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Eau Claire County Local Health Order Updates

Eau Claire, WI- July 8, 2020 3:42 PM- The Eau Claire City-County Health Department issued an updated order that will go into effect at 12:00 am on Thursday, July 9th. Eau Claire County is remaining in Step D of the [Respond Together Eau Claire Plan](#), with a few modifications.

Changes for this step include:

- Public gatherings of over 50 people are strongly discouraged, though public gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 250 people outdoors are still permitted, with physical distancing between households maintained
- Public indoor or outdoor spaces or buildings should consider policies that require face mask use by all workers, customers, visitors, and guests.
- Occupancy of public spaces and buildings must not exceed 50% of posted occupancy
- For any business without a posted occupancy, consider reducing occupancy by 50%

Gatherings of any kind outside of a household unit shall exercise physical distancing and comply with all other requirements for public spaces and public buildings found in [section 2 of the order](#). Organizers of public gatherings are still required to document contact information of attendees for contact tracing purposes, and actively screen and prevent attendance of individuals, including staff, volunteers, and attendees, who have symptoms of COVID-19. See this [link](#) for a sample guest sign-in sheet. Please refer to the [FAQs](#) regarding facilities required to post an occupancy.

The other requirements and recommendations for individuals, businesses, public spaces, personal one-on-one services, and indoor public gatherings remain in effect, including:

- Individuals are strongly encouraged to stay at home or their place of residence, minimize travel outside of the county, and keep their number of connections small
- Religious gatherings and other 1st Amendment-protected activities are exempt
- Elderly and vulnerable people are encouraged to take additional precautions
- Use of the WEDC guidance for business reopening by businesses that can first meet the requirements of the local order

- All individuals are strongly encouraged to continue maintaining physical distancing (in all settings except as outlined under 1-on-1 personal services), good hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning high-touch surfaces, not shaking hands, and follow other WI DHS and CDC recommendations

This order will be in effect until July 22nd, 2020. As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and evaluate what is needed for the protection of our community members, subsequent orders may be issued that provide additional direction for protecting community health based on public health data and other indicators within our community. The health and safety of all community members remains our highest priority.

More information on the Eau Claire City-County Health Department COVID-19 Prevention and Control Order and *Respond Together Eau Claire* Plan may be viewed here: <https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/local-prevention>

Data related to COVID-19 disease status and community preparedness is available here: <https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/local-statistics>

Please visit the covid19eauclaire.org website for more information. Questions from the public may be directed to the COVID-19 Call Center: 715-831-7425.

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