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Tattoo/Body Piercing, Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Etc.

Polk County’s interpretation of the order below is that the “retail” sale of products is allowed as long as social distancing guidelines are met. Services such as tattoo/body piercing, hair cutting, styling, etc., will not meet the requirements below and should not be operating. Indoor shopping malls must close.

Will retail stores remain open?
Retail establishments where large numbers of people may be present but are not generally within arm’s length of each other for more than 10 minutes may remain open. This exemption covers retail sales in establishments such as salons, banks, and stores as long as public health social distancing guidelines are met.

Restaurants

As noted in the governor’s order, restaurants can still function as long as they do delivery, drive through, or takeout and don’t offer any seating. To be clear, one of the requirements to do this is that customers are given a 6 foot buffer zone while waiting for takeout orders. If your establishment is able to abide by the 6 foot rule (for example, providing stations for patrons to move one at a time, 6 feet at a time) then you will be in compliance. The Polk County Health Department is suggesting that if at all possible, curbside service would be best. Curbside service means that the customer calls ahead with their order or drives up to the door. The establishment fulfills the order or comes out and takes the order and/or payment. Food is delivered to the car. This meets all the requirements and provides for the lowest risk of social interaction. Please remember to wash hands between guests and use all the usual food safety protocols required by the Wisconsin Food Code.

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