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For Immediate Release: Employee tests positive for COVID

On Monday July 6th, an employee of Sconni's reported testing positive for COVID. The restaurant's owner shared the news on Facebook and promptly closed the restaurant temporarily for the safety of employees and customers.

Marathon County Health Department is conducting the case investigation and contact tracing. "The information gathered thus far leads us to believe that the other employees and customers were not at high risk of exposure from that employee." Stated Judy Burrows, Marathon County Health Department. The employee's last day of work occurred before the infectious period began. Customers and employees of Sconni's do not need to seek testing based on this situation.

Sconni's reopened in the end of May and has implemented several precautionary measures including: reducing the number of tables to assure social distancing; providing hand sanitation for patrons and staff; requiring staff to wear masks; and closing off much of their pool hall area. They offer carryout and curbside pick up as a means to safely serve customers and have an extensive outdoor dining space.

"We've been trying to stay proactive at every turn here at Sconni's and will continue to be diligent in our efforts to minimize the risks to our community at large." stated Ben Swanson, co-owner of Sconni's. "We've put precautions in place and are now moving forward with our plan to focus solely on outdoor dining and curbside for the safety of our customers and staff. At this point, we haven't decided on a reopening date but feel it's best to finish our deep clean and get a few things dialed in with additional outdoor dining."

COVID case counts in Marathon County continue to increase faster than ever before. People should assume that when they are in public is it likely they will come into contact with the virus. Cloth face masks and social distancing can provide protection. Anyone with symptoms should self-quarantine to protect others, and seek testing.

This situation continues to evolve rapidly. For the latest information, visit the CDC's coronavirus website, the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services website](#), or the [Marathon County Health Department](#) webpage or follow us on [Facebook](#).

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