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STAY HOME + STOP THE SPREAD + STAY INFORMED

= SAVE LIVES



Madison County makes first moves toward recovery

Wampsville, NY – Madison County Board of Supervisors and Madison County Health Department today announced the lifting of the April 7, 2020 voluntary stay home orders, which asked residents to alternate days they go out for necessary items to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

As part of Madison County's recovery plan officials decided to lift the voluntary order early. New York State's face covering requirement in place coupled with data that shows the efforts by the community to social distance are working is what led to this decision.

"Thank you to the community for all of their efforts," said Madison County Public Health Director Eric Faisst. "Currently we have a hundred people who have recovered from this virus in Madison County, and have under 20 active positive cases. However, we need to remain diligent; lifting the voluntary order does not give us a green light to let down our guard."

Faisst says this does not mean that residents should go out whenever they like, they should continue to stay home and only go out in public when it is essential. People should wear a face covering, as per the governor's executive order, when you are out in public especially when you are unable to maintain social distancing, such as when in a store. The cloth face covering should cover both your nose and your mouth to be most effective.

Lifting the county's voluntary order does not change the New York State order that schools and non-essential businesses across the state remain closed until at least May 15, 2020. The Governor continues to say that New Yorkers should stay home as much as possible and limit how much they are out in public.

"We continue to work on a recovery plan here in Madison County," says Madison County Chairman John M. Becker. "Lifting the voluntary order is just the beginning of putting our plan into action. Madison County is working hard to get our community back to work, get our schools, businesses, hospitals, and much more back to normal. We are working together with our neighboring counties to make sure our plans compliment each other, and at the same time are safe according to public health standards."

For more information about the novel Coronavirus, visit Madison County at <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2479/Coronavirus-COVID-19>, call the Madison County non-medical COVID-19 Hotline at 315-366-2770.