

October 29, 2020

To all that live, work, and play in the City of Franklin:

Today, along with the other health departments in Southeastern Wisconsin, the Franklin Health Department enacted a prioritization framework for the response to confirmed COVID-19 cases in Franklin. Prioritization of follow-up will be given to the following groups:

- Age 65 and older;
- Children who are 19 years old and younger;
- College age students;
- Individuals that are connected to a facility outbreak or potential outbreak;
- All other individuals will be contacted as capacity allows

This change was necessary due to the escalation in cases that has made our ability to identify and control the spread of the virus increasingly difficult. Currently public health is not able to consistently notify positive cases and their close contacts in a timely manner. This severely limits our efforts to contain the virus. See our [Health Alert and Community Call to Action](#) for additional information on how you can help stop the spread of COVID-19.

As mentioned above, the number of cases in our community continues to climb it has also become necessary for all of us to pull back on non-essential public gatherings and outings. Therefore, in addition to the prioritization above, we now strongly recommend all residents and businesses fall back to **PHASE B** of the [Safe Opening Capacity Guidance](#) effective October 30, 2020. Guidelines for Phase B under this plan include:

- Public gatherings limited to 10 people;
- Occupancy limits for restaurants and bars at 50% capacity;
- Occupancy limits for retail establishments, salons and spa services, and gyms and places of amusement at 25% capacity.

We encourage our businesses to visit the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation ([WEDC](#)) and Occupational Safety and Health Association ([OSHA](#)) websites for information on safe business practices in your respective industries. We believe these to be best practice models for the health and safety of your staff and patrons.

For our residents and visitors, we urge you to continue to follow physical distancing and personal protective measures as you move throughout our community or any other. These include but are not limited to:

- Use a mask or face covering in indoor and enclosed spaces as well as outdoors when you cannot maintain 6 feet of separation.
- Maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household;

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
- Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands); and
- Clean high-touch surfaces regularly

The health and safety of those in Franklin is our first priority. These steps are necessary to continue to keep businesses and schools open during this spike in positive cases. We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in this unprecedented public health crisis.

For additional information you can view the websites for the [City of Franklin](#), the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control](#) or call the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101.

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