



PRESS RELEASE

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION Release 3

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The City of Wausau Mayor Robert B. Mielke has declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. The declaration follows Governor Evers' emergency declaration and is aimed at positioning the City of Wausau to be eligible to receive state and federal resources to help mitigate the impacts of coronavirus.

This declaration will enable continuity of operations as the City responds to this emergency that threatens the public order, health, life, safety and welfare of our citizens and employees. "It enables me to act with promptness within the powers conferred upon the Council during states of emergency to order whatever is expedient and necessary to protect the health of persons and welfare of persons and property," the Mayor said. This Proclamation will be subject to Council ratification, alteration, modification or repeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 2020.

First and foremost, I want to ask residents to stay vigilant and cautious, yet remain calm and follow guidance from the Marathon County Health Department and the State Division of Health, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and remain diligent in taking steps to protect yourself and your family as directed. Limiting travel and personal contact and public settings will assist in reducing your exposure. The more we follow the guidance coming from our health officials, the easier it will be to control the spread of the virus and ease the strain on our health care systems.

These are unprecedented times and we are all in this together but we will get through this. I will continue to keep you updated as guidance to municipalities potentially change.