

Public Health Update

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Public Health Clinic Days & Hours:

Tuesday

Park Falls Office
8am - 12pm
1pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday & Thursday

Phillips Office
8am - 12pm
1pm - 4:30pm



Meet Our Team

Greetings from Price County Public Health! We are returning to our monthly Public Health Update for our partners, patients, and community members. Each issue will contain important health topics, local data, and information on helpful resources and services available in our area. But first, we would like you to meet our team.

Front Row (L-R): Susie Daniels RN | Michelle Edwards RN, Health Officer

Back Row (L-R): Joann Baratka RN | Steph Kotke HHS Assistant

Amanda Kozak Program Coordinator | Makala Williams RN | Tiffany Palecek RN

Bottom Photo (L-R):

Dani Hoffman WIC Dietician

Christy Hlavacek HHS Assistant

Missing from Photos:

Susie Olson HHS Assistant





Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed January 2023 as Cervical Health Awareness Month

To commemorate the month, the Wisconsin Immunization and Well Woman Programs at DHS have teamed up to promote tools that can be used to prevent cervical cancers. Check out the information below!

Cervical cancer screenings for women

The Wisconsin Well Woman Program helps women who have little or no health insurance get screening for breast and cervical cancers.

It pays for:

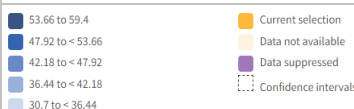
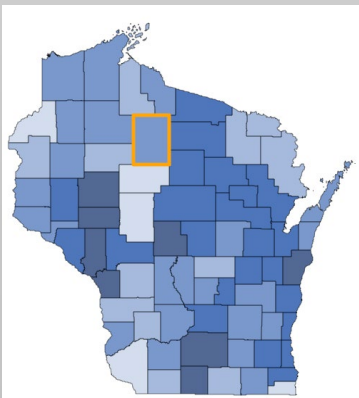
- Clinical breast exams
- Diagnostic testing if your screening test results are abnormal
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) tests
- Mammograms (breast cancer screening).
- Multiple sclerosis testing for those who are high risk.
- Pap tests (cervical cancer screening).
- Pelvic exams

Check out the [WI Well Woman Website](#) for more information on eligibility and enrollment.

[Click here for a short video from the Wisconsin Well Woman Program.](#)

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47.8% of Price County 13-18 year olds have completed the HPV Vaccination Series.



HPV vaccine for boys and girls aged 11-12

The Centers of Disease Control indicate about 13 million Americans, including teens, become infected with HPV each year. While most HPV infections may go away on their own, some cause certain types of cancer, including cervical cancer. The best way to protect pre-teens from future cervical-cancers is to give them the HPV vaccine at ages 11 and 12.

[Click here for a short video on HPV vaccine.](#)

Families that are concerned about the cost of vaccines can visit the [WI Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) website](#) to find out if they are eligible or find a provider near them.

Price County Public Health will be providing school vaccine clinics for HPV in the Spring of 2023. These clinics will be offered at the Chequamegon, Phillips, and Prentice School Districts. Stay tuned for more information and clinic dates!

Updated Policy for Tdap Vaccination at Local Health Departments

Over the past few years, local health departments have been able to provide Tdap vaccinations to individuals regardless of insurance status. Starting January 1, 2023, this provision will no longer be in place for pediatric clients.

Fully insured children should be referred to their primary health care provider for Tdap/Td vaccination. One exception is that fully insured children may receive Tdap/Td through a DPH approved school mass vaccination clinic hosted by the local health department.

VFC-eligible children may continue to receive Tdap/Td vaccine through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program at the local health department, from their pediatric care provider, or during a Division of Public Health (DPH) approved school-located mass vaccination clinic hosted by the local health department.

Adults aged 19 and older may continue to receive Tdap at the local health department regardless of insurance status.

Price County Public Health will continue to offer Tdap vaccine to eligible individuals as indicated above. **Parents: Tdap vaccine will be available during our school vaccine clinics in April!**

Are you up to date with your vaccines?

You can access the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) to look up your record.
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm

Flu Shots Are Still Available

Influenza A remains the predominant virus per the latest DHS Wisconsin Respiratory Report.

Take preventative measures: stay home when sick, get your recommended vaccines, get tested when feeling ill, and wash your hands with soap and water.

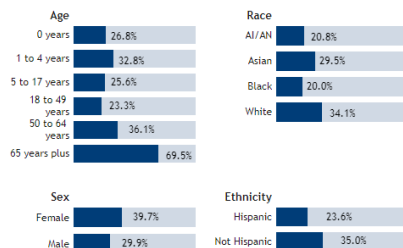
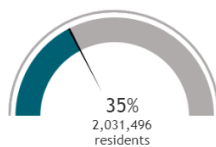
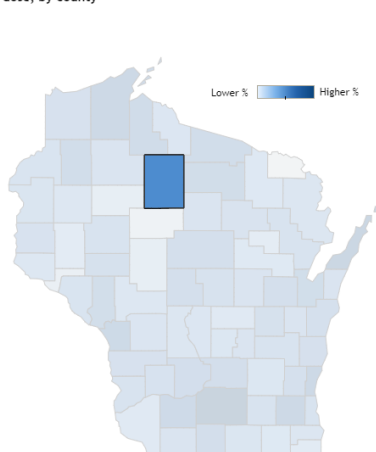
Price County Public Health continues to provide flu shots at both our Phillips and Park Falls Offices. Call us to schedule your vaccination appointment. 715-339-3954

Influenza vaccines for Wisconsin residents, 2022-2023 season

Updated: 1/5/2023

Percent of Wisconsin residents who have received at least one dose, by county

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Total county population:
13,907

33.1% of all residents in PRICE County received at least one dose of influenza this season.

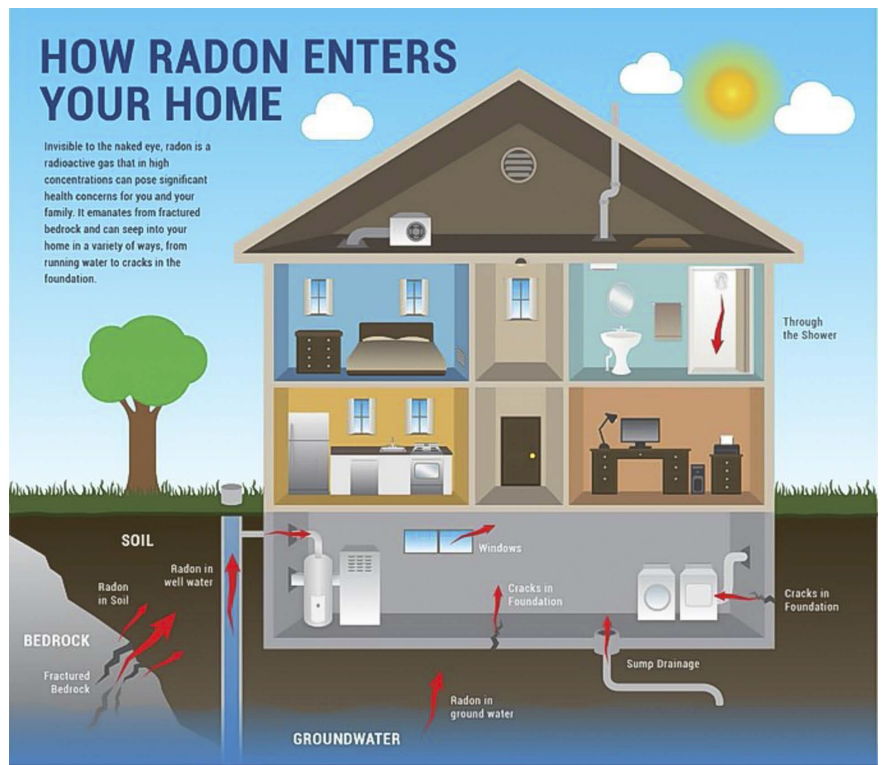
Test Your Home for Radon

During National Radon Action Month, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is encouraging residents to test their homes for radon. Exposure to radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer nationally.

Radon, an odorless, radioactive gas naturally present in the ground, enters building through their foundations. According to DHS, about one in 10 homes across Wisconsin have elevated radon levels.

Have you checked your home for radon? Tests kits are available from hardware stores and local public health agencies. Kits may be purchased from Price County Public Health for \$7.00.

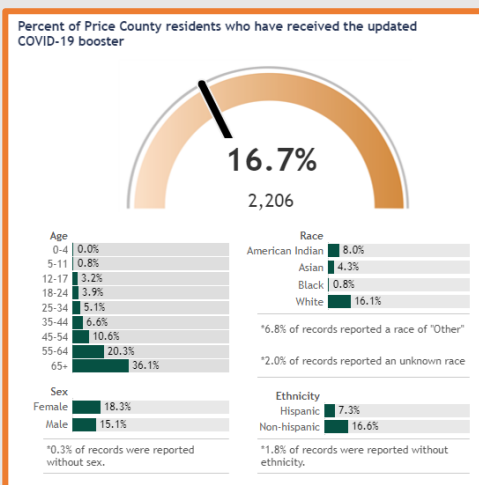
More information can be found at lowradon.org.



COVID-19 Update

Price County Public Health has COVID-19 vaccines available for individuals 6 months and older.

If it has been 2 months since your last primary or booster dose, you may be eligible for the Bivalent Booster Dose.



What is a Bivalent COVID-19 Booster?

The bivalent vaccine is designed to protect against two different variants of COVID-19.

Why should I get a Bivalent Booster?

Getting the updated bivalent booster can help restore protection that has decreased since your previous vaccination and provide broader protection against newer variants.

Call 715-339-3054 to schedule an appointment for your COVID vaccination.

Help further reduce COVID-19 spread by testing at home and getting your results in minutes. Free at-home test kits are available at these locations:

- Price County Public Health Offices
- SAY YES! Covid Test Website [sayyescovidhometest.org]

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE: Stay home for at least five full days and isolate from other people in your home. Day 0 is the first day symptoms began or the day that your positive COVID-19 test was taken (if you do not have symptoms).



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