

Joint Local Business COVID-19 Briefing

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City of Wisconsin Rapids | Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce | Wood County Health Department

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This week, we are providing our briefing in an e-newsletter format. Mayor Zach Vruwink and Angel Whitehead provided [opening remarks](#) for our valued local businesses.

City Updates

Mayor Zachary Vruwink [called on WI legislature to give local government flexibility on property tax deadlines](#), in light of COVID-19 public health emergency.

Health Department Updates

The Health Department provides up-to-the-hour infographics on Wisconsin's COVID-19 cases, guidelines for keeping yourself and others safe during the pandemic and resources for a wide range of support on their [Facebook page](#). Wednesday, they released a statement about the [Safer at Home order and Faith Based Gatherings](#).

It's safer at home

You Can	You Can't
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Go to the grocery store and order food delivery.Get medications or supplies.Go to the bank or the post office.Go to the gas station or auto repair shop.Go outside for a walk or bike ride.Call, video chat, write a letter to friends & family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Host a gathering.Play in a group or at a playground.Go to a restaurant or bar (except to pick up food).Go to a gym, theater, hair salon or barber.Go to a non-essential shopping area.Put the health of others at risk by ignoring these important public health measures.

Wood County Health Department

ALWAYS practice physical distancing and wash your hands

Chamber Updates

The Chamber has implemented several initiatives to help locally: [an interactive map of area businesses remaining open](#), Facebook campaigns to engage the community with businesses, and compiling the most current information on resources, tools, and videos for easy public access on their [website](#).

Participant Survey

We want to hear from you! Briefing participants are asked to [complete this survey](#) by Wednesday, April 15th, to help us better support you in upcoming briefings.

Resources

[WMC Employer Toolkit](#) | [Alice COVID-19 Business Resource Center](#) | [Navigating Through COVID-19 in WI](#)

Ongoing Updates & Information

Follow	Follow City of Wisconsin Rapids , Wood County Health Department and Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.
Call	Call 211 for general COVID-19 information and to be connected with community resources.
Register	Register for NIXLE alerts online at local.nixle.com/register or by texting your zip code to 888777.
View	View the COVID-19 pages on the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce and City of Wisconsin Rapids websites, and health alerts on the Wood County Health Department website.

**Questions?
Contact Us!**

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