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RE: SAFER AT HOME

(Marinette, WI) Governor Evers' Safer at Home order is in effect as of 8am Wednesday, March 25, 2020. It is in effect until 8 am April 24, 2020 or until superseded by another order.

This emergency public health order states that all Wisconsin residents are to stay at home with exceptions noted, and to maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person, except for between family or household members in a single living unit. Individuals may leave their homes for the following reasons:

1. To perform essential governmental functions, to work at essential businesses and operations, to do minimum basic operations for non-essential businesses, and essential travel, all of which is defined in the order;
2. To obtain services at or to work for health care and public health operations, certain human services operations, or essential infrastructure;
3. To perform tasks that are essential to health and safety such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, seeking emergency services, or visiting a health care professional;
4. To obtain necessary services or supplies such as food, gasoline, pet supplies, and other household consumer products. Limiting these errands to once per week is recommended.
5. To engage in outdoor activity, as long as they maintain social distancing; and
6. To care for a family members, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets as allowed under the order.

There are many rumors being circulated, which only add to the confusion and stress. Before an email, text message, or social media posting is forwarded check to ensure it is factual. There are websites that are tracking rumors and determining whether they are true or not. Two of these sites are:

<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control> and <https://www.snopes.com/>

Social distancing includes:

1. Maintaining social distancing of six feet between people;
2. Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer
3. Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands)
4. Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces
5. Not shaking hands
6. Following all other public health recommendations issues by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

You may engage in outdoor activities that meet social distancing requirements. You may travel to public and state parks for walks, hikes, and bike rides. No team or contact sports are permitted. Playgrounds are closed.

Absentee voting is being recommended. You can register online at myvote.wi.gov. or call your municipal clerk for registration information. Online voter registration has been extended to March 30th for the April 7, 2020 election.

Residents are asked to contact "2-1-1" via text or phone to find information. Do not call the County Dispatch center with information requests or questions.

- Text COVID19 to 211-211
- Visit <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- Dial 211 from a phone (note that there is a large volume of calls being handled so please be patient)

More detailed information on this order as well as previous orders and FAQs can be found on the Governor's website: <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>. # # #