



## MARATHON COUNTY COVID-19 ORDER #1

We recognize that the State of Wisconsin and Marathon County have made great progress in controlling the spread of the COVID-19. Marathon County is issuing this order as part of its continued commitment to control the transmission of the virus throughout our communities and its goal of being the Healthiest, Safest, and Most Prosperous county in Wisconsin. 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 Marathon 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.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 252.03(1) & (2), the undersigned Health Officer recommends the following within Marathon County:

### **Individuals and Families:**

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

### **Health Department**

**Businesses, Non-Profits, and other Entities:**

- Implement the strategies and practices provided in the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Reopening Guidelines at <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>, the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, and the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services at available at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- Consult with your local Chamber of Commerce and the Marathon 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 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.** This order provides recommendations and does not provide for enforcement via civil or criminal penalty.

**Supremacy.** This order, and the recommendations within it, does not supersede any other applicable local health order, state law, or other applicable rule or regulation.

**Duration.** This order shall become effective immediately. This order shall remain in effect until revoked or superseded by subsequent order.

It is so ordered by the Health Officer of Marathon County.

  
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