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Outagamie COVID-19 Recommendations

The State of Wisconsin and Outagamie County have made great progress in controlling the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Given review of the regional data included in the Gating Criteria and the low positive test result rates amidst the increase of testing availability, I am rescinding my order issued on May 14, 2020 and issuing the following recommendations to serve as guidelines to control the transmission of the virus throughout our communities effective immediately.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 252 .03(1) & (2), the undersigned Health Officer recommends the following within Outagamie County:

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;
 - Not shaking hands;
 - Use of a mask or cloth face covering when physical distancing is impractical;
 - 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, Outagamie County Health Department, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Stay home if you are sick and seek appropriate medical care.

Businesses, Non-Profits, and other Entities:

Implement the strategies and practices based on the following sources:

- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Reopening Guidelines at <https://wecd.org/reopen-guidelines/>,
- Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>, and
- State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services at available at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>

Consult with your local Chamber of Commerce and the Outagamie County Health Department to gather additional information to safely resume business activities.

Mass Gatherings:*

- Individuals - avoid situations where you are unable to exercise appropriate physical



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- 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.

*At this time, the term "Mass Gatherings" is not specifically defined given the wide variation of spaces and uses governed by this order.

Enforcement: These guidelines provide recommendations and do not provide for enforcement via civil or criminal penalty.

Duration: This communication shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked or superseded by subsequent recommendations or order.

As the local health officer for Outagamie County, I further recognize that this situation may continue to evolve and may require future orders to protect the public's health and safety. In making those future decisions Outagamie 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).
- 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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Date