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Good Afternoon City of Waupaca Residents and Businesses,

Over the past 48 hours there have been many changes in regards to the status and requirements of opening our businesses and non-profit organizations. Below you will find a summary of the current orders set by the Waupaca County Health Department. We understand the past few days have been a roller coaster and that ride has likely led to confusion for many. As we have over the previous 8 weeks, the city of Waupaca will assist in enforcing the orders passed down to us from Waupaca County. We are happy for all businesses who are now able to re-open as we know the hardship this time has likely placed on you. At the same time, we recognize that the dangers presented by COVID-19 did not disappear overnight. We urge everyone to continue to do their part by being diligent in following the required WEDC procedures to create a safer atmosphere for all. We want to give credit to our residents and businesses for all playing a role in our relatively low case number to date. Please remember that it has been the efforts of everyone that has prevented higher case numbers. We ask that everyone acts responsibly and takes precautions whether you are operating your business, attending your place of worship or enjoying the nearest park. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your continued role in helping ensure that the city of Waupaca stays safe and thriving. As always, please feel free to call City Hall at 715-258-4411 with any questions.

Summary of Waupaca County Health Department Order for Businesses as well as Religious and Non-Profit Organizations:

- On May 13th, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled against Governor Evers Safer-at-Home Order. As a result, businesses were allowed to open with no restrictions for a period of just under 24 hours. This changed late afternoon on Thursday, May 14th when the Waupaca County Public Health Department issued a County Public Health Order.
- The Waupaca County Public Health Order allows for all businesses to be open but does require each business to follow WEDC Re-opening Guidelines. Guidelines for most all businesses can be found at <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>.
- Businesses not following the WEDC Reopening Guidelines are subject to a fine enforceable by the Waupaca County Public Health Department pursuant to State Statute 252.03. Fines between \$250 and \$500 may be issued to businesses not following these guidelines.

Summary of Waupaca County Health Department Order for Mass Gatherings:

- In addition to requiring businesses to abide by the WEDC Re-opening Guidelines, the May 14th Waupaca County Public Health Order placed a limit of 50 people for mass gatherings. Practicing CDC guidelines are strongly encouraged.

Sincerely,

Aaron Jenson, City Administrator