



HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT

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Dear Oak Creek Residents and Business Owners:

We have all been living through the COVID-19 pandemic for nearly one year. In this time, the Oak Creek Health Department has investigated and supported over 4,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. We recognize the toll this response has taken on everyone as we grow weary of the messages to wear masks, stay physically distant, and not engage in large gatherings.

Fortunately, over the last month, COVID-19 cases in Oak Creek have been steadily declining. Milwaukee County data are also showing positive trends.

The Oak Creek Health Department has been working in coordination with the Cudahy and South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Departments to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to hundreds of residents each week. While the distribution of vaccine is slower than we had hoped, we are slowly seeing an increase in the vaccine supply and the number of Oak Creek residents receiving vaccine.

While the data show promising trends, new genetic variants of the COVID-19 virus and being largely indoors through the remaining weeks of winter could slow these trends. The Oak Creek Health Department continues to recommend that individuals follow the guidance of wearing face masks, staying at least 6 feet apart, avoiding crowds, washing hands, and getting tested for COVID-19 if you are sick.

The Health Department is moving from our Phased Reopening Guidance to a longer-term plan of Safe Practices Guidelines. These guidelines align with those of other municipalities in Milwaukee County. The purpose of the realignment was to provide businesses with tools and information on how to reduce risk rather than general occupancy guidelines.

Your health and safety remain our priority. We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in this unprecedented public health crisis. For additional information you can view the websites for the [Oak Creek Health Department](#), the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcy DuBois", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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