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**After Safer At Home: Washburn County Encourages Residents and Businesses to Continue Safe Practices**

In light of Wisconsin's Supreme Court decision invalidating the Safer at Home order, the Washburn County Health Department understands that residents and businesses like have questions and concerns about how we move forward.

Washburn County is currently exploring its options to ensure the continued health and safety of residents and visitors. We urge residents to continue practicing social distancing and hygiene measures, recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, which we have all become familiar with over the last several weeks:

- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- Clean commonly touched surfaces often
- Maintain a 6 foot distance between yourself and others when in public, if you must go out
- Wear a cloth face covering or mask when in public to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 through respiratory droplets from asymptomatic individuals
- Avoid crowds as much as possible
- Limit gatherings with those outside of your household unit as much as possible

Businesses are strongly encouraged to follow guidance developed by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for reopening safely. Implementing strong safety measures will help protect employees and customers and help businesses stay operational as COVID-19 continues to spread. This guidance is available at <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>

We hope that Washburn County residents and businesses will continue to follow guidance to protect our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers so that we can safely move forward together.

Additional recovery and assistance resources for businesses, families, and individuals in Washburn County can be found at <https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/emergency-management/COVID-19>

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