

# COMMUNITY STRATEGIES FOR STAYING SAFE DURING COVID

The priorities of the local health authority, under guidance from the North Dakota State Department of Health and the CDC, are as follows:

- \*New COVID-19 vaccinations (in-office and in the community)
- \*Childhood vaccine series/back to school immunizations
- \*Annual Influenza vaccinations (60+ offsite clinics to be held in October)
- \*Second and Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine (in-office and in the community)
- \*Contact tracing for Barnes County cases
- \*Community testing for COVID-19

Because we have not yet reached community immunity in Barnes County (70% or more having been vaccinated against COVID-19) we must protect the health of the public including:

- \*Anyone not fully vaccinated, including children under 12 who cannot be vaccinated yet
- \*People with weakened immune systems or underlying medical conditions

In businesses, schools, and other community gathering spaces, it is recommended to have mitigation strategies in place to stay safe for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The information below provides categories of these strategies, based on levels of disease transmission in the community.



## GOOD



Contact Tracing



Household Contact Quarantine



Testing Available & Encouraged



Clean & Disinfect



Refresh Indoor Air

## BETTER

ALL STRATEGIES IN GOOD CATEGORY



Social Contact Quarantine



Serial Testing Encouraged

## BEST

ALL STRATEGIES IN BETTER CATEGORY



Social Distancing & Universal Indoor Masking



Masking Required at Events

## WHEN TO IMPLEMENT

County Transmission Level = LOW  
 # Active Cases in County = less than 20  
 Percent Positivity for County = less than 3%  
 County Vaccination Rate = over 70%  
 Absenteeism Due to COVID-19 = low  
 Hospital Capacity = high

## WHEN TO IMPLEMENT

County Transmission Level = SUBSTANTIAL  
 # Active Cases in County = more than 20  
 Percent Positivity for County = more than 3%  
 County Vaccination Rate = less than 70%  
 Absenteeism Due to COVID-19 = substantial  
 Hospital Capacity = moderate

## WHEN TO IMPLEMENT

County Transmission Level = HIGH  
 # Active Cases in County = more than 30  
 Percent Positivity for County = more than 5%  
 County Vaccination Rate = less than 70%  
 Absenteeism Due to COVID-19 = high  
 Hospital Capacity = low