

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Suburban Municipalities Align on Moving to Next Phase of Reopening**

**MILWAUKEE** - (May 19, 2020) - Suburban health departments in Milwaukee County are in alignment with moving to the next phase of their reopening plans as Order #1 issued on Thursday, May 14 is set to expire at 11:59 pm on Thursday, May 21, 2020. This next phase allows all remaining businesses in the 18 suburban municipalities to open, if they choose to, utilizing the "Suburban Milwaukee County Safe Opening Capacity Guidance" chart that will be available on local health department websites. Businesses are also instructed to adhere to CDC and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's [safe business practices](#) and physical distancing and protective measures for staff and patrons. *\*Please note, the City of Cudahy withdrew Order #1 on Friday, May 15 and has already moved to the next phase of reopening.*

In preparation for this next phase of the reopening beginning on Friday, May 22, local health departments are communicating with businesses throughout their communities to share best practices and guidance about how they can reopen and operate safely. Many businesses will likely change the way they operate to provide physical distancing between patrons, increased attention to sanitation, and more changes designed to minimize the transmission of COVID-19. Health departments are diligently working with business leaders to ensure they have what they need to reopen in a manner that is consistent with the recommended guidance.

Public health leaders have carefully tracked key indicators to guide the safe reopening across the city, county and state. Businesses should contact their local health department with any questions regarding this next phase of reopening and recommendations on safe operating practices.

Media inquiries regarding this next phase should also be directed to each respective health department contact listed below.

#### Resources for Reopening

- [Suburban Milwaukee County Safe Opening Capacity Guidance Chart](#)
- [Milwaukee County of Emergency Management dashboard](#)
- [WEDC Reopen Guidelines](#)

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