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SAFER AT HOME ORDER EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 26, 2020

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On Thursday, April 16, 2020, Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee, Andrea Palm, issued Emergency Order #28, which extends Safer at Home and makes some changes to the initial Safer at Home order. The provisions of today's updated Safer at Home order become effective at 8:00 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2020, and remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued. The order implements some new measures to ensure the safety of the public and support progress that's been made in containing COVID-19. It also allows certain activities to start up again. The full order is available here:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/16/file_attachments/1428995/EMO28-SaferAtHome.pdf

"A few weeks ago, we had a pretty grim outlook for what COVID-19 could mean for our state, but because of the efforts of all of you, Safer at Home is working. That said, we aren't out of the woods just yet," said Gov. Evers. "As I've said all along, we are going to rely on the science and public health experts to guide us through this challenge. So, as we extend Safer at Home, I need all of you to continue doing the good work you've been doing so we can keep our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe, and get through this storm together."

Changes to the Safer at Home order include:

Businesses and activities ramping up service and operations:

- **Public libraries:** Public libraries may now provide curbside pick-up of books and other library materials.
- **Golf Courses:** Golf courses may open again, with restrictions including scheduling and paying for tee times online or by phone only. Clubhouses and pro shops must remain closed.
- **Non-essential Businesses:** Non-essential businesses will now be able to do more things as Minimum Basic Operations, including deliveries, mailings, and curbside pick-up. Non-essential businesses must notify workers of whether they are necessary for the Minimum Basic Operations.
- **Arts and Crafts Stores:** Arts and craft stores may offer expanded curbside pick-up of materials necessary to make face masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE).
- **Aesthetic or Optional Exterior Work:** Aesthetic or optional exterior law care or construction is now allowed under the extended order, so long as it can be done by one person.

Safe Business Practices:

- **Safe Business Practices for Essential Businesses and Operations:** Essential Businesses and Operations must increase cleaning and disinfection practices, ensure that only necessary workers are

present, and adopt policies to prevent workers exposed to COVID-19 or symptomatic workers from coming to work.

- **Safe Business Practices for Retailers that Essential Businesses and Operations:** Retail stores that remain open to the public as Essential Businesses and Operations must limit the number of people in the store at one time, must provide proper spacing for people waiting to enter, and large stores must offer at least two hours per week of dedicated shopping time for vulnerable populations.
- **Supply Chain:** Essential Businesses and Operations that are essential because they supply, manufacture, or distribute goods and services to other Essential Businesses and Operations can only continue operations that are necessary to those businesses they supply. All other operations must continue as Minimum Basic Operations.

Other changes include:

- **Schools:** Public and private K-12 schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Local parks and open space:** Local health officials may close public parks and open spaces if it becomes too difficult to ensure social distancing or the areas are being mistreated.
- **Travel:** People are strongly encouraged to stay close to home, not travel to second homes or cabins, and not to travel out-of-state if it is not necessary.
- **Tribal Nations:** Tribal Nations are sovereign over their territory and can impose their own restrictions. Non-tribal members should be respectful of and avoid non-essential travel to Tribal territory. Local government must coordinate, collaborate, and share information with Tribal Nations.
- **Duration:** The changes in this order go into effect on April 24, 2020. The order will remain in effect until 8 a.m. on May 26, 2020.

If you have questions, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is available at this link:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/16/file_attachments/1428997/2020-04-16%20Safer%20at%20Home%20extension%20FAQ.pdf

Community members should continue to follow these steps to avoid exposure to the virus and prevent illness:

- Avoiding social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching one's face; and
- Staying home.

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