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## RE: Oconomowoc Re-Opening

On May 13, 2020, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court reversed the governor's "Safer at Home" order extension. In essence, all businesses are permitted to open without restrictions. What is important is that we get back to business in a **safe and reasonable manner**. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, our office offered a Community Guide Statement sharing resources to help residents and businesses. Today, outlined below is a brief snapshot and news briefs to keep you in the loop.

### CITY NEWS

- **City Hall & Community Center** - opened to the public on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>. For the safety of staff and citizens, physical distancing, proper sanitization and the use of personal protective measures is encouraged.
- **Safety** - is our primary consideration with our employees. Each department has safety protocols and procedures in place for staff safety for our residents.
- **Memorial Day Parade** – the American Legion who operates the parade has cancelled the parade this year due to safety concerns for our residents. Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> we ask all residents to take a few minutes of silence at NOON to remember the sacrifices Veterans have made in service to our country.
- **Library** – Curbside Pickup service has expanded the number of daily appointments available this week and the interlibrary van delivery service restarted which enables patrons to access materials from all 24 libraries in the Bridges Library System.
- **Park and Recreation Services** – Most playgrounds and park restrooms will be opened throughout the week. We are preparing for the opening of City Beach on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Our local sports teams will be able to start using city facilities for practices and league play. Recreation programs will resume in early June. It is important that everyone does their best to practice social distancing whenever possible. More details will be available on specific programs in the days and weeks ahead.
- **Imagination Station** – this play area is closed until further notice due to the street construction project in the area.
- **Group Gatherings** – County Executive Paul Farrow issued a recommendation to limit group gatherings and events to no more than 50 people. This is not an order; it is a recommendation. We continue to work and seek guidance from our county and state officials.

## TASK FORCE NEWS

- **Clock Tower Tunes** – a new weekend music series will be playing music on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. There will be a different theme to each series. Stay tuned for more info...
- **Curbside Pickups** – will remain an option for all businesses as they transition to opening their doors in the days and weeks ahead.
- **Farmer's Market** – the Chamber of Commerce will be opening the Oconomowoc Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Re-opening guidelines** have been distributed to businesses based on industry sectors. All the information can be found on our city website.
- **Community Survey** – we are currently collecting data/responses from Resident/Non-profit/Faith Community residents to help define needs and coordinate resources.
- **New Portal** – established for resources at: <https://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/taskforce>
- **Conducted Business Needs Survey** – this is completed, and we are prioritizing assistance opportunities.
- **State Funded Business Grants** – will be open early June for application per Governor Ever's recent \$75M state stimulus plan.
- **Oconomowoc Area Foundation (OAF) Board of Directors** approved \$167,000 of grants to 18 non-profit agencies. Grants will meet urgent needs in our community. A second grant cycle will again be offered in late summer as more needs are identified. Way to go OAF!!

## STAY CONNECTED & FIND RESOURCES

- Website: [www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/taskforce](http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/taskforce)
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***Keys to Success: Common sense behavior and social distancing.***



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