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### **Chippewa County Department of Public Health Installs Permanent Sharps Disposal Kiosks** *Initiative promotes safety, responsibility, and community health*

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., June 19, 2025 – In a move that puts public safety and health first, the Chippewa County Department of Public Health is proud to announce the installation of **three permanent, no-cost sharps disposal kiosks** located across the county. These secure drop boxes offer a safe and convenient way for residents to dispose of used medical sharps, such as insulin needles, lancets, autoinjectors, and syringes, at any time of day or night.

"These kiosks are a practical solution to a real community need," said Allie Isaacson, Community Health Division Manager. "We know many of our residents manage chronic health conditions like diabetes from home. They deserve a safe and convenient way to dispose of their sharps without worry and without cost."

**Safe sharps disposal protects everyone**, from sanitation workers and first responders to children and pets. Improperly discarded needles can pose a serious risk of accidental injury or the spread of disease. These kiosks help eliminate that danger and give individuals peace of mind knowing they're doing their part to keep their homes and neighborhoods safe.

The new kiosks are accessible **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**, and are located at:

#### **Village of Boyd Hall**

705 E Murray Street, Boyd, WI 54726

#### **Cornell Police Department**

221 Main Street, Cornell, WI 54732

#### **Bloomer Community Ambulance**

1630 Oak Street, Bloomer, WI 54724





Each kiosk is easy to use, discreet, and designed to accept only approved sharps containers, which are available at each disposal site or the health department.

This program is part of the county's broader commitment to expanding access to essential health services for all, making it easier for individuals to safely manage their medical needs while also reducing public health risks and keeping our shared spaces clean and safe.

"We appreciate the efforts of the Chippewa County Department of Public Health in locating these sharps disposal kiosks throughout the county, making it very convenient for residents to properly dispose of their sharps," said Dave DeJongh, City Administrator for Cornell.

For more information about proper sharps disposal or to request a sharps container, please contact the Chippewa County Department of Public Health at (715) 726-7900.

This initiative was made possible through the Opioid Abatement Settlement Dollars.

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### **About the Chippewa County Department of Public Health**

The Chippewa County Department of Public Health is a Level III accredited agency committed to preventing, promoting, and protecting the health of all who live, learn, work, and play in Chippewa County. Guided by the values of Partnership, Respect, Innovation, Dedication, and Equity, the department strengthens public health through education, outreach, and community collaboration, with a vision to make Chippewa County the healthiest place to live.

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