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To all that work, live, and play in Franklin:

Summer is in full swing as we pass through another holiday weekend. Typically summer in Wisconsin is marked with picnics, backyard parties, sporting events, and festivals, but 2020 and the threat of COVID-19 has changed or cancelled many of our summer plans. I am proud that the Franklin Health Department has had the opportunity to work with so many local businesses in every sector of our community to put COVID-19 safety plans in place to protect workers, patrons, and the general public. The hard work and dedication of these businesses and our residents have allowed us to begin to enjoy some of the activities we missed earlier this year.

However, with an increase in opportunities outside the home comes an increase in the risk for contracting and transmitting COVID-19. In many areas of the country and our own State the numbers of those testing positive for COVID-19 have begun to trend upwards. Unfortunately, over the last week, we are now starting to see this trend creep into Franklin as well proving that COVID-19 is still very present in our area. So, while the warm weather may be calling us to venture out in Franklin or other parts of the State, it is even more important than ever that **we all play our role** in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

If you've decided to leave your home for recreational opportunities, (going to dinner, catching that movie, firing up the grill for a backyard barbeque, or participating in group gatherings) please note Franklin Health Department still strongly recommends the following before going out to protect your family, friends, and neighbors:

- Stay home if you are feeling ill.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available).
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow.
- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet between people not from your household.
- When possible, use a mask or face covering in public settings especially when you cannot ensure 6 feet of physical distancing.

More information can be found on the City of Franklin website ([www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov)) and the Franklin Health Department Facebook Page, or call us during regular business hours at 414-425-9101.

Sincerely,

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