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PRESS RELEASE: COVID – 19
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The City of Waupaca has been monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Waupaca County Public Health Department.

On Sunday afternoon the CDC amended their guidance for large events and mass gatherings. The CDC now recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers should consider canceling all in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

For the health and safety for our employees and the community, the City of Waupaca will be closing the Recreation Center, Waupaca Area Public Library and Waupaca Senior Center effective Monday, March 16th, 2020. In addition to the facility closures, the Zoning Code Stakeholder Workshop scheduled for the evening of March 16th is postponed until further notice. Over the next 48 hours the appropriate city boards, including City Council, will be meeting to discuss the timeline of these initial closures. Mayor Smith and City Administration will be meeting with all City Department Heads at 9:30 Monday morning to formulate a plan moving forward. Updates from that meeting can be expected by Noon (March 16th).

In the meantime, we want to assure our residents that all essential City functions will continue. City Hall and the Police Department lobby will remain open until further notice. We ask that anyone who can conduct City Hall or Police Department business over the phone or through our website please consider doing so.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and partnership as we all do our part in helping limit exposure to our community. We look forward to keeping you informed throughout the upcoming days.

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