



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### “TRAVEL SAFER” ADVISORY TO RESIDENTS AND AREA VISITORS

CHEQUAMEGON BAY, NORTHERN WI (May 14, 2020) - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, Ashland County Public Health and Bayfield County Health Department are issuing a “Travel Safer” Advisory. As businesses begin to open it is more critical than ever to exercise caution in public places. Please consider your own health as well as the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations when traveling.

1. This “Travel Safer” Advisory replaces the Travel Advisories implemented separately by Ashland County and Bayfield County on 3/22/2020.
2. Due to continued community transmission of COVID-19 throughout the State and across the Nation, Ashland and Bayfield County Public Health recognize that Safe Travel is a shared responsibility between permanent and seasonal residents, area visitors, municipalities, tourism industry, local businesses and workplaces to prevent COVID-19 transmission.
3. The Ashland and Bayfield County Public Health recommends the following when traveling:
  - A. Check with local communities for area specific safety updates and closures.
  - B. Check with local business or events you plan on attending **in advance** for updated changes in operation or new safety protocols in place.
  - C. Respect local businesses and other patrons by following their safety protocols when visiting their establishments.
  - D. Practice **enhanced** personal hygiene including:
    - a. frequent hand washing
    - b. wearing a mask when in public
    - c. using hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available
    - d. disinfect frequently touched surfaces often
  - E. **Do not** travel when you or someone in your household is ill or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
  - F. Limit non-essential trips and limit the number of people participating in errands.
  - G. Consider limitations in facilities (i.e. restrooms, handwashing stations) open to public during this time and plan accordingly.
  - H. Continue to practice physical distancing and maintain 6’ from others whenever possible.
  - I. Keep track of places you visit while traveling in case an outbreak in that area

occurs or you become ill and need to provide that information to health officials. One way to do this is with photos.

- J. Avoid crowds and crowded areas when possible.

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 please check out your local health department resources listed below.

**Ashland County's COVID-19 website:** [https://co.ashland.wi.us/covid\\_19](https://co.ashland.wi.us/covid_19)

**Ashland County Health Dept. Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/AshlandCountyHealthHumanServicesPublicHealth/](http://www.facebook.com/AshlandCountyHealthHumanServicesPublicHealth/)

**Bayfield County's COVID-19 website:** [www.BayfieldCounty.org/COVID](http://www.BayfieldCounty.org/COVID)

**Bayfield County Health Department Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/BayfieldCountyHealthDept](http://www.facebook.com/BayfieldCountyHealthDept)

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