



Langlade County Health Department

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WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE

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DISEASE UPDATES:

In the **previous two weeks:**

- ✓ The Burden of Illness for Langlade County was 25.3 per 100,000 and is still considered MODERATE. (WI Burden of Illness was 106 per 100,000).
- ✓ The Positivity Rate for Langlade County was 0.5% and is still considered LOW. Only 520 tests were performed during that time period. (WI Positivity Rate was 2.5%).

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has released a new webpage dedicated to variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. For more information please visit:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/variants.htm>

VACCINATION UPDATES:

Groups that are currently eligible to receive the vaccine include:

- ✓ Health care workers
- ✓ EMS, fire department and police departments
- ✓ Persons aged 65 and older
- ✓ Education and child care staff
- ✓ People enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- ✓ Some public-facing essential workers (Includes chef, server or host in a restaurant)
- ✓ Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- ✓ Facility staff and residents in congregate living settings
- ✓ Spiritual care providers

People age 16 and older with certain medical conditions:

- ✓ Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- ✓ Cancer
- ✓ Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- ✓ Chronic kidney disease
- ✓ COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- ✓ Cystic fibrosis
- ✓ Diabetes mellitus type 1 or 2
- ✓ Down syndrome
- ✓ Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- ✓ Hypertension or high blood pressure
- ✓ Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)



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- ✓ Liver disease
- ✓ Neurologic conditions, such as intellectual disabilities and dementia
- ✓ Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m² or more)
- ✓ Obesity (body mass index [BMI of 30-39 kg/m²])
- ✓ Overweight (BMI of 25-29 kg/m²)
- ✓ Pregnancy
- ✓ Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- ✓ Sickle cell disease
- ✓ Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)

WI DHS anticipates the general public will be eligible for the vaccine sometime in May.

The fourth community-based vaccination clinic in the state will open in Marathon County on April 6 at the Northcentral Technical College—Center for Business and Industry Building in Wausau. The clinic will be open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Individuals must register for an appointment using the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry at <https://vaccinate.wi.gov/en-US/>

- To view a map of vaccine providers please visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-map.htm>
- For questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and appointment registration support call 844-684-1064 (toll-free).

WI DHS has launched a redesign of the vaccine distribution summary on the COVID-19 data page at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm>. The new dashboard displays key metrics related to Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccination program.

****We would like to clarify a recent Langlade County Health Department Q&A that was published in a healthWISE column in the Antigo Daily Journal this month: "How long does the COVID-19 vaccine take to work?" You are considered **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 if it has been two or more weeks since you got your second dose in a two-dose series (such as Pfizer or Moderna), or one dose of a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson). We apologize for any confusion.**

People who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can engage in some social situations. These include:

- Visiting with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Visiting with unvaccinated people from a single household who are all at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease, indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Refraining from quarantine and testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic.

STATE AND COUNTY DATA: As of Thursday, March 25, 2021:

- 27.3% of Wisconsin residents have received at least **one** dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.



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- 73.7% of Wisconsinites aged 65 and over have received at least one dose of vaccine.
- 25.6% of Langlade County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- In total (first and second doses) 7738 doses have been given to Langlade County residents.
- 65.8% of Langlade County residents aged 65 and over have received at least one dose of vaccine.

LANGLADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DATA: As of Thursday, March 25, 2021:

- Langlade County Health Department has administered 2607 total doses.
- Of these doses: 1950 have been first doses.
- In total, the Langlade County Health Department has provided **approximately** 34% of the total vaccinations received by its' county residents.

(Benchmark for local health departments is 14%.)

For additional information please see the CDC website, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website or the Langlade County Health Department website. You can also follow us on Facebook.

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