



Burnett County

COVID-19 Response Team

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In the most recent days and hours Burnett County has received some scary and confusing news. We have our first positive case of COVID-19 and at the same time the Stay at Home Order has been lifted. The order is gone, the virus is not.

As Public Health we continue to recognize we are still in a public health crisis. We recognize how troubling and complex this matter can be for our county residents. It is our joint responsibility as community members to protect our vulnerable populations. Public Health will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and has the responsibility to address any outbreaks or spikes that occur.

Burnett County Public Health and the Burnett County COVID-19 Response team understand there may be many questions out there on what is expected and how both businesses and the general community can safely proceed. We understand there is a need for support and guidance as we navigate uncertain times.

As we move past the Safer At Home Order, there remains ways to ensure your own personal safety as well as the safety of those around you. Local businesses, organizations and faith-based organizations play a large role in helping to promote and ensure safety of those you serve as well as those you employ. The resources listed below are in an effort to provide you with support and guidance. We understand that you know your organization best. We recognize that there are differences in organizations. We feel this guidance can provide you with realistic ways to safely operate and reopen:

Employer Guidance:

- ✓ All employers are encouraged to use federal, state and local regulations and guidance, informed by industry best practice and the Wisconsin Economic Development Cooperation to develop and implement appropriate policies regarding:
 - Physical Distancing and protective equipment
 - Temperature Checks and symptom screening
 - Sanitation
 - Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas

Below are resources and guidance available through the Wisconsin Economic Development Cooperation regarding reopening:

General Business Resources:

Wisconsin DHS: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>
WEDC: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>
CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-businessresponse.html>

Specific Business Resources by Sector:

General: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-General-Guidelines.pdf>

Agriculture: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Agriculture-Guidelines.pdf>

Construction: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Construction-Guidelines.pdf>

Professional Services: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Professional-Services-Guidelines.pdf>

Outdoor Recreation: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Outdoor-Recreation-Guidelines.pdf>

Outdoor Gatherings: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Outdoor-Gatherings-Guidelines.pdf>

Manufacturing: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Manufacturing-Guidelines.pdf>

Hospitality/Lodging: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Lodging.pdf>

Hair and Nail Salons: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Hair-Nail-Salons-Guidelines-2.pdf>

Gyms and Fitness Centers: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Gyms-and-Fitness-Facilities-Guidelines.pdf>

Entertainment/Amusement: https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Entertainment-and-Amusement-Service-Guidelines_1.pdf

Warehouse/Whole Sale Trade: https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Warehouse-and-Wholesale-Trades-Guidelines_1.pdf

Transportation: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Transportation-Guidelines.pdf>

Retail: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Retail-Services-Guidelines 1.pdf>

Restaurants: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Restaurants-and-Food-Service-Guidelines 1.pdf>

Public Facilities: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Public-Facilities-Guidelines.pdf>

The Burnett County COVID-19 Response team encourages you to utilize this guidance as you look to safely reopen your businesses.

Faith-based organizations are encourage to reference the following resources:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>

Individual Guidance:

- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces
- ✓ Avoid touching your face
- ✓ Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow
- ✓ Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible
- ✓ Strongly consider using cloth face coverings while in public
- ✓ Practice physical distancing of six (6) feet or more between yourself and others
- ✓ Stay home if you are sick
- ✓ Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider

Please continue follow the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control websites for the most up-to-date information:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

www.cdc.gov

For general questions related to COVID-19, please contact 211.

Be smart and continue to follow the guidance of maintain physical distance, avoid large gatherings and groups, and stay home if you are sick. We are committed to working alongside you to keep our community and our loved ones safe. We know we can do this together.