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BURLINGTON – COVID-19 (Update #10)

Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling on Emergency Order #28

Yesterday, on May 13, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the Emergency Order #28, known as the "Safer at Home Order," that was issued by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, on April 16, 2020, with an effective time period of April 24, 2020, through May 26, 2020.

That Supreme Court decision has removed all of the limitations placed by Order #28 on our citizens and businesses, with the result that, at least presently, it will be up to each of us to individually decide how to proceed with our lives in this COVID-19 era. It is anticipated that the Governor and the Wisconsin Legislature will now work together and create, in a coordinated manner, a new set of rules and guidelines for Wisconsin citizens and businesses to follow, through a new replacement Order. Until then, though, we are on our own.

As the Mayor of the City of Burlington, and in keeping with the discussions and recommendations of our City staff, we join together and urge everyone to still remain cautious in your daily activities, as you deem appropriate, and to similarly still be cautious in the manner in which our community businesses are reopened. The existence of the COVID-19 virus is still around us, and that medical battle is still being fiercely fought. The support of everyone is needed in that fight.

As indicated in the May 12th Press Release, I am working with local experts to re-open the downtown creatively to bolster our local economy. I anticipate introducing this plan for feedback to the Common Council at its May 19, Committee of the Whole meeting. To that end, we ask everyone to continue to honor the social distancing guidelines, to continue to use face coverings when out in the public, and to follow all of the other CDC guidelines that will keep our families and community as safe as possible. Specific recommendations are also available, created by the [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation](#) and [Re-Open Racine Task Force](#) which provide helpful guidelines for safely reopening our community businesses.

Finally, we wish to share and concur with everyone the following words of Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave, which we embrace:

"We are encouraged that businesses can begin to reopen, but we must work collaboratively to protect public health and establish consumer confidence. We urge businesses and residents to continue practicing social distancing and taking precautions to protect themselves and others."

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