

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05
COUNTY OF MENOMINEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COVID-19 OUTBREAK EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, commonly referred to as COVID-19, which has spread throughout numerous countries, including the United States, the State of Wisconsin, and most counties within the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared COVID-19 a public health emergency on March 12, 2020, through Executive Order No. 72, including the Safer at Home Order issued by Andrea Palm, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, dated March 24, 2020, and that executive order having expired on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Menominee County Board of Supervisors declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public emergency through Resolution No. 2020-02, which is set to expire at midnight on May 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, despite the expiration of the State and county's emergency declarations, the pandemic's effect on county residents remains a significant public concern, which requires emergency measures to address continued impacts on transportation, food and fuel supplies, medical care, health or police protection, and other critical systems of Menominee County together with whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee County Board of Supervisors believes it must begin taking steps to resume a regular work schedule following a two month limited closure, but that it must also continue offering guidance to the public, businesses, and county employees as appropriate to help combat community spread of the COVID-19 virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Board of Supervisors, in special session assembled, hereby:

1. Urges residents of Menominee County to observe all public health warnings issued by the Shawano-Menominee Public Health Department, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), together with any other authorized local, state and federal agencies;
2. Urges all residents to follow guidance issued by the Shawano-Menominee Public Health Department and the CDC to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus (e.g., wash their hands often; avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; stay at least six feet from other people; avoid large gatherings; avoid close contact with people who are sick; cover their coughs and sneezes; clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily; avoid travel to locations with known COVID-19 infections; wear a face cover or mask while out in public; to stay home when they are sick and to self-quarantine for a minimum of 14-days if they suspect they are infected with, or have come into contact with someone infected with, COVID-19; and to limit or restrict their contact with elders and vulnerable populations);
3. Urges all businesses in Menominee County to follow guidance provided by the Shawano-Menominee Public Health Department and "Best Practices to Reopen", as established by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>);
4. Due to the significant elderly population and health risk factors of the County, urges all seasonal residents to remain in their home counties until the outbreak is ended, and for all seasonal residents that have returned to Menominee County prior to or during this outbreak to self-quarantine for 14-days, as strongly recommended by the Shawano-Menominee Public Health Department;
5. Authorizes the Board Chairperson, at her own discretion, to call and convene regular and special Board meetings via tele/video conferencing means, provided that members of the public are able to monitor those meetings utilizing the same or similar means;

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6. Authorizes the Board Chairperson to cancel all other board, commission and committee meetings, or to direct those other board, commission, and committee meetings to be held utilizing the same or similar tele/video conferencing means as described above and affording the public the ability to monitor the proceedings;
7. Temporarily waives Rule No. 10.C. of the Board Rules of Procedure, which only allows telephone or videoconferencing by board members once per year;
8. In instances where a meeting will be held via tele/video conferencing, waives Rule 8, Par. A(3) of the Board Rules of Procedure, which requires the topic, "Community Input", be added to all agendas;
9. Directs all department heads to carefully track all expenditures directly relating to the COVID-19 outbreak;
10. Prohibits all non-essential travel for Board, commission and committee members;
11. Authorizes the Board Chairperson to amend the County's COVID-19 Plan by incorporating the latest recommendations provided by the Administrative Coordinator, Public Health Director, and Emergency Management Director;
12. Authorizes the Administrative Coordinator to develop and implement a plan that: (a) restores county employees to a regular schedule utilizing a phased-in approach; (b) allows for reasonable public access restrictions; (c) allows for employees to telecommute if their health condition, health condition of a household family member, or child care needs require them to continue working from home; and (d) is completely implemented within thirty (30) days following passage of this resolution;
13. Authorizes the Plan for the Limited Closure of County/Town Operations to be reinstated if recommended by the Public Health Director; and
14. This resolution recognizes that the nature of the spread of this virus is unknown and that it may be necessary to reconsider issues resulting from the pandemic, including, but not limited to those addressed in this resolution, and adopting other motions, resolutions or ordinances as may be necessary under the circumstances and applicable law.

*****CERTIFICATION *****

Menominee Town/County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No.:	2020-05	Adopted:			
Motion by _____		Tablefj)			
Second by _____					
Roll Call:		Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Laure Pecore		/			
Elizabeth Moses		/			
Elizabeth Fernandez		/			
James Lowey		~			
Misty Wayka					V
Ben Warrington		V			
Vacant					

I, Sarah Lyons, Clerk of the Town/County of Menominee, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, as amended, is a true and correct copy of said Resolution as passed this 22nd day of May, 2020, by the County of Menominee Board of Supervisors.

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