

**Board of Health Regulation - Chapter 7
Communicable Disease**

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7-0.010 Authority and Purpose:

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §251.04(3), and §2.52.050 of the City of Eau Claire Code of Ordinances, and §2.52.050 of the Eau Claire County Code, the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health may adopt those regulations, for its own guidance and for the governance of the local health department, that it considers necessary to protect and improve public health. The regulations may be no less stringent than, and may not conflict with, state statutes and the rules of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

7-0.020 Definitions:

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this regulation.

- A. “Communicable Disease” means any disease that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services determines, by rule, to be communicable in fact (Wis. Stat. §990.01(5g))
- B. “Health Department” means the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.
- C. "Health Officer" means the director of Eau Claire City-County Health Department or that person’s authorized representative.
- D. “Jurisdiction” of the City-County Health department shall include all territory located within the boundaries of Eau Claire County including all towns, municipalities and cities located within the borders of Eau Claire County.

7-0.030 Health Officer - Duties:

Consistent with the language of Wisconsin Statutes §252.03, the Eau Claire City-County Health Officer upon the appearance of communicable disease in Eau Claire County shall:

- A. Immediately investigate all of the circumstances of the existence of the communicable disease and make a full report to the appropriate governing body, which includes the City County Board of Health and when appropriate the Eau

Claire City Council and the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors; and to the State Department of Health Services.

- B. Take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress and control communicable disease and shall report to the City-County Board of Health the progress of the communicable disease and the measures used against them, as needed to keep the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health fully informed.
- C. The Health Officer may inspect schools and other public buildings within the jurisdiction of the City County Health Department, as needed to determine whether the buildings are kept in sanitary condition.

7-0.040 Health Officer - Authority:

The Health Officer may do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease, may forbid public gatherings when deemed necessary to control outbreaks or epidemic and shall advise the Wisconsin Department of Health Services of the measures taken. (Wis. Stat. §252.03(2)).

7-0.050 Interference:

No person may interfere with the investigation under this regulation of any place or its occupants.

7-0.060 Violation – Penalties:

Any person who violates any provision of this regulation or refuses to comply with the orders of the Health Officer under this regulation shall be subject to a citation pursuant to the citation methods adopted by s. 1.24.010 of the City of Eau Claire Code of Ordinances and s.1.50.010 of the Eau Claire County Code.

Each day a violation exists or continues shall be considered a separate offense. Citations shall be issued in the City of Eau Claire under Chapter 8.04.01 of the City of Eau Claire Code of Ordinances and in Eau Claire County under Chapter 1.50 in the Eau Claire County Code and the issuance shall follow the procedures therein, provided these regulations are adopted by such Codes of Ordinances.

7-0.070 Effective Date.

All regulations and parts of regulations in conflict with this regulation are hereby repealed; and this regulation shall be in full force and effect on May 27, 2020 after its adoption and publication as provided by law.

By order - Eau Claire City-County Board of Health
Dated this 27th day of May, 2020.
Effective on May 27, 2020.