



August 5, 2020

Dear Eau Claire County Residents:

In this unprecedented time of locally experiencing a global pandemic, we are proud of the resiliency of this community. That is a testament to the consideration, creativity, and adaptability of our residents. For that, we thank you.

The governor of Wisconsin has issued a State Order that requires the wearing of a face covering. Please see <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx> for more information on this. We hope that everyone who can wear a mask will commit to doing so voluntarily. Most people can wear masks in public and it has been shown through research and in practice in this country and in other parts of the world to be effective in slowing the spread of disease. Face coverings lower the risk of spread to those around us and can help to lower the risk to the person wearing the mask as well. The rate of new cases in Eau Claire County and the sustained level of community transmission are concerning. We are counting on each of you to do your part and wearing a mask is a simple step. Please wear your mask, slow the spread, and keep our businesses and schools open.

We understand there may be a brief transition period as we get used to this time of seeing and wearing masks in public. In light of this new reality, please keep in mind a few things you can do to support the health and wellbeing of our entire Eau Claire community:

1. Wear your mask if you are indoors with others, according to the Governor's state mask mandate
2. If you see someone not wearing a mask, assume that they have a medical reason not to. Be kind, remain 6 ft away, and move on.
3. If there appears to be a high risk of disease spread from someone not wearing a mask and not keeping physical distance, call the COVID Call Center at 715-831-7425

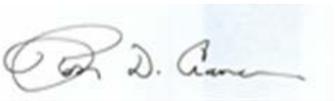
We will follow up on significant complaints and consider enforcement of this State Order when and if necessary. Our goal in Eau Claire is that we all see the value of this practice in slowing the spread of disease and keeping our businesses and schools open.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. Mask up, Eau Claire!

Sincerely,



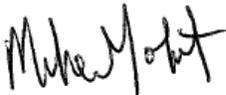
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