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## City Buildings Re-Opening To The Public June 2nd

City of Racine – Today, the City of Racine announced that City public buildings will re-open to the public starting June  $2^{nd}$ . City departments have implemented safety measures that will help minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections in order to protect both the public and City employees.

"With a majority of City employees vaccinated and an increasing number of City residents getting vaccinated, we are confident we can re-open City buildings. Safety measures have been implemented to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in each department," said Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator for the City of Racine.

Safety measures the public should expect to see when entering City buildings include:

- All community members will be required to wear facial masks upon entrance into any City building.

  Departments will place signage on all entrances, in both English and Spanish, that state "Upon entry, a face mask is required."
- Community members who enter or engage in services within City buildings shall be responsive and compliant
  with City Departments' risk-mitigation plans. Those plans may vary based on department or building. Failure to
  comply with those plans may result in community members being asked to leave.
- Public drinking fountains will be disconnected or only utilized for filling bottles.
- City employees will also be required to wear masks when inside City buildings, and City contractors and vendors are required to follow the same policies as City employees.

"I am happy to be able to open City buildings to the public once again after more than a year. Making sure a majority of our staff was fully vaccinated was key to re-opening our buildings. I hope that more and more community members will also get vaccinated so that we can lift the safety measure we have in place. I look forward to having a summer where our residents can enjoy our community centers, browse the Library, or come visit the Clerk's office to register to vote," said Mayor Cory Mason.

Questions about re-opening requirements for City building should be directed to <a href="mailto:publichealth@cityofracine.org">publichealth@cityofracine.org</a> or 262-636-9201.

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## **About the City of Racine**

With a population of 78,000, **Racine**, **Wisconsin** is the fifth largest municipality in the state of Wisconsin. It is home to manufacturing businesses that enjoy world-wide reputations, SC Johnson, CNH Industrial, Twin Disc, Modine, and In-

Sink-Erator among them. Racine is also home to diverse cultures, a thriving downtown, and world-class beaches along the shores of Lake Michigan.