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**# Badger Bounce Back
Rebound Racine County Task Force**

On April 16, Governor Evers Extended [Emergency Order #28 Safer at Home](#) mandating Wisconsinites to stay at home until May 26, 2020 due to the public health crisis of Coronavirus (COVID-19). To view Frequently Asked Questions of the Safer at Home Order please see: <http://burlington-wi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3177/SaferatHomeFAQ-51120>. As Governor Evers issued this extended mandate, he has also issued a [Badger Bounce Back Program](#) to begin a phased approach of re-opening the state, safely and responsibly, to reduce the spread of the virus.

As the Badger Bounce Back program was introduced by the State, Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave, in collaboration with Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce (RAMAC), formed a community task force with the mission to safely and effectively re-open Racine County, in preparation of the eventual lifting of Safer at Home restrictions. Racine County municipalities, including Burlington, faith organizations, financial institutions, health care, schools and non-profits collaborated to identify address the impact of COVID-19 and the needs of business owners in order to begin re-opening Racine.

On May 11, Governor Evers released [Emergency Order #36 Interim Order to Turn the Dial](#) lessening restrictions on small retail stores. Almost simultaneously, Racine County released its [Rebound Report 2020](#) that will allow business owners sufficient time to prepare for their business to re-open. I ask all sectors of public and private business to thoroughly review the completed Rebound Report 2020 for valuable information.

As I stated in the April 30 press release, we will re-open the city of Burlington in coordination with the Governor's orders and the Racine County Task Force. Know, I want to open Burlington as soon as possible. In addition to the Task Force, I have also spoken with area experts and staff to strategize opportunities allowing our restaurants to open (outdoor dining venues), in conjunction with the safer at home orders being lifted, to kick start our economy. Stay tuned for more exciting news to follow in the upcoming weeks!

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