

EXECUTIVE ORDER

#2020-06

WHEREAS, On the 17th day of March 2020, the City of Marshfield passed Ordinance No. 1919 declaring a civil emergency and issuing certain restrictions for public gatherings.

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Robert Williams has perfected these restrictions through Executive Orders No. 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03, and 2020-04 to adhere and reinforce Governor Parson's "Show Me Strong Recovery Plan" and applicable Executive Orders as cited. In addition, Mayor Natalie B. McNish issued Executive Order No. 2020-05 and subsequent amendment to incorporate and support recommendations of the "Webster County Response and Recovery Best Practices Guide."

WHEREAS, Webster County COVID-19 Task Force representative and City of Marshfield Emergency Management Director, Michael Taylor, has kept the Board of Aldermen and Mayor informed of the serious health risks associated with the novel virus COVID-19, number of positive diagnoses in the State of Missouri and Webster County; and the proper methods to prohibit the spread of the virus.

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, Governor Parson issued Executive Order 20-19 Extending the State of Emergency in the State of Missouri through March 31, 2021. Governor Parson stated, "If we do not slow the spread of the virus, our health care system will quickly become overwhelmed. This creates a major risk not only for COVID-19 patients but anyone requiring health care support, from emergency situations such as car accidents to the treatment of serious health conditions such as cancer. Missouri is at a turning point, and if we are going to change the outcome, we must change our behavior."

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Office of the Governor issued a Public Health Warning. This warning included a personal behavior advisory, business advisory, travel advisory and local government advisory. Within the local government advisory, three categories of risk were defined and specific controls for risk mitigation were identified. These risk categories, criteria and recommended controls included:

Category 1: Extreme Risk

Criteria:

- PCR 7-day positivity rate: 15% or above (using CDC method), and
- 7 day case rate per 100k: 350 or above

Controls:

Business occupancy: Occupancy limits reflective of social distancing.

Social group size: 10 or less.

Masks: Strongly advised in all offices and businesses where social distancing is not possible.

Category 2: Critical Risk

Criteria:

- PCR 7-day positivity rate: 10-14% (using CDC method), and
- 7 day case rate per 100k: 100-349

Controls:

Business occupancy: Occupancy limits reflective of social distancing.

Social group size: 25 or less.

Masks: Advised in all offices and businesses with 10+ people where social distancing is not possible.

Category 3: Serious Risk

Criteria:

- PCR 7-day positivity rate: 5-9% (using CDC method), and
- 7 day case rate per 100k: 10-99

Controls:

Business occupancy: No limits.

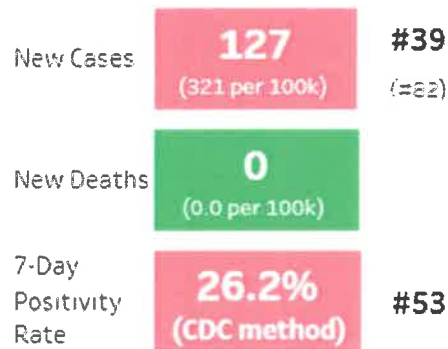
Social group size: Limited to maintaining 6 feet distance.

Masks: Advised in all offices and businesses with 10+ people where social distancing is not possible.

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri’s public health data (<https://showmestrong.mo.gov/public-health-county/>) for Webster County reported the following metrics for the seven days ending November 19, 2020:

Severity: Past 7 Days

How large is the problem now?



Trajectory: Past 7 vs. Prior 7

In what direction is the problem moving?



This places Webster County in extreme risk based upon PCR 7-day positivity rate (26.2%) and critical risk based upon 7 day case rate per 100k (321 per 100k).

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, the Board of Aldermen were provided with an update of COVID-19 available data and voted unanimously to authorize and encourage the Mayor to issue an Executive Order mandating masks in the City of Marshfield.

NOW, THEREFORE I, NATALIE B. MCNISH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHFIELD, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Ordinance 1919 and the unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen on November 19, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Marshfield. All current requirements of Executive order 2020-05 as amended remain

required for safe operation of business in the City of Marshfield. Further, and until the Board of Aldermen are able to review, discuss, and approve a proper ordinance, I hereby order the following:

Except as otherwise provided in this Order, all persons, including employees or visitors, over the age of ten (10) shall wear a Face Covering when present at a place of Public Accommodation.

1. Face Covering means a device that covers the nose and mouth. Face Covering includes, but is not limited to: a sewn mask secured with ties or straps around the head or behind the ears; multiple layers of fabric tied around the head; is made from a variety of materials, such as fleece, cotton, or linen; or factory-made or made from household items.
2. Public Accommodation means any Business or other facility, both public and private, both indoor and outdoor, open to and used by the public, including but not limited to: retail stores including groceries, service establishments, schools, other educational providers, transportation services and associated waiting areas, public and private social clubs, and sporting events.
3. Business means any for-profit company, non-profit organization, benevolent association, or educational entity, regardless of its legal organization, form, entity, tax treatment or structure.

A person may remove their Face Covering where otherwise required under the following circumstances:

- While outdoors when able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from others except those who are members of their own household may be closer than six (6) feet;
- When engaged in an exercise activity outdoors or indoors and while able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet except those who are members of their own household may be closer than six (6) feet;
- While eating or drinking only when inside or in the outside dining area of a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, provided that person is able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from persons seated at other tables;
- When an individual has a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a Face Covering;
- When any party to a communication is deaf or hard of hearing and not wearing a Face Covering is essential to communication;
- While obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the Face Covering, such as dental examinations;
- When necessary to confirm the individual's identity;
- When federal or state law prohibits wearing a Face Covering or requires the removal of a Face Covering;
- When requested by a law enforcement officer;
- When requested by a medical provider, including emergency response personnel;

- Under such other circumstances identified in any subsequent order issued by the Mayor.
- Marshfield School District is exempt from this Order and follow their own internal guidelines, by creating their own rules inside the Marshfield School District.

Persons qualifying for an exception established in Section 1 (b)(2) shall take other reasonable actions to protect against or mitigate the potential for spread of COVID-19 while not wearing a Face Covering, such as maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance between themselves and others or conducting activities outdoors.

Except as otherwise provided in this Order, all places of Public Accommodation shall require Face Coverings as described in this Order.

All places of Public Accommodation that are open to the public shall post a sign at all public entrances that the use of Face Coverings is required by those seeking to enter the place of Public Accommodation.

This order shall be in effect upon execution, and shall be terminated at 11:59 PM on December 10, 2020 unless otherwise extended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Marshfield, on this 23rd day of November 2020.



ATTEST:

Natalie B. McNish
Mayor

Karen M. Rost
City Clerk