

Village of Menomonee Falls COVID-19 Measures

The Village of Menomonee Falls Emergency Management staff has been working diligently in monitoring the often-changing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are preparing for the worst, and hoping for the best. Here are the measures instituted to take care of Village staff as best we can, while providing essential services for citizens.

Pandemic Flu Protocol

All Village staff have been briefed on a protocol that addresses what the virus is, how one can protect themselves their co-workers and their family, as well as the Village's plan to limit their exposure and adjust to lowered staffing levels in the event Village employees become ill. This includes the use of leave time for employees who are sick or required to care for dependents. The protocol touches on alternative work schedules, work sites and working from home in the event a village facility must be vacated. The protocol also calls for specific departments to take precautions consistent with the services they provide, so as to practice social distancing, hand washing and, where necessary, the responsible use of personal protection equipment (e.g.) face masks, gowns, latex gloves and eye protection.

Village Services

As of this writing, all village services are continuing, however in many cases the delivery of those services has been adjusted so as to lessen personal contact between staff and the public. This is for the safety of our staff as well as citizens. We are doing more business by phone and email, and some non-essential meetings have been postponed or canceled. We are a little less personal in our delivery, but essential services have not been interrupted. Staffing has remained at normal levels. The Fire and Police Departments are equipped for assisting the public amid concerns for the spread of the virus, and personal protection equipment supplies are being closely monitored.

Preparing for What 's to Come

If we knew how the pandemic was going to play out in the weeks and months ahead, our planning for today would be easy. That not being the case, Emergency Management staff are monitoring the Waukesha County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Wisconsin EOC status reports. We are also in close touch with the Healthcare Emergency Readiness

Coalition (HERC) District 7 (southeastern WI), the Waukesha County Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition, Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital and the Waukesha County Fire Chiefs. We are monitoring the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the WI Department of Health Services, the Waukesha County Department of Public Health and other government-based entities for developing circumstances and guidance. While the Village does not play a direct role in public health (that is a role for the county, state and federal governments), we are following their lead in doing everything we can to assist our citizens through these difficult times.

What You Can Do

Recognize the symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Breathing difficulties

Maintain a social distance of six feet

Wash your hands often

Use anti-septic gels when washing is not an option

Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing

Limit contact with other people

Follow the Governor 's Safer at Home order

Rumor Control

All too often in emergencies, false information creates unnecessary fear and concern. To help stem the tide of rumors, FEMA has established a website for fact checking what you may be hearing:

<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>

Good News Link

We are bombarded by worrisome news about the pandemic, but the Village will eventually see an end to these troubling times. Maybe a little encouraging news about our current situation is a good way to end:

[https://www .goodnewsnetwork.org/another-roundup-of-positive-updates-on-covid-outbreaks/](https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/another-roundup-of-positive-updates-on-covid-outbreaks/)