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Recommendations for a Safe Memorial Day Weekend

While traditional Memorial Day celebrations in Wisconsin bring together family and friends in remembrance for those who have died in military service, we would like to remind residents to celebrate Memorial Day with safe practices in mind.

Although the Safer at Home Order has been lifted, there are best practice recommendations in place that all Fond du Lac County residents should follow for the health and safety of everyone. Kim Mueller, Fond du Lac County Health Officer states, "The virus is still circulating in the community and remains highly infectious. We now know individuals can be contagious up to two days prior to showing any symptoms. There is no denying this virus is far from over, which is why now more than ever we need to continue working together as a community to ensure we protect our most vulnerable residents as best we can and do our part to keep fighting the COVID-19 virus."

Together we are taking steps forward as a community by providing guidance to businesses on what steps they should take to keep their employees and customers safe, letting businesses reopen safely when they are ready, providing support for mental health needs, and encouraging all residents to follow CDC preventive measures. Together we are taking steps forward as a community to be resilient during the challenging times COVID-19 has presented so far.

CDC and WI DHS recommendations to protect yourself and your family this weekend and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic are as follows:

- **Stay at home as much as possible.** WI Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends residents cancel or postpone all nonessential travel. This includes travel between private homes within the state, including seasonal homes or rental cabins.
- **Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.** At this time, WI DHS does not advise large gatherings.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people, when possible.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth when in public.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (for example, tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles).
- Wear a cloth face covering when you are out in public while maintaining physical distancing. Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing, washing hands, and staying home when ill, but they may be helpful when combined with these other key practices.



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We strongly recommend all community businesses and community members follow these existing public health guidelines and best practices to protect yourself, avoid illness, and to help prevent the spread of the virus:

- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Reopening Guidelines for Businesses: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>
- CDC recommendations, including maintaining physical distancing, appropriate hygiene practices, and using masks in certain settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
- State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommendations, including the advisory on large gatherings, travel, and other practices to avoid illness: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19>
- Reopen Fond du Lac business resources by Envision Greater Fond du Lac: <https://www.envisiongreaterfdl.com/reopen-fond-du-lac-resources/>

COVID-19 testing is available for Fond du Lac County residents. If you are a Fond du Lac County resident experiencing even mild symptoms of COVID-19 call the community testing center at 844-225-0147 to get tested. COVID-19 symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

For more information visit the Fond du Lac County COVID-19 information page at www.fdlco.wi.gov.

For information on local mental health resources: www.csifdl.org.

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