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MOVING OCONTO COUNTY FORWARD

Oconto County Reopening Guidelines

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On May 13, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled to overturn the Safer at Home Order, with the exception of schools. At this time, Oconto County is not issuing an order to extend Safer at Home. However, our Health Officer continues to reserve the right and duty to take such action in the event that COVID-19 overwhelms our health care system or jeopardizes public health.

While the order has changed, the virus has not. COVID-19 spreads quickly and easily and it is present in Oconto County. Personal responsibility and accountability are essential in order to keep the risk of COVID-19 transmission low.

This document is intended to provide guidance for reopening businesses in Oconto County in the safest manner possible during this global pandemic. We commend you for the joint effort you have put forth so far in keeping our community safe. We have been in consultation with Oconto County Corp. Counsel, Oconto County Sheriff's Department, Oconto County Emergency Management, and Oconto County Administration. We are aware that best practices may change over time, but as a department it is our goal to provide you with the needed resources to keep our county safe. We will re-assess these recommendations as the state conditions of COVID-19 change. Preparing now and following the below guidelines will help to provide healthier working environments for both employees and customers throughout Oconto County.

Basic recommendations for county residents:

- Stay home when sick.
- Mask when in public.
- Social distance when out maintaining 6 feet between people.
- Discourage handshaking and hugging.
- Utilize curbside pickup as much as possible.
- Do not congregate in groups larger than 10 people without physical distancing between groups.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19; if you develop symptoms, stay home and call your health care provider.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.

Business Community: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-GeneralGuidelines.pdf>

We recommend that you follow the guidelines below:

- Provide proper PPE to staff. Encourage all staff to wear masks.
- Offer handwashing or hand sanitizing to both staff and patrons.
- Sanitize frequently touched surfaces (ex: pens, phones, carts, door handles, pin pads, etc.) between each user.
- Remove any items that cannot be sanitized.
- Consider assigning staff to clean and disinfect areas of the work place regularly.
- Post signage on the front door letting patrons know about changes to your policies and instructing them to stay away if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Place markers on the floor to indicate social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- Clean and sanitize public restroom facilities every two hours.

Camp Grounds: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Outdoor-RecreationGuidelines.pdf>

- Continue social distancing among neighboring camp sites.
- Limit the amount of people in communal areas to 10.
- Sanitize communal areas every two hours.
- Continue cleaning practices as recommended per CDC: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02618.pdf>
- Keep pools and beaches closed at this time.
- Miniature golf courses and play areas: sanitize as possible and encourage social distancing.

Churches:

- Limit gatherings to 50 people or less.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart per household.
- Consider offering increased number of small services.
- Utilize virtual services if possible.
- No use of books.
- No shaking of hands.
- No communal cup.
- Use a drop box for offerings or online offerings.
- No fellowship or gathering after services.
- No Sunday school or VBS at this time.

Gyms: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Gyms-and-Fitness-FacilitiesGuidelines.pdf>

- Do not allow anyone in who show signs of illness.
- Social distance-space equipment 6 feet apart.
- Sanitize equipment between each use.
- Have staff present to oversee sanitation.
- Offer older adult hours.
- Limit patrons to no more than 10. Consider scheduling appointments for use.

- Have patrons bring own water bottle, towel, etc.
- Remove any equipment that can't be sanitized.

Long Term Care Facilities: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltc.htm>

- Follow the current safer at home guidelines.
- Limit visitation to compassion visitation only.
- Temperature and symptom check all individuals entering the building.
- Practice social distancing with all activities within the facility.

Outdoor Spaces (Farmer's Market, Concerts in the Park, or Outdoor Events):

<https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Outdoor-Gatherings-Guidelines.pdf>

- Space tables or seating areas 6 feet apart.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- Limit event to 50 people or less.
- No self- service or food samples.
- Encourage staff to wear mask.
- Sanitize seating areas between uses.
- Use disposable cups.
- Use disposable menus or pencils during events.

Public Buildings (Municipal Buildings, Libraries): <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Public-Facilities-Guidelines.pdf>

- Limit capacity to 50 people or 50% of occupancy limit, whatever is less.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- Encourage staff to wear masks.
- Encourage those who enter and use the building to wear a mask.
- Offer cashless or contactless payment transactions when possible.
- Consider adding clear plastic barriers in locations where staff and the public interact.
- Programmed events such as classes, speakers and book clubs should be limited to 10 people.
- Continue to offer curbside pickup of goods.

Restaurants and Bars: https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Restaurants-and-Food-Service-Guidelines_1.pdf

- Limit customer capacity to 50%. Do not exceed a maximum of 50 people.
- Space tables and bar stools appropriately for social distancing to 6 feet or greater (2 bar stools between people).
- No more than 6 at a table.
- Use of pool tables, darts, music and gambling machines are discouraged.
- Provide masks and gloves for all employees. Utilize frequent handwashing.
- Provide disposable menus or sanitize menus between users.
- Sanitize all tables, chairs, bars between customers.
- Set tables as needed, do not have silverware out ahead of time.
- Shared condiments on tables is discouraged. Condiments should be served in individual cups.
- Do not refill cups. Use a new cup or mug for refills.

- Avoid any self-service.
- Clean and sanitize public restroom facilities every two hours.

Retail: https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Retail-Services-Guidelines_1.pdf

- Limit 5-10 customers at a time per ability to social distance.
- Establish spacing lines on the floor for check out.
- Offer curbside pickup whenever possible.
- Close fitting rooms at this time.
- Sanitize carts and baskets between each use.
- Sanitize pin pads, pens, etc. between each customer.
- No food samples or self- service.
- Clean and sanitize public restroom facilities every two hours.

Salons/Barbershops/Nail Salons/Tanning Facilities:

<https://wedc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Hair-Nail-Salons-Guidelines-2.pdf>

- Recommend one customer being served at a time.
- Waiting areas should be discouraged. Have additional customers wait in the car until you are ready and have time to sanitize between.
- Have all employees wear a mask and practice handwashing before and after customers.
- Require all patrons to wear a mask.
- Sanitize chairs and all equipment between users.
- Nail salons: use disposable equipment or sanitize between each customer.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between patrons.

Sporting Events:

- Discourage use of shared equipment.
- Sanitize equipment between uses.
- No team sport bottles, have athletes bring their own bottle.
- Social distancing of 6 feet for teams and fans.
- Encourage fans to bring their own seating. Use of bleachers is discouraged.
- Concession stands should be limited to prepackaged food only.
- Hand sanitizer or handwashing facilities should be provided.
- Restrooms should be sanitized every two hours or as frequently as possible.
- Limit event to 50 people or less.