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MENASHA CARES SO FACE COVERINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED FOR VISITORS IN CITY BUILDINGS

MENASHA, WI – March 31, 2021. With today's Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling invalidating the statewide mandate for face coverings, we are entering a new phase in our efforts to mitigate COVID-19. In a little more than a year over 10% of the population of Menasha has been confirmed as having contracted COVID-19. The good news is that with mitigation and vaccination the current number of cases, while remaining high, are declining from their peak in Menasha.

With the relatively small proportion of our population vaccinated at this point the City of Menasha, and its Health Department, as well as the CDC, continue to recommend the use of face coverings in public places and indoors.

CDC recommends wearing masks in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people. Masks should be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially around people who don't live in your household. Masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings.

To keep our residents and employees healthy face coverings will continue to be required for visitors in City buildings including: City Hall, Elisha D. Smith Public Library, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue stations, & Menasha Utilities until further notice.

Considering much of the City's workforce hasn't been eligible to be vaccinated until this point, the requirement will keep employees healthy and ready to provide services to the community. As vaccination levels in the community continue to rise this policy will be reevaluated.

By getting back to basics we can fight and beat COVID-19

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands
- Wear a face covering
- Avoid crowds
- Get vaccinated

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