



CITY OF CEDARBURG ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION PLAN

PURPOSE:

This plan does not suggest that any previously closed business should open or suggest that any resident should unwillingly leave their home during the Safer at Home Order imposed by the Governor.

If your business does not wish to open, please stay closed. If you feel uncomfortable patronizing a business, please stay at home.

The purpose of this plan is to explain the City Council's suggestion to the Cedarburg Police Department and City of Cedarburg staff regarding the enforcement of the Safer at Home Order regarding essential and nonessential businesses & public gatherings. This plan is intended to serve as general guidance which allows residents and local businesses discretion to determine the safest method of addressing the COVID-19 pandemic moving forward. This is not an order to open any business.

WHY HAVE A PLAN:

Cedarburg's efforts in exercising social distancing and other sanitation practices have accomplished the goal of flattening the curve and slowing the spread of this virus, and it is now time to address the negative economic impact the closing of non-essential businesses has had on the community. Local businesses are struggling by being forced to stay closed. While some local restaurants are able to do some curbside and carry-out, many others are not able to offer these options. Local businesses and industry are asking for the freedom to choose to open in a manner which would maintain their business while taking extreme safety precautions keeping their employees, customers, and City residents safe. Hospitals in our area (Aurora-Grafton, Ascension St. Mary's Ozaukee-Mequon) are at less than half capacity, and operations have returned to near normal (beds, staff and PPE), patients are treated safely without hospitals resorting to crisis standards of care and both are planning for the return of non-essential procedures.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The economic impact on the City is devastating. Local businesses have been forced to cease many day-to-day business operations, creating difficulties in their ability to pay necessary bills.

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This creates problems for both the local business and their supply chain as a whole. Many businesses owners rely solely on this income for insurance and mortgage payments.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Cedarburg Police Department is duty bound to enforce all laws of the City and State of Wisconsin. The City's nuisance policy can be used to enforce Safer at Home at the local level. The Common Council is recommending the Police Department use reasonable discretion in addressing these violations and investigate all complaints. If enforcement action is warranted, the Police Department has the option to request criminal charges through the Ozaukee County District Attorney for prosecution. The Police Department may take local action to shut down businesses at their discretion. The City recommends to businesses that chose to go against the State issued Safer at Home Order and open, that they follow the directions of public health officials, including the Washington/Ozaukee Health Department and WEDC (<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>) on the safest methods to reopen for business. Portions of the County's plan dated May 4, 2020 is attached below. The effective date of this recommendation would be May 12th. **The City is strongly advising all businesses which choose to open to review their options with their insurance carrier, business consultant and any governing license oversight organizations for potential legal or financial liability.**

This plan will be reviewed weekly to address changes in the local environment in regards to its impact on the number of confirmed cases and impact on local healthcare systems.

LOCAL BUSINESSES/LARGE VENUES

(These recommendations are taken from the Washington/Ozaukee Public Health Department Blueprint for Reopening Ozaukee and Washington Counties dated May 4, 2020).

Secondary Actions Decisions about opening a business or event should be made with consideration of how difficult it is to trace contacts of a positive case. (The more difficult to trace, the more risk is involved.)

1. Large Businesses/Corporations/Manufacturing - Promote telework options for nonessential employees, promote physical distancing in the workplace, and utilize disinfection guidelines per the CDC. - Consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of a vulnerable population.

2. Small Businesses (Bookstores, Florists, Garden Centers, etc.) - Limit the number of patrons in the store at one time. - Consider a daily log of individuals who enter. - Maintain physical distancing practices.

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3. Retail Stores - Limit the number of patrons in the store at one time (5). - Maintain physical distancing practices.

4. Bars, Restaurants and Coffee Shops – Bars, Restaurants and Coffee Shops will be allowed to continue the same level of service as currently allowed including curb-side pick-up and delivery. No earlier than 5/12/20 – Restaurants, Bars and Coffee Shops will be allowed to offer dine in seating under the current guidelines.

- No more than 6 people per table.
- Tables arranged so that patrons at a given table are at least 6 feet from patrons at any other table.
- Individuals seated at a bar should maintain 6-foot distance from each other.

5. Barbers, Hair, Nail Salons and Tattoo Parlors - Keep clients at least 6 feet from each other. - Practice physical distancing practices. All barbers/stylists need to have personal protective equipment on at all times of service including face mask, shields and gloves.

6. Large Venues (Theaters, Sporting Venues, Places of Worship, Museums) – Once the maximum occupancy order is lifted from the current 10, operate under physical distancing protocols not to exceed the current occupancy limit.

Other considerations include but are not limited to:

1. Maintaining social distance of six feet between people
2. Wearing of a mask to cover mouth and nose.
3. Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer
4. Covering coughs or sneezes (into sleeve or elbow, not hands)
5. Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces
6. Not shaking hands
7. Following all other public health recommendations issued by Ozaukee County Health Department, Department of Health and Safety, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

We encourage businesses to utilize WEDC Reopen for Business Guidelines as they take a phased in approach to opening up. <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>

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