



North Shore Health Department Public Briefing

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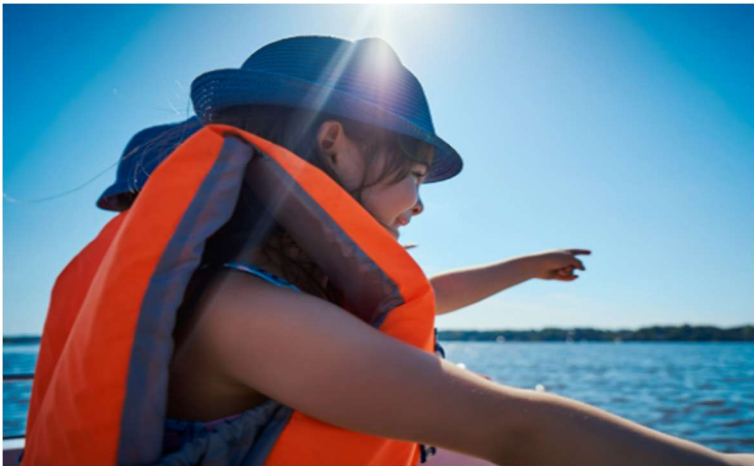
The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is now tracking another SARS-CoV-2 variant of concern – B.1.617.2, the Delta Variant.

The Delta variant was previously classified as a variant of interest but has since been raised to a variant of concern. The CDC has established criteria for identifying variants that may be more worrisome than others. Variants are most commonly raised to variants of concern if they show evidence of being more contagious, causing more severe illness, or are more difficult to treat using known therapies. View the variants of concern on the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov).

To date, 26 cases of the Delta variant have been identified in Wisconsin since April 2021. More information about variants in Wisconsin is available on the [DHS website](https://www.dhs.gov).

The sooner people get vaccinated against COVID-19, the less opportunity for the virus to keep mutating and for new variants to emerge. Find a vaccine provider here: www.vaccines.gov.

[View the entire DHS Press Release on the Delta Variant.](#)



Boat safely this summer on local waterways: In 2019 there were 4,168 accidents, 2,559 injuries and 633 deaths attributed to recreational boating. Alcohol was responsible for 23% of these events.

Drowning can happen very quickly: only taking about 60 seconds for an adult and 30 seconds for a child to drown. Drowning, where cause of death was known, was responsible for 79% of deaths and of those deaths, 86% were not wearing a life jacket.

COVID-19 Cases to Date

North Shore (Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood & Whitefish Bay) - as of June 18th, 2021

Changes from Wednesday, 6/16. This data is also available on our [website](#).

5,435 Cumulative Confirmed Cases* (+1)

**Confirmed with PCR test.*

8 active cases

5,359 recovered cases

68 deaths (+0)

531 Antigen Positives (+2)**

***Positive with rapid-antigen test*

Cumulative Confirmed Cases by Community	
Bayside	389
Brown Deer	1249
Fox Point	467
Glendale	1316
River Hills	125
Shorewood	885
Whitefish Bay	1004

Boat and water safety tips:

- ✓ Check the weather before you go!
- ✓ Before every trip perform a safety check of the vessel and have all U.S. Coast Guard required equipment on board.
- ✓ Everyone needs to wear a life jacket.
 - Make sure children wear the right size jacket and meet safety requirements.
 - Check the “expiration date”: over time the materials breakdown and do not help a person float as easily, requiring periodic replacement.
- ✓ Be knowledgeable about your swimming abilities
- ✓ Be cautious when enjoying the waterways
- ✓ Alcohol and water are a deadly combination; caloric labyrinthitis, an inner ear condition that causes disorientation under water, is more likely to happen when consuming alcohol
- ✓ Understand Boater’s hypnosis, a condition brought on a day of boating that can slow reaction time near being legally intoxicated.

Learn more visiting [The Army Corps of Engineers’ Water Safety](#).

For more on this topic, as well as past highlights: [North Shore Health Department Healthy Highlights](#).

Don’t forget the sunscreen: [CDC’s guide Sunscreen for Your Sun Day](#)