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**Rusk County Guidance on COVID-19**

Rusk County Public Health Department is offering guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will not be issuing any orders at this time. We acknowledge that this situation is ever changing and may require future orders to control the transmission of the virus throughout our community. Rusk County Public Health will continue to monitor the situation. As always, the health and safety of all residents in Rusk County is our highest priority so please remember, **"the order is gone, the virus is not"**.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Health Department asks that community members voluntarily follow the same guidance that has been given over the past two months.

**INDIVIDUALS:**

- Avoid close contact with others and practice physical distancing
  - Stay at home as much as possible. Cancel events and avoid groups, gatherings, play dates, and nonessential appointments.
  - Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.
  - Stay at least 6 feet away from other people, when possible.
  - Wear a cloth mask in public
- Practice good hand hygiene
  - Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth.
- If you start to feel sick
  - Stay home except to get medical care.
  - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough, sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow.
  - Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (for example, tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles).

**LINKS:**

- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services \(WI DHS\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID-19](#)

## **BUSINESSES:**

With the revocation of the Safer at Home order, businesses may choose to open. We strongly recommend that you follow the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) guidelines to ensure the health and safety of your patrons.

- **Develop a COVID-19 plan**
  - Screen employees for illness
  - Disinfecting/cleaning protocol
  - Proper physical distancing for customers and employees

## **LINKS:**

- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation \(WEDC\)](#)
- [CDC Businesses and Workplaces](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- [Rusk County Business Toolkit](#)

## **TRAVEL GUIDANCE:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, Rusk County Public Health is issuing "Travel Safer" Guidance. As businesses begin to open it is more critical than ever to exercise caution in public places. Please consider your own health as well as the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations when traveling.

## **LINKS:**

- [Rusk County "Travel Safer"](#)
- [CDC Travel](#)
- [WI DHS Travel](#)

