

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

#2020-05

**WHEREAS**, On the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. In April 2020, this Task Force released the "Webster County Response and Recovery Best Practices Guide" laying out a 3-phase plan for local management.

**WHEREAS**, On the 26th day of May 2020, Webster County entered Phase 2 (Recovery) of the "Webster County Response and Recovery Best Practices Guide," by achieving the following 5 elements:

1. Sustained reduction in positive cases for at least 14 days.
2. Hospitals can treat all patients with COVID-19 without crisis standards of care.
3. All symptomatic people can be tested.
4. Public health can maintain active case and contact isolation and monitoring including the number of residents in quarantine.
5. Procuring and sustaining a supply of PPE.

Phase 2 of the guide recommends adjusting social distancing strategies and encouraging the public to wear face masks; maintaining a focus on testing, isolation strategies and healthcare; and identifying individual and corporate responsibilities within 4 steps of various release.

**WHEREAS**, Governor Parson announced the State of Missouri entered Phase 2 of the "Show Me Strong Recovery Plan" effective June 16, 2020. In this phase, there is no statewide health order and related statewide restrictions are lifted, though local officials have the authority to place rules, regulations, or ordinances, as necessary.

**WHEREAS**, the Webster County Health Unit determined we had reached Phase 2, Step 3 of the "Webster County Response and Recovery Best Practices Guide" on June 16, when positive cases of COVID-19 in Webster County began to increase. Between June 16 and July 2, 2020, the number of positive cases in Webster County have more than doubled, causing the Task Force to move backwards to Phase 2, Step 2, and recommend additional guidance on June 25, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE I, NATALIE B. MCNISH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHFIELD**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Ordinance 1919, I declare that a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Marshfield. I have conferred with members of the Board of Aldermen,

the Webster County COVID-19 Task Force Chair, and the City's Emergency Management Director and from those conversations, I hereby order the following:

- The City of Marshfield will help to educate its citizens of the risks and recommended precautions to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- The City of Marshfield will continue to encourage anyone who believes they may have been exposed to the virus or is exhibiting signs or symptoms of infection to seek medical attention.
- The City of Marshfield **continues to require** occupancy limits of retail businesses as follows:
  - Twenty-five (25) percent or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy, as set by local authorities, for a retail location with square footage of less than ten thousand square feet (10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>).
  - Ten (10) percent or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy, as set by local authorities, for a retail location with square footage of ten thousand square feet (10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) or more.
- The City of Marshfield **continues to require** adherence with the Webster County COVID-19 Task Force documents:
  - Guidance for Entertainment/Recreation Venues
  - Guidance for Places of Worship
  - Guidance for Retail or Other Businesses
  - Guidance for Restaurants, Retail Food Stores, Gas Stations, Convenience Stores, and Food Pick-up/Delivery Services

In addition:

- The City of Marshfield hereby requires **ALL businesses, public operations, and gatherings** (regardless of size) to implement **frequent and enhanced sanitization practices** including (but not limited to):
  - Frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer for all employees.
  - Frequent disinfection of 'touch' surfaces such as door handles, seating areas, writing utensils, cash registers, soda fountains, etc.
  - Frequent cleaning of restroom facilities and limiting access to communal restroom facilities to one person at a time. When necessary, members of the same family are permitted to utilize communal restrooms to provide needed assistance.
- The City of Marshfield hereby requires **ALL businesses, public operations, and gatherings** (regardless of size) to implement **social distancing** of not less than six (6) feet between any person or group of people who do not routinely reside together.

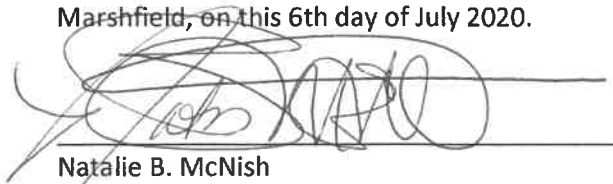
In situations, by nature of the business, **where social distancing is not possible** (i.e., hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, optometrists, dentist, etc.), ALL employees and customers/patrons/parishioners are **required to where facemask protection** during non-distanced interactions.

In dine-in establishments, tables must be spaced six feet apart and parties of no more than ten (10) patrons may occupy a single table.

- The City of Marshfield hereby requires **self-service food establishments**, including (but not limited to) buffet, pizza, and donuts, to **shift to a full-service model OR provide the following safety controls** to appropriately mitigate risk:
  - Limit access to serving and eating utensils (i.e., serving apparatus, plates, bowls, silverware, etc.) so that contact is reduced to as needed only.
  - Provide all customers/patrons/parishioners with disposable gloves prior to access to serving utensils and require their use. New gloves must be required each time the customer/patron/parishioner returns to the self-serve area.
  - No refill of used glasses at soda fountains.
- The City of Marshfield hereby **strongly encourages ALL businesses, public operations, and gatherings** (regardless of size) to **require facemask protection** for both its employees and its customers/patrons/parishioners.
- The City of Marshfield **strongly discourages mass gatherings** of fifty (50) or more persons.
- This City of Marshfield requires all public schools to adhere to additional guidance provided by the DESE and all residential care facilities to adhere to additional guidance provided by the DHSS, as applicable.

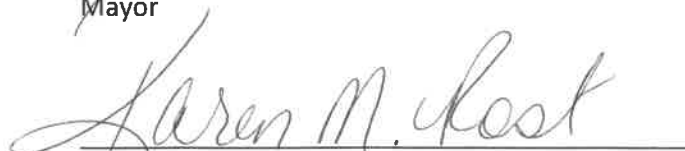
This order shall be in effect beginning 12:01 AM on July 10, 2020 and be terminated upon the execution of a subsequent Executive Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Marshfield, on this 6th day of July 2020.



Natalie B. McNish  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen M. Rost  
City Clerk

