

Hello,

We just announced that **St. Croix County Public Health has issued a Mask Advisory effective until June 6th**. The Mask Advisory is an effort to protect the people of St. Croix County from COVID-19 in the absence of a statewide mask mandate in Wisconsin. Currently we are seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases and a high level of community transmission in the county. In March, the county also reported its first case of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7. This variant is spreading throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota and researchers believe it may be associated with increased risk of death compared to other variants.

Under the Mask Advisory, Public Health recommends every individual, age five and older, in St. Croix County wear a face mask if:

- The individual is indoors, other than at a private residence; and;
- Another person or persons who are not members of individual's household or living unit are present in the same room or enclosed space.

In addition to the Mask Advisory, Public Health has updated the Health Advisory on the St. Croix County website to include guidance for individuals, gatherings, and establishments based on the current COVID-19 risk level in St. Croix County.

The St. Croix County Mask Advisory and risk level information can be found on the Health Advisory Page of the St. Croix County website: <https://www.sccwi.gov/951/Health-Advisory>

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