



COVID-19 Information Release- Update 05-19-2020

Effective Thursday May 21st 2020 at 8:00AM the Rock County Health Departments safer at home order will expire and be replaced with guidelines. What does this mean for Evansville? It means that businesses can open but are encouraged to follow suggested guidelines.

The Rock County Health Department put out a “Rock County Reopening” plan which can be found here: <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-familycommunity/publichealth-communicabledisease/coronavirus-disease-2019>

This does not mean the pandemic is over and life is to resume instantly to the way it was months ago. While some communities and counties in Wisconsin are experiencing downward trends in COVID cases there is concern not all communities or demographics within Rock County are experiencing the same trends. There is still a need for great caution in our actions and concern for others. COVID-19 is still on the rise in Rock County and it's highly encouraged that everyone follow the guidance from the Rock County Health Department and CDC. Please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/> and <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth>

The City will continue its existing restrictions in service and personal interaction to protect staff and residents as best as the City can within its power. We all would like to thank the community for their support and patience while we all navigate these difficult times.

- **Solid Waste Collection** – Starting June 4th, 2020 Advance Disposal shall resume collection of bulky waste at the curbside. The City will leave the bulky waste dumpster at the yard waste recycling site available until June 20th, 2020.
- **Brush Collection.** Curbside collection by the City has resumed. The yard waste drop off site is still available at its regular hours of operation. Please use social distancing practices while you are dropping off yard waste.
- **Play Ground Equipment.** As part of the Rock County's recommendations for reopening the parks will remain open for individuals and families however all playground equipment should not be used due to the City not disinfecting outdoor play equipment.
- **Summer Programs.** All organized games and sports are still suspended under these guidelines. We will update the public soon on what summer programs can safely resume, what programs may be cancelled, or what programs may be altered.

- **Municipal Court.** Until July 11th, 2020 or upon further order of the Court, non-emergency appearances before the Court are suspended. The Court Clerk shall inform, in writing, all defendants who currently have cases pending before the Court of this order, and specifically, changes in court appearance dates and times of their cases. Please contact court.clerk@ci.evansville.wi.gov or call the Municipal Court at 608-490-0544 with any questions.
- **Police.** Evansville Police Department lobby will re-open on Tuesday May 26th at 7:00AM for administrative functions. Police Officers have been and will remain on duty to respond to the needs of the community 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- **Water and Electric Services.** Separate from the “Safer and Home Order”, Governor Evers declared on March 20, 2020 that utilities should provide assistance to utility rate payers in these difficult times and the Public Service Commission has given utilities some leniency in making those provisions. There has been no provided date on when these provisions are to be lifted or revised. This order was not part of the emergency order recently overturned by the State Supreme Court.
 - The City will waive late fees.
 - We have suspended disconnections excluding those disconnections that may be for safety reasons.
 - We are suspending deposit requirements.

We are currently reassessing our payment agreement standards to assist rate payers in these difficult times once the order is lifted.
- **Peddler Permits.** All peddler permit applications and active permits are still suspended for all businesses going door to door solicitation. Mobile businesses that require a peddler’s permit, but remain stationary and comply with the Rock County’s guidelines may remain active and seek renewal. This suspension is under review and more information will be forth coming.
- **Permits and Inspections.** All applications for building permits and variances shall be conducted via email or regular mail. Please contact Jason Sergeant, the Community Development Director (jason.sergeant@ci.evansville.wi.gov) or Larry Schalk, Building Inspector (larry.schalk@ci.evansville.wi.gov) for submissions or concerns.
- **Park Shelter Rental.** The City is currently looking into how best practices can be required by the renter to reduce the risk of communal spread of COVID 19.
- **City Hall Closing.** City Hall will remain closed to the public until at least June 15, potentially longer. City Hall must be able to be staffed safely first and will likely limit in-person transactions to those that cannot be accomplished via post, drop off, email or phone.
- **Library.** The Eager Free Library will remain closed to the public until further notice. Staff are working diligently to find new ways to provide services to our patrons. Curbside collection and drop off is now available. Please visit <https://www.als.lib.wi.us/EFPL/> for more information.
- **EMS.** Our Emergency Medical Responders need your assistance. Please avoid calling for EMS assistance unless it is absolutely medically necessary. There is limited personal protective equipment available and we do not wish to expended personal protective equipment for non-emergent calls.

- **Open Meetings.** The City of Evansville is conducting their public meetings virtually. Please visit the City Website for updated agendas with instructions on how to attend these meetings virtually.

Please use caution in protecting yourself and others, even if you do not feel sick. The incubation period of COVID – 19 is approximately 2-14 days after exposure before signs of sickness appear. Some people may be asymptomatic and mistake their infection, increasing chances of transmitting the virus to those who may be less able to fight the virus. Wash your hands regularly, cough into your elbow, and avoid unnecessary traveling.

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Action	SAFER AT HOME	PHASE ONE 5/21/2020	PHASE TWO	PHASE THREE
Phase progression	Most Restrictive	If major outbreaks occur, enact all measures possible to stay within current phase and consider return to previous phase		
Benchmarks to Meet to Move to Next Phase. Assess at 14 days after implementation of each phase. If criteria are not met after 14 days, assess regularly until criteria are met.	If all benchmarks are at least yellow, move to Phase 1.	If 50% of benchmarks that entered Phase 1 as Yellow improve to Green and there are no Red, move to Phase 2.	If benchmarks are all Green, move to Phase 3.	Continue in this phase until widespread protections are available, i.e. vaccine.
General guidance for all Rock County residents: Physical Distancing and Protective Measures* *Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions; telework & tele-education is encouraged Guidance to follow: WEDC: https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/ CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html DHS: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm				
Wash hands often	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cover coughs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Don't go out if ill, contact provider about being tested for COVID-19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Use of mask or cloth face covering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Surface and object cleaning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Isolation of positive cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quarantine of contacts of positive cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Voluntary quarantine of travelers from high-risk areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical distancing to 6 feet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limits on Gatherings* *Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions Guidance to follow: CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html				

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Allow mass gatherings in public venues with physical distancing <i>Must also follow other phase guidelines</i>	No	25% capacity with physical distancing and protective measures	50% capacity with physical distancing and protective measures	To be determined based on progress
Private Gatherings	No; outdoor weddings and funerals allowed with physical distancing	Yes, 10 people or less; outdoor weddings and funerals allowed with physical distancing	Yes, 50 people or less; outdoor weddings and funerals allowed with physical distancing	Yes, maximum size of gathering will be determined; outdoor weddings and funerals allowed with physical distancing
Long-Term Congregate Living* <i>*Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions</i> Guidance to follow: CMS: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/4220-covid-19-long-term-care-facility-guidance.pdf DHS: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltc.htm				
Long term care facilities	No outside visitors, essential services only	No outside visitors, essential services only	Yes, limited number of adult family members based on CMS guidance with screening for signs and symptoms	Increased visits based on CMS guidance
Public and Private Schools, Childcare Centers, Summer Programs, and Institutions of Higher Education* <i>*Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions; telework & tele-education is encouraged</i> Guidance to follow: DPI: https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus DCF: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/childcare/providers DHS: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/schools.htm CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html				
K-12 schools	No; virtual classes are allowed	Follow State and DPI guidance	Follow State and DPI guidance	Follow State and DPI guidance
Post-secondary education institutions	No; virtual classes are allowed	No; virtual classes are allowed	Virtual classes still recommended; physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices if considering reopening	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices

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Regulated childcare centers	Yes, with limit of 50 children and 10 staff	Yes, following current DCF recommendations; physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices should be followed	Yes, following current DCF recommendations; physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices should be followed	Yes, following current DCF recommendations; physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices should be followed
Summer Programs	No	Refer to State and DPI limits and requirements	Refer to State and DPI limits and requirements	Refer to State and DPI limits and requirements
Library	Curbside pickup	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Faith & Spiritual Communities* <i>*Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions; virtual services are encouraged</i> Guidance to follow: CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html DHS: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm				
Faith-based services and places of worship (indoor)	Allow religious gatherings below 10 per room.	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Continuation and Resumption of Businesses and Workplaces* <i>*Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions; telework is encouraged</i> Guidance to follow: WEDC: https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/ CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html				
Office Settings / Professional Services	Yes, with exemptions	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices

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Restaurants, bars, food trucks, & retail food dining areas	No, but allow take-out, delivery, and curbside	Yes, with 25% capacity limits, no self-service, and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, self-service allowed with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Food production, transport, and agriculture	Yes	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Non-essential retail & service establishments	Yes, mailing, delivery curbside or for stores with outside-facing entrances allowed up to 5 patrons	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits, no self-service, and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Salons, body art facilities, pet groomers, & spas	No	Yes, one client per employee, no walk-ins, and with best business practices	Yes, one client per employee with best business practices	Yes, with best business practices
Lodging (hotels, motels, short-term rentals, campgrounds)	Yes, if comply with other requirements (common areas, pools, gyms, etc.)	Yes, if comply with other requirements	Yes, if comply with other requirements	Yes, if comply with other requirements
Community Centers	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Senior Centers	No	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, best business practices, and screening for signs and symptoms	To be determined based on progress
Car Washes	Yes	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices

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Cleaning Services	No, residential; yes, commercial	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Exterior Home Work (Aesthetic or Optional)	Yes, if it can be completed by one person	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Interior Home Work (Aesthetic or Optional)	No	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Photographers	No, indoor; Yes, indoor as part of under 10 funeral or wedding or religious gathering limit; yes, outdoor with social distancing	Indoor, limited to gathering limits; outdoor allowed with physical distancing	Indoor, limited to gathering limits; outdoor allowed with physical distancing	Indoor, limited to gathering limits; outdoor allowed with physical distancing
Indoor Shopping Malls	No, except for stores with outside-facing entrances allowed up to 5 patrons	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Auctions	Yes, state FAQs indicates essential and non-essential	Yes, with 25% capacity limits indoors and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits indoors and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Recreational Activities* <i>*Individuals who are at higher risk should consider taking additional precautions</i> Guidance to follow: WEDC: https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/ CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html				
Low Risk Recreational Activities (e.g. walking, bike riding, tennis, disc golf, pickle ball, dog parks)	Yes, with physical distancing requirements	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures

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High Risk Recreational Activities (e.g. contact and team sports)	No	No	Yes, with limits to be determined	Yes, with limits to be determined
Gym/recreational facilities	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Beaches	No	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures
Outdoor playgrounds	No	Yes, 10 people or less, with physical distancing and protective measures	Yes, 50 people or less, with physical distancing and protective measures	Yes, with physical distancing and protective measures
Golf Courses	Yes, with physically distancing requirements	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Outdoor recreational rentals	Yes, with safe business practices and physical distancing	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Licensed Swimming Pools & Splash Pads	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Indoor Places of Public Amusement and Activity (i.e. museums, funplexes, bowling alleys, movie & other theaters, social clubs)	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices

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Outdoor places of amusement and activity (i.e. miniature golf, go karts)	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Entertainment: Festivals, Carnivals, Fairs, Concerts, Parades	No	No	To be determined based on event	Yes, with limits to be determined and physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices
Garage Sales, Rummage and Yard sales	No	Yes, 10 people or less, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices	Yes, with physical distancing, protective measures, and best business practices

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