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PARK AND RECREATION STATEMENT

May 15th, 2020

As many of you know the 'Safer at Home' order was struck down on May 13th, 2020. The City of Waupaca and Park and Rec Department will continue to follow any county or state regulations moving forward. On May 14th, 2020 the Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services created a 'Health Order' addressing 'Waupaca County Reopening and Mass Gatherings'. We will use the attached order to make decisions as we move forward with programming, bathroom/park shelter openings and facilities. We appreciate your patience as we work to get things open during this time of change. If any other orders are released that supersede Waupaca County then we will keep everyone updated at that time.

With the county's 'Health Order' there will be a few immediate changes. Our playgrounds will now be open to the public as well as our skate park. Please be aware we do not have the ability to keep the playground equipment sanitized for users. Keep this in mind as you choose to use, or not use the equipment. We will slowly be opening areas such as batting cages and baseball fields in the near future. Decisions on park bathrooms, the Recreation Center and the beach will come within the next week with suggestions from the City of Waupaca Common Council.

Though many things have changed over the past few days we ask you all to be careful and use common sense. We suggest you follow CDC Healthy & Hygiene guidelines such as washing your hands frequently and staying home when sick.

If you have any further questions please reach out to us at the Rec Center by calling 715-258-4435. You may also reach out to any of us by sending an email.

Sincerely,

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Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services

DATE: May 14, 2020

TO: Waupaca County Businesses, Organizations, and Residents

FROM: Waupaca County Health Officer Jed Wohlt

RE: Waupaca County Reopening and Mass Gatherings

On May, 13, 2020 the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that the Wisconsin Emergency Order #28 (Safer at Home) is subject to administrative rule making and all provisions outlined under Emergency Order #28 were lifted effective immediately. In response to the current conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic, Waupaca County Public Health is issuing the following order Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 252.03(1)&(2):

1. Businesses:

All Waupaca County businesses are allowed to open and shall follow the reopening guidelines developed by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). The WEDC reopening guidelines can be found at: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>

Businesses are also advised to follow any guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Current guidelines can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

2. Religious, Non-profit, and other Organizations:

All religious, non-profit, and other organizations shall comply with WEDC's "General Guidelines" for reopening and follow related CDC guidelines: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

3. Mass Gatherings:

Mass gatherings shall be limited to **50** individuals. "Mass gathering" means any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening confined to a close space, whether inside or outside, at the same time.

Additional recommendations for mass gatherings are provided by the WEDC at: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/> and by the CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

This Health Order dated May 14, 2020, and all updates, will remain in effect until June 15, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation. Conditions and Orders are subject to change.

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