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SAUK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES GUIDANCE TO PREPARE FOR A SAFE REOPENING

Today the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned Emergency Order #28 (Safer At Home). The Court determined that Safer at Home is subject to administrative rule-making, and because it was not established in rule (but rather it was established via order), the Supreme Court found EO #28 “unenforceable”, as it was not established in rule. This ruling takes immediate effect; there is no 6 day stay.

Even though the Court ruled in this way, Sauk County Public Health (SCPH) strongly encourages all Sauk County residents to voluntarily comply with the key components of the Safer at Home Order. These include:

- Maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others;
- Do not congregate in groups larger than 10 people without physical distancing between groups;
- Wash your hands frequently;
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

SCPH has developed several guidance tools to help businesses and organizations reopen safely, even without the Safer at Home order in effect. “A strong economy is vital to public health and safety,” said Tim Lawther, Sauk County Health Officer. “We can’t have healthy residents and a healthy community without people working and our businesses providing the goods and services that make Sauk County such a special place.” Faith-based and other community organizations are equally vital to our ability to thrive as individuals, families, and communities.

More detailed public health guidance, by sector, will be released early next week. But there are many things that businesses and organizations should be doing to prepare for a safe reopening, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop flexible sick leave policies that encourage staying home when ill • Set aggressive infection control policies (hand washing, surface cleaning, barriers to reduce contact between customers and staff) • Source needed disinfectants, soap, sanitizer, and PPE if used | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all operations support 6’ physical distancing • Create a system to monitor any symptoms your employees may have • Cross train and prepare for absenteeism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a system to limit and direct traffic in your business • Ensure policies are consistent with public health guidance, state and federal law • Communicate your plan to employees and customers |
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SCPH will be updating guidelines regularly at: <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth/prepare-reopen>.