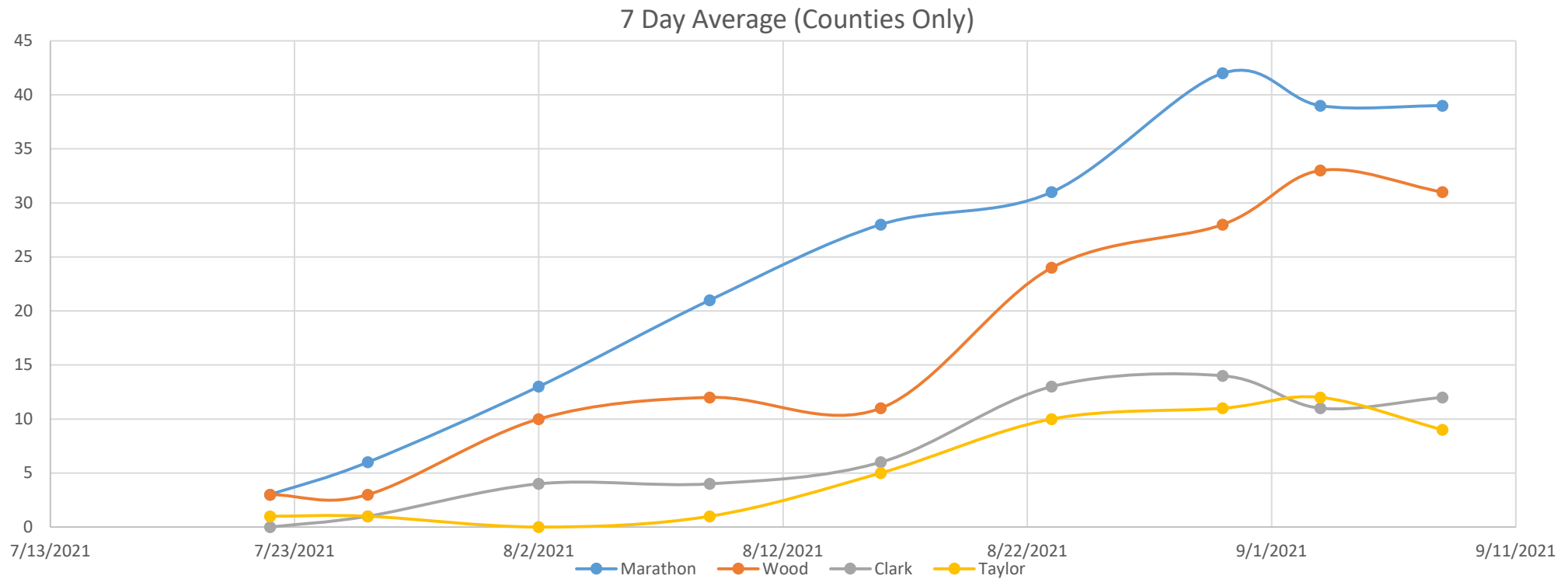
For more local  
breakdowns, check out  
our data dashboard at  
<https://bit.ly/MCCOVID>  
[Dashboard](#)



Source: WI Department of Health Services [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm)

# 7 Day Average of Covid Cases

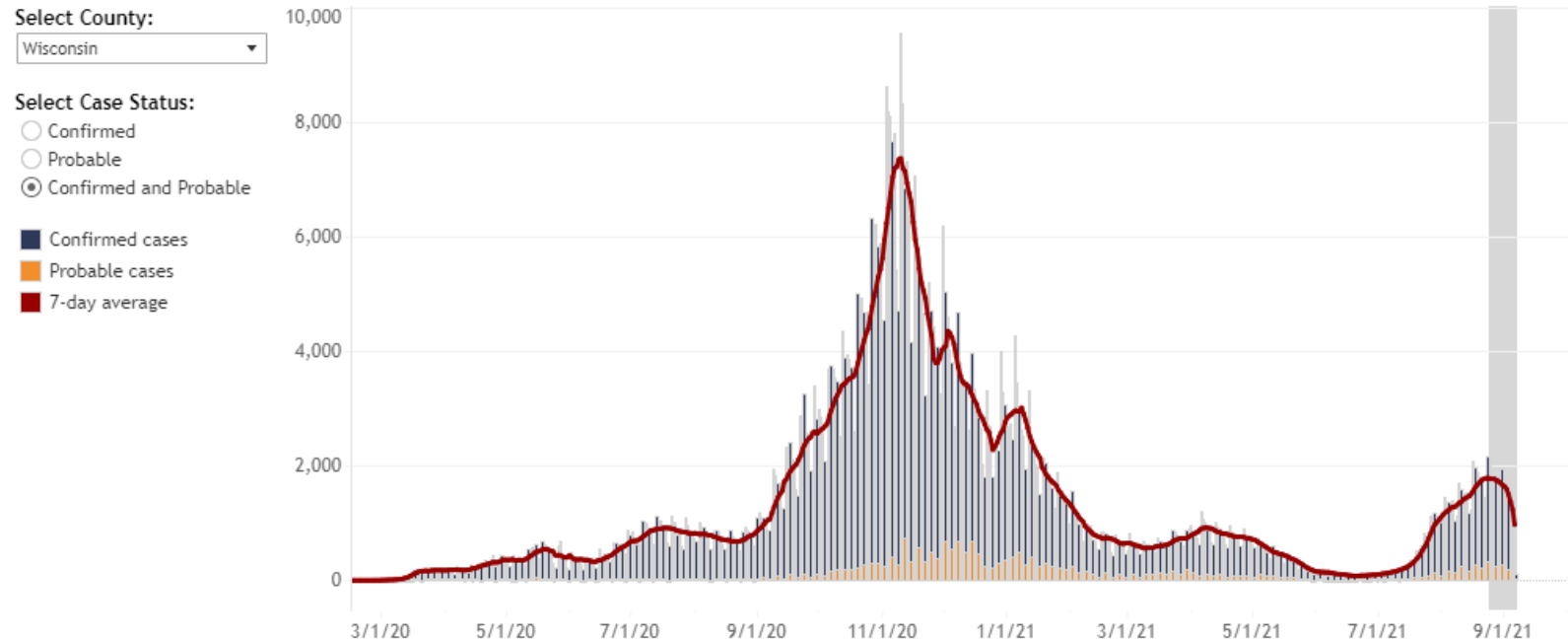
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## Number of reported confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases by date of symptom onset or diagnosis:

### Wisconsin

Updated: 9/7/2021 (Total: 746,566)



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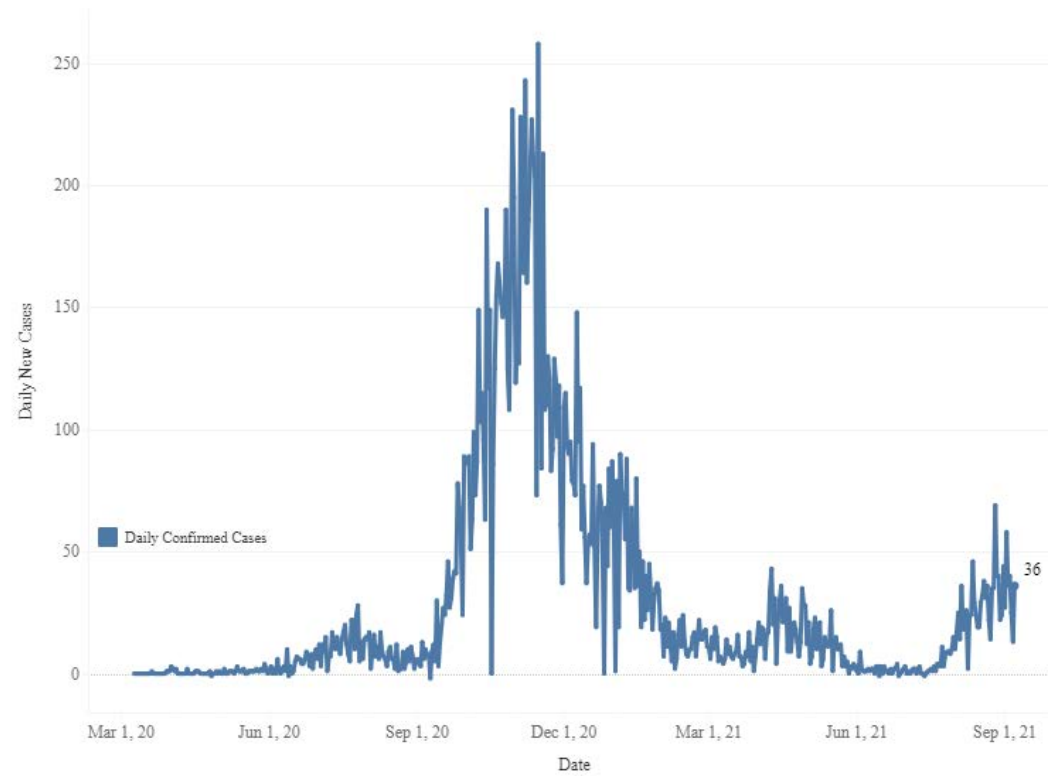
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## Daily New Confirmed and Probable Cases

The data is compiled by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). Last updated: 9/7/2021

A person is counted as a probable\* case of COVID-19 if they are not positive by a confirmatory laboratory test method (for example, a PCR, or NAT test), but have met one of the following:

- Test positive using a rapid or antigen test, with no confirmatory lab test.
- Have symptoms of COVID-19 AND known exposure to a positive case, but no lab test.
- COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 is listed on the death certificate.



## COVID-19 Hospitalizations

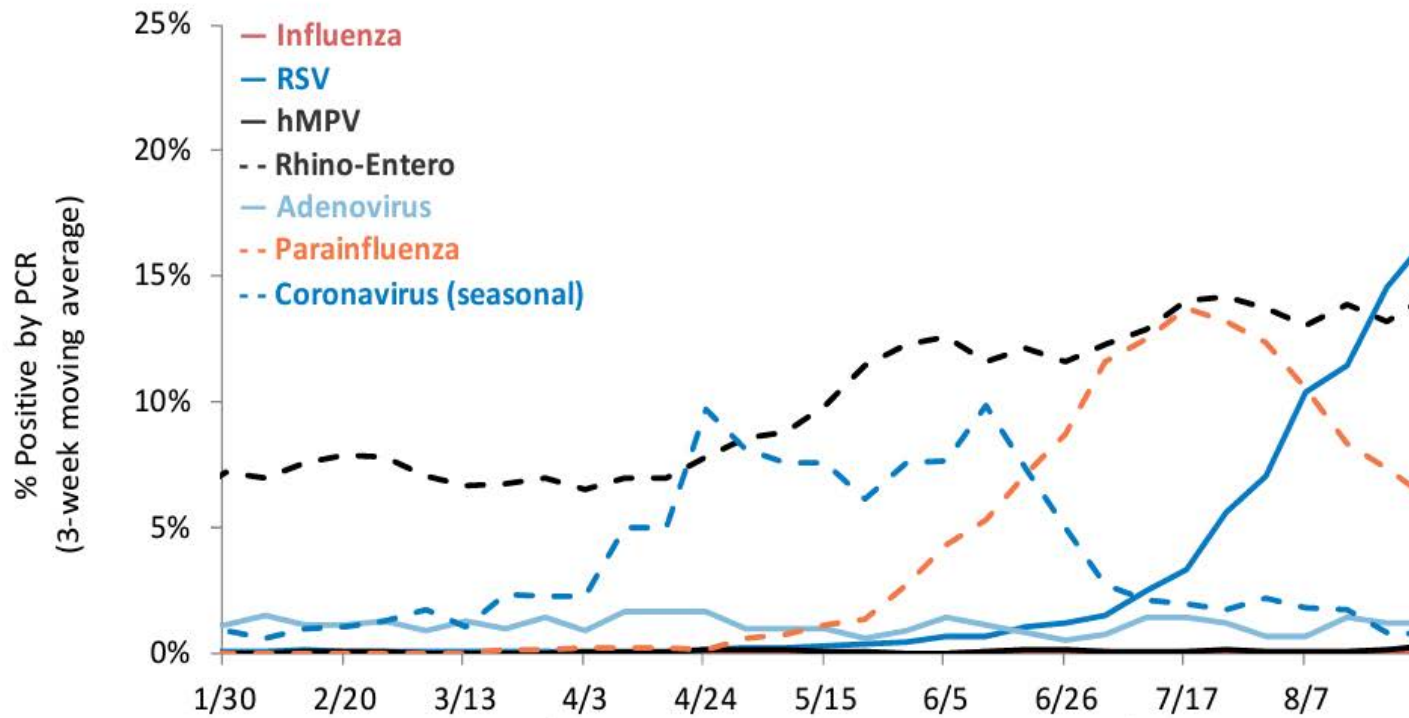
This data is compiled by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services weekly.  
To see more detailed data, hover over the graphic. Last updated: **9/7/2021**

### New Weekly Hospitalizations



# WISCONSIN LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE FOR RESPIRATORY VIRUSES BY PCR

Trends in respiratory virus activity by PCR



# DHS funding

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Immunizations and Vaccine (\$195,900)

Public Health Crisis Response (\$180,300)

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$1,037,700)



## GRANT REVIEW FORM

**Department:** Health

**Contact:** Laura Scudiere, Health Officer

**Division:** COVID-19 Response

**Name of Grant:** COVID-19: Public Health Crisis Response – Public Health Workforce funded through the WI Department of Health Services, with the original funding source the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) ASPR Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response.

**Purpose of Grant:** To establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce.

**How does accessing this grant further the department's ability to achieve Marathon County's overarching goals, mission and strategies?**

The purpose of these grant funds is intended to conduct activities necessary to expand, train, and sustain a response-ready public health workforce at a state and local level and develop solutions that allow for a more sustained workforce. Grant funds will support Marathon County Health Department's efforts required by [WI Administrative Code Chapter 140.05](#) to develop and maintain a plan to employ qualified public health professionals and assure a competent public health workforce.

**Total Cost of Grant:** \$180,300

**County Match:** None

**In-Kind Contribution:** None

**Duration of Grant:** July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023

**Please explain any other current or future commitment being made by the County through this grant application.**

A budget and a budget narrative will be developed upon the WI Department of Health Services providing greater detail of contract objectives and allowable expenditures for grant funds. The budget and plan for utilization of resources will be reviewed with County Administration.

**Date Prepared:** August 27, 2021

**Anticipated Date for Notice of Award/Contract:** Mid-Late September 2021

Submitted By: Joan Theurer, Health Officer

Send to Deputy County Administrator's Office.

## GRANT REVIEW FORM

**Department:** Health

**Contact:** Laura Scudiere, Health Officer

**Division:** COVID-19 Response

**Name of Grant:** COVID-19: Immunization and Vaccines - Funded through the WI Department of Health Services, with the original funding source the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) Immunization Grant.

**Purpose of Grant:** To increase community vaccination efforts for underserved and disproportionately affected populations.

**How does accessing this grant further the department's ability to achieve Marathon County's overarching goals, mission and strategies?**

The purpose of these grant funds is to support Marathon County Health Department's response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Local health departments are statutory mandated per [WI State Statue Chapter 252](#) to prevent, suppress, and control communicable diseases.

Marathon County Health Department has and continues to facilitate vaccination efforts among vaccination providers. Efforts include:

- An active member of the [Hmong and Hispanic Communication Network](#) (H2N), contributing to the identification of underserved and disproportionately populations;
- Participate in weekly meetings with the AMI/Northcentral Technical College regional community based vaccination clinics, fielding on-site vaccination request from businesses, events, schools;
- Host Central WI Region COVID-19 weekly meetings with area health area providers and local health departments;
- Provide COVID-19 vaccines on a limited basis to Marathon County Jail inmates, homeless population; and
- Provide credible information on COVID-19 vaccines and where to get a vaccine.

**Total Cost of Grant:** \$195,900

**County Match:** None

**In-Kind Contribution:** None

**Duration of Grant:** July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024

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## GRANT REVIEW FORM

**Department:** Health

**Contact:** Laura Scudiere, Health Officer

**Division:** COVID-19 Response

**Name of Grant:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded through the WI Department of Health Services, with the original funding source the U.S. Treasury.

**Purpose of Grant:** To support local/tribal health departments to meet their needs related to response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding purposes include:

- COVID-19 mitigation and prevention,
- Public health and safety staff,
- Improving the design and execution of public health programs,
- Addressing disparities in public health outcomes, and
- Investments in infrastructure.

**How does accessing this grant further the department's ability to achieve Marathon County's overarching goals, mission and strategies?**

The purpose of these grant funds is to support Marathon County Health Department's response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Local health departments are statutory mandated per [WI State Statute Chapter 252](#) to prevent, suppress, and control communicable diseases.

The COVID-19 pandemic response has and continues to require significant resources beyond available pre-pandemic Health Department resources. The Health Department will be approaching its nineteenth (19) month of the response, resulting in continual impact on program services; stressing and eroding the department's pre-pandemic infrastructure, systems, and required services per [WI Administrative Code Chapter 140](#).

**Total Cost of Grant:** \$1,037,700

**County Match:** None

**In-Kind Contribution:** None

**Duration of Grant:** March 2, 2021 – December 31, 2024

**Please explain any other current or future commitment being made by the County through this grant application.**

A budget and a budget narrative will be developed upon WI Department of Health Services providing greater detail of contract objectives and allowable expenditures for grant funds. The budget and plan for the utilization of resources will be reviewed with County Administration.

**Date Prepared:** August 27, 2021

**Anticipated Date for Notice of Award/Contract:** Mid-Late September 2021

Submitted By: Joan Theurer, Health Officer

Send to Deputy County Administrator's Office.

**RESOLUTION R-\_\_\_\_\_ - 21**

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

This agreement entered into on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021 by and between Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region.

WHEREAS, Marathon County has an identified need and interest in joining the Central Wisconsin Housing Region, which includes the counties of Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood, to provide decent housing, and

WHEREAS, Marathon County contemplates submitting jointly with the Central Wisconsin Housing Region an application for funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing program of the Wisconsin Division of Housing (DOH) for the purpose of meeting those needs, and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region desire to and are required to, enter into a written cooperative agreement with each other to participate in such CDBG program, and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region understand that Juneau County will act as the applicant (Lead), and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under the terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the grant contract, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and DOH have access to all participants' grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0301, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such funds, and agree to cooperate in the implementation of the submitted CDBG program, as approved by the Department of Administration.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority which it presently possesses.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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## Resolution Declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a complex and ongoing problem that violates an individual's safety, dignity, and humanity, by a systematic and coercive pattern of physical, emotional, sexual, physiological, and economic control and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence causes severe and lasting harm to people of every age, religion, identity, race, culture, and economic and social status; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is often the common denominator in many types of criminal behavior and is linked directly to all forms of violence, making anti-violence efforts that address discrimination of any kind vital to the work of ending domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, individuals died in Wisconsin due to domestic violence at a rate of 1 death every 5 days; and it is extremely challenging to fully illustrate the scope and impact of domestic violence as the consequences extend far beyond the cases that meet criteria for data collection; and

**WHEREAS**, by observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we seek to increase awareness of abuse in intimate partner relationships, and to implement preventative strategies and support for those experiencing domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, with the unwavering support of Marathon County, The Women's Community, and victim service providers in our community, Survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, anxiety, injuries, anger, and hope without fear of judgement, and will be understood, heard, and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, through the inspiration, courage, and persistence of domestic violence Survivors, their children, family members, and advocates, legislation and local community collaborations have enacted protections and services for future victims and their children;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Marathon County Board declares October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon our citizens to stand together against domestic violence, and to offer compassion, support, and understanding to Survivors.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**Fiscal Impact:** None