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Health Department updates COVID-19 Prevention *Community Expectations*

Eau Claire, WI- April 1, 2021 - Today, the Eau Claire City-County Health Department is releasing revised COVID-19 *Community Expectations*. The goal of the Community Expectations is to provide practical suggestions for individuals, public spaces, and private or public gatherings to stay safe and reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. All residents are encouraged to read the [full document](#) and review the Community Expectations [webpage](#).

The Community Expectations for Individuals include following the most recent public health guidance (including distancing, wearing well-fitting face coverings, minimizing travel and gatherings, and vaccination). Individuals are also expected to stay home when sick with COVID-19 symptoms, get tested, and not go to work, school, or other activities if they have COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals are also expected to determine a vaccination plan when eligible.

At this time, public spaces are expected to not exceed 50% capacity. Data will be reviewed monthly to determine if capacity limits can be safely increased. Anyone who is organizing a gathering with elevated risk is expected to consult with the Health Department on strategies to reduce risk. This consultation should take place at least 30 days prior to the event. Gatherings classified as being elevated risk include the following scenarios:

- Indoor gathering with non-seated activities (e.g., festival or market, wedding reception) – 250 or more attendees
- Indoor gathering with attendees seated (e.g., performance or presentation) – 500 or more attendees
- Outdoor-only gathering with non-seated activities – 500 or more attendees
- Outdoor-only gathering with attendees seated – 1,000 or more attendees

In addition, the Health Department will continue to do the following when complaints about *Community Expectations* are received:

- follow up on all complaints received particularly those that include verifiable information
- provide resources and education on public health principles and best practices
- formally document the follow up, including a letter sent to any entity that is not following the basic prevention and control expectations.

If you have documentable community concerns, please contact the COVID-19 Call Center at 715-831-7425 and they will provide your feedback to our team for follow-up.

Our community will be stronger if we work together to maintain these practices while we are seeing the promise of vaccination. Detailed information about the Community Expectations is available here: bit.ly/ECC-CommunityExpectations. Please visit the covid19eauclaire.org website for more information.

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