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## **CITY OF WAUPUN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

Waupun Senior Center, Public Library and Community Center closures announced.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency for the State of Wisconsin due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The City of Waupun is following recommendations from local, state and federal agencies in order to establish preemptive measures to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19. To address our top priorities for community and employee safety, as well as the continuation of essential city services, the City of Waupun has taken the following steps:

- Posting signs/information regarding preventative measures from the CDC in/around City facilities.
- Increasing cleaning of high traffic surfaces in City buildings and availability of hand washing and sanitizing supplies;
- Evaluating policies and procedures to ensure they are consistent with public health recommendations to help minimize potential disruption and ensure essential services are maintained; and
- Enacting preventative measures to reduce potential public exposure to COVID-19 relative to meetings and other City events.

The following public facilities will be temporarily closed to the public to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- The Waupun Senior Center is closed to the public effective immediately and until further notice. This is a precautionary measure to protect our most vulnerable populations.
- The Waupun Public Library will close to the public beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and until further notice. Library staff will be available to accept phone calls Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer general questions and to help patrons access online resources. Curbside pickup will be available for reserved items, to check out catalog items, and for wireless printing and fax services. Please call 920-324-7925 for instructions.
- The Waupun Community Center will close to the public beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until further notice.

Waupun City Hall, the public safety building, and the DPW garage will remain open for business. We are asking anyone who is experiencing a cough or fever to refrain from entering public buildings until their symptoms pass. Delivery of essential public services is dependent on our workforce and it is essential that we work together to help prevent the spread of the virus to ensure service delivery. A directory of city staff emails and phone numbers can be found on the city's website at www.cityofwaupun.org.

The polls for the April 7 election will be open and staff are preparing safety precautions to conduct the election. Residents who wish to minimize contact with others are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot. If you need to register to vote, visit <u>www.myvote.wi.gov</u>. Registration must be complete by Wednesday, March 18, 2020 online. After that you may register in person or at the polls. Registered voters may use www.myvote.wi.gov to request their absentee ballot by clicking "Vote Absentee." This request must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to the requestor.

This remains a fluid situation and city staff continue to monitor developments as the situation unfolds. Information relative to the City's full response can be found on the city website at www.cityofwaupun.org. For the latest information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding COVID-19, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.