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**Eau Claire County Local Health Order Updates**

**Eau Claire, WI- June 24, 2020, 6:00 PM-** The Eau Claire City-County Health Department issued an updated order that will go into effect at 12:00 am on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Eau Claire County is moving to Step D in the [Respond Together Eau Claire Plan](#).

Changes in this step include:

- Public gatherings may have up to 100 people indoors and 250 people outdoors, with physical distancing between households maintained.
- Door-to-door solicitation is discouraged, but not prohibited
- Recommended occupancy is 50%
- It is now recommended to limit the number of workers present on premises instead of required
- Self-service food and beverage operations and self-dispensing unpackaged food are now discouraged, but not prohibited
- This order requires physical distancing be regulated in smaller spaces where large groups may form, such as restrooms, coat closets, or other spaces.
- Waiting areas at 1-on-1 personal services are now encouraged to remain closed, but not required to be closed.
- Wearing a cloth face covering when physical distancing can not be maintained is strongly encouraged.

Public gatherings are those planned events with a number of people in attendance that could strain the planning and response resources, including public health and community health care resources, of the community hosting the event, such as a concert, festival, conference, or sporting event. 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 setting 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 8, 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](https://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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