



# Waupaca County

## Department of Health and Human Services

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**DATE:** June 11, 2020

**TO:** Waupaca County Community

**FROM:** Waupaca County Health Officer Jed Wohlt

**RE:** COVID-19 - Waupaca County Reopening and Mass Gatherings Update

**On May 14, 2020, Waupaca County Public Health issued a temporary order to include businesses and religious, nonprofit, and other organizations to follow the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines upon reopening. The order additionally included restrictions of mass gatherings to be limited to no more than 50 individuals. The order became effective immediately on May 14<sup>th</sup> and is effective through June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Waupaca County will not be extending this order beyond its expiration date.**

**In a continued and collective effort to help control the transmission of COVID-19, Waupaca County Public Health recommends the following:**

### **1. Individuals and Families:**

- Practice Physical Distancing and Protective Measures, including the following:
  - Maintaining physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household;
  - Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
  - Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
  - Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces;
  - Use of a mask or cloth face covering when physical distancing is difficult to maintain;
  - Limiting travel to reduce the potential for virus transmission;
  - Following all other public health recommendations issued by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the U.S. CDC, and Waupaca County Public Health.
- Stay home if you are sick and seek appropriate medical care.

### **2. Businesses, Non-Profits, and other Entities:**

- Implement the strategies and practices provided in the following:
  - [WEDC Reopening Guidelines](#)
  - [CDC Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) webpage](#)
  - State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus Disease\) webpage](#)
- Consult with your local Chamber of Commerce and Waupaca County Public Health to gather additional information to safely operate business activities.

### **3. Mass Gatherings:**

- Individuals- avoid situations where you are unable to exercise appropriate physical distancing with non-household members.
- Businesses, non-profits, and other entities- reduce capacity and modify physical spaces to ensure adequate physical distancing for customers and staff.



- Follow [CDC recommendations for mass gatherings](#)

**We further recognize that this situation will continue to evolve and may require future orders to protect the public's health and safety. In making those future decisions Waupaca County will be guided by the following principles:**

- Protecting public health and safety are our primary responsibility.
- Continuation and resumption of business and personal activity is essential to the well-being of our community.
- Scientific data and local information must guide our public health decision-making.
- Any orders issued will be consistent with established legal authority granted to Local Health Officers, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 252.03(1) & (2) and Waupaca County Ordinance Chapter 52.
- Any orders issued will strive to avoid inequity amongst the individuals, businesses, and communities impacted.
- Gathering perspectives from local stakeholders is valuable.
- We trust that residents and businesses will follow recommendations and guidance from Public Health authorities to protect each other.

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