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ORDER OF THE DOOR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

THE DOOR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER FINDS:

1. An easily transmittable communicable disease known as COVID-19 has achieved worldwide Pandemic status, with approximately 4.4 million confirmed positive cases and 300,000 deaths worldwide.
2. COVID-19 is currently present and being actively transmitted in Door County, Wisconsin. As of May 14, 2020, there are 29 confirmed positive cases, 110 pending tests, and have been 3 deaths.
3. Door County has a large percentage of aged population, and data demonstrates that the aged population is particularly vulnerable to the severe symptoms associated with COVID-19 virus.
4. Door County is a popular tourist destination and home to many seasonal residents. Local businesses rely on seasonal workers, many who travel from out of state and county to work in Door County. The expected influx of these people has the potential to further the spread COVID infection, as well as tax our health care system.
5. Wisconsin saw meaningful benefits from the "Safer at Home Order". These benefits include flattening the curve of COVID-19 infection (i.e., slow the spread of the virus, preservation of healthcare resources, and save lives) in Wisconsin.
6. On May 13, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a decision declaring "Safer at Home" unlawful, invalid and unenforceable. The State Legislature and Governor have not, to date, worked together to establish a lawful rule that addresses COVID-19.
7. This order is reasonable and necessary and is being issued to continue control, prevention and suppression of COVID-19, and will protect the health and well-being of individuals, within Door County consistent with Sec. 252.03, Wis. Stats.

THE DOOR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

- A. I hereby adopt Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Order #28, Emergency Order #34, and Emergency Order #36 (each attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth) as an order of the Door County Health Officer and applicable to Door County.
- B. This order takes effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect through Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM.
- C. Enforcement of this order will be as provided by law, and penalties for its violation include a fine of not more than \$500 and any other applicable penalty set forth in Sec. 252.25, Wis. Stats.

During the pendency of this Order, I will be developing long-term guidance, modeled after the Badger Bounce Back plan, which will be issued no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Susan Powers, RN, BSN
Health Officer/Public Health Manager

Thursday, May 14, 2020