

COVID-19 Update 4-28-2020

**Adventure Us is making really cute masks!!**

They are a pocket contoured design with adjustable one size behind the head elastic but can accommodate behind the ears on specific request. There is a filter pocket and I should have filter material available by the end of the week. For locals, there are Pick up in Store and Pay on Delivery options. Feel free to reach out with any questions. [www.GetAdventureUs.com](http://www.GetAdventureUs.com)

Retail Webinar for small retailers - Initial discussion to pose questions and concerns about re-opening so you are prepared when the time comes!!

Restaurant Webinar for Restaurants to talk with our Ashland County Health Department about guidelines for preparedness.

If you are a Retailer or Restaurant owner and interested in either of these two webinars please email me at [info@visitashland.com](mailto:info@visitashland.com)

**Memorial Medical Center makes plans to gradually resume surgical services**

Ashland, WI - Memorial Medical Center (MMC) is making plans to gradually resume surgical services after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced facilities in areas that have a low, or relatively low and stable incidence of COVID-19 should be allowed to provide care for patients needing non-emergent, non-COVID-19 healthcare.

With the support of local public health and area primary care agencies, MMC is rolling out a phased plan to reopen certain surgical cases deemed appropriate by CMS and leadership at MMC. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recommends a gradual transition based on testing capacity, workforce availability and readiness.

The phased plan is as follows:

- 1.) Urgent and emergent cases will continue as needed.
- 2.) Time sensitive elective procedures may resume as soon as early May. Time sensitive elective cases are ones in which further delay of the procedure may have a negative effect on the outcome or complexity of the case. A medical team will be reviewing each case on an individual basis.
- 3.) Elective procedures continue to be postponed until the Wisconsin Safer at Home order is lifted.

MMC has always been committed to the health and safety of our patients and staff. To that end, MMC will:

- Establish a plan for thorough cleaning and disinfection prior to using spaces for patients with non-COVID-19 cases.
- Restrict visitors except if they are absolutely necessary for patient care.

- Facilitate social distancing by minimizing wait times, spacing chairs at least six feet apart and keep low patient volume.
- Require patients to wear a cloth face covering that can be bought or made at home if they don't already have a surgical mask.

“Safety of our patients is our top priority, and we understand many patients have had their needed, but not essential, surgeries postponed due to the pandemic,” said MMC CEO, Jason Douglas. “MMC is working diligently with local agencies, the state, and CMS to ensure proper reopening of surgical cases can take place safely and readily.”

Patients with postponed procedures will be contacted by their healthcare provider with additional information.

### **2020 Census – Please help!!**

“School lunches. Plans for hospitals. Support for firefighters, libraries and families in need, U. S. Congressional and state and local representative districts” These and many others are reasons why the Census is important to us and our community. The information provided determines where billions in Federal aid is sent for the next ten years.

To be clear: the 2020 census does NOT ask citizen questions, social security numbers, for money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party or your bank account or credit card information. It cannot be legally shared with law enforcement and cannot determine or affect your need for government benefits. The Census Bureau is bound by Federal law to protect your personal information and keep it confidential. If you haven't already, go online to: [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). It will take less than 5” to complete the questions. Everybody counts! <https://my2020census.gov/>

### **Today is Worker's Memorial Day**

Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28. It is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, were injured or made ill. We acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all workers. It is also the day OSHA was established in 1971.

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