



**BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**



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**Barron County Working on Local Plan**

On May 13, the Wisconsin Supreme court overturned the Safer at Home Order. This means all rules and regulations included in the order are no longer in effect, with the exception of schools. Schools will stay closed for the remainder of the year. However, this does not mean COVID-19 is gone. At this time, there is no vaccine or specific treatment. COVID-19 still poses a significant threat to the community.

Under Section 252.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes, local health departments are authorized to issue orders related to communicable disease to protect the public. Barron County Public Health is working with expert guidance and County officials to create a local plan to keep our community as healthy and safe as possible. We are approaching this in a thoughtful and informed manner. The plan is expected to be ready by Tuesday, May 19.

In the meantime, we ask that you exercise caution and follow re-opening guidelines set by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The guidelines can be found at <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>.

We thank you all for your patience and understanding.

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