

May 14, 2020

To all that live, work, and play in the City of Franklin:

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 the Wisconsin Supreme Court ended the Safer at Home Order issued by DHS Secretary Designee Andrea Palm and Governor Tony Evers. Due to the continued burden of disease spread within the southeast region of Wisconsin, the 10 Suburban Public Health Officers representing 18 communities within Milwaukee County have issued a temporary order effective immediately following the end of Safer at Home through midnight on May 21, 2020.

The order can be found on the City of Franklin website ([www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov)) and continues the process of reopening businesses and recreational opportunities within our community. While we recognize no path forward will be perfect for everyone, our goals are the same as yours, to reopen Franklin as quickly and safely as possible.

For those businesses that have been open, those re-opening for the first time, or those still waiting, we encourage you to visit the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) websites (<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/> and <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>) for information on safe business practices for re-opening in your respective industries. We believe these to be best practice models for the health and safety of your staff and patrons.

For our residents and visitors, we strongly encourage you to continue to follow physical distancing and personal protective measures as you move throughout our community or any other. These include:

- Maintaining physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household;
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
- Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces;
- Not shaking hands;
- Use of a mask or cloth face covering. Note: the use of masks or cloth face coverings is strongly recommended but shall not be required due to equity concerns regarding the challenges that either may cause for individuals because of disabilities and/or shortages of PPE; and
- Following all other public health recommendations issued by State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



We continue to assess disease spread and all mitigation efforts in place in Franklin and surrounding communities and hope to continue our phased in approach of reopening in the near future. The health and safety of those in Franklin is our first priority. We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in this unprecedented public health crisis.

For additional information you can view the dedicated the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, or the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm> or call the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101.

Sincerely,

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