

# 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



## Back to School Reminders

The start of school is fast approaching as we cling on to the remaining few weeks of summer break. While checking off school supply lists and adjusting routines, please take a few minutes to review these important reminders to help keep everyone healthy and safe this school year.

- ✓ **Make sure your children are up to date with their well child exams and/or WIAA physicals (for those in sports).**

Routine health care visits help ensure your child is healthy and can help them succeed in the classroom and in sports.

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[Health Care Coverage](#)

- ✓ **Make sure your children are up to date with school required immunizations.**

Routine vaccinations are a great tool to keep kids healthy, in school, and ready to learn. Learn more about school required immunizations on the next page.

[Vaccine Safety FAQs for Parents and Caregivers](#)

[Recommended Vaccinations for Infants and Children \(Birth – 6 years\)](#)

[Recommended Vaccinations for Children \(7 – 18 years\)](#)

- ✓ **Make sure your children's school is aware of any medical needs, allergies, or medications they may need. Complete the appropriate paperwork with your school.**

*Price County Public Health wishes you a safe and healthy school year!*

# National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Immunizations, also called vaccinations, are a safe and effective way to protect your family from many serious but preventable diseases. With school just around the corner, now is a great time to make sure that you and your children are up to date on vaccines. Here are a few resources to help:

- Check your current vaccination status: [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#)
- Take this short quiz from the CDC to see which vaccines that you or your child may need: [Adult Immunization Quiz](#) | [Child Immunization Quiz](#)
- Need to get a vaccination?
  - If you have insurance that covers vaccinations, you can make an appointment with your primary care provider at your local clinic.
  - If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible to receive vaccinations at your primary care provider or through the Public Health office.
  - Not sure? Call us at Price County Public Health (715-339-3054) and we can provide some guidance.

## School Required Immunizations

To protect students and children from vaccine preventable diseases, Wisconsin law requires all students to show that they have received certain required immunizations or that they have a signed waiver.

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age and grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. These requirements can be waived for health, religious, or personal conviction reasons.



Age/Grade	Required Immunizations (Number of Doses)							
5 mo – 15 mo	2 DTP/DTaP/DT		2 Polio			2 Hep B	2 Hib	2 PCV
16 mo – 23 mo	3 DTP/DTaP/DT		2 Polio	1 MMR		2 Hep B	3 Hib	3 PCV
2 yr – 4 yr	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		3 Polio	1 MMR	1 Var	3 Hep B	3 Hib	3 PCV
Kindergarten – Grade 6	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B		
Grade 7 – Grade 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	1 Tdap	4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B		

## Flu season is right around the corner!

What are the benefits of flu vaccination?

- Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with flu
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization
- Flu vaccination is an important preventative tool for people with certain chronic health conditions
- Flu vaccination during pregnancy helps protect pregnant people from flu during and after pregnancy and helps protect their infants from flu in their first few months of life
- Flu vaccine can be lifesaving in children
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you.

*September and October are generally good times to get the flu vaccine. It is ideally recommended to get vaccinated by the end of October, but vaccination after October can still provide protection during the peak of flu season.*

People ages 6 months and older are eligible to receive the Influenza vaccination.



# August is National Breastfeeding Month



Did you know that breastfeeding has many health benefits for both baby and mom? Research suggests that breastfeeding can lower baby's risk of certain infections and can also help mothers recover more quickly from childbirth. Plus, it is convenient, free, and another great way to bond with baby! (Source: USDA WIC Breastfeeding Support)

WIC is available to help moms breastfeed successfully. Dani Hoffman, Registered Dietician and Certified Lactation Specialist for Price County WIC, can provide breastfeeding assistance and support – give her a call at 715-339-3054.

## Here's a look at the success of WIC breastfeeding moms in 2022:

79% of Price County WIC mothers initiate breastfeeding

40% of Price County WIC mothers breastfed infant until 6 months of age

17% of Price County WIC mothers breastfed infant until 1 year of age

Check out these reliable resources for more information on the benefits of breastfeeding:

[WIC Breastfeeding Support](#) | [Roadmap to Breastfeeding Success](#) | [Breastfeeding FAQs \(CDC\)](#)

## Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) Expands Services by Lowering Age Requirement

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM THE ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATE: July 20, 2023

As of July 1st, women aged 40 years or older now qualify for the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP). WWWP offers support to women whose incomes are 250% below the federal poverty level, and do not have adequate health insurance coverage. The service provides access to mammograms for breast cancer screening and Pap tests for cervical cancer screenings at no cost to the client.

If you are 40 years and older with a high deductible or no health insurance, and meet the income guidelines, you may qualify for the program. Income guidelines are updated annually.

Oneida County Health Department assists women in multiple counties to access WWWP benefits including; Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Oneida, Price, Sawyer and Vilas counties. It is anticipated that this change could make hundreds of women eligible for these life-saving services. Local healthcare providers and public health agencies also have information on how to refer women to the Wisconsin Well Woman Program.

### CURRENT INCOME GUIDELINES:

Family Size	Household Income
1	Up to \$36,450
2	Up to \$49,300
3	Up to \$62,150
4	Up to \$75,000
5+	Add \$12,850 for each additional family member

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wwwp>

or

Oneida County Health Department  
715-369-6119

# What Does Our Community Need?

Every three years, Price County Public Health and Marshfield Medical Center conduct a Community Needs Assessment to identify health issues that most closely affect our community. Input collected from the community plays a vital role in the development of programs, activities, and resources for our area. Please take a few minutes to provide your input by taking the survey on the right.

Here is a look at a few of the programs and resources that were developed because of prior needs that were identified by community assessments:

**Music in the Park**

**Educational Billboards**

**Mental Health/AODA Resource Guide**

**Deterra Drug Deactivation and Disposal pouches**

**Town Hall Events related to mental health and substance abuse**

**Parenting Support Opportunities: Love and Logic, Lifeskills, Parent Cafes, Small Talks Campaign**

**Mental Health/AODA Curriculums in the School: Youth Mental Health First Aid, Breathe for Change, Hazelden Lifelines, Sources of Strength**

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete the 2023 Community Health Survey. Your input will help us identify top health issues and create the next community health improvement plan for Price County. The survey can be accessed at the QR code shown below or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6VBJS88>.



PRICE COUNTY AODA & Mental Health Resources		
<b>COUNSELING SERVICES</b>		
Aspius Clinic, Prentice (Inpatient Only, Provider Referral Needed)	715-628-2521	
Aurora Community Counseling, Phillips	800-519-6850	
Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. – Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center, Minocqua, Ladysmith, Marshfield (Inpatient Only, Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-358-7377	
Journey to Wholeness, Prentice (Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-628-2082	
Marshfield Clinic Counseling Center, Marshfield (Provider Referral Needed, Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-762-7200	
Mindy Reinhold, Park Falls (Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-820-2556	
NorthLakes Community Clinic, Park Falls (Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-762-2950	
Serenae Counseling LLC, Phillips (Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-668-0717	
Shirley Lumberg and Associates, Minocqua & Park Falls (Intensive Appointments Offered)	1-800-788-5862	
SOAR Services, Park Falls (Intensive Appointments Offered)	715-468-2841	
Stable Hands Equine Therapy, Prentice	715-628-2082	
<b>RECOVERY MEETINGS</b>		
AA Meetings – Check website at: <a href="http://aa.org/aa">aa.org/aa</a>		
Al-Anon Meetings – Check website at: <a href="http://al-anon.org">al-anon.org</a>		
Celebrate Recovery – Check website at: <a href="http://celebraterecovery.com">celebraterecovery.com</a>		
NA Meetings – Check website at: <a href="http://wisconsinna.org">wisconsinna.org</a>		
SMART Recovery – Check website at: <a href="http://smartrecovery.org">smartrecovery.org</a>		
Wellbety 12 Steps Meeting – Meets virtually Tuesdays and Thursdays		
Set Up a Free Brother at: <a href="http://en.theroom.com">en.theroom.com</a>		
<b>CRISIS LINES</b>		
Domestic (Domestic & Sexual Violence)	1-800-524-0556	715-532-6976
Farmer Wellness Programs	800-901-2558	
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	988	988
The Trevor Project (LGBTQ Young People)	866-468-7386	678678
Veterans Crisis Line	988	988
<b>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</b>		
Additional Treatment and Recovery Resources		Call 211
HOPE Consortium ( <a href="https://hopeconsortium.org/partners_north">https://hopeconsortium.org/partners_north</a> )	844-305-4673	
Marshfield Medical Center – Park Falls Home Health and Hospice Grief Support	715-339-4371	
North Region Rapid Response Team	1-800-438-0599	
Connects those who are pregnant, parenting, or caring for a childbearing age to the resources they need		
Operation Heroes Heal, Westford (Inclusive support to Veterans, active service members, and their immediate families through equine-assisted activities, not therapy)	715-255-0263	
Phillips Area Clergy Association Representative – Pastor Matthew Arneson (referrals to additional faith-based resources)	715-399-2294	
Price County Health & Human Services (cc price.wi.us/993/health-human-services)	715-339-2158	
UP THERE LLC, Westford (Team Resilience Learning Program, not therapy)	715-255-0263	
Wuert Health – Safe Needle Exchange (partnership with Price County, Seneca Office)	715-339-4521	



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Phillips, WI 54555  
715-339-3054

## PARK FALLS OFFICE

698 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Park Falls, WI 54552  
715-762-3125

## MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 88  
Phillips, WI 54555

## FAX NUMBER

715-339-4018

## WEBSITE

[www.co.price.wi.us](http://www.co.price.wi.us)

To view the current assessment and plan, please see the links below:

[Price County Community Health Needs Assessment 2022-2024](#)

[Price County Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2024](#)