

DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD RESOLUTION

Supporting The Health Advisory Issued By Dunn County Health Officer On February 25, 2021

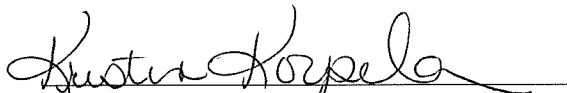
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dunn County Health and Human Services Board of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Public Health Officer and the Dunn County Public Health Department for their unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of the residents of Dunn County during the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, and supports the Health Advisory issued by the Public Health Director on February 25, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dunn County Health and Human Services Board advises all residents to comply with the Health Advisory issued on February 25, 2021, directing that all residents of Dunn County should wear a face covering, covering mouth and nose completely, when indoors or in a public space other than a private residence, and when in other settings including outdoors when physical distancing is not possible.

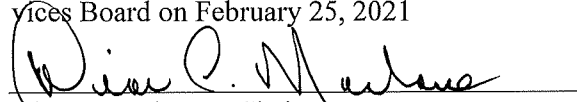
Dated this 25th day of February, 2021

BUDGET IMPACT: The resolution has no budget impact.

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Dunn County Health And Human Services Board on February 25, 2021


Diane Morehouse, Chair

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas Lange, Corporation Counsel

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread throughout many countries, including the United States of America, resulting in a worldwide pandemic.

The Dunn County Public Health Department has been on the front lines of the pandemic from the beginning, setting up testing sites, implementing contact tracing practices and partnering with local agencies to effectively implement a community-wide response to the pandemic. Health Department staff have worked to educate the community by creating an up-to-date Outbreak Dashboard, posting timely press releases, updates from the Governor, and providing the latest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

From 2/03/2021 to 2/17/2021 Dunn County met the Wisconsin Department of Health Services definition of high case activity with 108 cases in the two-week period. This is equivalent to approximately 17 cases per day per 100,000 people during that timeframe. Additionally, the percent positivity in Dunn County for the last seven days is 5.4%. While these data represent a reduction in both activity and percent positivity from our peak in late November 2020, it still represents significant potential for the community spread of COVID-19.

On February 25, 2021, the Dunn County Public Health Department Director KT Gallagher, under the authority of State Statute 251.06(3)(i) issued a Health Advisory strongly advising mask wearing by everyone anytime they are outside of their home and around other people. Throughout this pandemic, Public Health Department staff have demonstrated leadership and have acted with excellence and professionalism to ensure the citizens of Dunn County receive the care they need and to prevent the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19.

This resolution expresses the full support of the Dunn County Health and Human Services Board for the Public Health Director and the Public Health Advisory issued on February 25, 2021 and the advice of the Health and Human Services Board for residents to comply with all aspects of the Health Advisory, including the wearing of cloth face coverings.