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CITY OF WAUPUN DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19

On March 17, 2020, the Waupun Common Council issued a declaration declaring a state of emergency in the city in response to the threat of Coronavirus (COVID-19) spread. “This declaration is a precautionary measure to enable the City to most effectively respond as needed to this ever changing situation,” said Mayor Julie Nickel. “As we begin to feel the impact of COVID-19, the City of Waupun’s top priority remains the health and safety of our community and we are making decisions to help safeguard essential services.”

This resolution follows the March 12, 2020 declaration declaring a public health emergency issued by Governor Tony Evers. 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. As such, the following list provides the most recent access information on public facilities in the community.

- The following facilities are closed to the public until further notice: Waupun Senior Center, Waupun Public Library and Waupun Community Center.
- Access to Waupun Public Safety Building is restricted to help ensure the health of essential personnel.
- Access to Waupun Public Works Garage is restricted to deliveries only.
- Access to Waupun Utilities is restricted to visitors. Staff are available at the drive-up window.
- Waupun City Hall access is restricted with the exception of early voting and/or voter registration in the main lobby area of City Hall.
- Facility rentals of all public facilities are cancelled until further notice. Those with rentals will be contacted with cancellation information.

City staff are working in all buildings and are available to take your questions by phone or email. 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 www.myvote.wi.gov. 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.

Residents are advised of potential scams or fraudulent emails that may be circulating related to COVID-19. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which include a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, you are advised to call one of the following county health resources. Please do not go to your local healthcare facility before contacting the appropriate number below.

- Dodge County residents should call 877-998-0022. A medical professional will conduct an over-the-phone screening to determine if a COVID-19 test is appropriate.
- Fond du Lac County residents should call 844-225-0147 from 7am-5pm for more direction from health officials before going to a healthcare facility.

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>.

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