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CITY OF WAUPUN COVID-19 UPDATE: MARCH 25, 2020

WAUPUN, Wis. March 25, 2020 – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic here are the latest updates from the City of Waupun.

There have been many questions regarding the Safer at Home Order. To sum it up, the Order is telling the public to stay home, if possible, and continue to social distance. You do not need any special permission or documentation to be out but please stay home unless necessary. Businesses DO NOT need to provide their employees any documentation for them to get to work.

Updates from Community & Economic Development:

The Fond du Lac County Finance committee has approved offering disaster microloans for up to 40 businesses on a first-come, first serve basis. Established by Envision Greater Fond du Lac and Fond du Lac County Capital Resources, the **Coronavirus Assistance MicroLoan Program** is limited to businesses in Fond du Lac County and Waupun (Dodge County portion). The loan would be capped at \$5000 with a 30-month repayment at one percent interest.

If you are interested in learning more about this loan, please click on the respective link above. If you have questions regarding these items, please call Jim Cleveland at 920-322-8681 or Joe Becker at 920-322-8682. Completed applications can be emailed to <u>Jim Cleveland</u> or <u>Joe Becker</u>.

Updates from the Department of Public Works:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the "Safer at Home" Order in Wisconsin, effective March 25th 2020, the following clarification regarding park closures is now on the website.

Reminders:

If you are experiencing symptoms or worry you may have been exposed to the coronavirus, Dodge County residents are to call 1-877-998-0022 and Fond du Lac County residents are to call 1-844-225-0147 for more direction from health officials before going to a healthcare facility.

Please remember that 9-1-1 is for emergency use only. First Responders throughout Fond du Lac County would like to remind everyone that calling 9-1-1 for assistance should be reserved for life-threatening emergencies only. Please do not call 9-1-1 for "flu-like" symptoms. Calling 9-1-1 for non-emergencies will put an unnecessary burden on an already-strained Emergency Medical System. If you have a true medical emergency, calling 9-1-1 is the right thing to do. If you have "flu-like" symptoms, please call a health care provider to discuss treatment options over the phone. Health care providers will give you recommendations for treating your symptoms without unnecessarily tying up an ambulance and overcrowding the emergency department and hospital.

The City of Waupun continues to follow recommendations from local, state, and federal agencies to establish preemptive measures to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19. For information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding COVID-19, please visit:

<u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>. Information relative to the City's full response can be found <u>www.cityofwaupun.org</u>.