
From: Redell, Carol <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:41 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: Rep. Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: [Ext]RE: Public Records Request (WI-REP-20-0884)

https://send.firefox.com/download/9dac9f854946bbfd/#TvWmoFR3Wj_KAg1oi_fApw

Sarah Wishingrad
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for submitting a check in the amount of \$131.34 for payment of record location and retrieval costs for the open records request you submitted to Representative Tusler's office. The records are being provided in electronic format. Accordingly, all records that are responsive to your request are attached to this email.

Carol Redell
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carol.redell@legis.wi.gov

From: Rep. Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:37 PM

To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (WI-REP-20-0884)

Good afternoon Sarah,

This email confirms receipt of your open records request on April 10, 2020. You have requested: "All email communications sent by the Representative or any member of the Representative's staff, that contain the following terms*:

a. Safe* b. Health* c. Contagious d. Infectio* e. Corona* f. Virus* g. Covid h. "Covid-19" i. Sick* j. Kelly k. Karofsky l. Court* m. justicedanielkelly.com n. wisgop* o. GOP* p. Republican* q. RNC r. DNC s. Dem* t. Biden u. Sanders v. Bernie w. Primar* x. "Executive order"
y. EO z. Election* aa. Vote* bb. Voting cc. Absentee dd. Mail* ee. Ballot* ff. Signature* gg. Witness* hh. WEC ii. Confine* jj. poll* kk. Death* ll. "Special session" mm. Emergenc* nn. "Turn-out" oo. "Turn out" pp. Turnout qq. Guard* rr. Trump
ss. POTUS tt. "White House" uu. Tuesday vv. "April 7" ww. "July 9" xx. Line* yy. feet zz. foot aaa. ft bbb. Distanc* ccc. Quarantin* ddd. Isolot* eee. PPE fff. Evers ggg. Milwaukee hhh. Madison iii. "at home" jjj. Vulnerable from March 18, 2020, through April 10, 2020."

The cost for copying documents is \$0.15 per page; the cost of sending records to a requestor will be calculated by the Assembly Chief Clerk's office, if applicable. The requestor will also be charged the hourly fee of staff while searching and compiling the requested information for requests that take longer than eight hours to fulfill. The Assembly Chief Clerk's office will process responsive records for applicable invoicing. Arrangements for the delivery of records will be made once any responsive records have been retrieved. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact my office.

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request (WI-REP-20-0884)

Dear Representative Tusler:

Please find attached a request for records under Wisconsin's public records law.

Sincerely,

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PRR: WI-REP-20-0884

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 3:39 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill
Attachments: Cosponsorship Memo.docx; 19-5963_P1 (002).pdf

Good afternoon Heather,

Last week, a circuit court judge contacted our office about not having enough medical personnel available to testify in certain mental health proceedings because they are caught up dealing with COVID-19.

Attached is a bill that would extend the statutory time limit during a public health state of emergency.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
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3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 11:32 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

Just got a call from Paul Kluge. He is an elderly individual, a veteran, and lives in Kimberly.

Paul and his wife are staying in place, as they have been advised by the government/media. However, Paul is concerned he cannot vote absentee because he cannot get a photo ID to his municipal clerk.

Paul STRONGLY encourages Rep. Tusler to urge for a special session to move back the Spring Primary to a future date.

Paul would appreciate a telephone call. Paul has not contacted the office before.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 1:53 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Bill

I don't think this is going to help our case.

<https://fox11online.com/news/coronavirus/gallagher-joins-brown-county-health-dept-in-ppe-drive>

“Both providers say primary reasons for cutting staff shifts and hours is due to the cancelation of most elective procedures and visits and people [social distancing](#), therefore not as many people are seeking healthcare services.”

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill

Thanks for sending this – I would like to understand better. So the docs that usually testify at the mental health proceedings are psychiatric specialty physicians. I know that we are seeing more COVID cases, but I have not seen anything (I may have missed it) that there's been outsize pressure on those specialists because of COVID. Do you have any more information about what they're seeing? Are the physicians unable to even participate by video conference? Do you know if the circuit court is having normal operations, for instance, are they decreasing their caseload at all because of distancing and people in quarantine?

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:04 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1
Attachments: 19-5963_P1.pdf

Attached is the preliminary draft. Please let me know your thoughts and how you would like to proceed.

~ William

From: LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -5963/P1.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:05 PM
To: 'Deborah Paradiso' <debiparadiso5813@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Good afternoon Deborah,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on postponing the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.
In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

From: Deborah Paradiso <debiparadiso5813@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Rep Tusler,
First I want to apologize for using the wrong email. When I searched for an email that was the only one I could find. It did seem strange.

I disagree on your stance for the reason not to move the election. The absentee ballots would still count. There is no reason not to accept them. I do however agree the date should have moved on this sooner which could have been a decision of both the governor and the legislature, but who knew this virus would hit us this hard and for so long. I do not think politics should be any reason to make a decision. We are the people of Wisconsin and we should be protecting everyone no matter what their political affiliation. I am mostly worried about the election judge's health and the viability of the election. Many voting places are shutting down; people won't know where to go or might not be able to get to the new location.

Thank you,
Deborah Paradiso

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 12:39 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

Janine, the clerk from the Village of Kimberly has been contacted by “hundreds” of elderly individuals and cannot go out to them individually. She said she wants Paul to contact her directly, and they can work something out.

I called Paul and he said he has already contacted Janine, and he is unable to follow her guidance because of his age and technological incapability.

He specifically wants his representative to push for the Spring Primary to get pushed back.

“If Representative Tusler truly cares about the health and well-being of his constituents, he would urge the governor and his companions to push back the date of the Spring Election.”

Also, related, but not to this case: <https://fox11online.com/news/political/area-mayors-consider-legal-action-if-april-election-is-not-delayed>

You may want to bring up these matters during today’s phone call.

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

That is the problem. But, the solution is calling his municipal clerk and asking if they can come to him. That happens often. Especially, this early.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

The problem is that is doesn’t want to leave his house. Registration for absentee voting ended on Wednesday. He wants the election pushed back.

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

Find a way for him to vote!!! Once you have the solution, I want to call him.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:32 AM

To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

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Respectfully,

William Penterman

Research Assistant

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3rd Assembly District

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:54 AM
To: 'Dave' <dfbishop@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Delay Election

Good morning David,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on moving the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dave <dfbishop@new.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Delay Election

Dear Representative Tusler

I urge you and your Republican legislators to delay the April 7 election and to hold the election via absentee ballots instead of in person voting. To hold the election in person violates the requirement and guidance from the CDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Per our constitution everyone must be given the chance to vote and during this COVID-19 crisis, the election needs to be postponed and absentee voting extended. To do otherwise takes away our right to vote and will kill thousands of poll workers and voters. I am appalled by the Legislature's refusal to take up and act on the Governor's request to delay and extend the voting.

I urge you to act now.

Regards,

David Bishop
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Appleton, WI 54915

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 12:37 PM
To: "Handrick, Joe" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: WEC follow up
Attachments: 2020_03_20 Letter to Elections Commission.pdf; 032420barrett.pdf

Good afternoon Joe,

I just spoke with Richard Rydecki from WEC and he provided me with a few updates.

First, please see that attached letter from Governor Evers' Office regarding their response to these items.

Second, **there is an order for absentee envelopes that will be shipped tonight to the counties for distribution. 1.2 million in total** (600,000 envelopes to send to the voters, plus 600,000 return envelopes). The counties should be receiving them within a day or two.

Third, the hand sanitizer is still a work in progress. They are working with a WI distiller to provide a 70% ethyl alcohol solution. They are still working on getting this packaged and shipped out the counties. They may use the National Guard for shipment and distribution.

Finally, It sounds like municipalities are having difficulty recruiting poll workers. Some elected officials are not helping in this effort. For example: Mayor Tom Barrett: "Under the present circumstances, in-person voting, particularly with lines of people, **is simply not safe**, feasible, or responsible." (see attached letter).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know!

Respectfully,

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From: Penterman, William
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: WEC follow up

Joe,

Sure thing! I will look into these further.

In the meantime, attached is a letter from Gov. Evers' Chief Legal Counsel regarding a few of these items.

Respectfully,

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From: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WEC follow up

William –

Hope you are well. We have a million moving parts up here, so hoping I could tap you for a little help. As part of your office's role as elections chair, I was hoping you (or Rep. Tusler) could reach out to the WEC and inquire about how a couple things are going relative to items 3, 4 and 5 in the motion they recently passed.

When you hear back, if you could pass that information along to me that would be great. I am not in the building – email is fine. If you're on vacation or for some other reason indisposed, please let me know. Our questions are in red.

Motion by Knudson:

- 1) It is critical that the April 7 election will proceed as scheduled
- 2) WEC staff will develop best practices for locals to use to adhere to CDC guidance and promote public safety
- 3) Urge Governor/DHS to help ensure all the sanitary needs (sanitizer etc) are met on 4/7. **Have they had any luck in getting a response on this from the Administration?**
- 4) \$200k authority to staff for supplies (there is a shortage of absentee envelopes due to new surge in absentee voting) **Meagan discussed the work they were doing to get additional envelopes and the challenges involved. Can we get an update on how that's going and if clerks are (overall) getting the supplies they need – especially the envelopes?**
- 5) Encourage clerks to recruit and hire more workers for the polls (to make up for older workers who may not be able to work) **Anything to report on this?**
- 6) Encourage voters to absentee vote
- 7) Direct clerks to accommodate in-person voting as required by law

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 10:29 AM
To: 'Vivian Creekmore' <viviancreekmore@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: WISCONSIN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

<https://fox11online.com/news/coronavirus/evers-orders-non-essential-wisconsin-businesses-closed>

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2020/03/23/wisconsin-gov-tony-evers-issues-safer-place-order/2897821001/>

From: Vivian Creekmore <viviancreekmore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:37 AM
To: Vivian Creekmore <viviancreekmore@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: WISCONSIN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We differ politically, but I know that you are intelligent informed people who love Wisconsin and your constituents. Please! Urge Governor Evers to take stronger action on COVID-19.

We had to drive back from Florida and listened to radio from 7 states. The responses from states is varying too much.

Please order a shut down of Wisconsin. Order "Shelter in place." Order insurance to pay for tele-therapy for mental health, medical, and AODA Order medical, nursing, and allied health students to grad 3 mos early - now! Order liability protection for retired health care workers so they can volunteer or work.

Please speak openly and candidly to your constituents. There is a sharp partisan divide in what people believe/think about COVID-19. There should not be!

I love my Republican friends and want to see them as informed as anyone else.

Please, work together!

Vivian Creekmore, MSW
Michael Kay, PhD

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VOTE NOW

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PSA

SAFE AND SECURE VOTING IN WISCONSIN'S APRIL 7TH ELECTION IS ONLY A CLICK, OR A PHONE CALL, AWAY! YOU CAN CAST YOUR VERY IMPORTANT VOTE FOR LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CANDIDATES WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOUSE. IF YOU'RE ONLINE, JUST VISIT MY VOTE DOT WI DOT GOV, AND REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. WHEN IT ARRIVES, JUST MARK YOUR VOTE, MAKE SURE YOU GET A WITNESS SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS, AND SEND IT BACK! NOT ONLINE? THAT'S OK! JUST CALL THE ELECTIONS HOTLINE AT 866 VOTE WIS – THAT'S 866 868-3947 – OR CALL YOUR LOCAL CLERKS OFFICE! VOTE SAFE. VOTE SECURE. VOTE NOW FOR THE APRIL 7TH ELECTION. VISIT MY VOTE DOT WI DOT GOV, OR CALL 866 VOTE WIS!



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 21, 2020

For more information

Sen. Scott Fitzgerald: (608) 266-5660

Speaker Robin Vos: (608) 266-9171

Statement: Legislature Takes Gov. Evers to Court

[Madison, WI] – Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) released the following statement after filing an original action in the Wisconsin State Supreme Court challenging the governor’s extension of the Safer at Home order through May 26th.

“The public outcry over the Safer at Home order continues to increase as positive COVID cases decrease or remain flat. There’s immense frustration regarding the extension, as it goes beyond the executive branch’s statutory powers. Wisconsinites are forced to sit by with no voice in the process. Other Midwestern states with more confirmed cases, like Ohio, have set firm dates to begin a phased reopening far earlier than the Evers administration.

“The governor has denied the people a voice through this unprecedented administrative overreach. Unfortunately, that leaves the legislature no choice but to ask the Supreme Court to rein in this obvious abuse of power. Wisconsinites deserve certainty, transparency, and a plan to end the constant stream of executive orders that are eroding both the economy and their liberty even as the state is clearly seeing a decline in COVID infections.”

[Read the full filing here.](#)

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State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-3434/1
MPG:skw

2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.866 (1) (u); and *to create* 13.48 (46p), 20.866 (2) (zcv) and
2 20.867 (3) (cv) of the statutes; **relating to:** construction and renovation of a
3 veterans village, granting bonding authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (46p) of the statutes is created to read:
5 13.48 (**46p**) VETERANS VILLAGE. (a) The legislature finds and determines that
6 providing housing and specialized care for veterans in this state is a statewide
7 responsibility of statewide dimension. It is therefore in the public interest, and it is
8 the public policy of this state, to assist Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc.,
9 in the construction and renovation of a veterans village in Outagamie County to
10 provide housing, assisted living and end-of-life care, health care, and community
11 resources to veterans.

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(b) The building commission may authorize up to \$3,000,000 in general fund supported borrowing to assist Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc., in the construction and renovation of a veterans village, as specified in par. (a). The state funding commitment shall be in the form of a grant to the Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc. Before approving any state funding commitment for the construction and renovation of the veterans village, the building commission shall determine that Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc., has secured additional funding for the project of at least \$12,000,000 from nonstate revenue sources.

(c) If the building commission authorizes a grant to the Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc., under par. (b), and if, for any reason, the space that is constructed or renovated with funds from the grant is not used for providing one or more of the types of care and services specified in par. (a), the state shall retain an ownership interest in the constructed space equal to the amount of the state's grant.

SECTION 2. 20.866 (1) (u) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.866 (1) (u) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient from moneys appropriated under sub. (2) (zp) and ss. 20.115 (2) (d) and (7) (b) and (s), 20.190 (1) (c), (d), (i), and (j), 20.225 (1) (c) and (i), 20.245 (1) (e) and (j), 20.250 (1) (c) and (e), 20.255 (1) (d), 20.285 (1) (d), (gj), and (je), 20.320 (1) (c) and (t) and (2) (c), 20.370 (7) (aa), (ad), (ag), (aq), (ar), (at), (au), (bq), (br), (cb), (cc), (cd), (cg), (cq), (cr), (cs), (ct), (ea), (eq), and (er), 20.395 (6) (af), (aq), (ar), and (au), 20.410 (1) (e), (ec), and (ko) and (3) (e) and (fm), 20.435 (2) (ee), 20.465 (1) (d), 20.485 (1) (f) and (go), (3) (t) and (4) (qm), 20.505 (4) (es), (et), (ha), and (hb) and (5) (c), (g), and (kc), 20.855 (8) (a), and 20.867 (1) (a) and (b) and (3) (a), (b), (bb), (bc), (bd), (be), (bf), (bg), (bh), (bj), (bL), (bm), (bn), (bq), (br), (bt), (bu), (bv), (bw), (bx), (cb), (cd), (cf), (ch), (cj), (cq), (cr), (cs), (cv), (g), (h), (i), (kd), and (q) for the payment of principal, interest, premium due, if any, and

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1 payment due, if any, under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into
2 under s. 18.06 (8) (a) relating to any public debt contracted under subchs. I and IV
3 of ch. 18.

4 **SECTION 3.** 20.866 (2) (zcv) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.866 (2) (zcv) *Building commission; veterans village.* From the capital
6 improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the building commission to provide a grant
7 to Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc., for the construction and renovation
8 of the veterans village specified in s. 13.48 (46p). The state may contract public debt
9 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for this purpose.

10 **SECTION 4.** 20.867 (3) (cv) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.867 (3) (cv) *Principal repayment, interest, and rebates; veterans village.* A
12 sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal and interest
13 costs incurred in financing the construction and renovation of the veterans village
14 specified in s. 13.48 (46p), to make the payments determined by the building
15 commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of
16 obligations incurred in financing the project, and to make payments under an
17 agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a).

18 **SECTION 9104. Nonstatutory provisions; Building Commission.**

19 (1) 2019-21 AUTHORIZED STATE BUILDING PROGRAM. For the fiscal years
20 beginning on July 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2021, the Authorized State
21 Building Program is as follows:

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(a) WISCONSIN VETERANS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, INC. —

VETERANS VILLAGE — OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

1. *Projects financed by general fund supported*

borrowing:

a. Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc. —

veterans village	\$	\$3,000,000
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(Total project all funding sources \$15,000,000)

2. *Projects financed by gifts, grants, and other receipts:*

a. Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc. —

veterans village		12,000,000
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(Total project all funding sources \$15,000,000)

3. *Agency totals:*

General fund supported borrowing		3,000,000
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Gifts, grants, and other receipts		<u>\$12,000,000</u>
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Total — All sources of funds	\$	15,000,000
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- 1 (2) WISCONSIN VETERANS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.; VETERANS VILLAGE.
- 2 Notwithstanding s. 13.48 (46p) (b), the building commission may not make a grant
- 3 to Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc., for the construction and renovation
- 4 of the veterans village, as enumerated in sub. (1) (a), under s. 13.48 (46p), unless the
- 5 department of administration has reviewed and approved plans for the project.
- 6 Notwithstanding ss. 16.85 (1) and 16.855 (1m), the department of administration

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SECTION 9104

1 may not supervise any services or work or let any contract for the project. Section
2 16.87 does not apply to the project.

3 (END)



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5919/1
MED:amn

2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 108.04 (3); and *to create* 108.02 (23c) and
2 108.04 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** suspension of the waiting period for
3 collection of unemployment insurance benefits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment. The waiting period does not affect the maximum number of weeks of a claimant's benefit eligibility.

This bill allows the secretary of workforce development to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period for up to 52 weeks during a declared state of emergency as is needed to address the state of emergency. The bill also specifically requires the secretary to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period retroactively for benefit years that began on March 15, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 108.02 (23c) of the statutes is created to read:

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108.02 **(23c)** SECRETARY. “Secretary” means the secretary of workforce development.

SECTION 2. 108.04 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 108.04 (3) (a) and amended to read:

108.04 (3) (a) ~~The Subject to par. (b), the~~ first week of a claimant's benefit year for which the claimant has timely applied and is otherwise eligible for regular benefits under this chapter is the claimant's waiting period for that benefit year.

SECTION 3. 108.04 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

108.04 **(3)** (b) The secretary may, by order, suspend the application of par. (a) for up to 52 weeks during a state of emergency declared under s. 323.10 as is needed to address the state of emergency. Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), the order need not be promulgated as a rule under ch. 227.

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) The secretary of workforce development shall, under s. 108.04 (3) (b), suspend the application of s. 108.04 (3) (a) retroactively for benefit years that began on March 15, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, including any extension under s. 323.10.

(END)



2019 BILL

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** allowing certain rehired annuitants to elect to not become
2 new participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System for a defined period.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an annuitant under the Wisconsin Retirement System who was a correctional officer or a protective occupation participant upon retirement to return to a position covered by the WRS and elect to not suspend his or her annuity if all of the following apply:

1. The annuitant is hired as a correctional officer or for a position that is in the protective occupation participant category.
2. The annuitant is hired during period beginning on March 12, 2020 and ending on March 11, 2021.
3. The annuitant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services for the employer.
4. At least 30 days have elapsed between the annuitant's termination of employment and the annuitant's appointment to the new position.

Under current law, generally, if a WRS annuitant is appointed to a position with a WRS-participating employer, or provides employee services to a WRS-participating employer in which he or she is expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds, the annuity must be suspended and no annuity payment is payable until after the participant again terminates covered employment.

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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) REHIRED PROTECTIVE OCCUPATION PARTICIPANTS AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS.

(a) As used in this section:

1. "Annuitant" means a participant who retired either as a correctional officer or as a protective occupation participant and who is receiving a retirement annuity from the Wisconsin retirement system.

2. "Correctional officer" has the meaning given in s. 102.475 (8) (a).

3. "Participant" has the meaning given in s. 40.02 (45).

4. "Participating employee" has the meaning given in s. 40.02 (46).

5. "Participating employer" has the meaning given in s. 40.02 (47).

6. "Protective occupation participant" has the meaning given in s. 40.02 (48).

(b) Notwithstanding s. 40.26, if an annuitant first returns to work in a position covered by the Wisconsin retirement system as a protective occupation participant or as a correctional officer during the period beginning on March 12, 2020, and ending on March 11, 2021, the annuitant may elect to not suspend his or her retirement annuity during that period if all of the following apply:

1. At least 30 days have elapsed between the termination of employment with a participating employer and becoming a participating employee.

2. At the time the annuitant terminates his or her employment with a participating employer, the annuitant does not have an agreement with any

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1 participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide
2 employee services for the employer.

3 (END)



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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m), 66.0137 (4), 120.13 (2) (g), 185.983 (1)
2 (intro.) and 609.83; and *to create* 632.862 of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires health insurance policies that offer prescription drug benefits, self-insured health plans, and pharmacy benefit managers acting on behalf of policies or plans to apply amounts paid for prescription drugs by or on behalf of a person covered under the policy or plan to any calculation of an out-of-pocket maximum or to any cost-sharing requirement of the policy or plan. Health insurance policies are referred to in the bill as disability insurance policies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 40.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6)
6 shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8)
7 and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.798, 632.83, 632.835, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855,

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1 632.862, 632.867, 632.87 (3) to (6), 632.885, 632.89, 632.895 (5m) and (8) to (17), and
2 632.896.

3 **SECTION 2.** 40.51 (8m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 40.51 **(8m)** Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance
5 board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 631.95, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747,
6 632.748, 632.798, 632.83, 632.835, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.862, 632.867,
7 632.885, 632.89, and 632.895 (11) to (17).

8 **SECTION 3.** 66.0137 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 66.0137 **(4)** SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLANS. If a city, including a 1st class city, or
10 a village provides health care benefits under its home rule power, or if a town
11 provides health care benefits, to its officers and employees on a self-insured basis,
12 the self-insured plan shall comply with ss. 49.493 (3) (d), 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2),
13 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2., 632.747 (3), 632.798, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.862,
14 632.867, 632.87 (4) to (6), 632.885, 632.89, 632.895 (9) to (17), 632.896, and 767.513
15 (4).

16 **SECTION 4.** 120.13 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 120.13 **(2)** (g) Every self-insured plan under par. (b) shall comply with ss.
18 49.493 (3) (d), 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2., 632.747 (3),
19 632.798, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.862, 632.867, 632.87 (4) to (6), 632.885,
20 632.89, 632.895 (9) to (17), 632.896, and 767.513 (4).

21 **SECTION 5.** 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 185.983 **(1)** (intro.) Every voluntary nonprofit health care plan operated by a
23 cooperative association organized under s. 185.981 shall be exempt from chs. 600 to
24 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41, 601.42, 601.43, 601.44,
25 601.45, 611.26, 611.67, 619.04, 623.11, 623.12, 628.34 (10), 631.17, 631.89, 631.93,

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1 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.798, 632.85,
2 632.853, 632.855, 632.862, 632.867, 632.87 (2) to (6), 632.885, 632.89, 632.895 (5) and
3 (8) to (17), 632.896, and 632.897 (10) and chs. 609, 620, 630, 635, 645, and 646, but
4 the sponsoring association shall:

5 **SECTION 6.** 609.83 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **609.83 Coverage of drugs and devices; application of payments.**

7 Limited service health organizations, preferred provider plans, and defined network
8 plans are subject to ss. 632.853, 632.862, and 632.895 (16t).

9 **SECTION 7.** 632.862 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **632.862 Application of prescription drug payments. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In
11 this section:

12 (a) "Disability insurance policy" has the meaning given in s. 632.895 (1) (a).

13 (b) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning given in s. 632.865 (1) (c).

14 (c) "Self-insured health plan" has the meaning given in s. 632.85 (1) (c).

15 **(2) APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS.** A disability insurance policy that offers a
16 prescription drug benefit, a self-insured health plan, or a pharmacy benefit manager
17 acting on behalf of a disability insurance policy or self-insured health plan shall
18 apply to any calculation of an out-of-pocket maximum or to any cost-sharing
19 requirement of the policy or plan any amounts paid for prescription drugs that are
20 covered under the policy or plan by an enrollee or on behalf of any person covered
21 under the policy or plan.

22 **SECTION 8. Initial applicability.**

23 (1) (a) For policies and plans containing provisions inconsistent with this act,
24 the act first applies to policy or plan years beginning on January 1 of the year
25 following the year in which this paragraph takes effect, except as provided in par. (b).

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(b) For policies or plans that are affected by a collective bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act, this act first applies to policy or plan years beginning on the effective date of this paragraph or on the day on which the collective bargaining agreement is newly established, extended, modified, or renewed, whichever is later.

SECTION 9. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

(END)



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2019 BILL

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** the scope of practice of health care providers and health care
2 providers from other states.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill addresses the scope of practice of health care providers and practice by health care providers from other states, as follows:

1. The bill allows a health care provider to provide any health care services within the extent of his or her individual education, training, and experience. Current law generally prohibits a person from engaging in certain health care-related practices without holding a required credential.

2. The bill prohibits the Department of Safety and Professional Services and all credentialing boards from reprimanding a health care provider or denying, limiting, suspending, or revoking the credential of a health care provider for providing a health care service in a regulated health care setting, such as a hospital, clinic, long-term care facility, or other regulated setting. This provision applies only if the following are satisfied: 1) the health care service provided by a health care provider is within the provider's education, training, and experience; and 2) the health care service is provided at the direction of an attending physician or under a written policy issued by a regulated health care setting.

3. The bill allows a health care provider from another state to practice a health care profession in Wisconsin if the health care provider holds in good standing a license, certificate, or registration granted by another state that authorizes the person to practice that profession. These health care providers are considered to have a credential in this state.

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The bill's provision's apply only during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

(a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

1. "Health care provider" has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (hp), (r), and (s).

2. "Regulated health care setting" means a health care provider as defined in s. 146.81 (1) (i) to (q), any entity that is licensed, certified, registered or otherwise credentialed under ch. 50 or 51 or rules promulgated under ch. 50 or 51, an outpatient health clinic, and any other setting regulated by the department of health services, as specified by the department of health services.

(b) *Services provided by health care providers.* Notwithstanding ss. 440.982 (1), 441.06 (4), 441.15 (2), 446.02 (1), 447.03 (1) and (2), 448.03 (1) (a), (b), and (c) and (1m), 448.51, 448.61, 448.76, 448.961 (1) and (2), 449.02 (1), 450.03 (1), 451.04 (1), 455.02 (1m), 457.04, 459.02 (1), 459.24 (1), and 460.02, a health care provider may provide any health care services within the extent of his or her individual education, training, and experience and does not violate any of the prohibitions against engaging in a practice without a credential under s. 440.982 (1), 441.06 (4), 441.15 (2), 446.02 (1), 447.03 (1) or (2), 448.03 (1) (a), (b), or (c) or (1m), 448.51, 448.61, 448.76, 448.961 (1) or (2), 449.02 (1), 450.03 (1), 451.04 (1), 455.02 (1m), 457.04, 459.02 (1), 459.24 (1), or 460.02.

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1 (c) *Regulated health care settings.* The department of health services may not
2 sanction, deny Medical Assistance reimbursement to, or otherwise penalize a
3 regulated health care setting because that regulated health care setting has as an
4 employee or contractor a health care provider who is providing services in accordance
5 with par. (b) or (d).

6 (d) *Practicing under authorization.* Notwithstanding ss. 440.986, 441.07,
7 446.03, 447.07, 448.02, 448.57, 448.675, 448.87, 448.968, 449.07, 450.10, 451.14,
8 455.09, 457.26, 459.10, and 460.14, the department of safety and professional
9 services and any examining board, affiliated credentialing board, and board in the
10 department of safety and professional services may not reprimand a health care
11 provider or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke the credential of a health care provider
12 for providing a health care service in a regulated health care setting if all of the
13 following apply:

14 1. The health care service is within the health care provider's education,
15 training, and experience.

16 2. The health care service is provided at the direction of an attending physician
17 or under a written policy issued by the regulated health care setting.

18 (2) PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM OTHER STATES.

19 (a) *Definition.* In this subsection, "out-of-state health care provider" means
20 an individual who holds in good standing a valid, unexpired license, certificate, or
21 registration granted by another state or territory that authorizes or qualifies the
22 individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as the acts that a health
23 care provider, as defined in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (hp), (r) and (s), is licensed or certified
24 to perform.

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(b) *Practice by out-of-state health care providers.* Notwithstanding ss. 440.982 (1), 441.06 (4), 441.15 (2), 446.02 (1), 447.03 (1) and (2), 448.03 (1) (a), (b), and (c) and (1m), 448.51, 448.61, 448.76, 448.961 (1) and (2), 449.02 (1), 450.03 (1), 451.04 (1), 455.02 (1m), 457.04, 459.02 (1), 459.24 (1), and 460.02, an out-of-state health care provider may provide services for which the out-of-state health care provider is licensed, certified, or registered.

(c) *Considered in-state license.* An out-of-state health care provider practicing in compliance with par. (b) is considered to hold the credential in this state that is the same or substantially the same as the out-of-state credential. A physician or nurse anesthetist may elect to be subject to ch. 655 for practice in this state.

(3) **APPLICABILITY.** SECTION 1 (1) and (2) of this act applies only during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, including any extension under s. 323.10.

(END)



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 51.16 of the statutes; **relating to:** extension of time limit for
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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill extends, during a public health emergency, the time limit for hearings in certain mental health proceedings when a health care provider is required to testify and is unavailable due to the public health emergency until a health care provider is available. Mental health proceedings to which this suspension applies are inpatient admissions for treatment of minors, reviews of outpatient treatment of certain minors, emergency detentions, involuntary commitments, and emergency detentions and involuntary commitments related to substance use.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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2019-2020 End of Session Information:

Education Funding for:

Kimberly Area School District

Little Chute Area School District

Appleton Area School District

Awards:

- Conservative Achievement Award from the American Conservative Union Foundation

Legislation:

28 bills introduced

7 bi-partisan bill signed into law **(tied for the third most in the Assembly)**

- 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 16
 - An Act to create 948.01 (1t) of the statutes; relating to: defining child pornography.
- 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 29
 - An Act to amend 893.82 (5) of the statutes; relating to: service of notice of claim against state officer, employee, or agent.
- 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 30
 - An Act to amend 801.14 (2), 801.15 (5) (b), 801.18 (12) (c) and 802.05 (1) of the statutes; relating to: service of certain pleadings and other papers by electronic mail.
- 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 53
 - An Act to create 342.065 (1m) of the statutes; relating to: evidence of ownership for purposes of obtaining certain motor vehicle certificates of title.
- 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 59
 - An Act to renumber and amend 281.36 (3r) (a) 1.; to amend 281.36 (3r) (a) 2., 281.36 (3r) (b), 281.36 (3r) (e) and 295.60 (8) (dm) 4.; and to create 281.36 (1) (ad), 281.36 (1) (ae), 281.36 (1) (bf) and (bg), 281.36 (3r) (a) 1. b. and c., 281.36 (3r) (ag), 281.36 (3t) (g) and 281.36 (3w) of the statutes; relating to: wetland mitigation banks, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures,

providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

- 2019 Act 111
 - *An Act to renumber and amend 302.095 (2); and to create 302.095 (2) (a) 2. and 302.095 (2) (b) of the statutes; relating to: bringing contraband into a jail or prison and providing a penalty.*
- 2019 Act 184
 - *An Act to create 753.0605 of the statutes; relating to: adding 12 circuit court branches to be allocated by the director of state courts.*

Bills that may still be passed:

AB 821 Relating to: changing the 12 percent rule regarding the total value of taxable property included in the creation of, or amendment to, a tax incremental financing district in the village of Little Chute.

AB 821 still needs to pass the Senate and be signed by the governor.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 3, 2020

The Honorable Sonny Perdue

Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

Wisconsin's dairy and agriculture economy is in crisis, and we write to ask for your immediate attention and aid. Supply chain disruptions are cascading through communities across the state, putting dairy farmers and dairy processors at immediate risk of layoffs and closure. Our dairy industry was already in a precarious situation after several challenging years and uncertainty in dairy markets. Coronavirus-related changes in consumer purchasing have caused rapid shifts in demand. While these changes in consumer demand are temporary, without immediate action, they could have a permanent effect in causing the closure of hundreds and possibly thousands of farms, rural businesses, and food processors. Wisconsin needs your help.

We acted together in a bipartisan effort to write and pass the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, known as the CARES Act [P.L. 116-136], which President Trump signed into law on March 27, 2020. This legislation provided \$23.5 billion in disaster and aid funding to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in order to respond. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection wrote to you earlier this week, requesting assistance in this urgent and uncertain time. We urge you to utilize the funding Congress provided in the CARES Act to respond to the requests made by our state and take additional actions detailed below.

First, we ask that you take actions to move cheese and dairy products from our plants to consumers using several tools that Congress has provided USDA to help respond to times of crisis. Second, we urge you to provide funding to states to help them resolve supply chain disruptions and keep agricultural products and food moving as it should in order to reach consumers when and where they need it. Third, we encourage you to reopen enrollment for the Dairy Margin Coverage program and make payments retroactive to the beginning of the year. Reopening enrollment in the program could effectively utilize existing USDA authorities to efficiently distribute funds from the \$23.5 billion provided in the CARES Act. We also ask that you invest substantial resources in economic and supply chain research to evaluate ways to stabilize supply and demand in dairy so that dairy farmers and dairy processors have more certainty to operate on in the future.

Cheese and dairy product purchases and incentives

There are several immediate actions USDA can take to help dairy. Robust and ongoing CCC and Section 32 purchases, with funding from the CARES Act, would provide nutritious dairy

products to families impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, provide much-needed food to stock our food banks, and would help to maintain the healthy nutritional intake of dairy products by children who are at home and who would otherwise get these nutrients at school. You could also assist school districts to place contracts for dairy products that would be fulfilled after schools reopen, helping schools and dairy plants prepare for that additional shift in demand. Finally, you could utilize emergency Coronavirus funding provided in the CARES Act to expand the use of the Healthy Fluid Milk Incentives program, which can help deliver high quality nutrition to families in need at the stores where they shop. Announcing these actions would allow the dairy sector to have some clarity on what demand for dairy products will look like throughout the coming months, which will help reduce the enormous uncertainty businesses currently face.

A robust cheese and dairy product purchase would have effects across the dairy supply chain. Right now, warehouses are full of cheese that was on its way to restaurants, schools, cafeterias, and other places that are temporarily closed because of the need to practice social isolation to slow the spread of Coronavirus. These high quality dairy products could end up wasted if we do not get them out to consumers quickly.

Dairy purchases will also help to keep dairy processing plants up and running, so that our manufacturers and their dedicated employees can continue their important work of providing food for our nation. In order for those plants to keep running, they need a market for their cheese, and in this extraordinary time, the federal government is uniquely able to purchase that cheese and make sure it reaches American dinner tables.

These actions will help ensure that we do not waste the incredibly hard work that our dairy farmers do day-in and day-out to provide a steady supply of milk for our country. Dairy cows produce milk regardless of any virus or change in the economy. When dairy plants shut down, farmers are left to figure out where to sell their highly perishable milk. In the worst situations, dairy farmers without a home for their milk must instead dispose of it and treat it like a waste product. As this week has unfolded, we have heard of a growing number of entities that have already started to dispose of milk because of these dramatic market disruptions, and more are predicting additional milk disposal next week and in the weeks to follow. At the same time, some grocery store shelves are sold out of dairy products, which should not happen in a time of oversupply. We need immediate action to keep the dairy supply chain moving and not waste the critical food our farmers and food processing workers are producing.

Stabilizing the Supply Chain in a time of crisis

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Preventing farm closures from Coronavirus

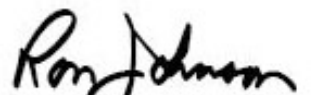
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This is very real. In good conscience I would not ask one of my loved ones to sit in a room for hours greeting dozens of people during this pandemic. I can't expect citizens of my city to do that either.

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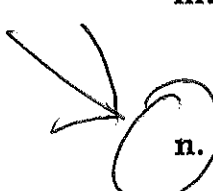
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Certified		3/31/2020	3/31/2020	3/31/2020	3/31/2020	3/31/2020		40:00

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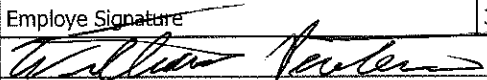
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Hours		8:30	8:10	8:20	8:50	2:00		35:50
Sick						4:10		4:10
Certified		3/31/2020	3/31/2020	3/31/2020	3/31/2020	3/31/2020		40:00

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Hours		8:30	8:30					17:00
Certified		3/31/2020	3/31/2020					17:00

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176:30	0:00	0:00	4:10	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00

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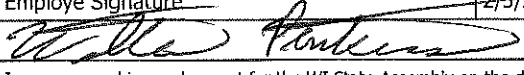
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Rejecting this project after allowing costs to be incurred would be detrimental to the community. I encourage the WEDC to honor the agreed upon project and award the full \$500,000 grant.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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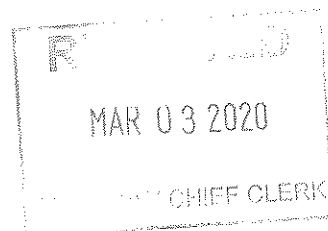
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Summary from 2/1/2020 to 2/29/2020

Hours	Vacation	Comp Time	Sick	Personal Time	Holiday	Weather Day	Utility Outage Day
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Employee Signature 	3/2/2020	Supervisor Signature	3/2/2020
I was engaged in employment for the WI State Assembly on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time.		This is to certify that I did not assign campaign activity for any of the time the employee has claimed and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief the employee did not engage in campaign activity during the time claimed.	

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March 26, 2020

Dear Wisconsin Election Commission,

I am writing to file an official complaint regarding the decision made by election officials in Dane County, Milwaukee County, and other jurisdictions in the State of Wisconsin to ignore the procedures and definitions when determining whether an elector is an indefinitely confined voter. If different processes and procedures are to be incorporated in the electoral process due to a state emergency, that decision can and should be made by the Wisconsin Election Commission, not a county or municipal clerk.

I do not disagree, that this is one of those times. I recognize the COVID-19 has caused anxiety for many older Americans and we must be fluid when administering our April 7th election. This includes, but is not limited to, special considerations for poll workers and safety measures for early voting and Election Day activity.

With that said, safeguards can and should be incorporated into the process. For example: According to the CDC, if a citizen is 60 or older or has an immune deficiency, they should remain in their home. A statement to that effect should be made by the requester. Furthermore, the requester should already be a registered voter to be allowed to forgo the photo ID requirement. Additionally, the indefinitely confined form, if not already on file, should only be used for this election and cannot be renewed.

I am asking the Wisconsin Election Commission to order these local clerks to follow the laws covering indefinitely confined voters as currently written unless the Commission votes to make temporary changes to the procedures in place in response to the current state health emergency. Please do NOT allow local clerks, county clerks or a local election commissions to make decision that will disenfranchise electors in other areas of the state!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Bernier".

KATHY BERNIER

State Senator

23rd Senate District

Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 4:22 PM
To: "Johns, Melinda" <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

Good afternoon Melinda,

I just spoke with Rep. Tusler who spoke with Calumet County's judge. He said they are having difficulty finding doctors to testify about the mental health of people in court because of the public health emergency. Rep. Tusler wants to draft a bill that will **expand the time limit for Chapter 57** in the event of a public health emergency, since doctors are too busy to testify.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please let me know!

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:50 AM

To: "Rep.Vos" <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Rep.Steineke" <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Bill Idea - Paid Maternity Leave for 24 Weeks

Good morning,

Representative Tusler was talking with a constituent yesterday, when they brought up a possible bill idea.

It is most beneficial to babies when they are breastfed by their mothers for the first 24 weeks. **Ron would like to author a bill that would extend paid maternity leave to 24 weeks during the public health emergency.**

Please let me know if this is something you think our office should pursue.

Respectfully,

William Penterman

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:49 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Briefs

-- While Evers and others have said in the past he didn't have the authority to move the date on his own, the gov's order cites the Wisconsin Constitution and state statute in making the move.

The statute cited gives the power during an emergency to "Issue such orders as he or she deems necessary for the security of persons and property."

Not long after the gov's order, Elections Commission Administrator Meagan Wolfe sent a message to local clerks that "we must continue" to make preparations to go through with tomorrow's vote, citing fast-moving legal action.

"If the election is moved to the 9th we will adjust accordingly, but all we can do today is prepare for tomorrow," Wolfe wrote.

The gov's filing in response to the GOP motion argues there is no statute "specifically addressing what should occur if a public health emergency renders the polling place a danger." But it argues the gov's emergency powers apply to the current circumstances.

"In these extraordinarily rare, narrow circumstances -- where the sanctity of the polling place has collided with the safety of the people, and time is of the essence -- the Governor had to act, and he did," the filing argues.

The filing comes weeks after the state Supreme Court ordered a suspension of all jury trials that had been scheduled through May 22 with plans to reschedule them at a later date. Justice Rebecca Bradley issued a stinging dissent to that order, arguing it violated the Sixth Amendment right to due process and opened the door to suspending other rights by judicial decree.

In recent weeks, Bradley has tweeted a series of quotes from historical and legal figures that have suggested to legal observers she's itching for a fight over the extent of executive powers in a public health emergency. That includes a 1934 quote from then-U.S. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, "The Constitution was adopted in a period of grave emergency. Its grants of power to the federal government and its limitations of the power of the States were determined in the light of emergency, and they are not altered by emergency."

See Evers' release on the order:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-suspends-in-person-voting-calls-legislature-into-special-session-on-april-7-election/>

See the order:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/06/file_attachments/1420231/EO074-SuspendingInPersonVotingAndSpecialSession.pdf

See the GOP petition for original action:

https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406OA_Petition.pdf

See the GOP motion for a temporary injunction:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406MotionTRO.pdf>

See the memorandum accompanying the GOP filings:

https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406MISO_Petition.pdf

See the gov's response:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406Filing3.pdf>

-- Just after Republicans filed their emergency appeal, conservative Justice Daniel Kelly urged clerks, poll workers and voters "to stand ready to conduct the election tomorrow" while the gov's order is challenged.

Kelly, who has recused himself from other cases before the court related to the spring election, isn't participating in the GOP appeal.

Via his Twitter account, Kelly wrote "all we have wanted is an election conducted according to the law."

"We can do two things at the same time: maintain the foundations of our democracy while taking reasonable precautions to keep people safe," Kelly wrote.

See the Twitter thread:

<https://twitter.com/JusticeDanKelly/status/1247253021479833602>

Respectfully,

William Penterman

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Joint Committee on Finance
2019-2021 Budget Motion Request

Date: June 5, 2019

Legislator: Murphy, Roth Staff Contact: Diane Handrick 266-7500

Legislator's JFC Designee: Zimmerman

Statement of Motion Intent: Provide a one-time state investment of \$3 million in veteran housing that serves several counties and veteran needs from basic housing through the assisted living stage. The investment would be disbursed when the private fundraising threshold of \$12 million is reached.

Agency: General Appropriations/building commission/DOA

Summary:

Veterans Village of Wisconsin, Inc. and the Outagamie County Housing Authority are working to develop the Glenpark Apartments site in Grand Chute for use as a local Veterans Village. This would provide veterans and their families with the resources they deserve, with housing, healthcare and community concentrated in one location.

The intent is to build a national model of a government and private partnership providing specialized care that veterans require.

The Veterans Village and Veterans Honor Home would be close to the Fox Valley Technical Colleges and the John H. Bradley VA Clinic, and serve the nearly 14,000 veterans living in Outagamie County, and more than 50,000 veterans living in the surrounding counties.

Fiscal Impact:

Building commission grant for general fund support borrowing to construct/renovate a veterans village. \$3 million grant after DOA reviews and approves the project and the Wisconsin Veterans Village Association, Inc., raises \$12 million privately.

Funding Source (if applicable): Capital improvement fund (state may contract public debt in the amount of \$3 million for this purpose)

Support: Fox Valley area legislators, surrounding counties veteran population.

Oppose: none known.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 3:40 PM
To: "Longsine, Tyler" <Tyler.Longsine@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

Good afternoon Tyler,

I just spoke with Rep. Tusler who spoke with Calumet County's judge. He said they are having difficulty finding doctors to testify about the mental health of people in court because of the public health emergency. Rep. Tusler wants to draft a bill that will expand the time limit for Chapter 57 in the event of a public health emergency, since doctors are too busy to testify.

He mentioned you and your boss may have been doing some work on this. I just wanted to touch base to see if you had any thoughts/guidance on the matter.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 8:42 AM
To: "Ruby, Erin A - DNR" <Erin.Ruby@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Concerns about Pheasant Numbers

Good morning Erin,

A constituent reached out to our office and is concerned about the DNR skipping hatches and cutting back on pheasants. He is concerned this will negatively impact hunters this fall. He would appreciate clarification from the DNR.

- Mike Schroeder
- N7447 Irish Rd
Hilbert WI 54129-9308
- (920) 915-8475
- fallenwings1@gmail.com

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Respectfully,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 11:28 AM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Trouble Filing Unemployment Claim

Good morning John,

Beth Bollard contacted our office about an issue she experience trying to file for unemployment. The case details are below.

- * Beth Bollard
- * (920) 915-5177
- * Beth was told she would have to wait several weeks until someone from DWD reached out to her.
- * Beth has applied online, but did not fill out the work search requirement (because she didn't think she had to because of COVID-19, so she is awaiting a decision on something that has to be investigated.)

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Respectfully,

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***The deadline to register and request an absentee ballot is 30th. Please visit

You can request an absentee ballot through myvote.wi.gov, or contact your municipal clerk. This page lists the websites for each municipality's absentee ballot request process.

We recommend using myvote.wi.gov for your election needs. In the event you wish to vote in person, please visit the [Wisconsin State Election](https://www.wisconsin.gov/elections) page for more information.

Municipality (By County)	Election Website
Calumet	
Village of Stockbridge	https://villageofstockbridge.org/election-info/
Village of Sherwood	https://www.villageofsherwood.org/?SEC=8EEE854B-1573-4
Village of Harrison	https://www.harrison-wi.org/how_do_i/register_to_vote/in
City of Brillion	https://www.ci.brillion.wi.us/election-information
Outagamie	
City of Appleton	https://www.appleton.org/government/city-clerk/elections/voting-information
Town of Grand Chute	https://www.grandchute.net/departments/clerk/elections/
Town of Greenville	http://www.townofgreenville.com/departments/administration/town_clerk.php
Village of Kimberly	http://www.vokimberly.org/information/election-information/
Village of Combined Locks	http://www.combinedlocks.org/government/election-inform
Town of Buchanan	http://www.townofbuchanan.org/your-government/elections

Waupaca

Winnebago	
City of Neenah	https://www.ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/clerk/

Village of Fox Crossing	http://www.foxcrossingwi.gov/departments/clerks-office/election-information/
Town of Clayton	https://www.townofclayton.net/
Town of Neenah	http://townofneenah.com/elections/

The ballot online has been extended to Monday, March : myvote.wi.gov***

This document contains your municipal clerk's information, as well as the dates of when you can cast an
 ballot in person.

Vote in person, clerks and poll workers are taking every precaution to sanitize voting locations.

Phone Number	Email	Early Voting Dates
920-439-1700	villageofstockbridge@tds.net	By appointment; please call 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
920-989-158 (920) 989-1062		By appointment; please call 8-4:30 Monday-Thursday & Friday 8:00 am- 3:00 pm
920-756-2250		

(920) 832-6443	electionclerk@appleton.org	
(920) 832-5644	Through Website	Wednesday, March 25: 2-4pm Friday, March 27: 8-11am Thursday, April 2: 2-5pm Friday, April 3: 2-5pm
(920) 757-5151 x1	whegelson@townofgreenville.com	By appointment only, please call Friday, March 27 from 8-11 am Thursday, April 2 from 1-3pm Friday, April 3 from 2-5pm
(920)788-7500 (920) 788-7740	jmicke@vokimberly.org	By appointment; please call
(920) 734-7599	clerk@townofbuchanan.org	Monday-Thursday 7:00am -4:00pm and Friday 7:00am-12:00pm

(920) 886-6100	clerk@ci.neenah.wi.us	March 17-April 3 during normal office hours
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(920) 720-7103	clerk@foxcrossingwi.gov	March 16-April 3 during normal office hours
(920) 836-2007	clerk@townofclayton.net	March 23-April 3 during normal office hours
(920) 725-0916	ellen@townofneenah.com	March 23-April 3 during normal office hours

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Colleagues

FROM: Representative Ron Tusler
Senator XXX

DATE: XXX, 2020

RE: LRB-5963/1: Extending the Time Limits for Mental Health Professionals to Testify During a Public Health Emergency

DEADLINE: XXX

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its response, many Wisconsin courts are unable to find qualified medical personnel to testify in certain mental health proceedings.

This legislation would extend the time limits for hearings in certain mental health proceedings during a public health emergency when a medical professional is required to testify.

This legislation will ensure medical professionals can focus on treating patients affected by the COVID-19 epidemic. This flexibility will also ensure those in court will be given a fair evaluation by a medical professional when they are not overwhelmed by a public health emergency.

To be added on as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please reply to this email or contact William in Rep. Tusler's office at 6-5831 by XXX. All co-sponsors will be added to the corresponding companion version of the bill unless specified otherwise.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill extends, during a public health emergency, the time limit for hearings in certain mental health proceedings when a health care provider is required to testify and is unavailable due to the public health emergency until a health care provider is available. Mental health proceedings to which this suspension applies are inpatient admissions for treatment of minors, reviews of outpatient treatment of certain minors, emergency detentions, involuntary commitments, and emergency detentions and involuntary commitments related to substance use.

COVID-19 BACKGROUND (current as of March 19, 2020)

NOTE: The information herein is current as of 8:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020, but please know that as this is a rapidly evolving situation; there will continue to be updates and changes. This document includes all of the information the governor's office provided on March 17, 2020 in addition to updates occurring since then. New information is highlighted.

OVERVIEW

COVID-19 is a virus that has not previously infected humans and information about its rate of spread and its effects is still largely unknown, which makes it incredibly important to be highly cautious in dealing with the current situation. On March 11th, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Here's an update on the work done so far, the current status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and the steps being taken to keep families and communities safe.

Please continue to find the most current information on the [DHS website](#), which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information. We have also created a new site that houses resources to help direct folks to resources at our state agencies. Please share this website widely as well: wisconsin.gov/covid19.

As of today, March 19th, there have been 155 people who tested positive for COVID-19 in Wisconsin. On March 19th, Gov. Evers and the DHS confirmed two deaths in Wisconsin due to COVID-19. Gov. Evers, the Department of Health Services (DHS), and the State agencies are taking this issue very seriously and precautions are being taken across Wisconsin. Gov. Evers, his administration, and staff have also been working with partners at the local and federal levels to provide the most accurate, up-to-date information possible.

We are seeing community spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. This means that there are people who have tested positive who have no exposures to a known case nor did they travel to a location where there is known community spread. We have cases in Milwaukee, Dane, and Kenosha counties indicating that there is community spread happening in Wisconsin. Social distancing will help keep you, your family, and our community from increased risk of exposure.

UPDATE ON ACTIONS THUS FAR

Earlier this month, Gov. Evers directed the DHS to provide the public and legislators from across the state an informational briefing and to give an update on the status of COVID-19. On March 13th, the governor again directed the DHS to provide an updated informational briefing (via webinar) for legislators to occur on March 18th. Over the past few weeks, the DHS has also hosted regular informational calls to provide updates to members of the media so we can ensure folks across our state are receiving the most current information we have available. Gov. Evers joined the DHS informational briefing on both [March 16th](#) and [March 17th](#) to take questions from members of the press about recent announcements. In addition to the FAQ sections below, please feel free to consult the question and answer section of these briefings during which Gov. Evers and Sec.-designee Palm, among others, answer questions from members of the press.

Gov. Evers has also participated in discussions with Vice President Mike Pence and senior administration officials to receive updates on the White House Coronavirus Task Force and to share how Wisconsin and other states are responding to COVID-19. Addressing public health issues like COVID-19 requires collaboration and communication to ensure efforts are efficient and effective. Members of Gov. Evers' administration have been in regular contact with other elected officials and partners at the local, state, and federal levels, and are continuing to work together on preventing and responding to COVID-19. On March 14th, Gov. Evers sent a letter to U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin requesting their

support for the bipartisan legislation moving through Congress that will provide free coronavirus testing, paid emergency leave, bolsters food security programs, and enhances unemployment insurance, among other important initiatives to help support our state's efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Making sure that folks have access to the healthcare resources, care, and treatment they need is critically important in working to manage the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. On March 6th, Gov. Evers and Insurance Commissioner Mark Afable asked health plan issuers to help Wisconsinites access testing and treatment for COVID-19 and to ensure that healthcare is as accessible as possible as we continue to monitor this situation.

Gov. Evers and Commissioner Afable requested that health plan issuers waive cost-sharing for COVID-19-related laboratory testing and radiology services, prepare for increased demand for telehealth services, review readiness and responsiveness plans to new COVID-19 cases, and that health plan issuers cover the immunization for COVID-19—in the event that an immunization becomes available—at no cost-sharing for covered members. They also asked that health plan issuers be flexible on prescription drug supply limitations and early refill limitations so folks can get their medication as quickly as possible and without worrying about increased exposure or risk.

The governor and our office have also been working with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin to help secure federal funding to support our efforts in responding to COVID-19 in Wisconsin. On March 11th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that Wisconsin would be receiving more than \$10.2 million to support our response and prevention efforts for COVID-19. Gov. Evers and his administration are working quickly to determine how to best allocate these resources toward prevention and response across our state.

On March 11th, state agency employees also received an update on COVID-19 in Wisconsin and its effects on our workforce. On March 12th, Gov. Evers signed [Executive Order #72](#) declaring a public health emergency in Wisconsin and hosted a press conference giving an update to the people of Wisconsin about COVID-19. Executive Order #72 directs the DHS to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and suspends any administrative rules that the DHS finds would increase the health threat or prevent, hinder, or delay our response to the COVID-19 emergency. It also directs the Adjutant General of the Wisconsin National Guard to assist in our response to the public health emergency. Additionally, the DHS also issued new guidance regarding mass gatherings, travel, and long-term care and assisted living facilities. Please see the [DHS website](#) for these updates.

Ensuring the people of Wisconsin have continued utility access is critically important to ensure folks have access to basic necessities as the state continues plans to prevent further spread of COVID-19 through promoting social distancing, mandating school closures, etc. Thus, following the governor's public health emergency declaration, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission [directed](#) water, electric, and natural gas utilities to cease disconnecting residential service for nonpayment and also directed utilities reconnect services to dwellings that had been disconnected until the state public health emergency is lifted.

Working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is a top priority, especially as it relates to limiting potential exposure at correctional facilities and putting other inmates at risk. Thus, on March 13th, the Department of Corrections (DOC) announced it is taking extra precautions by temporarily suspending visits at all DOC institutions in an effort to protect correctional workers and staff and the individuals who are in the DOC's care. A copy of DOC's announcement can be found [here](#). The DOC also announced they are temporarily waiving \$7 co-pay for individuals experiencing fever, cough, or shortness of breath to receive medical treatment.

Gov. Evers also directed the DHS to close all Wisconsin K-12 schools—both public and private—as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. The mandated closure was effective at the end of the school day on March 18th. Gov. Evers announced on March 17th that schools will be closed for the duration of the public health emergency, indefinitely extending the previously announced April 6th resumption date. A copy of the DHS’ order can be found [here](#). The governor’s office has received several inquiries from educators, parents, education stakeholders, and legislators about the order and its implications. To help provide answers, the governor’s office has prepared a list of frequently asked questions and answers below. You can also find additional information on the Department of Public Instruction’s [website](#).

K-12 SCHOOL CLOSURE FAQs
Can schools close before Wednesday? Schools districts, particularly those in counties with reported cases of COVID-19, may choose to close earlier than Wednesday, March 18th. The CDC has issued guidance for schools to consider when making this decision: Considerations for School Closure.
Where can I find out if schools will stay closed after April 6? Governor Evers and the Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue to put out the latest information on social media, as well as issuing media releases to ensure the public is aware of the latest decisions and guidance. Additionally, the DPI will continue to share information with schools around the state. Families should also look for information from their local schools, who may also make decisions related to additional closures.
Can schools do virtual learning? Yes. The order does not prevent a school from providing virtual instruction to pupils. The DPI provided information and resources to school districts who plan to use virtual learning time as allowed under the state administrative code provisions.
Will the required instruction hours be modified? Districts have the ability to request a waiver from the DPI regarding hours of instruction. Whether school closures are mandated by the state or locally determined due to COVID-19, the DPI will address the issue of waivers based on the severity and length of the situation. The DPI has stated they will be empathetic to the ability of a district to reasonably meet the hours requirement. The DPI does not yet know the impact of closures or their length. The DPI will do whatever they can to expedite the process surrounding waivers and meet the needs of school districts.
How will students who qualify for free or reduced lunch be supported during the closure? State and federal leaders are working to identify ways to support serving children meals during periods of school closures due to COVID-19. As a resource, the DPI has developed a webpage for options for serving children meals in a non-congregate setting in the event of a school closure due to COVID-19. The DPI submitted a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) waiver to USDA. This request is to waive the congregate feeding requirement for SFSP meals during unanticipated school closures at school and non-school sites during a public health emergency, such as COVID-19. The waiver is for all SFSP sponsors in good standing in the state. The public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver is posted at https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp.
What supports are available for students with an IEP? The federal Department of Education (ED) issued new resources around protecting student privacy and addressing questions regarding serving students with disabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak. If a school is closed for an extended period of time (generally, more than 10 consecutive school days) and educational services are not provided to other students, then services are not required for students with disabilities during the closure. Once school resumes, local educational agencies must make every effort to implement individualized education plans, and should consider, on an individualized basis, whether and to what extent compensatory services are required due to the closure. If a school provides services through virtual learning, the school must ensure students with disabilities have equal access to the same opportunities, and that to the greatest extent possible, special education and related services are provided. Once school resumes, local educational agencies must make every effort to implement individualized education plans, and should consider, on an individualized basis, whether and to what extent compensatory services are required due to the closure.
Will school playgrounds be open?

Individual districts or schools will make determinations about access to school grounds. In doing so, they should follow recommendations and guidance from the CDC, Department of Health Services, and local public health officials. However, school grounds and facilities cannot be used for instructional purposes or for extracurricular activities. This includes athletics practices or other extracurriculars that regularly occur on school grounds.
What are the implications for state testing/assessments? U.S. Department of Education (ED) indicates their goal is for all states to meet the assessment requirements under section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The DPI asked each of its assessment vendors to determine whether the assessment windows can be extended. The DPI is working with these vendors to identify the feasibility of this option and will relay information to districts as soon as it becomes available. Please know the DPI is actively exploring all options, including a waiver, from ED if closures prevent statewide testing.
What are the implications for childcare/extended day programs? The order only applies to pupil instruction and extracurricular activities, not to childcare functions. For programs run in school buildings, school leaders will make determinations regarding childcare or extended day programs, and families should look to their local provider for the latest information. Early Care and Education providers participating in 3K and 4K programs offsite may continue to serve those children in their child care setting at their discretion.
Are all athletics and club sports canceled? The order requires all K-12 school buildings to be closed to extracurricular activities. If your child is involved in athletics or extra-curriculars that regularly take place in a non-school building, you should contact the provider organization regarding cancellations and follow DHS guidance regarding social distancing.
Will student graduations be affected? This closure order currently only extends through April 6; however, the current public health emergency is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will be reassessing our recommendations and requirements for schools on an ongoing basis in order to protect the health of students, educators, staff, and the public. Districts may also make independent determinations about their planned events. Please look for updates from both the DHS and local schools and districts.
What conversations should parents have with their children at home? The DPI recommends the following resource: Talking to Children about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - A Parent Resource .
Does the order prohibit school staff from reporting to work? No. The order only applies to pupil instruction and extracurricular activities, not to other functions. School leaders will make determinations on a case-by-case basis regarding access for other purposes, such as virtual learning, cleaning, food service, payroll and clerical functions. If school facilities are used for other purposes, districts should follow guidance from public health officials to ensure that appropriate health and safety measures are in place.
Will hourly staff be paid? Gov. Evers recognizes that the closure presents challenges to students, families, educators, staff and districts, including financial impact. Local districts will need to determine how to best address the impacts of closures on hourly staff. Gov. Evers encourage districts and all employers to take whatever steps they can to minimize the economic impact to workers due to public health closures.

Grocery store inventories have been especially affected by COVID-19 as people seek to keep a two-week supply of food and necessities. Consequently, on March 14th, the governor directed the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue COVID-19 Relief Effort Supply Permits for transporting inventory to grocery retailers affected by COVID-19. The permits allow for additional supplies to be efficiently transported over Wisconsin interstates and most highways and local roadways by increasing weight limits and waiving truck driver hours of service limitations. More information can be found on DOT's website [here](#).

In addition to declaring a public health emergency, Executive Order #72 also declares that Wisconsin is experiencing a period of "abnormal economic disruption" because of COVID-19. This declaration authorizes DATCP to enforce Wisconsin's [price gouging statute](#) until the emergency has ended. In addition to price gouging, DATCP remains the agency charged with investigating scams and other

fraudulent trade practices in Wisconsin. If you receive any constituent contacts related to suspected scams, fraud, false marketing claims, price gouging or other consumer complaints related to COVID-19, please refer those contacts to DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline at DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov or (800) 422-7128, or have them file an [online complaint](#).

As you are likely aware, 38 Wisconsinites were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship, which was quarantined due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Gov. Evers, the Wisconsin National Guard, and the DHS, in collaboration with partners at the federal level, have been working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the White House to get the necessary information we need to bring these Wisconsinites home as quickly and safely as possible. Through direct outreach by the DHS and calls into the governor's office, we have also learned from passengers and family members concerning reports about conditions and that some passengers have needed medical accommodations. Our team has been working with the HHS to improve conditions and get those accommodations and medications to the passengers as soon as possible.

Initially, the HHS communicated to the governor's office that HHS would transport passengers to Wisconsin at which time the Wisconsin National Guard would transport passengers to their homes for self-isolation. Given the initial lack of details from HHS, on March 13th, Gov. Evers directed the Wisconsin National Guard to instead develop its own plans to go to all five sites to bring these Wisconsinites home. Nearly 30 Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard were mobilized to state active duty after the governor declared a public health emergency, and they were standing by to transport the passengers upon landing at the National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin.

On March 16th, Gov. Evers announced 29 Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship were safely transported back to Wisconsin around 4:18 am Monday morning. Two other passengers chose to remain in quarantine in Texas under the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), citing personal reasons. Upon return, Adjutant General Paul Knapp welcomed Wisconsinites home on behalf of Gov. Evers. Passengers received a welcome-home packet which included a letter from the governor, information about their 14 days of quarantine, and how to contact their local health department or the DHS with any questions. The governor's office has also provided direct contact information for our constituent services director to assist in providing support and assistance to help ensure passengers' transition and return to Wisconsin is as seamless and safe as possible. Upon landing at the National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, Guard members transported passengers home in state vans.

As of the morning of March 16th, none of the returning Wisconsin citizens have tested positive for COVID-19 and all are asymptomatic, but the residents will follow Center for Disease Control and Wisconsin Department of Health Services protocols and continue to self-quarantine for the requisite 14-day period. The Soldiers and Airmen involved will self-monitor for 14 days upon the conclusion of their mission. Gov. Evers, our staff, the Wisconsin National Guard, and the DHS will continue to work with HHS to bring the remaining seven Wisconsinites home as quickly as possible and will provide updates as we get more information.

On March 19th, the Wisconsin National Guard announced that it has mobilized approximately 300 troops to help provide further state support, if needed. The Wisconsin National Guard's action today is pursuant to Gov. Evers' [executive order](#) declaring a state of emergency, at which time he authorized the Adjutant General to activate the Wisconsin National Guard as necessary to help assist the state's response to the public health emergency. See the Wisconsin National Guard's announcement [here](#).

On March 16th, Gov. Evers directed the DHS to issue an order banning mass gatherings—both public and private—of 50 people or more effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17th. A new order was issued on March 17th banning mass gatherings—both public and private—of 10 people or more effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 17th. Critical infrastructure and services such as grocery stores, food pantries, childcare centers, pharmacies, and hospitals, among other venues, are currently exempt from this order. “Mass gathering” is any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together 10 or more people in a single room or single confined or enclosed space at the same time. This is not a decision the governor took lightly, but the safety of Wisconsinites, their families, and our communities has and must continue to be our top priority.

MASS GATHERINGS RESTRICTION FAQs
What is a “mass gathering”? The order defines a “mass gathering” as any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together 10 or more people in a single room or single confined or enclosed space at the same time.
Why are mass gatherings being prohibited? DHS is intending to slow the spread of this epidemic to a level such that the healthcare system is able to maintain quality care for patients. Mass gatherings during an outbreak of a particularly infectious disease such as COVID-19 have the potential to result in large numbers of ill people that can quickly overwhelm local hospitals.
What types of spaces are subject to the order? This order applies to all spaces where 10 or more people may gather, unless they are specifically exempt. This order may include, but is not limited to mass gatherings at: public or private schools, auditoriums, theaters, movie theaters, museums, stadiums, arenas, conference rooms, meeting halls, exhibition centers, taverns, health and fitness centers, recreation centers, licensed pools, and places of worship and religious gatherings.
Are any spaces exempt? Yes – The order specifically exempts the following spaces: • Transportation ○ Airports as long as restaurants within them comply with the restrictions below ○ Mass transportation • Public, private, and charter schools only for noninstructional purposes, such as medication pickup, childcare services, providing meals, and when operating as polling places • Childcare locations (including those that operate within a facility that is otherwise prohibited), residential care centers, and group homes. • Hotels and motels as long as restaurants comply with the restrictions below. • Government ○ Military and National Guard facilities ○ Law enforcement, jails, secure treatment centers, and correctional facilities, including any facility operated by the Department of Corrections, and any facility used to respond to natural disasters or public health emergencies ○ State and local government facilities, including government service centers, unless prohibited elsewhere in this order or another order ○ Facilities operated by the Wisconsin Legislature or Wisconsin Court System • Relief Facilities ○ Food pantries and shelter facilities, including day centers, for individuals and families. • Residential Buildings ○ All residential buildings • Healthcare ○ All health care facilities, including hospitals, medical facilities, home health agencies, personal care agencies, hospices, adult family homes, and pharmacies ○ Long-term care and assisted living facilities, as long as the facility follows all current Department of Health Services’ Recommendations for Prevention of COVID-

19 in Long-Term Care Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities and all Centers for Disease Control recommendations ○ Alcohol and drug treatment centers or similar facilities • Facilities for Voting ○ Libraries when operating as polling places • Commercial and Non-Profit Entities ○ Office spaces. Such facilities must implement social distancing, including teleworking, as much as practicable. ○ Manufacturing, processing, distribution, and production facilities ○ Utility facilities ○ Job centers <i>Please see FAQs below for additional, specific exemptions and guidance. DHS guidance regarding social distancing should still be followed in these spaces.</i>
Does my workplace have to close? It depends – If your workplace falls into one of the exemptions listed above, your workplace can remain open subject to any applicable conditions in the order. For example, office spaces, manufacturing facilities, processing facilities, and retail establishments are exempt. Employers should seek guidance from their local public health departments if they have questions and should follow DHS guidance regarding social distancing in the workplace.
Are banks required to close? No. Banks are not required to close. The Department of Financial Institutions has encouraged banks and credit unions to be proactive in preventing disruption of operations.
Does this order apply to having 10 or more people my home? No. Residential facilities are exempt.
Does this order move up the school closure timeline? A previous order mandating the closure of public and private schools at 5pm on Wednesday, March 18th is still in effect. The previous anticipated re-opening date of April 6th has been rescinded. All schools should remain closed for instructional and extracurricular activities for the duration of the public health emergency or until a subsequent order lifts this specific restriction.
Will hospitals remain open? Hospitals, medical facilities, and pharmacies are exempt from the order and will remain open.
Are dental offices exempt? Yes. Dental offices fall under the healthcare exemption.
Are restaurants, bars, hotels and motels required to close? Restaurants may remain open for take-out or delivery service only. No seating may be provided, and food may not be consumed in the restaurant. Restaurants must preserve social distancing of six feet between customers during pick up. Hotels and motels may remain open, but their restaurant facilities must comply with these restrictions. Bars must close.
Will Senior Centers remain open? Senior Centers will not remain open unless they are located in a government facility.
Will grocery stores remain open? Grocery stores, convenience stores, and farmer’s markets are exempt from the order as long as: (1) they close all seating intended for consuming food; (2) self-service operations of salad bars and buffets is ceased; and (3) customers are prohibited from self-dispensing all unpackaged food.
Will retail stores remain open? Retail establishments where large numbers of people may be present but are not generally within arm’s length of each other for more than 10 minutes may remain open. Indoor shopping malls must close. This exemption covers retail establishments such as salons, banks, and stores.
Are bakeries considered restaurants? Bakeries and other food retail and food processing facilities are exempt.
Does it matter if the gathering is held outdoors? The order applies to gatherings of 10 or more people that are held in a single room or single confined or enclosed space at the same time.
Should mass gatherings smaller than 10 be canceled? Voluntary cancelation, closure, or limitations on size of gathering beyond the requirements of the order are permitted.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together less than 10 people in a single room or confined or enclosed space at the same time must: • Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between people, and • Follow all other public health recommendations issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health Service and Center for Disease Control.
Will hourly staff at affected businesses be paid? Governor Evers recognizes that the closure presents challenges to businesses across Wisconsin, including financial impact. Individual businesses will need to determine how to best address the impacts of closures on hourly staff. Governor Evers encourages business to take whatever steps they can to minimize the economic impact to workers due to public health closures, and he will work with legislative leaders to provide assistance to Wisconsinites impacted by workplace closures.
Can local government bodies of 10 or more people meet? The order specifically exempts local government facilities, so that local governments can continue to function. They should follow DHS guidance regarding social distancing, cleaning, and other measures to protect the health and safety of those in attendance. The Wisconsin Department of Justice has provided additional guidance on this topic.
How long will this order remain in effect? The order will remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency and will be re-evaluated as updated information becomes available.
How will the order be enforced? Violation or obstruction of this order is punishable by imprisonment, fines, or both. Wis. Stat. § 252.25.

On March 15th, the Department of Children and Families issued guidance for childcare, head start, and pre-K program providers. They also announced rule waivers for childcare providers and Wisconsin Shares eligibility. Consistent with Gov. Evers' orders on mass gathering, on March 18th, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) issued new guidance for childcare, Head Start, and 3K/4K programs. We need to be able to rely on healthcare workers and first responders to keep our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe. Thus, we are currently not closing childcare centers because we need those centers to stay open for our healthcare workers, first responders, among other essential workers to help minimize disruption to those essential services. At this time, childcare centers may not operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time. Voluntary closure beyond the scope of this order is allowed and left to the decision of individual providers. Find DCF's guidance [here](#).

Gov. Evers, our staff, and our administration are continuing to work on U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance. This is a top priority for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and Wisconsin Emergency Management and they are actively working to collect all the needed information from regional economic development directors across the state in order to make the SBA declaration request.

Additionally, on March 18th, the WEDC announced a \$5-million grant program, Small Business 20/20, which will provide grants of up to \$20,000 to targeted businesses with 20 employees or less to cover rent and meet payroll expenses, including paid leave. The grants will be deployed by partnering with state's 23 community development financial institutions (CDFIs). Because the CDFIs have pre-existing relationships with many of these small businesses, CDFIs will be able to provide the grants quickly and directly to their clients. Find more information on Small Business 20/20 [here](#).

The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) also issued emergency guidance on character and fitness requirements for all payday and licensed lenders in Wisconsin. The DFI cautioned payday and licensed lenders that increasing interest rates, fees or borrowing costs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could result in license suspension or revocation. Find DFI's release and guidance [here](#). The DFI also announced emergency guidance on remote online notarization to allow people across Wisconsin to access

notarization services while ensuring the integrity of the notarization process. The DFI's emergency guidance can be found [here](#).

Additionally, on March 18th, Gov. Evers issued an emergency order waiving work search and modifying availability requirements for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits for workers affected by COVID-19. Gov. Evers' order waives the requirement that (UI) claimants conduct at least four weekly search actions during the COVID-19 emergency while ensuring that claimants are considered available for work (and therefore eligible for benefits) if they are eligible for but out of work due to COVID-19.

On March 17th, the DHS and Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene to move to tiered COVID-19 testing to manage capacity. Despite The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) significantly increasing their capacity for COVID-19 testing, the number of testing specimens being received far exceeds their daily capacity. In order to conserve supplies for testing, WSLH and DHS are now prioritizing two tiers of cases for testing:

Tier One (Individuals who):

- are critically ill and receiving ICU level care with unexplained viral pneumonia or respiratory failure
- are hospitalized (non-ICU) with fever or signs and symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness (cough, shortness of breath) and either known exposure to a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient or travel to an area with sustained community transmission

Tier Two (Individuals who):

- are hospitalized (non-ICU) with unexplained fever and signs/symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness
- are health care workers with unexplained fever and signs/symptoms of a lower-respiratory illness, regardless of hospitalization

Test requests that do not meet these criteria will be sent to other labs in the state and country for testing, resulting in longer wait times. Patients without symptoms and patients with mild upper respiratory symptoms who are not health care workers should not be tested in order to ensure that there is capacity to test ill people.

The DHS will continue to hold regular informational briefings for members of the media as has been the case for the past several weeks to help ensure the most accurate and up-to-date information is consistently reported out to the public.

In addition to these efforts, effective on March 13th, the Wisconsin State Capitol suspended all Capitol tours until further notice. As of March 16th, signage has been posted at all entrances of the Capitol advising against entering if persons are exhibiting symptoms or meet other criteria described. Additionally, on March 14th, the DOA sent out correspondence to state agency employees announcing telecommuting as an option for employees whose job duties are conducive to working from home. Supervisors will approve telecommuting on case-by-case bases. State agencies are otherwise continuing normal operations at this time. The governor's office, the DOA, and the DHS continue to provide guidance for state employees and protecting the health and wellbeing of individuals who may be at a higher risk. Agencies are also continuing to review their continuity of operations plans to ensure that the business of the people of Wisconsin can continue.

NEXT STEPS

Gov. Evers, the DHS, and the governor's administration are continuing to receive consistent updates on the status of COVID-19. The governor's office will continue sharing information and provide updates as quickly as new actions or information become available. Please continue reaching out to the governor's legislative team and the DHS legislative team with any questions.

Additionally, we ask for your assistance in helping us disseminate accurate, up-to-date information so our constituents and members of the public can make informed decisions and keep themselves, family members, and neighbors safe. Please also continue to share any and all public health or COVID-19 related content from the governor's and DHS' Facebook and Twitter accounts to ensure your constituents and members of the public continue to receive accurate and current information about the status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

Please continue to share information with members of the public on how to prevent illness or avoid exposure to this virus. In the case of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently advises that common symptoms include flu-like symptoms (fever (100° F or higher), cough or sore throat, headache or body aches, and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) or symptoms of respiratory illness (fever (100° F or higher), cough, and shortness of breath).

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. In order to slow or stop the spread of these illnesses, it is critical to follow the below instructions, which is guidance from the CDC as of 3/11/2020. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are able.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 (at home or in a health care setting).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
 - For information about handwashing, see CDC's Handwashing website.
 - For information specific to healthcare providers, see CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings.

COVID-19 BACKGROUND (current as of March 30, 2020)

NOTE: The information herein is current as of 7:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020, but please know that as this is a rapidly evolving situation; there will continue to be updates and changes. This document includes all of the information the governor's office provided on March 28, 2020 in addition to updates occurring since then. New information is highlighted.

COVID-19 OVERVIEW

COVID-19 is a virus that has not previously infected humans and information about its rate of spread and its effects is still largely unknown, which makes it incredibly important to be highly cautious in dealing with the current situation. On March 11th, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Here's an update on the work done so far, the current status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and the steps being taken to keep families and communities safe.

Please continue to find the most current information on the [DHS website](#), which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information. We have also created a new site that houses resources to help direct folks to resources at our state agencies. Please share this website widely as well: wisconsin.gov/covid19.

As of today, March 30th, there have been 1,221 people who tested positive for COVID-19, and 14 confirmed deaths due to COVID-19 in Wisconsin. Gov. Evers, the Department of Health Services (DHS), and the State agencies are taking this issue very seriously and precautions are being taken across Wisconsin. Gov. Evers, his administration, and staff have also been working with partners at the local and federal levels to provide the most accurate, up-to-date information possible.

We are seeing community spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. This means that there are people who have tested positive who have no exposures to a known case nor did they travel to a location where there is known community spread. Staying home and using social distancing will help keep you, your family, and our community from increased risk of exposure.

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On March 30th, Gov. Evers announced a new public-private partnership among Wisconsin industry leaders to increase Wisconsin's laboratory testing capacity for COVID-19. The new partnership now includes laboratory support from Exact Sciences, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Promega, and UW Health. These organizations, along with the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network, will now share knowledge, resources, and technology to bolster Wisconsin's testing capacity. The Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network labs have been averaging completion of 1,500-2,000 COVID-19 tests per day. The expanded capacity from the state's new public-private partnership is expected to double that capacity initially and continue to expand as additional platforms and supplies become available. Residents who are seeking a COVID-19 test are still required to receive an order from a doctor. These labs are not testing sites.

The DHS hosts near-daily informational briefings that are streamed live both on WisconsinEye and via the DHS YouTube account. The briefings typically feature DHS Secretary-designee Palm and Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, among others. The governor has also been joining these briefings in addition to others when appropriate, including Wisconsin National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp. Members of the press participate in these briefings and ask questions. You are more than welcome—and encouraged—to tune into these briefings to ensure that you are receiving all of the information being made available by our administration.

The DHS will continue to hold regular informational briefings for members of the media as has been the case for the past several weeks to help ensure the most accurate and up-to-date information is consistently reported out to the public.

UPDATE ON EVERS ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

Earlier this month, Gov. Evers directed the DHS to provide the public and legislators from across the state an informational briefing and to give an update on the status of COVID-19. On March 13th, the governor again directed the DHS to provide an updated informational briefing (via webinar) for legislators to occur on March 18th. Over the past few weeks, the DHS has also hosted regular informational calls to provide updates to members of the media so we can ensure folks across our state are receiving the most current information we have available. In addition to the FAQ sections below, please feel free to consult the question and answer section of these briefings during which Gov. Evers and Sec.-designee Palm, among others, answer questions from members of the press.

Gov. Evers has also participated in discussions with Vice President Mike Pence and senior administration officials to receive updates on the White House Coronavirus Task Force and to share how Wisconsin and other states are responding to COVID-19. Addressing public health issues like COVID-19 requires collaboration and communication to ensure efforts are efficient and effective. Members of Gov. Evers' administration have been in regular contact with other elected officials and partners at the local, state, and federal levels, and are continuing to work together on preventing and responding to COVID-19. On March 14th, Gov. Evers sent a letter to U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin requesting their support for the bipartisan legislation moving through Congress that will provide free coronavirus testing, paid emergency leave, bolsters food security programs, and enhances unemployment insurance, among other important initiatives to help support our state's efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Making sure that folks have access to the healthcare resources, care, and treatment they need is critically important in working to manage the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. On March 6th, Gov. Evers and Insurance Commissioner Mark Afable asked health plan issuers to help Wisconsinites access testing and treatment for COVID-19 and to ensure that healthcare is as accessible as possible as we continue to monitor this situation.

Gov. Evers and Commissioner Afable requested that health plan issuers waive cost-sharing for COVID-19-related laboratory testing and radiology services, prepare for increased demand for telehealth services, review readiness and responsiveness plans to new COVID-19 cases, and that health plan issuers cover the immunization for COVID-19—in the event that an immunization becomes available—at no cost-sharing for covered members. They also asked that health plan issuers be flexible on prescription drug supply limitations and early refill limitations so folks can get their medication as quickly as possible and without worrying about increased exposure or risk.

In addition to helping ensure folks have access to healthcare, on March 23rd, the governor directed Commissioner Afable to support restaurants and workers across Wisconsin who are offering delivery and pickup services. Insurers must cover delivery services for restaurants on personal auto insurance policies and must offer coverage for hired drivers and non-owned automobiles as a rider on a restaurant's general liability insurance if it is requested, both at no extra cost to the policyholders. Restaurants interested in this coverage should contact their insurance agent or insurance company directly.

Additionally, with the COVID-19 public health emergency requiring non-essential businesses to close, many employees working for small employers may be furloughed or work fewer than 30 hours per week. On March 26th, Gov. Evers directed Commissioner Afable also called on insurers to give small employers the option to keep employees who are furloughed or working fewer than 30 hours per week on employer-sponsored health insurance. The 30-hour workweek provision under Wisconsin's small employer law is a minimum standard. Insurers and employer policyholders can agree to offer coverage to employees working fewer than 30 hours if the offer is made to all employees of the employer and is not made in an unfairly discriminatory manner. The bulletin is effective for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is also urging insurers to work with small employers to provide the option of continuing dental, vision, and prescription drug benefits when those are offered as separate policies.

On March 26th, our administration issued guidance for essential businesses during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The guidance includes information about business interruption insurance from the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) and business loans and grants from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). An FAQs document regarding business interruption insurance is available [here](#). OCI also encourages anyone who believes they have been improperly denied coverage to visit <http://ociaccess.oci.wi.gov/complaints/public/> for more information about their complaint process.

The governor and our office have also been working with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin to help secure federal funding to support our efforts in responding to COVID-19 in Wisconsin. On March 11th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that Wisconsin would be receiving more than \$10.2 million to support our response and prevention efforts for COVID-19. Gov. Evers and his administration are working quickly to determine how to best allocate these resources toward prevention and response across our state.

On March 21st, Gov. Evers directed Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) to ask the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist Wisconsin in obtaining protective medical supplies

that can be used by law enforcement officers and firefighters who are at risk of direct exposure to COVID-19 while performing their jobs. FEMA is being asked to help Wisconsin obtain 50,000 non-surgical masks, 10,000 face shields, 11,000 coveralls, 3,000 N95 face masks, and 35,000 pairs of protective gloves through its procurement process. The request comes in addition to the state's ongoing efforts to obtain personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

As of March 26th, the state has received about 104,680 N95 respirators, 260,840 face/surgical masks, 48,168 face shields, 40,512 surgical gowns, 192 coveralls, and 70,375 pairs of gloves from the SNS. The state has also requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with purchasing supplies for use by first responders. On March 26th, the governor sent a letter to FEMA formally requesting additional testing supplies so that state and private labs in Wisconsin are able to test for COVID-19 at capacity and requested that FEMA work to support and enhance expanded production of these supplies through their manufacturers. Gov. Evers also expressed his concern about reports that PPE, testing reagent, and other critical supplies are being redirected from Midwest states to the federal government and expressed that states are best positioned to appropriately deploy these scarce resources.

On March 28th, Gov. Evers again wrote to FEMA to request an expedited processing of resource requests for additional lab testing supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders and health care workers. The governor also expressed appreciation for FEMA's efforts to fulfill requests for PPE from the SNS but that materials received to-date remain insufficient to address need in Wisconsin. This letter was in response to information we received that Wisconsin's order was being moved down the priority list.

Our office continues to work with Wisconsin's federal delegation on obtaining these additional supplies as requested from FEMA. On March 30th, U.S. Sen. Baldwin sent a letter signed by the entire Wisconsin congressional delegation advocating asking for expedited processing of Wisconsin's requests. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

On March 11th, state agency employees also received an update on COVID-19 in Wisconsin and its effects on our workforce. On March 12th, Gov. Evers signed [Executive Order #72](#) declaring a public health emergency in Wisconsin and hosted a press conference giving an update to the people of Wisconsin about COVID-19. Executive Order #72 directs the DHS to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and suspends any administrative rules that the DHS finds would increase the health threat or prevent, hinder, or delay our response to the COVID-19 emergency. It also directs the Adjutant General of the Wisconsin National Guard to assist in our response to the public health emergency. Additionally, the DHS also issued new guidance regarding mass gatherings, travel, and long-term care and assisted living facilities. Please see the [DHS website](#) for these updates.

The DHS announced new guidance on telehealth on March 30th. The new guidance provides that Medicaid will temporarily cover all currently covered services to be provided via telehealth using real-time technology as long as the service can be delivered with functional equivalence to the face-to-face service. This includes audio-only phone communication if necessary. This applies to all service areas and all enrolled professional and paraprofessional providers allowable within current ForwardHealth coverage policy. Further, paraprofessionals subject to supervision requirements are allowed to hold supervision via telehealth. The DHS' guidance can be found [here](#).

Ensuring the people of Wisconsin have continued utility access is critically important to ensure folks have access to basic necessities as the state continues plans to prevent further spread of COVID-19 through promoting social distancing, mandating school closures, etc. Thus, following the governor's public health

emergency declaration, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission [directed](#) water, electric, and natural gas utilities to cease disconnecting residential service for nonpayment and also directed utilities reconnect services to dwellings that had been disconnected until the state public health emergency is lifted.

Working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is a top priority, especially as it relates to limiting potential exposure at correctional facilities and putting other inmates at risk. Thus, on March 13th, the Department of Corrections (DOC) announced it is taking extra precautions by temporarily suspending visits at all DOC institutions in an effort to protect correctional workers and staff and the individuals who are in the DOC's care. A copy of DOC's announcement can be found [here](#). The DOC also announced they are temporarily waiving \$7 co-pay for individuals experiencing fever, cough, or shortness of breath to receive medical treatment.

On March 20th, Gov. Evers ordered DOC to implement a moratorium on admissions to the state prisons and DOC juvenile facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions go into effect on Monday, March 23rd and will be re-evaluated as updated information becomes available. Certain essential transfers will continue. This order does not affect the ability of courts to sentence individuals to prison, but means that they will be held in a county jail facility in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our large facilities. Additionally, all transfers from state contracted county jail beds have been suspended until further notice to ensure everyone's safety.

The DOC takes the responsibility to protect staff and persons in their care seriously and continues to work with state and federal partners on best practices. The DOC will continue to review the necessity of the order and will work with county partners to discuss any potential modification that may be necessary.

Gov. Evers also directed the DHS to close all Wisconsin K-12 schools—both public and private—as part of the state's ongoing efforts to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. The mandated closure was effective at the end of the school day on March 18th. Gov. Evers announced on March 17th that schools will be closed for the duration of the public health emergency, indefinitely extending the previously announced April 6th resumption date. A copy of the DHS' order can be found [here](#). The governor's office has received several inquiries from educators, parents, education stakeholders, and legislators about the order and its implications. To help provide answers, the governor's office has prepared a list of frequently asked questions and answers below. You can also find additional information on the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) [website](#).

K-12 SCHOOL CLOSURE FAQs	
Can schools close before Wednesday?	Schools districts, particularly those in counties with reported cases of COVID-19, may choose to close earlier than Wednesday, March 18 th . The CDC has issued guidance for schools to consider when making this decision: Considerations for School Closure .
Where can I find out if schools will stay closed after April 6?	Governor Evers and the Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue to put out the latest information on social media, as well as issuing media releases to ensure the public is aware of the latest decisions and guidance. Additionally, the DPI will continue to share information with schools around the state. Families should also look for information from their local schools, who may also make decisions related to additional closures.
Can schools do virtual learning?	Yes. The order does not prevent a school from providing virtual instruction to pupils. The DPI provided information and resources to school districts who plan to use virtual learning time as allowed under the state administrative code provisions.
Will the required instruction hours be modified?	Districts have the ability to request a waiver from the DPI regarding hours of instruction. Whether school closures are mandated by the state or locally determined due to COVID-19, the DPI will address the issue of waivers based on the severity and length of the situation. The DPI has stated they will be

empathetic to the ability of a district to reasonably meet the hours requirement. The DPI does not yet know the impact of closures or their length. The DPI will do whatever they can to expedite the process surrounding waivers and meet the needs of school districts.
How will students who qualify for free or reduced lunch be supported during the closure? State and federal leaders are working to identify ways to support serving children meals during periods of school closures due to COVID-19. As a resource, the DPI has developed a webpage for options for serving children meals in a non-congregate setting in the event of a school closure due to COVID-19. The DPI submitted a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) waiver to USDA. This request is to waive the congregate feeding requirement for SFSP meals during unanticipated school closures at school and non-school sites during a public health emergency, such as COVID-19. The waiver is for all SFSP sponsors in good standing in the state. The public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver is posted at https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp.
What supports are available for students with an IEP? The federal Department of Education (ED) issued new resources around protecting student privacy and addressing questions regarding serving students with disabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak. If a school is closed for an extended period of time (generally, more than 10 consecutive school days) and educational services are not provided to other students, then services are not required for students with disabilities during the closure. Once school resumes, local educational agencies must make every effort to implement individualized education plans, and should consider, on an individualized basis, whether and to what extent compensatory services are required due to the closure. If a school provides services through virtual learning, the school must ensure students with disabilities have equal access to the same opportunities, and that to the greatest extent possible, special education and related services are provided. Once school resumes, local educational agencies must make every effort to implement individualized education plans, and should consider, on an individualized basis, whether and to what extent compensatory services are required due to the closure.
Will school playgrounds be open? Individual districts or schools will make determinations about access to school grounds. In doing so, they should follow recommendations and guidance from the CDC, Department of Health Services, and local public health officials. However, school grounds and facilities cannot be used for instructional purposes or for extracurricular activities. This includes athletics practices or other extracurriculars that regularly occur on school grounds.
What are the implications for state testing/assessments? U.S. Department of Education (ED) indicates their goal is for all states to meet the assessment requirements under section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The DPI asked each of its assessment vendors to determine whether the assessment windows can be extended. The DPI is working with these vendors to identify the feasibility of this option and will relay information to districts as soon as it becomes available. Please know the DPI is actively exploring all options, including a waiver, from ED if closures prevent statewide testing.
What are the implications for childcare/extended day programs? The order only applies to pupil instruction and extracurricular activities, not to childcare functions. For programs run in school buildings, school leaders will make determinations regarding childcare or extended day programs, and families should look to their local provider for the latest information. Early Care and Education providers participating in 3K and 4K programs offsite may continue to serve those children in their child care setting at their discretion.
Are all athletics and club sports canceled? The order requires all K-12 school buildings to be closed to extracurricular activities. If your child is involved in athletics or extra-curriculars that regularly take place in a non-school building, you should contact the provider organization regarding cancellations and follow DHS guidance regarding social distancing.
Will student graduations be affected? This closure order currently only extends through April 6; however, the current public health emergency is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will be reassessing our recommendations and requirements for schools on an ongoing basis in order to protect the health of students, educators, staff, and the public. Districts may also make independent determinations about their planned events. Please look for updates from both the DHS and local schools and districts.
What conversations should parents have with their children at home? The DPI recommends the following resource: Talking to Children about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - A Parent Resource.

Does the order prohibit school staff from reporting to work?

No. The order only applies to pupil instruction and extracurricular activities, not to other functions. School leaders will make determinations on a case-by-case basis regarding access for other purposes, such as virtual learning, cleaning, food service, payroll and clerical functions. If school facilities are used for other purposes, districts should follow guidance from public health officials to ensure that appropriate health and safety measures are in place.

Will hourly staff be paid?

Gov. Evers recognizes that the closure presents challenges to students, families, educators, staff and districts, including financial impact. Local districts will need to determine how to best address the impacts of closures on hourly staff. Gov. Evers encourage districts and all employers to take whatever steps they can to minimize the economic impact to workers due to public health closures.

On March 20th, the DPI announced it will apply for a waiver from federal requirements to administer statewide assessments to all students to make annual accountability determinations, to identify schools for support and improvement, and to provide data on federal report cards for assessment and accountability information. The announcement comes as the U.S. Department of Education announced flexibility will be provided to all states regarding the assessment and accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act. Our office is continuing to work with the DPI around suspension of state testing and accountability requirements.

Grocery store inventories have been especially affected by COVID-19 as people seek to keep a two-week supply of food and necessities. Consequently, on March 14th, the governor directed the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue COVID-19 Relief Effort Supply Permits for transporting inventory to grocery retailers affected by COVID-19. The permits allow for additional supplies to be efficiently transported over Wisconsin interstates and most highways and local roadways by increasing weight limits and waiving truck driver hours of service limitations. More information can be found on DOT's website [here](#). The governor has extended this order for the duration of the public health emergency. That [order](#) can be found here.

Gov. Evers has also directed the DOT to ensure continuation of essential services while addressing the issue of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To continue to meet legal requirements, while protecting the public and staff, the DOT announced that driver licenses and CDLs that expire during this public health emergency will be automatically extended 60 days. Late fees will be waived. The driver record, visible to law enforcement, will show the extension and that the driver license is valid. Additionally, after a one-day closing period that occurred on Friday, March 20th, to allow staff to deep clean service centers, service centers will reopen on Monday, March 23rd, but in-person visits will be restricted to appointments only for the purposes of new drivers licenses or issuing identification cards. To make an appointment, customers can use the Driver License Guide (wisconsindmv.gov/DLGuide). They can also use this guide to begin the paperwork and submit it electronically. Customers with questions may call Driver Services at (608) 264-7447.

In addition to declaring a public health emergency, Executive Order #72 also declares that Wisconsin is experiencing a period of "abnormal economic disruption" because of COVID-19. This declaration authorizes the DATCP to enforce Wisconsin's [price gouging statute](#) until the emergency has ended. In addition to price gouging, the DATCP remains the agency charged with investigating scams and other fraudulent trade practices in Wisconsin. If you receive any constituent contacts related to suspected scams, fraud, false marketing claims, price gouging or other consumer complaints related to COVID-19, please refer those contacts to the DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline at DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov or (800) 422-7128, or have them file an [online complaint](#).

On March 25th, the DATCP issued cease and desist letters to 16 companies suspected of unlawfully raising prices. Among companies who received a cease and desist letter includes a company suspected of price gouging on N95 masks.

As you are likely aware, 38 Wisconsin residents were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship, which was quarantined due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Gov. Evers, the Wisconsin National Guard, and the DHS, in collaboration with partners at the federal level, have been working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the White House to get the necessary information we need to bring these Wisconsin residents home as quickly and safely as possible. Through direct outreach by the DHS and calls into the governor's office, we have also learned from passengers and family members concerning reports about conditions and that some passengers have needed medical accommodations. Our team has been working with the HHS to improve conditions and get those accommodations and medications to the passengers as soon as possible.

Initially, the HHS communicated to the governor's office that HHS would transport passengers to Wisconsin at which time the Wisconsin National Guard would transport passengers to their homes for self-isolation. Given the initial lack of details from HHS, on March 13th, Gov. Evers directed the Wisconsin National Guard to instead develop its own plans to go to all five sites to bring these Wisconsin residents home. Nearly 30 Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard were mobilized to state active duty after the governor declared a public health emergency, and they were standing by to transport the passengers upon landing at the National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin.

On March 16th, Gov. Evers announced 29 Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship were safely transported back to Wisconsin around 4:18 am Monday morning. Two other passengers chose to remain in quarantine in Texas under the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), citing personal reasons. Upon return, Adjutant General Paul Knapp welcomed the 29 Wisconsin residents home on behalf of Gov. Evers. Passengers received a welcome-home packet which included a letter from the governor, information about their 14 days of quarantine, and how to contact their local health department or the DHS with any questions. The governor's office has also provided direct contact information for our constituent services director to assist in providing support and assistance to help ensure passengers' transition and return to Wisconsin is as seamless and safe as possible. Upon landing at the National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, Guard members transported passengers home in state vans.

As of the morning of March 16th, none of the returning 29 Wisconsin citizens have tested positive for COVID-19 and all are asymptomatic, but the residents will follow Center for Disease Control and Wisconsin Department of Health Services protocols and continue to self-quarantine for the requisite 14-day period. The Soldiers and Airmen involved will self-monitor for 14 days upon the conclusion of their mission.

On March 21st, Gov. Evers announced another four Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship were safely transported back to Wisconsin. Wisconsin National Guard personnel were waiting to transport them back to their homes for self-quarantine. Passengers received a welcome-home packet which included a letter from the governor, information about their 14 days of quarantine, and how to contact their local health department or the DHS with any questions. The governor's office has also provided direct contact information for our constituent services director to assist in providing support and assistance to help ensure passengers' transition and return to Wisconsin is as seamless and safe as possible.

Of the original 38 passengers who are Wisconsin residents (aside from the above mentioned two who chose to remain in Texas) three passengers remain in California and will return back to Wisconsin at a later date: two of the passengers remain in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS), custody in California, and one passenger chose to remain in California citing personal reasons.

On March 19th, the Wisconsin National Guard announced that it has mobilized approximately 300 troops to help provide further state support, if needed. The Wisconsin National Guard's action was pursuant to Gov. Evers' [executive order](#) declaring a state of emergency, at which time he authorized the Adjutant General to activate the Wisconsin National Guard as necessary to help assist the state's response to the public health emergency. See the Wisconsin National Guard's announcement [here](#).

Effective on March 13th, the Wisconsin State Capitol suspended all Capitol tours until further notice. As of March 16th, signage has been posted at all entrances of the Capitol advising against entering if persons are exhibiting symptoms or meet other criteria described. Additionally, on March 14th, the DOA sent out correspondence to state agency employees announcing telecommuting as an option for employees whose job duties are conducive to working from home. Supervisors will approve telecommuting on case-by-case bases. State agencies are otherwise continuing normal operations at this time. The governor's office, the DOA, and the DHS continue to provide guidance for state employees and protecting the health and wellbeing of individuals who may be at a higher risk. Agencies are also continuing to review their continuity of operations plans to ensure that the business of the people of Wisconsin can continue.

On March 15th, the Department of Children and Families issued guidance for childcare, head start, and pre-K program providers. They also announced rule waivers for childcare providers and Wisconsin Shares eligibility. Consistent with Gov. Evers' orders on mass gathering, on March 18th, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) issued new guidance for childcare, Head Start, and 3K/4K programs. We need to be able to rely on healthcare workers and first responders to keep our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe. Thus, we are currently not closing childcare centers because we need those centers to stay open for our healthcare workers, first responders, among other essential workers to help minimize disruption to those essential services. At this time, childcare centers may not operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time. Voluntary closure beyond the scope of this order is allowed and left to the decision of individual providers. Find DCF's guidance [here](#).

Gov. Evers, our staff, and our administration are continuing to work on U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance. This is a top priority for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and WEM and they are actively working to collect all the needed information from regional economic development directors across the state in order to make the SBA declaration request.

Additionally, on March 18th, the WEDC announced a \$5-million grant program, Small Business 20/20, which will provide grants of up to \$20,000 to targeted businesses with 20 employees or less to cover rent and meet payroll expenses, including paid leave. The grants will be deployed by partnering with state's 23 community development financial institutions (CDFIs). Because the CDFIs have pre-existing relationships with many of these small businesses, CDFIs will be able to provide the grants quickly and directly to their clients. Find more information on Small Business 20/20 [here](#).

On March 20th, Gov. Evers announced that the SBA approved Wisconsin's request for small businesses affected by COVID-19 to access low-interest federal disaster loans. Under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, businesses and non-profits may qualify for up to \$2 million in loans to cover

losses resulting from the pandemic. The interest rate on the loans is 3.75% for for-profit businesses and 2.75% for nonprofits. Participants may be able to extend payments for up to 30 years.

Businesses and non-profits can begin their loan applications at www.sba.gov/disaster. The [Wisconsin Small Business Development \(SBDC\) Network](#) and its partners are helping small businesses apply for federal disaster loans to mitigate the substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wisconsin SBDC, a resource partner of the SBA, has created a web page to help business owners understand the qualifications and application process. That web page is available [here](#).

On March 21st, Gov. Evers and the Department of Revenue (DOR) announced they are extending income tax payment and return due dates to July 15th, 2020. See more details on the extension [here](#). The DOR has also released some frequently asked questions about tax filing deadlines. That document can be found [here](#). On March 28th, the DOR announced measures to help small businesses with sales tax payments due on March 31st. Small businesses can immediately request an extension to file sales and use tax returns due March 31, 2020 until April 30, 2020, and returns due April 30, 2020 until June 1, 2020. Requests can be sent to DORregistration@wisconsin.gov. You can find the DOR's full release with additional details [here](#).

The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) also issued emergency guidance on character and fitness requirements for all payday and licensed lenders in Wisconsin. The DFI cautioned payday and licensed lenders that increasing interest rates, fees or borrowing costs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could result in license suspension or revocation. Find DFI's release and guidance [here](#). The DFI also announced emergency guidance on remote online notarization to allow people across Wisconsin to access notarization services while ensuring the integrity of the notarization process. The DFI's emergency guidance can be found [here](#).

Additionally, on March 18th, Gov. Evers issued an emergency order waiving work search and modifying availability requirements for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits for workers affected by COVID-19. Gov. Evers' order waives the requirement that (UI) claimants conduct at least four weekly search actions during the COVID-19 emergency while ensuring that claimants are considered available for work (and therefore eligible for benefits) if they are eligible for but out of work due to COVID-19.

On March 26th, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) announced that it is helping connect unemployed job seekers with essential business employers and those offering essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although those displaced from employment due to COVID-19 are not required to look for work to receive unemployment benefits, some may be interested in earning additional income and possibly extending their unemployment benefits. Unemployment benefits may still be paid to individuals working part-time; while wages earned may reduce the weekly benefit, it can extend the amount of time one receives benefits.

DWD has created a webpage to connect job seekers to the in-demand jobs posted on JobCenterofWisconsin.com. These jobs include healthcare occupations like registered nurses and pharmacists, but also transportation and material moving occupations, such as laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, and light truck or delivery service drivers who help transport supplies, food, and other products that still need to be delivered to grocery stores, restaurants, and hospitals. Visit wisconsinjobcenter.org/lookforjobs/in-demand.htm to connect to in-demand jobs in Wisconsin.

Employers looking to connect with job seekers can post positions for free on JobCenterofWisconsin.com, Wisconsin's free online job search tool. Both employers and job seekers can connect on the site without charge. Employers who need assistance posting jobs on JobCenterofWisconsin.com can email

JobCenterofWisconsin@dwd.wi.gov or call (888) 258-9966 to connect with a Business Services Representative.

On March 24th, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also announced that fees would be waived for all Wisconsin State Parks and Trails that continue to remain open to the public. While the fees are waived and all State Parks, Trails and Forests remain open, we are still encouraging people to maintain physical distance and not to congregate around restrooms or other facilities. The DNR will continue to monitor on-the-ground circumstances each day to determine if park closures become necessary. You can find the DNR's announcement [here](#).

In an effort to help ensure emergency responders and firefighters can continue to assist in responding to COVID-19, on March 26th, the DNR announced they are taking proactive measures to prevent wildfires this spring. The DNR is suspending burning permits and all burning of debris in barrels, burning of debris piles on the ground, grass, or wooded areas is prohibited at this time.

In an effort to address anticipated shortages of healthcare workers in responding to COVID-19 and in preparation for potential surges in the pandemic, Gov. Evers and Secretary-designee Palm issued an order to help bolster the healthcare workforce during the public health emergency. Among other important steps, the order: simplifies the healthcare license renewal process; encourages recently retired professionals with expired licenses to re-enter practice; provides an avenue for licensed out-of-state practitioners to practice in Wisconsin without first requiring an in-state credential; and eliminates time limits for temporary licenses.

The order also includes provisions designed to enable nursing students close to graduation to be a part of the state's COVID-19 response by adjusting some clinical education requirements. It suspends practice restrictions for advanced practice nurses, enabling them to more efficiently and effectively respond during the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, the order provides flexibility to physician assistants in order to meet the current unpredictable changes in emergency needs and eliminates some late renewal fees for individuals whose licenses have lapsed and provides the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) with flexibility to eliminate other fees when needed. This is designed to simplify the licensing process for retirees or others who left their professions in good standing for other reasons by easing or eliminating certain credentialing renewal requirements, such as the need to earn specified numbers of continuing education units, so that returning providers can focus on direct patient care and not activities that take them away from the front lines or the bedside. This order is effectively immediately and will remain in effect through the duration of the public health emergency. You can find a copy of the order [here](#).

On March 16th, Gov. Evers directed the DHS to issue an order banning mass gatherings—both public and private—of 50 people or more effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17th. A new order was issued on March 17th banning mass gatherings—both public and private—of 10 people or more effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 17th. Critical infrastructure and services such as grocery stores, food pantries, childcare centers, pharmacies, and hospitals, among other venues, are currently exempt from this order. “Mass gathering” is any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together 10 or more people in a single room or single confined or enclosed space at the same time.

(Note that previous versions of this document included FAQs on mass gatherings. Those FAQs were removed as that guidance is no longer applicable under the safer at home order issued on March 24th.)

We've taken some important steps such as prohibiting mass gatherings, but time is of the essence in responding to COVID-19 so we can prevent and manage the spread of COVID-19 to ensure our healthcare workers and system are not overwhelmed by an influx of COVID-19 cases. As we've worked to respond to and prevent the spread of COVID-19, we've have been careful to listen to public health experts and to be mindful of the effects our proactive steps could and will have on our frontline workers and the most vulnerable in our communities. Late last week, the governor said he didn't think we'd need to get to a "safer at home" order—a "safer at home" order wasn't something the governor thought we'd need to do, and it's not something the governor wanted to do. However, the governor has also said all along that we would listen to the science and public health experts to make the best decision possible for the people of our state.

Over the past few days, we've talked with public health experts and with business leaders and local elected officials around the state, and overwhelmingly the response has been that we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. In fact, business leaders have suggested that it is imperative to slow the growth of the disease and that the state cease all non-essential business statewide. The bottom line is that COVID-19 has been and continues to be a rapidly evolving situation—sometimes it changes by the hour. That means sometimes our response must change as we have new information. In this case, new information was predictive modeling that demonstrated the implications of failing to take increased measures to prevent further spread of COVID-19 (to learn more about this, please review [the March 23rd DHS briefing](#)).

Thus, based on the advice from public health experts, the governor made the decision to direct Secretary Palm to issue a "safer at home" order. On March 23rd, Gov. Evers announced a "safer at home" order would be issued on Tuesday, March 24th. The governor announced the order in advance of its issuance in an effort to be as transparent as possible for families, businesses, and local governments, among others, across our state. The governor's goal—and our administration's goal—is to keep people safe. To this end, having people across our state have as much information and as much notice as possible about an announcement like this is crucial. It was important to us that the people of our state knew that this order would be coming in advance so that individuals were not blindsided by the new order.

On March 24th, Gov. Evers and Secretary-designee Palm issued the "safer at home" order prohibiting all nonessential travel with some exceptions. The order also contains detailed information regarding the exemptions provided to certain businesses. The order is effective on Wednesday, March 25th, at 8:00 a.m. until April 24th at 8:00 a.m. unless a superseding order is issued. You can find the order [here](#). Under the order, Wisconsin residents are able to:

- Perform tasks essential to maintain health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor;
- Get necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, such as getting food and supplies, pet food and supplies necessary for staying at home;
- Care for a family member in another household; and
- Care for older adults, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or other vulnerable persons.

Businesses allowed to operate under the Safer at Home order include, but are not limited to:

- Health care operations, including home health workers;
- Critical infrastructure;
- Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals;
- Fresh and non-perishable food retailers, including convenience stores, grocery stores, farmers' markets, and food banks;
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food and goods directly to residences;

- Pharmacies, health care supply stores and health care facilities;
- Child care facilities, with some limitations;
- Gas stations and auto repair facilities;
- Banks;
- Laundry businesses, dry cleaners and services necessary for maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of a residence, including garbage collection;
- Hardware stores, plumbers, and electricians;
- Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning;
- Roles required for any business to maintain minimum basic operations, which includes security, and payroll; and
- Law and safety, and essential government functions will continue under the recommended action.

If you or your constituents have questions about which businesses are considered “essential” or want to inquire about changing their status under this order, please direct them to [WEDC.org/essentialbusiness](https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness).

It is exceedingly important that information being relayed, promoted, or circulated by elected officials and to the people of Wisconsin is accurate. Thus, we want to be explicitly clear: Individuals do not need special permission to leave their homes. Similarly, if a business is an Essential Business or Operation as defined in this order, it does not need documentation or certification to continue its work that is done in compliance with this order. Workers providing essential care or services in our communities will be allowed to continue to travel to and from work. That includes folks like healthcare professionals, grocers, family caregivers, among other people whose work is critical for folks across our state.

The DHS is encouraging people to limit their interactions to the same people, not different small groups. Shrinking the circle of interactions will help prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, as the governor has specifically mentioned on several occasions, we are still encouraging people to go outside to take a walk, walk the dogs, go for a bike ride, etc.—this is good for everyone’s physical and mental health. Beyond this, we are encouraging folks not to take any other unnecessary trips, and to limit travel to essential needs like going to the doctor, grabbing groceries, or getting medication. If it’s essential for folks to travel or if they do go outside, we are still asking people to stay 6 feet away from others and shared spaces such as park shelters and visitor centers.

SAFER AT HOME ORDER FAQs	
Where does the Safer at Home order apply?	This order applies to the entire state. All Wisconsinites must stay at home as much as possible and non-essential businesses and operations must cease, with limited exceptions for minimum basic operations and working from home. All public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited exceptions contained in the order.
What are social distancing requirements?	Under the order, social distancing requirements include: 1. Maintaining social distancing of six feet between people; 2. Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer; 3. Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands); 4. Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; 5. Not shaking hands; and 6. Following all other public health recommendations issues by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
Is this order mandatory?	Yes. All Wisconsinites need to do their part to keep their family, friends, neighbors and communities safe.

Individuals may leave their homes for the following reasons:

1. To perform essential governmental functions, to work at essential businesses and operations, to do minimum basic operations for non-essential businesses, and essential travel, all of which is defined in the order;
2. To obtain services at or to work for health care and public health operations, certain human services operations, or essential infrastructure;
3. To perform tasks that are essential to health and safety such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, seeking emergency services, or visiting a health care professional;
4. To obtain necessary services or supplies such as food, gasoline, pet supplies, and other household consumer products;
5. To engage in outdoor activity, as long as they maintain social distancing; and
6. To care for a family members, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets as allowed under the order.

Will I be required to carry documentation to leave my home?

No. Individuals do not need special permission to leave their homes, but they must comply with this order as to when it is permissible to leave home. Similarly, if a business is an essential business or operation as outlined in this order, it does not need documentation or certification to continue work that is done in compliance with this order.

Can I go outside for walks, outdoor exercise, or to play?

Yes. You may engage in outdoor activities that meet social distancing requirements. You may travel to public and state parks for walks, hikes, and bike rides. No team or contact sports are permitted. Playgrounds are closed.

What is considered an essential business?

Please read the order carefully to determine what is considered an essential business or operation. Even if a business or operation is essential, there are still important restrictions on how the business can operate. For example, all entities that remain open as essential businesses or operations must implement social distancing as much as possible and use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). The order contains specific restrictions on each kind of essential business and operation.

Essential businesses and operations include the following, which are clarified in detail in the Order:

1. Any business or worker identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) [memo](#), and any subsequent version of this memo
2. Stores that sell groceries and medicine, including bakeries, provided they: (i) close all seating intended for consuming food; (ii) cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets; (iii) except for grocery stores, prohibit customers from self-dispensing all unpackaged food; and (iv) abide by social distancing requirements.
3. Food and beverage production, transport, and agriculture
4. Restaurants and bars, for take-out and delivery service of food
5. Organizations that provide charitable and social services, including food banks and shelters
6. Religious entities as long as any gathering includes fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible.
7. Weddings and funerals as long as any gathering includes fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible.
8. News media
9. Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation
10. Financial institutions and services
11. Hardware and supplies stores
12. Critical trades
13. Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services
14. Laundry services
15. Supplies to work from home
16. Supplies for essential businesses and operations and essential governmental functions
17. Transportation to and from activities permitted in the order
18. Home-based care and services
19. Professional services
20. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries
21. Critical labor union functions

22. Hotels and motels
23. Higher educational institutions for purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research, or other essential functions

In the exceptional circumstance that a business is not explicitly listed as an essential business or operation, but believes it should be included, businesses should consult the information page on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) website, here: <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>.

In addition to essential businesses and operations, healthcare and public health operations, human services operations, essential infrastructure, essential governmental functions will continue to operate.

Will restaurants and bars remain open?

Restaurants may remain open for food take-out or delivery only and no seating may be provided. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages and food are allowed if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance. Customers may enter these establishments only for the purpose of ordering, picking up, and paying for food or beverage. Food and drink may not be consumed on the premises, either indoors and outdoors.

Any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets must cease. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

Social distancing requirements must be implemented as much as possible.

Will hotels and motels remain open?

Hotels and motels are essential businesses and operations and can remain open if they follow the guidelines imposed on stores that sell groceries and medicine, restaurants, and bars. Guests are prohibited from congregating in lobbies or other common areas and social distancing requirements must be implemented. Hotel and motel swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities must close.

Does this order apply to child care settings?

Child care settings are essential businesses and operations. Secretary-designee Andrea Palm's [Emergency Order #6](#) remains in effect, with the following amendments:

Child care settings must prioritize care for families as follows:

Tier 1: Employees, contractors, and other support staff working in health care

Tier 2: Employees, contractors, and staff in vital areas outlined in the order

Child care settings include all licensed and certified child care providers who may provide care for any age or ages of children up to 13 years of age, unless specially licensed for children with disabilities up to 19 years of age.

Please see the Department of Children and Families [FAQ on this topic](#) for additional information.

Can I proceed with a wedding or funeral as planned?

Weddings and funerals can proceed as long as any gathering includes fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible. If you need to travel to attend a wedding or funeral, you should check before you leave that your means of travel is still available. If travel is to another state, you should read any orders in place in that state before you leave.

What if I still have to go to work?

All essential businesses and operations are encouraged to remain open, but are encouraged to have employees work from home if it is possible for them to complete their job duties remotely. If you are a worker at one of these businesses, you must implement social distancing requirements as much as possible.

What if my business or operation is not essential?

Your business must close. Individuals are encouraged to work from home where possible.

You are permitted to do the minimum basic operations to maintain the value of your business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities.

Can I travel?

All forms of travel are prohibited unless explicitly excepted. Individuals utilizing mass transit must maintain social distancing of at least six feet as much as possible. Essential travel that is exempt includes:

1. Any travel related to essential activities, essential governmental functions, essential businesses and operations, or non-essential businesses' minimum basic operations.
2. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or vulnerable persons.
3. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, or any other services.
4. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
5. Travel required by law enforcement or court order, including to transport children pursuant to a custody agreement.
6. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside Wisconsin.

Individuals who work outside of Wisconsin are allowed to commute to other states for work purposes, as long as they comply with this order and orders from other states.

Does this order change the school closure order?

A previous order mandating the closure of public and private K-12 schools at 5pm on Wednesday, March 18th is still in effect. All schools must remain closed for instructional and extracurricular activities for the duration of the public health emergency or until a subsequent order lifts this specific restriction. Schools may be used for facilitating distance or virtual learning, essential government functions, and food distribution.

Are personal care businesses allowed to remain open?

No. All hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, waxing salons, eyebrow-care establishments, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities must close.

Will public libraries remain open?

Libraries must close for all in-person services, but may continue to provide online services and programming. Libraries may be used for essential government functions and food distribution.

Does the order specify places that must close?

Yes. All non-essential businesses and operations must close. K-12 schools and public libraries are closed, with some exceptions including virtual learning and on-line services. Additionally, all amusement parks, carnivals, water parks, licensed public or private swimming pools, splash pads, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, country clubs, social clubs, and gyms and fitness centers. This order applies to the above places and those like them whether they are indoors or outdoors.

Can I obtain care or boarding for my pet?

Non-essential veterinary care should be avoided, but you may leave your home to obtain necessary veterinary care and supplies for your pet. Grooming services must close. Pet boarding and daycare is an essential business and operation that may remain open.

Am I able to proceed with plans to move out of my house?

Moving and relocation services are essential businesses and operations.

Will golf courses remain open?

Golf courses are not considered essential businesses. Staff can perform minimum basic operations as defined in the order.

Are landscaping businesses allowed to operate?

Landscape businesses in general as well as those servicing the grounds of an essential business are not considered essential businesses or operations. Staff can perform minimum basic operations as defined in the order. The delivery of plants and flowers is not an essential business or operation.

Can local government bodies continue to conduct business?

All state, tribal, and local essential governmental functions can continue. This means that government bodies should continue all functions needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Each government body is responsible for determining what functions, if any are necessary and identify employees and contractors necessary to perform those functions.

Government bodies should continue to follow the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government [guidance](#) regarding holding government meetings, and should consult directly with that office regarding specific open meetings questions.

My local government also issued an order like this. Which one do I follow?

You must follow the statewide order issued by DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. If a local order conflicts with the statewide order, you must follow the statewide order.

How will this order be enforced?

This order is enforceable by any local law enforcement official, including county sheriffs. Violation or obstruction of this order is punishable by imprisonment, fines, or both. Wis. Stat. § 252.25.
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After announcing the “safer at home” order, we have received some inquiries about Mendota Mental Health Institute and Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Both are open, functioning, and continuing their intake process.

Following his “safer at home” announcement, on March 28th, the governor announced he had directed DHS Secretary-designee Palm to order the suspension of evictions and foreclosures. The order prohibits landlords from evicting tenants for any reason unless failure to proceed with the eviction will result in an imminent threat of serious physical harm to another person and mortgagees from commencing civil action to foreclose on real estate for 60 days. However, the governor is urging those who remain able to meet their financial obligations to continue to do so. The order does not in any way relieve a person’s obligation to pay their rent or mortgage. You can find a copy of the order [here](#).

In addition to the “safer at home” order, the governor announced on March 23rd that he has assembled task forces in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to focus on six key areas, including:

- Specimen Collection and Laboratory Capacity
- Personal Protective Equipment and Essential Supplies
- Isolation Facilities
- Surge Capacity
- Healthcare Worker Childcare
- Contact Tracing and Surveillance

These task forces will help to ensure our healthcare workers have the resources they need to serve folks across our state.

On March 26th, Gov. Evers announced he has launched an initiative to acquire more PPE (e.g. gowns, gloves, and masks) to frontline COVID-19 workers. Wisconsinites can now go to:

covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations to either donate or sell large quantities of PPE to the State of Wisconsin and the SEOC to distribute supplies to high-need communities. We are currently seeking:

- Surgical Gowns (S, L, XL, and XXL)
- Face/Surgical Masks (adult, pediatric)
- Gloves (Nitrile, Vinyl, or Butyl)
- N-95 Particulate Respirators
- Isolation Gowns
- Face Shields
- Tyvek Coveralls
- Thermometers
- Foot Coverings

If organizations or businesses have quantities of fewer than 50 of any of these items, they are encouraged to donate them to local health organizations instead of going through the buyback website. First responders and other non-medical organizations should communicate their PPE needs to their county or tribal emergency management office, which will then forward those requests to the SEOC for fulfillment. Medical facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and clinics, should

continue using the established process for requesting supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

NEXT STEPS

Gov. Evers, the DHS, and the governor's administration are continuing to receive consistent updates on the status of COVID-19. The governor's office will continue sharing information and provide updates as quickly as new actions or information become available. Please continue reaching out to the governor's legislative team and the DHS legislative team with any questions.

Additionally, we ask for your assistance in helping us disseminate accurate, up-to-date information so our constituents and members of the public can make informed decisions and keep themselves, family members, and neighbors safe. Please also continue to share any and all public health or COVID-19 related content from the governor's and DHS' Facebook and Twitter accounts to ensure your constituents and members of the public continue to receive accurate and current information about the status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

Please continue to share information with members of the public on how to prevent illness or avoid exposure to this virus. In the case of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently advises that common symptoms include flu-like symptoms (fever (100° F or higher), cough or sore throat, headache or body aches, and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) or symptoms of respiratory illness (fever (100° F or higher), cough, and shortness of breath).

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can protect yourself and others by taking preventative measures including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home as much as possible except to get medical care
- Cancel events and avoid groups, gatherings, play dates, and nonessential appointments.
- Stay six feet away from other people.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue (then throw the tissue in the trash) or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 (at home or in a health care setting).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
 - For information about handwashing, see CDC's Handwashing website.
 - For information specific to healthcare providers, see CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings.

COVID-19 BACKGROUND (current as of April 1, 2020)

OVERVIEW

COVID-19 is a virus that has not previously infected humans and information about its rate of spread and its effects is still largely unknown, which makes it incredibly important to be highly cautious in dealing with the current situation. On March 11th, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

NOTE: The information herein is current as of 11:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020, but please know that as this is a rapidly evolving situation; there will continue to be updates and changes. This document includes information the governor's office provided on March 30, 2020 in addition to updates occurring since then. **New information is highlighted.**

STATUS OF COVID-19 IN WISCONSIN

We are seeing community spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. This means that there are people who have tested positive who have no exposures to a known case nor did they travel to a location where there is known community spread. Staying home and using social distancing will help keep you, your family, and our community from increased risk of exposure.

You can continue to find the most current information on COVID-19 on the Department of Health Services (DHS) [website](#), which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information. We have also created a site that houses resources to help direct folks to resources at our state agencies. Please share this website widely as well: wisconsin.gov/covid19.

COVID-19 WISCONSIN SUMMARY AS OF APRIL 1, 2020			
Positive Test Results	Deaths	Hospitalizations	Negative Test Results
1,550	24	398	18,819

We ask that you please continue to rely on the DHS data updated each day at 2:00 PM for the most accurate information on the status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin to help avoid misinformation or confusion. All DHS data are laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 that the DHS freezes once a day to verify and ensure the accuracy of reported information. A full breakdown of cases in Wisconsin by date confirmed, positive tests by county, gender, and age group can be found on the [DHS website](#). Mapped data is also available on the [DHS website](#).

Gov. Evers, the DHS, and our agencies are taking this issue very seriously and precautions are being taken across Wisconsin. Gov. Evers, our administration, and staff have also been working with partners at the local and federal levels to provide the most accurate, up-to-date information possible.

The DHS hosts near-daily informational briefings that are streamed live both on [WisconsinEye](#) and via the DHS [YouTube account](#). **Shortly following the briefings, the videos [are posted](#) on the DHS YouTube for viewing if folks are unable to watch live.**

The briefings typically feature DHS Secretary-designee Palm and Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, among others. The governor has also been joining these briefings when appropriate in addition to others including Wisconsin National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp. Members of the press participate in these briefings and ask questions.

The DHS will continue to hold regular informational briefings for members of the media as has been the case for the past several weeks to help ensure the most accurate and up-to-date information is consistently reported out to the public. You are more than welcome—and encouraged—to tune into these briefings to ensure that you are receiving all of the information being made available by our administration. In addition to the FAQ charts below, please feel free to consult the question and answer sections of the DHS briefings during which briefing participants answer questions from members of the press.

In early March, Gov. Evers directed the DHS to provide the public and legislators from across the state an informational briefing and to give an update on the status of COVID-19. On March 13th, the governor again directed the DHS to provide an updated informational briefing (via webinar) for legislators to occur on March 18th. Thus, in addition to hosting regular media/public media briefings, the DHS and members of our administration have also provided briefings for members of the Legislature. If you missed those briefings or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Zach Madden, the governor's legislative liaison, or Lisa Olson, legislative liaison for the DHS.

It is exceedingly important that information being relayed, promoted, or circulated by elected officials and to the people of Wisconsin is accurate. We continue to ask for your assistance in helping us disseminate accurate, up-to-date information so our constituents and members of the public can make informed decisions and keep themselves, family members, and neighbors safe. Please also continue to share any and all public health or COVID-19 related content from the governor's and DHS' Facebook and Twitter accounts to ensure your constituents and members of the public continue to receive accurate and current information about the status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

COVID-19 TESTING

On March 17th, the DHS and Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene to move to tiered COVID-19 testing to manage capacity. The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) significantly increasing their capacity for COVID-19 testing, the number of testing specimens being received far exceeds their daily capacity. In order to conserve supplies for testing, WSLH and DHS are now prioritizing two tiers of cases for testing:

Tier One (Individuals who):

- are critically ill and receiving ICU level care with unexplained viral pneumonia or respiratory failure
- are hospitalized (non-ICU) with fever or signs and symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness (cough, shortness of breath) and either known exposure to a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient or travel to an area with sustained community transmission

Tier Two (Individuals who):

- are hospitalized (non-ICU) with unexplained fever and signs/symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness
- are health care workers with unexplained fever and signs/symptoms of a lower-respiratory illness, regardless of hospitalization

Test requests that do not meet these criteria will be sent to other labs in the state and country for testing, resulting in longer wait times. Patients without symptoms and patients with mild upper respiratory symptoms who are not health care workers should not be tested in order to ensure that there is capacity to test ill people.

On March 26th, Gov. Evers wrote FEMA and requested additional testing supplies for both existing testing facilities that are beginning to run low and for the enhanced testing capabilities that we expect beginning the week of March 30th. Our administration has repeatedly heard from the healthcare community and from testing suppliers directly that many of these resources are being redirected to the federal government making it difficult for us to purchase these supplies directly.

On March 30th, Gov. Evers announced a new public-private partnership among Wisconsin industry leaders to increase Wisconsin's laboratory testing capacity for COVID-19. The new partnership now includes laboratory support from Exact Sciences, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Promega, and UW Health. These organizations, along with the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network, will now share knowledge, resources, and technology to bolster Wisconsin's testing capacity. The Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network labs have been averaging completion of 1,500-2,000 COVID-19 tests per day. The expanded capacity from the state's new public-private partnership is expected to double that capacity initially and continue to expand as additional platforms and supplies become available. Residents who are seeking a COVID-19 test are still required to receive an order from a doctor. These labs are not testing sites.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

As hospitals and clinics work to combat the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, we are taking steps to help increase access to personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers and first responders by working to ensure a steady stream of facemasks, gloves, gowns, and other protective items. There have been several questions about supplies, and we thought it would be helpful to provide some additional clarification and context about PPE supply streams and our efforts to secure additional PPE for our state. Our administration is working to acquire PPE via: 1. FEMA, 2. Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), 3. procurement, 4. donation, 5. buyback program.

1. FEMA

While SNS requests also go through FEMA (more on that below), these requests—while still through FEMA—have not been for supplies through the SNS, and have been for first responders and non-medical personnel, e.g. police and fire departments, childcare providers, emergency management, etc.

The governor has made multiple requests of FEMA to secure additional PPE, testing supplies, and ventilators. On March 21st, Gov. Evers wrote to FEMA asking for its assistance acquiring PPE for first responders who are at risk of direct exposure to COVID-19 while performing their jobs. FEMA was asked to help Wisconsin obtain PPE including police and fire departments through its procurement process, requesting:

- 50,000 non-surgical masks;
- 10,000 face shields;
- 11,000 coveralls;
- 3,000 N95 face masks; and
- 35,000 pairs of protective gloves

On March 26th, the governor sent a letter to FEMA formally requesting additional testing supplies so that state and private labs in Wisconsin are able to test for COVID-19 at capacity and requested that FEMA work to support and enhance expanded production of these supplies through their manufacturers. Gov. Evers also expressed his concern about reports that PPE, testing reagent, and other critical supplies are being redirected from Midwest states to the federal government and expressed that states are best positioned to appropriately deploy these scarce resources.

On March 28th, Gov. Evers sent a follow-up letter urging the federal government to expedite this request and have been working with the federal delegation to encourage their offices to push for these resources to be released to Wisconsin. Gov. Evers requested an expedited processing of resource requests for additional lab testing supplies and PPE for first responders and health care workers. The governor also expressed appreciation for FEMA's efforts to fulfill requests for PPE from the SNS but that materials received to-date remain insufficient to address need in Wisconsin. Since we are waiting on the FEMA PPE for first responders, we are taking PPE that we procured or were donated and sending them to our first responders. These supplies will be deployed the week of March 30th.

Our office continues to work with Wisconsin's federal delegation on obtaining these additional supplies as requested from FEMA. On March 30th, U.S. Sen. Baldwin sent a letter signed by the entire Wisconsin congressional delegation advocating asking for expedited processing of Wisconsin's requests. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

2. SNS

The SNS includes PPE and medical supplies for each individual state. Note that while requests for supplies from the SNS also go through FEMA as above, this process is different. Please also note that SNS supplies we have received thus far are going to healthcare workers. These supply estimates are based on survey results from healthcare stakeholders and hospitals.

In early March, Gov. Evers requested the first 25 percent of Wisconsin's stockpile. These were distributed to hospitals, long-term care facilities and EMS providers immediately upon receipt. Wisconsin's first phase of SNS supplies included approximately:

- 52,800 N95 respirators;
- 130,000 face/surgical masks;
- 24,768 face shields;
- 20,286 surgical gowns;
- 96 coveralls; and
- 61,750 pairs of gloves.

The second 25 percent of SNS supplies were received the weekend of March 28, and starting March 30, will be distributed to our frontline healthcare workers including hospitals, long term care facilities and EMS providers. The second 25 percent of SNS supplies included approximately:

- 51,880 N95 respirators;
- 130,840 face/surgical masks;
- 23,400 face shields;
- 20,226 surgical gowns;
- 96 coveralls; and
- 79,000 pairs of gloves

As of April 1, 2020, Wisconsin has received from the SNS approximately:

- 104,680 N95 respirators;
- 260,840 face/surgical masks;
- 48,186 face shields;
- 40,512 surgical gowns;
- 192 coveralls; and
- 140,750 pairs of gloves

Please note: these numbers DO NOT include all of the PPE we are working to acquire through other means. These numbers are for the SNS supplies only.

Our administration has heard from the federal government that they are preparing to send us the remaining 50 percent of our SNS supplies but we have not yet heard a specific date by which to expect to receive those supplies.

3. Procurement

We are aggressively pursuing any and every lead to purchase supplies beyond our requests to and from FEMA. In addition to these other options, our administration is separately working to purchase PPE, ventilators, sanitizer, and other emergency supplies through existing procurement processes from established vendors. This process follows existing state processes and procedures for procurement.

Many of our state agencies are pitching in to assist the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) team with purchasing these supplies on our own. Our administration has also have been working closely with other states to combine our purchasing power to make larger bulk purchases, which are usually given preference.

See more on procurement as it relates to the buyback program below.

4. Donation

On March 26th, Gov. Evers announced an initiative designed to get more PPE to folks working on the frontline response to COVID-19, allowing people to donate or sell (more on this below) PPE to the state for distribution.

Wisconsinites can go to <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations> to donate quantities of PPE. The SEOC will then work to distribute the PPE to communities that need it the most. We are currently seeking the following items through our donation program:

- Surgical Gowns (S, L, XL, and XXL)
- Face/Surgical Masks (adult, pediatric)
- Gloves (Nitrile, Vinyl, or Butyl)
- N-95 Particulate Respirators
- Isolation Gowns
- Face Shields
- Tyvek Coveralls
- Thermometers
- Foot Coverings

If organizations or businesses have quantities of fewer than 50 of any of these items, they are encouraged to donate them to local health organizations instead of going through the buyback website. First responders and other non-medical organizations should communicate their PPE needs to their county or tribal emergency management office, which will then forward those requests to the SEOC for fulfillment. Medical facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and clinics, should continue using the established process for requesting supplies from the SNS.

5. Buyback Program

On March 26, Gov. Evers announced an initiative designed to get more PPE to folks working on the frontline response to COVID-19, allowing people to donate (more on this above) or sell (the “buyback program”) PPE to the state for distribution.

Wisconsiners can go to <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations> to sell quantities of PPE. Upon receiving offers from individuals who wish to sell PPE supplies, our administration will then go through the standard procurement process to purchase those supplies.

The SEOC will then work to distribute the PPE to communities that need it the most. We are currently seeking the following items through our donation program:

- Surgical Gowns (S, L, XL, and XXL)
- Face/Surgical Masks (adult, pediatric)
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ISOLATION CENTERS

On March 31st, Gov. Evers announced the SEOC is opening two state-run voluntary isolation facilities in Madison and Milwaukee and is providing guidance to local communities throughout Wisconsin. The two sites opened on April 1, 2020 are at Lowell Center in Madison and a Super 8 hotel in Milwaukee. These facilities are for symptomatic individuals suspected to be infected with COVID-19 or who have a confirmed case of COVID-19. **Individuals must be referred by a medical provider or public health official to register at these facilities. Folks should not otherwise be advised to go to these facilities unless they have been referred by a medical provider or public health official.** Individuals register and stay at the isolation facility on a voluntary basis. The expected length of stay will be about 14 days, or 72 hours after symptoms dissipate. At any time, either the individual or the facility may terminate the individual's presence at the site. Those staying at the facility will have wellness checks by phone every four hours during the day and if needed at night.

Additionally, the SEOC also issued guidance for communities seeking to open their own voluntary self-isolation centers. The Isolation Site Operation Manual can be found [here](#). Please feel free to share this resource with your communities, especially if there is an interest in establishing a local isolation site.

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION RESPONSES

Here's an update on the work done so far, the current status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and the steps being taken to keep families and communities safe.

On March 11th, state agency employees also received an update on COVID-19 in Wisconsin and its effects on our workforce. On March 12th, Gov. Evers signed [Executive Order #72](#) declaring a public health emergency in Wisconsin and hosted a press conference giving an update to the people of Wisconsin about COVID-19. Executive Order #72 directs the DHS to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and suspends any

administrative rules that the DHS finds would increase the health threat or prevent, hinder, or delay our response to the COVID-19 emergency. It also directs the Adjutant General of the Wisconsin National Guard to assist in our response to the public health emergency. Additionally, the DHS also issued new guidance regarding mass gatherings, travel, and long-term care and assisted living facilities. Please see the [DHS website](#) for these updates.

Effective on March 13th, the Wisconsin State Capitol suspended all Capitol tours until further notice. As of March 16th, signage has been posted at all entrances of the Capitol advising against entering if persons are exhibiting symptoms or meet other criteria described. Additionally, on March 14th, the DOA sent out correspondence to state agency employees announcing telecommuting as an option for employees whose job duties are conducive to working from home. Supervisors will approve telecommuting on case-by-case bases. State agencies are otherwise continuing normal operations at this time. The governor's office, the DOA, and the DHS continue to provide guidance for state employees and protecting the health and wellbeing of individuals who may be at a higher risk. Agencies are also continuing to review their continuity of operations plans to ensure that the business of the people of Wisconsin can continue.

Gov. Evers has directed the DHS to close all Wisconsin K-12 schools—both public and private—as part of the state's ongoing efforts to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. The mandated closure was effective at the end of the school day on March 18th. Gov. Evers announced on March 17th that schools will be closed for the duration of the public health emergency, indefinitely extending the previously announced April 6th resumption date. A copy of the DHS' order can be found [here](#). The governor's office has received several inquiries from educators, parents, education stakeholders, and legislators about the order and its implications. To help provide answers, the governor's office has prepared a list of frequently asked questions and answers below. You can also find additional information on the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) [website](#).

K-12 SCHOOL CLOSURE FAQs	
Can schools close before Wednesday?	Schools districts, particularly those in counties with reported cases of COVID-19, may choose to close earlier than Wednesday, March 18 th . The CDC has issued guidance for schools to consider when making this decision: Considerations for School Closure .
Where can I find out if schools will stay closed after April 6?	Governor Evers and the Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue to put out the latest information on social media, as well as issuing media releases to ensure the public is aware of the latest decisions and guidance. Additionally, the DPI will continue to share information with schools around the state. Families should also look for information from their local schools, who may also make decisions related to additional closures.
Can schools do virtual learning?	Yes. The order does not prevent a school from providing virtual instruction to pupils. The DPI provided information and resources to school districts who plan to use virtual learning time as allowed under the state administrative code provisions.
Will the required instruction hours be modified?	Districts have the ability to request a waiver from the DPI regarding hours of instruction. Whether school closures are mandated by the state or locally determined due to COVID-19, the DPI will address the issue of waivers based on the severity and length of the situation. The DPI has stated they will be empathetic to the ability of a district to reasonably meet the hours requirement. The DPI does not yet know the impact of closures or their length. The DPI will do whatever they can to expedite the process surrounding waivers and meet the needs of school districts.
How will students who qualify for free or reduced lunch be supported during the closure?	State and federal leaders are working to identify ways to support serving children meals during periods of school closures due to COVID-19. As a resource, the DPI has developed a webpage for options for serving children meals in a non-congregate setting in the event of a school closure due to COVID-19. The DPI submitted a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) waiver to USDA. This request is to waive the congregate feeding requirement for SFSP meals during unanticipated school closures at school and non-school sites during a public health emergency, such as COVID-19. The waiver is for all SFSP sponsors in good standing in the state. The public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver is posted at https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp .

What supports are available for students with an IEP? The federal Department of Education (ED) issued new resources around protecting student privacy and addressing questions regarding serving students with disabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak. If a school is closed for an extended period of time (generally, more than 10 consecutive school days) and educational services are not provided to other students, then services are not required for students with disabilities during the closure. Once school resumes, local educational agencies must make every effort to implement individualized education plans, and should consider, on an individualized basis, whether and to what extent compensatory services are required due to the closure. If a school provides services through virtual learning, the school must ensure students with disabilities have equal access to the same opportunities, and that to the greatest extent possible, special education and related services are provided. Once school resumes, local educational agencies must make every effort to implement individualized education plans, and should consider, on an individualized basis, whether and to what extent compensatory services are required due to the closure.
Will school playgrounds be open? Individual districts or schools will make determinations about access to school grounds. In doing so, they should follow recommendations and guidance from the CDC, Department of Health Services, and local public health officials. However, school grounds and facilities cannot be used for instructional purposes or for extracurricular activities. This includes athletics practices or other extracurriculars that regularly occur on school grounds.
What are the implications for state testing/assessments? U.S. Department of Education (ED) indicates their goal is for all states to meet the assessment requirements under section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The DPI asked each of its assessment vendors to determine whether the assessment windows can be extended. The DPI is working with these vendors to identify the feasibility of this option and will relay information to districts as soon as it becomes available. Please know the DPI is actively exploring all options, including a waiver, from ED if closures prevent statewide testing.
What are the implications for childcare/extended day programs? The order only applies to pupil instruction and extracurricular activities, not to childcare functions. For programs run in school buildings, school leaders will make determinations regarding childcare or extended day programs, and families should look to their local provider for the latest information. Early Care and Education providers participating in 3K and 4K programs offsite may continue to serve those children in their child care setting at their discretion.
Are all athletics and club sports canceled? The order requires all K-12 school buildings to be closed to extracurricular activities. If your child is involved in athletics or extra-curriculars that regularly take place in a non-school building, you should contact the provider organization regarding cancellations and follow DHS guidance regarding social distancing.
Will student graduations be affected? This closure order currently only extends through April 6; however, the current public health emergency is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will be reassessing our recommendations and requirements for schools on an ongoing basis in order to protect the health of students, educators, staff, and the public. Districts may also make independent determinations about their planned events. Please look for updates from both the DHS and local schools and districts.
What conversations should parents have with their children at home? The DPI recommends the following resource: Talking to Children about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - A Parent Resource.
Does the order prohibit school staff from reporting to work? No. The order only applies to pupil instruction and extracurricular activities, not to other functions. School leaders will make determinations on a case-by-case basis regarding access for other purposes, such as virtual learning, cleaning, food service, payroll and clerical functions. If school facilities are used for other purposes, districts should follow guidance from public health officials to ensure that appropriate health and safety measures are in place.
Will hourly staff be paid? Gov. Evers recognizes that the closure presents challenges to students, families, educators, staff and districts, including financial impact. Local districts will need to determine how to best address the impacts of closures on hourly staff. Gov. Evers encourage districts and all employers to take whatever steps they can to minimize the economic impact to workers due to public health closures.

On March 20th, the DPI announced it will apply for a waiver from federal requirements to administer statewide assessments to all students to make annual accountability determinations, to identify schools for support and improvement, and to provide data on federal report cards for assessment and accountability information. The announcement comes as the U.S. Department of Education announced flexibility will be provided to all states regarding the assessment and accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act. Our office is continuing to work with the DPI around suspension of state testing and accountability requirements.

On March 16th, Gov. Evers directed the DHS to issue an order banning mass gatherings—both public and private—of 50 people or more effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17th. A new order was issued on March 17th banning mass gatherings—both public and private—of 10 people or more effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 17th. Critical infrastructure and services such as grocery stores, food pantries, childcare centers, pharmacies, and hospitals, among other venues, are currently exempt from this order. “Mass gathering” is any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together 10 or more people in a single room or single confined or enclosed space at the same time.

(Note that previous versions of this document included FAQs on mass gatherings. Those FAQs were removed as that guidance is no longer applicable under the safer at home order issued on March 24th.)

We’ve taken some important steps such as prohibiting mass gatherings, but time has been and continues to be of the essence in responding to COVID-19 so we can prevent and manage the further spread of COVID-19 to ensure our healthcare workers and system are not overwhelmed by an influx of COVID-19 cases. As we’ve worked to respond to and prevent the spread of COVID-19, we’ve have been careful to listen to public health experts and to be mindful of the effects our proactive steps could and will have on our frontline workers and the most vulnerable in our communities. Previously, the governor had said he didn’t think we’d need to get to a “safer at home” order—a “safer at home” order wasn’t something the governor thought we’d need to do, and it’s not something the governor wanted to do. However, the governor has also said all along that we would listen to the science and public health experts to make the best decision possible for the people of our state.

The governor spoke with public health experts and with business leaders and local elected officials around the state, and overwhelmingly the response has been that we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. In fact, business leaders have suggested that it is imperative to slow the growth of the disease and that the state cease all non-essential business statewide. The bottom line is that COVID-19 has been and continues to be a rapidly evolving situation—sometimes it changes by the hour. That means sometimes our response must change as we have new information. In this case, new information was predictive modeling that demonstrated the implications of failing to take increased measures to prevent further spread of COVID-19 (to learn more about this, please review [the March 23rd DHS briefing](#)).

Thus, based on the advice from public health experts, the governor made the decision to direct Secretary Palm to issue a “safer at home” order. On March 23rd, Gov. Evers announced a “safer at home” order would be issued on Tuesday, March 24th. The governor announced the order in advance of its issuance in an effort to be as transparent as possible for families, businesses, and local governments, among others, across our state. The governor’s goal—and our administration’s goal—is to keep people safe. To this end, having people across our state have as much information and as much notice as possible about an announcement like this is crucial. It was important to us that the people of our state knew that this order would be coming in advance so that individuals were not blindsided by the new order.

On March 24th, Gov. Evers and Secretary-designee Palm issued the “safer at home” order prohibiting all nonessential travel with some exceptions. The order also contains detailed information regarding the exemptions provided to certain businesses. The order was effective on Wednesday, March 25th, at 8:00 a.m. until April 24th at 8:00 a.m. unless a superseding order is issued. You can find the order [here](#). Under the order, Wisconsin residents are able to:

- Perform tasks essential to maintain health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor;

- Get necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, such as getting food and supplies, pet food and supplies necessary for staying at home;
- Care for a family member in another household; and
- Care for older adults, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or other vulnerable persons.

Businesses allowed to operate under the Safer at Home order include, but are not limited to:

- Health care operations, including home health workers;
- Critical infrastructure;
- Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals;
- Fresh and non-perishable food retailers, including convenience stores, grocery stores, farmers' markets, and food banks;
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food and goods directly to residences;
- Pharmacies, health care supply stores and health care facilities;
- Child care facilities, with some limitations;
- Gas stations and auto repair facilities;
- Banks;
- Laundry businesses, dry cleaners and services necessary for maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of a residence, including garbage collection;
- Hardware stores, plumbers, and electricians;
- Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning;
- Roles required for any business to maintain minimum basic operations, which includes security, and payroll; and
- Law and safety, and essential government functions will continue under the recommended action.

If you or your constituents have questions about which businesses are considered “essential” or want to inquire about changing their status under this order, please direct them to [WEDC.org/essentialbusiness](https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness).

It is exceedingly important that information being relayed, promoted, or circulated by elected officials and to the people of Wisconsin is accurate. Thus, we want to be explicitly clear: Individuals do not need special permission to leave their homes. Similarly, if a business is an Essential Business or Operation as defined in this order, it does not need documentation or certification to continue its work that is done in compliance with this order. Workers providing essential care or services in our communities will be allowed to continue to travel to and from work. That includes folks like healthcare professionals, grocers, family caregivers, among other people whose work is critical for folks across our state.

SAFER AT HOME ORDER FAQs
Where does the Safer at Home order apply? This order applies to the entire state. All Wisconsinites must stay at home as much as possible and non-essential businesses and operations must cease, with limited exceptions for minimum basic operations and working from home. All public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited exceptions contained in the order.
What are social distancing requirements? Under the order, social distancing requirements include: 1. Maintaining social distancing of six feet between people; 2. Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer; 3. Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands); 4. Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; 5. Not shaking hands; and 6. Following all other public health recommendations issues by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
Is this order mandatory?

Yes. All Wisconsinites need to do their part to keep their family, friends, neighbors and communities safe.

Individuals may leave their homes for the following reasons:

1. To perform essential governmental functions, to work at essential businesses and operations, to do minimum basic operations for non-essential businesses, and essential travel, all of which is defined in the order;
2. To obtain services at or to work for health care and public health operations, certain human services operations, or essential infrastructure;
3. To perform tasks that are essential to health and safety such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, seeking emergency services, or visiting a health care professional;
4. To obtain necessary services or supplies such as food, gasoline, pet supplies, and other household consumer products;
5. To engage in outdoor activity, as long as they maintain social distancing; and
6. To care for a family members, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets as allowed under the order.

Will I be required to carry documentation to leave my home?

No. Individuals do not need special permission to leave their homes, but they must comply with this order as to when it is permissible to leave home. Similarly, if a business is an essential business or operation as outlined in this order, it does not need documentation or certification to continue work that is done in compliance with this order.

Can I go outside for walks, outdoor exercise, or to play?

Yes. You may engage in outdoor activities that meet social distancing requirements. You may travel to public and state parks for walks, hikes, and bike rides. No team or contact sports are permitted. Playgrounds are closed.

What is considered an essential business?

Please read the order carefully to determine what is considered an essential business or operation. Even if a business or operation is essential, there are still important restrictions on how the business can operate. For example, all entities that remain open as essential businesses or operations must implement social distancing as much as possible and use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). The order contains specific restrictions on each kind of essential business and operation.

Essential businesses and operations include the following, which are clarified in detail in the Order:

1. Any business or worker identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) [memo](#), and any subsequent version of this memo
2. Stores that sell groceries and medicine, including bakeries, provided they: (i) close all seating intended for consuming food; (ii) cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets; (iii) except for grocery stores, prohibit customers from self-dispensing all unpackaged food; and (iv) abide by social distancing requirements.
3. Food and beverage production, transport, and agriculture
4. Restaurants and bars, for take-out and delivery service of food
5. Organizations that provide charitable and social services, including food banks and shelters
6. Religious entities as long as any gathering includes fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible.
7. Weddings and funerals as long as any gathering includes fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible.
8. News media
9. Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation
10. Financial institutions and services
11. Hardware and supplies stores
12. Critical trades
13. Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services
14. Laundry services
15. Supplies to work from home
16. Supplies for essential businesses and operations and essential governmental functions
17. Transportation to and from activities permitted in the order
18. Home-based care and services
19. Professional services
20. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries
21. Critical labor union functions
22. Hotels and motels
23. Higher educational institutions for purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research, or other essential functions

In the exceptional circumstance that a business is not explicitly listed as an essential business or operation, but believes it should be included, businesses should consult the information page on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) website, here: <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>.

In addition to essential businesses and operations, healthcare and public health operations, human services operations, essential infrastructure, essential governmental functions will continue to operate.

Will restaurants and bars remain open?

Restaurants may remain open for food take-out or delivery only and no seating may be provided. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages and food are allowed if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance. Customers may enter these establishments only for the purpose of ordering, picking up, and paying for food or beverage. Food and drink may not be consumed on the premises, either indoors and outdoors.

Any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets must cease. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

Social distancing requirements must be implemented as much as possible.

Will hotels and motels remain open?

Hotels and motels are essential businesses and operations and can remain open if they follow the guidelines imposed on stores that sell groceries and medicine, restaurants, and bars. Guests are prohibited from congregating in lobbies or other common areas and social distancing requirements must be implemented. Hotel and motel swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities must close.

Does this order apply to child care settings?

Child care settings are essential businesses and operations. Secretary-designee Andrea Palm's [Emergency Order #6](#) remains in effect, with the following amendments:

Child care settings must prioritize care for families as follows:

Tier 1: Employees, contractors, and other support staff working in health care

Tier 2: Employees, contractors, and staff in vital areas outlined in the order

Child care settings include all licensed and certified child care providers who may provide care for any age or ages of children up to 13 years of age, unless specially licensed for children with disabilities up to 19 years of age.

Please see the Department of Children and Families [FAQ on this topic](#) for additional information.

Can I proceed with a wedding or funeral as planned?

Weddings and funerals can proceed as long as any gathering includes fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible. If you need to travel to attend a wedding or funeral, you should check before you leave that your means of travel is still available. If travel is to another state, you should read any orders in place in that state before you leave.

What if I still have to go to work?

All essential businesses and operations are encouraged to remain open, but must have employees work from home if it is possible for them to complete their job duties remotely. If you are a worker at one of these businesses, you must implement social distancing requirements as much as possible. Your business is required to follow all [DHS guidelines](#) on how to keep the workplace safe.

What if my business or operation is not essential?

Your business must close. Individuals are encouraged to work from home where possible.

You are permitted to do the minimum basic operations to maintain the value of your business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities. This does not include serving customers in person. However, businesses may fulfill nonessential deliveries, mail parcels, or receive parcels if it can be done by one person in a room or confined space, including a car or truck. Delivery and parcel services cannot require a signature by the recipient. Other services or activities requiring more than one person may only continue via phone or virtually.

Can I travel?

Yes. You may travel to another state for activities that are permitted in that state. Please contact the state directly to ensure that your travel complies with their rules and orders.

Does this order change the school closure order?

A previous order mandating the closure of public and private K-12 schools at 5pm on Wednesday, March 18th is still in effect. All schools must remain closed for instructional and extracurricular activities for the duration of the public health emergency or until a subsequent order lifts this specific restriction. Schools may be used for facilitating distance or virtual learning, essential government functions, and food distribution.
Are personal care businesses allowed to remain open? No. All hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, waxing salons, eyebrow-care establishments, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities must close.
Will public libraries remain open? Libraries must close for all in-person services, but may continue to provide online services and programming. Libraries may be used for essential government functions and food distribution.
Does the order specify places that must close? Yes. All non-essential businesses and operations must close. K-12 schools and public libraries are closed, with some exceptions including virtual learning and on-line services. Additionally, all amusement parks, carnivals, water parks, licensed public or private swimming pools, splash pads, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, country clubs, social clubs, and gyms and fitness centers. This order applies the above places and those like them whether they are indoors or outdoors.
Can I obtain care or boarding for my pet? Non-essential veterinary care should be avoided, but you may leave your home to obtain necessary veterinary care and supplies for your pet. Grooming services must close. Pet boarding and daycare is an essential business and operation that may remain open.
Am I able to proceed with plans to move out of my house? Moving and relocation services are essential businesses and operations.
Will golf courses remain open? Golf courses are not considered essential businesses. Staff can perform minimum basic operations as defined in the order.
Are landscaping businesses allowed to operate? Landscapers, greenhouses, and their suppliers are considered essential businesses or operations, so long as the service is necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings. If a landscaping, greenhouse, or supplier is not necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings, you may still continue Minimum Basic Operations, including fulfilling nonessential deliveries, mailing parcels, or receiving parcels, if it can be done by one person in a room or confined space, including a car or truck. Delivery and parcel services cannot require a signature by the recipient. Other services or activities requiring more than one person may only continue via phone or virtually.
Can local government bodies continue to conduct business? All state, tribal, and local essential governmental functions can continue. This means that government bodies should continue all functions needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Each government body is responsible for determining what functions, if any are necessary and identify employees and contractors necessary to perform those functions. Government bodies should continue to follow the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government guidance regarding holding government meetings, and should consult directly with that office regarding specific open meetings questions.
My local government also issued an order like this. Which one do I follow? You must follow the statewide order issued by DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. If a local order conflicts with the statewide order, you must follow the statewide order.
How will this order be enforced? This order is enforceable by any local law enforcement official, including county sheriffs. Violation or obstruction of this order is punishable by imprisonment, fines, or both. Wis. Stat. § 252.25.

SAFER AT HOME ORDER FAQs FOR BUSINESSES

ALL BUSINESSES MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Avoid meeting in person whenever possible, and switch to virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e. work from home);
2. Comply with all [Department of Health Services guidelines for businesses](#);
3. Follow Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premise to the maximum extent possible.

All businesses are encouraged to follow [WEDC's best practices for a COVID-19 response plan](#).

Business Type	Essential Business	Non-essential Business
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Airbnb and VRBO	X Requirements: 1. Comply with requirements of Sections 13.b (selling groceries and medicine), 13.d (restaurant operations), and 13.e (bar operation); and 2. Close swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities; and prohibit guests from congregating in lobbies or other common areas, including providing adequate space to adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while queuing for front desk services.	
Architecture	X	
Bars	X Requirements: 1. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages are allowed if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance; 2. Delivery of alcoholic beverages to retail customers is prohibited; 3. Wineries holding direct wine shippers' permits may make deliveries of wine in accordance with their permit; 4. Customers may enter only to order, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both; 5. No seating may be provided; 6. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors; 7. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited; and 8. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.	
Bicycle stores and repair shops	X	
Campgrounds	X Requirements: 1. Comply with requirements of Sections 13.b (selling groceries and medicine), 13.d (restaurant operations), and 13.e (bar operation); 2. Close swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities; and 3. Prohibit guests from congregating in lobbies or other common areas, including providing adequate space to adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while queuing for front desk services.	
Car auctions		X 1. Auctions may be held virtually; and 2. Car sales may continue as an essential business but cannot involve gathering groups of people.
CBD shops		X
Churches and religious entities	X Any gathering must include fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time.	

Cleaning services - residential		X
Cleaning services - business	X Permitted for essential businesses if it is necessary to maintaining safety, sanitation, and essential operations.	
Construction supplies	X Aesthetic or optional construction projects should be avoided.	
Copier sales and maintenance	X Only if they are selling to or servicing an essential business or operation.	
Craft stores		X
Farmers markets	X 1. Close all seating intended for consuming food; 2. Food samples are prohibited; 3. Self-dispensing unpackaged food areas (including fresh produce) may stay open. Areas that require customers use tongs or scoops are encouraged, but not required to close. Vendors must sanitize the tongs and scoops frequently.	
Food banks	X Requirements: 1. Close all seating intended for consuming food; 2. Close self-service operations such as salad bars, beverage stations and buffets; and 3. Cease any customers self-dispensing unpackaged food (except for grocery stores).	
Food trucks	X Requirements: 1. Take-out or delivery service only; 2. No seating may be provided; 3. Food and drink may not be consumed on the premises, either indoors or outdoors; 4. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited; 5. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage; 6. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages are allowed if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance; and 7. Delivery of alcoholic beverages to retail customers is prohibited.	
Fulfillment centers	X	
Furniture stores		X
Gas stations	X	
Golf courses and driving ranges		X
Greenhouses	X	
Grocery stores	X Requirements: 1. Close all seating intended for consuming food; 2. Close self-service operations such as salad bars, beverage stations and buffets; 3. Self-dispensing unpackaged food areas (including fresh produce) may stay open. Areas	

	that require customers use tongs or scoops (bulk bins, bakery displays) are encouraged, but not required to close. Stores must sanitize the tongs and scoops frequently.	
Gun and ammunition stores, shooting ranges	X	
Home improvement stores	X	
Internet technology (IT) and telecommunications services	X	
Landscaping	X Essential if it is necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings.	
Liquor stores	X	
Office supply stores	X	
Pet boarding and doggy day care	X	
Pet grooming (including in-home, mobile, and part of a larger store)		X
Pool cleaning services		X
Printing	X Essential if the printer service is necessary for an essential business or operation.	
Real estate staging	X	
Rest stops	X	
Restaurants	X Requirements: 1. Take-out or delivery service only; 2. Customers may enter only to order, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both; 3. No seating may be provided; 4. Food and drink may not be consumed on the premises, either indoors or outdoors; 5. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited; 6. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage; 7. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages are allowed if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance; 8. Delivery of alcoholic beverages to retail customers is prohibited; and 9. Wineries holding direct wine shippers' permits may make deliveries of wine in accordance with their permit.	
Salons and spas		X
Sawmills	X Essential if the sawmill is necessary for an essential business or operation.	
Shelters	X	
Shoe stores		X
Solid waste and recycling collection and removal	X	
Sporting goods stores		X

Substance abuse programs - Alcoholics anonymous, narcotics anonymous	X	
Timber and logging	X	
Tombstone makers	X	
Trucking schools	X	
Vaping, smoking, and cigar shops		X
Veterinary care	X Non-essential veterinary care should be delayed.	

After announcing the “safer at home” order, we have received some inquiries about Mendota Mental Health Institute and Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Both are open, functioning, and continuing their intake process.

In addition to the “safer at home” order, the governor announced on March 23rd that he has assembled task forces in the SEOC to focus on six key areas, including:

- Specimen Collection and Laboratory Capacity
- Personal Protective Equipment and Essential Supplies
- Isolation Facilities
- Surge Capacity
- Healthcare Worker Childcare
- Contact Tracing and Surveillance

These task forces will help to ensure our healthcare workers have the resources they need to serve folks across our state. We are continuing to add additional task forces and will provide updates on the SEOC task forces as we have them.

Making sure that folks have access to the healthcare resources, care, and treatment they need is critically important in working to manage the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. In an effort to address anticipated shortages of healthcare workers in responding to COVID-19 and in preparation for potential surges in the pandemic, Gov. Evers and Secretary-designee Palm issued an order to help bolster the healthcare workforce during the public health emergency. Among other important steps, the order: simplifies the healthcare license renewal process; encourages recently retired professionals with expired licenses to re-enter practice; provides an avenue for licensed out-of-state practitioners to practice in Wisconsin without first requiring an in-state credential; and eliminates time limits for temporary licenses.

The order also includes provisions designed to enable nursing students close to graduation to be a part of the state’s COVID-19 response by adjusting some clinical education requirements. It suspends practice restrictions for advanced practice nurses, enabling them to more efficiently and effectively respond during the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, the order provides flexibility to physician assistants in order to meet the current unpredictable changes in emergency needs and eliminates some late renewal fees for individuals whose licenses have lapsed and provides the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) with flexibility to eliminate other fees when needed. This is designed to simplify the licensing process for retirees or others who left their professions in good standing for other reasons by easing or eliminating certain credentialing renewal requirements, such as the need to earn specified numbers of continuing education units, so that returning providers can focus on direct patient care and not activities that take them away from the front lines or the bedside. This order is effectively immediately and will remain in effect through the duration of the public health emergency. You can find a copy of the order [here](#).

The DHS announced new guidance on telehealth on March 30th. The new guidance provides that Medicaid will temporarily cover all currently covered services to be provided via telehealth using real-time technology as long as the service can be delivered with functional equivalence to the face-to-face service. This includes audio-only phone communication if necessary. This applies to all service areas and all enrolled professional and paraprofessional providers allowable within current ForwardHealth coverage policy. Further, paraprofessionals subject to supervision requirements are allowed to hold supervision via telehealth. The DHS' guidance can be found [here](#). On March 31st, Insurance Commissioner Afable also asked insurers to medical malpractice insurers aimed at expanding access to telemedicine during the COVID-19 pandemic and at ensuring retired and out-of-state health care workers can get the medical malpractice coverage in order to support the state's response to COVID-19. Doctors are required to have medical malpractice insurance to provide care in Wisconsin.

In addition to ensuring folks have access to healthcare and supporting healthcare workers, the governor has been working on making sure folks have access to insurance coverage as we continue to respond to COVID-19. On March 6th, Gov. Evers and Insurance Commissioner Mark Afable asked health plan issuers to help Wisconsinites access testing and treatment for COVID-19 and to ensure that healthcare is as accessible as possible as we continue to monitor this situation.

Gov. Evers and Commissioner Afable requested that health plan issuers waive cost-sharing for COVID-19-related laboratory testing and radiology services, prepare for increased demand for telehealth services, review readiness and responsiveness plans to new COVID-19 cases, and that health plan issuers cover the immunization for COVID-19—in the event that an immunization becomes available—at no cost-sharing for covered members. They also asked that health plan issuers be flexible on prescription drug supply limitations and early refill limitations so folks can get their medication as quickly as possible and without worrying about increased exposure or risk.

In addition to helping ensure folks have access to healthcare, on March 23rd, the governor directed Commissioner Afable to support restaurants and workers across Wisconsin who are offering delivery and pickup services. Insurers must cover delivery services for restaurants on personal auto insurance policies and must offer coverage for hired drivers and non-owned automobiles as a rider on a restaurant's general liability insurance if it is requested, both at no extra cost to the policyholders. Restaurants interested in this coverage should contact their insurance agent or insurance company directly.

Additionally, with the COVID-19 public health emergency requiring non-essential businesses to close, many employees working for small employers may be furloughed or work fewer than 30 hours per week. On March 26th, Gov. Evers directed Commissioner Afable also called on insurers to give small employers the option to keep employees who are furloughed or working fewer than 30 hours per week on employer-sponsored health insurance. The 30-hour workweek provision under Wisconsin's small employer law is a minimum standard. Insurers and employer policyholders can agree to offer coverage to employees working fewer than 30 hours if the offer is made to all employees of the employer and is not made in an unfairly discriminatory manner. The bulletin is effective for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is also urging insurers to work with small employers to provide the option of continuing dental, vision, and prescription drug benefits when those are offered as separate policies.

On March 26th, our administration issued guidance for essential businesses during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The guidance includes information about business interruption insurance from the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) and business loans and grants from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). An FAQs document regarding business interruption insurance is available [here](#). OCI also encourages anyone who believes they have been improperly denied

coverage to visit <http://ociaccess.oci.wi.gov/complaints/public/> for more information about their complaint process.

Ensuring the people of Wisconsin have continued utility access and housing is critically important to make sure folks have access to basic necessities as the state continues plans to prevent further spread of COVID-19 through promoting “safer at home,” social distancing, mandating school closures, etc. Thus, following the governor’s public health emergency declaration, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission [directed](#) water, electric, and natural gas utilities to cease disconnecting residential service for nonpayment and also directed utilities reconnect services to dwellings that had been disconnected until the state public health emergency is lifted.

Following his “safer at home” announcement, on March 28th, the governor announced he had directed DHS Secretary-designee Palm to order the suspension of evictions and foreclosures. The order prohibits landlords from evicting tenants for any reason unless failure to proceed with the eviction will result in an imminent threat of serious physical harm to another person and mortgagees from commencing civil action to foreclose on real estate for 60 days. However, the governor is urging those who remain able to meet their financial obligations to continue to do so. The order does not in any way relieve a person’s obligation to pay their rent or mortgage. You can find a copy of the order [here](#).

The governor is also working to ensure that healthcare workers, first responders, and other folks on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response have access to the necessary childcare resources so they can continue their important work. On March 15th, the Department of Children and Families issued guidance for childcare, head start, and pre-K program providers. They also announced rule waivers for childcare providers and Wisconsin Shares eligibility. Consistent with Gov. Evers’ orders on mass gathering, on March 18th, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) issued new guidance for childcare, Head Start, and 3K/4K programs.

We need to be able to rely on healthcare workers and first responders to keep our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe. Thus, we are currently not closing childcare centers because we need those centers to stay open for our healthcare workers, first responders, among other essential workers to help minimize disruption to those essential services. At this time, childcare centers may not operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time. Voluntary closure beyond the scope of this order is allowed and left to the decision of individual providers. Find DCF’s guidance [here](#).

On March 31st, Gov. Evers issued an [order](#) suspending several administrative rules for the DCF to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 while still providing critical services. The order gives the flexibility needed to provide the safest possible care for children in out-of-home care by allowing local agencies to make decisions about when and if services are needed for an individual child. Numerous agency rules require local agencies to take certain actions during a set window of time. Due to the heightened risk of exposure caused by additional face-to-face interactions, this flexibility allows local agencies to make decisions based on the best interest of the child. The order also waives an in-person training deadline for new employees in W-2 agencies. Extending the deadline will ensure new W-2 staff can stay on the job, helping Wisconsinites in need of services.

We are also working to promote public information about how to best use PPE. On April 1st, the Department of Safety and Professional Services release training modules for police, wastewater works, and other public sector employees who do not routinely use PPE in their work. The unprecedented COVID-19 crisis is driving more first-responders and other employees maintaining critical infrastructure to use personal protective equipment at work on a regular basis. Their counterparts in health care can

attest that proper usage of PPE is critical for it to confer benefit and keep wearers safe from infection. Yet not everyone looking to PPE for safety knows how to use it correctly. And if someone uses PPE incorrectly, they put themselves at greater risk of catching COVID-19, and they have wasted a valuable resource. The three modules include a [general education course on N95 respirator use](#) along with one [tailored to law enforcement](#) and [another for water treatment workers](#). Please distribute this information as widely as possible so we can ensure that folks are using PPE effectively and ensuring theirs and others' safety.

Additionally, we are working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is a top priority, especially as it relates to limiting potential exposure at correctional facilities and putting other inmates at risk. Thus, on March 13th, the Department of Corrections (DOC) announced it is taking extra precautions by temporarily suspending visits at all DOC institutions in an effort to protect correctional workers and staff and the individuals who are in the DOC's care. A copy of DOC's announcement can be found [here](#). The DOC also announced they are temporarily waiving \$7 co-pay for individuals experiencing fever, cough, or shortness of breath to receive medical treatment.

On March 20th, Gov. Evers ordered DOC to implement a moratorium on admissions to the state prisons and DOC juvenile facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions go into effect on Monday, March 23rd and will be re-evaluated as updated information becomes available. Certain essential transfers will continue. This order does not affect the ability of courts to sentence individuals to prison, but means that they will be held in a county jail facility in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our large facilities. Additionally, all transfers from state contracted county jail beds have been suspended until further notice to ensure everyone's safety.

The DOC takes the responsibility to protect staff and persons in their care seriously and continues to work with state and federal partners on best practices. The DOC will continue to review the necessity of the order and will work with county partners to discuss any potential modification that may be necessary.

Grocery store inventories have been especially affected by COVID-19 as people seek to keep a two-week supply of food and necessities. Consequently, on March 14th, the governor directed the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue COVID-19 Relief Effort Supply Permits for transporting inventory to grocery retailers affected by COVID-19. The permits allow for additional supplies to be efficiently transported over Wisconsin interstates and most highways and local roadways by increasing weight limits and waiving truck driver hours of service limitations. More information can be found on DOT's website [here](#). The governor has extended this order for the duration of the public health emergency. That [order](#) can be found [here](#).

Gov. Evers has also directed the DOT to ensure continuation of essential services while addressing the issue of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To continue to meet legal requirements, while protecting the public and staff, the DOT announced that driver licenses and CDLs that expire during this public health emergency will be automatically extended 60 days. Late fees will be waived. The driver record, visible to law enforcement, will show the extension and that the driver license is valid. Additionally, after a one-day closing period that occurred on Friday, March 20th, to allow staff to deep clean service centers, service centers will reopen on Monday, March 23rd, but in-person visits will be restricted to appointments only for the purposes of new drivers licenses or issuing identification cards. To make an appointment, customers can use the Driver License Guide (wisconsindmv.gov/DLGuide). They can also use this guide to begin the paperwork and submit it electronically. Customers with questions may call Driver Services at (608) 264-7447.

In addition to declaring a public health emergency, Executive Order #72 also declares that Wisconsin is experiencing a period of “abnormal economic disruption” because of COVID-19. We are continuing to work to ensure that consumers are protected during this period of economic disruption. This declaration authorizes the DATCP to enforce Wisconsin’s [price gouging statute](#) until the emergency has ended. In addition to price gouging, the DATCP remains the agency charged with investigating scams and other fraudulent trade practices in Wisconsin.

On March 25th, the DATCP issued cease and desist letters to 16 companies suspected of unlawfully raising prices. Among companies who received a cease and desist letter includes a company suspected of price gouging on N95 masks.

Additionally, the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) also issued emergency guidance on character and fitness requirements for all payday and licensed lenders in Wisconsin. The DFI cautioned payday and licensed lenders that increasing interest rates, fees or borrowing costs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could result in license suspension or revocation. Find DFI’s release and guidance [here](#). The DFI also announced emergency guidance on remote online notarization to allow people across Wisconsin to access notarization services while ensuring the integrity of the notarization process. The DFI’s emergency guidance can be found [here](#).

Our agencies have continued working to ensure Wisconsin’s consumers are protected as we have seen increased attempts at scammers taking advantage of this crisis. On April 1st, Commissioner Aftab issued guidance and information on avoiding insurance fraud. Please assist us in reminding folks that if they are unsure about the insurance company or agent, they should stop before signing any paperwork or issuing payment and confirm that the company or agent offering the insurance product is legitimate and licensed to sell insurance in our state. Consumers can look up agents and companies by visiting [this website](#) from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

If you receive any constituent contacts related to suspected scams, fraud, false marketing claims, price gouging or other consumer complaints related to COVID-19, please refer those contacts to the DATCP’s Consumer Protection Hotline at DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov or (800) 422-7128, or have them file an [online complaint](#).

Additionally, March 31st, the DFI issued guidance on how to avoid fraudulent investment schemes, especially in light of federal relief payments available to eligible individuals. In particular, DFI warned investors to be on the lookout for investments specifically tied to the threat of COVID-19. Bad actors can be expected to develop schemes that falsely purport to raise capital for companies manufacturing surgical masks and gowns, producing ventilators and other medical equipment, distributing small-molecule drugs and other preventative pharmaceuticals, or manufacturing vaccines and miracle cures. The schemes often appear legitimate because they draw upon current news, medical reports and social and political developments.

Scammers also will seek to take advantage of concerns with the volatility in the securities markets to promote “safe” investments with “guaranteed returns” including investments tied to gold, silver and other commodities; oil and gas; and real estate. Investors also can expect to see “get rich quick” schemes that tout quickly earned guaranteed returns that can be used to pay for rent, utilities or other expenses. These schemes also target retirees and senior citizens, falsely claiming they can quickly and safely recoup any losses to their retirement portfolios.

Investors should also contact DFI with questions about any investment opportunity or the person offering it for sale before investing in the product. For more information, visit www.wdfi.org, or call DFI's Division of Securities at (608) 266-2139.

Although the governor issued previous mass gatherings orders and his "safer at home" order, the governor has consistently encouraged folks to continue to get outside, take walks, and be physically active while shrinking social circles and practicing social distancing. To this end, on March 24th, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also announced that fees would be waived for all Wisconsin State Parks and Trails that continue to remain open to the public. While the fees are waived and all State Parks, Trails and Forests remain open, we are still encouraging people to maintain physical distance and not to congregate around restrooms or other facilities. The DNR will continue to monitor on-the-ground circumstances each day to determine if park closures become necessary. You can find the DNR's announcement [here](#).

In an effort to help ensure emergency responders and firefighters can continue to assist in responding to COVID-19, on March 26th, the DNR announced they are taking proactive measures to prevent wildfires this spring. The DNR is suspending burning permits and all burning of debris in barrels, burning of debris piles on the ground, grass, or wooded areas is prohibited at this time.

We continue to be concerned the effect of the COVID-19 public health emergency on our farmers and the dairy industry amid concerns about milk disposal. On April 1st, the DATCP sent [a letter](#) urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to step in and assist during this crisis. The letter requests that USDA purchase surplus commodities for redistribution to food banks, nutrition assistance programs, and other sources in an effort to divert Wisconsin's nutritious commodities to Americans who need them. Additionally, DATCP asks USDA to re-open the enrollment of the Dairy Margin Coverage program.

Gov. Evers, our staff, and our administration are continuing to work on U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance. This is a top priority for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and WEM and they are actively working to collect all the needed information from regional economic development directors across the state in order to make the SBA declaration request.

Additionally, on March 18th, the WEDC announced a \$5-million grant program, Small Business 20/20, which will provide grants of up to \$20,000 to targeted businesses with 20 employees or less to cover rent and meet payroll expenses, including paid leave. The grants will be deployed by partnering with state's 23 community development financial institutions (CDFIs). Because the CDFIs have pre-existing relationships with many of these small businesses, CDFIs will be able to provide the grants quickly and directly to their clients. Find more information on Small Business 20/20 [here](#).

On March 20th, Gov. Evers announced that the SBA approved Wisconsin's request for small businesses affected by COVID-19 to access low-interest federal disaster loans. Under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, businesses and non-profits may qualify for up to \$2 million in loans to cover losses resulting from the pandemic. The interest rate on the loans is 3.75% for for-profit businesses and 2.75% for non-profits. Participants may be able to extend payments for up to 30 years.

Businesses and non-profits can begin their loan applications at www.sba.gov/disaster. The [Wisconsin Small Business Development \(SBDC\) Network](#) and its partners are helping small businesses apply for federal disaster loans to mitigate the substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wisconsin SBDC, a resource partner of the SBA, has created a web page to help business owners understand the qualifications and application process. That web page is available [here](#).

On March 21st, Gov. Evers and the Department of Revenue (DOR) announced they are extending income tax payment and return due dates to July 15th, 2020. See more details on the extension [here](#). The DOR has also released some frequently asked questions about tax filing deadlines. That document can be found [here](#). On March 28th, the DOR announced measures to help small businesses with sales tax payments due on March 31st. Small businesses can immediately request an extension to file sales and use tax returns due March 31, 2020 until April 30, 2020, and returns due April 30, 2020 until June 1, 2020. Requests can be sent to DORregistration@wisconsin.gov. You can find the DOR's full release with additional details [here](#).

Additionally, on March 18th, Gov. Evers issued an emergency order waiving work search and modifying availability requirements for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits for workers affected by COVID-19. Gov. Evers' order waives the requirement that (UI) claimants conduct at least four weekly search actions during the COVID-19 emergency while ensuring that claimants are considered available for work (and therefore eligible for benefits) if they are eligible for but out of work due to COVID-19.

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has experienced unprecedented numbers of UI claims filed in recent weeks. From March 15th when DWD began to see the effects of Governor Evers' declared public health emergency, to March 30th, 222,271 initial claims for benefits were filed. During the same period last year, we had 12,982. For context, the 115,679 new applications filed last week was more than twice the amount than any week during the Great Recession. You can find the latest daily claim filing numbers [here](#).

Even with these system improvements, the historic number of first-time filers are overwhelming DWD's Help Center. The current staff are working overtime and the DWD is working to bring on additional staff to address the load. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UI call center consisted of 57 employees. The UI Division has since reassigned another 35 its employees to the call center and has reached out to former employees to see if any are interested in helping. On March 30th, the DWD trained another 40 staff from the Division of Employment and Training to answer phones, help with general inquiries, and take initial and weekly claims from people unable to use the internet. The DWD is in the process of identifying an additional 80 staff from DWD and other state agencies to answer calls, respond to claimant emails, and process paperwork and system rejection. The DWD also put out a recruitment to hire 36 claim specialists and have already received over 500 applications.

We ask that you please urge your constituents to first attempt to file online if at all possible [here](#) so that the phone lines are open for people who have been specifically instructed to call DWD or for those people who do not have access to a computer or internet. Applying online remains the most efficient method of application. Over 99% of the people who have applied during that time frame have been able to successfully start, complete, and file their claim for unemployment benefits.

Nevertheless, March 26th, the DWD announced that it is helping connect unemployed job seekers with essential business employers and those offering essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although those displaced from employment due to COVID-19 are not required to look for work to receive unemployment benefits, some may be interested in earning additional income and possibly extending their unemployment benefits. Unemployment benefits may still be paid to individuals working part-time; while wages earned may reduce the weekly benefit, it can extend the amount of time one receives benefits.

DWD has created a webpage to connect job seekers to the in-demand jobs posted on JobCenterofWisconsin.com. These jobs include healthcare occupations like registered nurses and pharmacists, but also transportation and material moving occupations, such as laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, and light truck or delivery service drivers who help transport supplies, food, and

other products that still need to be delivered to grocery stores, restaurants, and hospitals. Visit wisconsinjobcenter.org/lookforjobs/in-demand.htm to connect to in-demand jobs in Wisconsin.

Employers looking to connect with job seekers can post positions for free on JobCenterofWisconsin.com, Wisconsin's free online job search tool. Both employers and job seekers can connect on the site without charge. Employers who need assistance posting jobs on JobCenterofWisconsin.com can email JobCenterofWisconsin@dwd.wi.gov or call (888) 258-9966 to connect with a Business Services Representative.

On March 19th, the Wisconsin National Guard announced that it has mobilized approximately 300 troops to help provide further state support, if needed. The Wisconsin National Guard's action was pursuant to Gov. Evers' [executive order](#) declaring a state of emergency, at which time he authorized the Adjutant General to activate the Wisconsin National Guard as necessary to help assist the state's response to the public health emergency. See the Wisconsin National Guard's announcement [here](#).

There have been continued concerns about the Wisconsin National Guard and military enforcement relating to COVID-19. We hope that you will continue to assist us in dispelling this misinformation. The Wisconsin National Guard has published some [clarifying information](#) about its role in helping our state respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 1st, the Wisconsin National Guard announced it assumed two new missions this week as part of the state's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A still to-be-determined number of Citizen Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard will serve as polling site workers at polling locations across Wisconsin. Meanwhile, administrative and medic personnel are helping to staff three separate voluntary self-isolation facilities in Milwaukee and Madison.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is managing two of the self-isolation facilities, while a third is being run by the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. There are 12 troops assigned at each of the two state-run self-isolation facilities working in shifts to augment staff there, while nearly 30 Wisconsin National Guard personnel are helping staff a Milwaukee-run facility. Those teams are providing administrative support and medical monitoring at each site for individuals who would otherwise be unable to effectively self-isolate.

The Wisconsin National Guard also received a request for assistance from the Wisconsin Elections Commission to provide personnel to staff polling sites at locations around the state for the upcoming April 7 election. The Wisconsin National Guard continues to work with state elections officials to determine how many Citizen Soldiers and Airmen will be needed to staff the polls and where they will be needed. The Guard members will serve in civilian clothes and not be in uniform at the polls, and they will be there to augment existing volunteers, poll workers and local elections officials, who will continue administering their own polling locations. They will fulfill the same duties as traditional poll workers.

The governor and our office have also been working with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin to help secure federal funding to support our efforts in responding to COVID-19 in Wisconsin. On March 11th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that Wisconsin would be receiving more than \$10.2 million to support our response and prevention efforts for COVID-19. Gov. Evers and our administration are working quickly to determine how to best allocate these resources toward prevention and response across our state.

Gov. Evers has also participated in discussions with Vice President Mike Pence and senior administration officials to receive updates on the White House Coronavirus Task Force and to share how Wisconsin and

other states are responding to COVID-19. Addressing public health issues like COVID-19 requires collaboration and communication to ensure efforts are efficient and effective. Members of Gov. Evers' administration have been in regular contact with other elected officials and partners at the local, state, and federal levels, and are continuing to work together on preventing and responding to COVID-19. On March 14th, Gov. Evers sent a letter to U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin requesting their support for the bipartisan legislation moving through Congress that will provide free coronavirus testing, paid emergency leave, bolsters food security programs, and enhances unemployment insurance, among other important initiatives to help support our state's efforts to respond to COVID-19.

On March 31st, the governor sent [a letter](#) to FEMA requesting that the president issue a major disaster declaration for the entire state of Wisconsin, as a result the COVID-19 pandemic. The request covers all 72 counties and the state's federally recognized tribes. Having determined that Wisconsin met all of the criteria required to receive a major disaster declaration, Gov. Evers in his letter requested that the federal government provide the following programs to support the state's response: Public Assistance, Direct Assistance, Hazard Mitigation (statewide), and certain Individual Assistance programs; Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans and the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program.

As you are likely aware, 38 Wisconsinites were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship, which was quarantined due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Gov. Evers, the Wisconsin National Guard, and the DHS, in collaboration with partners at the federal level, have been working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the White House to get the necessary information we need to bring these Wisconsinites home as quickly and safely as possible. Through direct outreach by the DHS and calls into the governor's office, we have also learned from passengers and family members concerning reports about conditions and that some passengers have needed medical accommodations. Our team has been working with the HHS to improve conditions and get those accommodations and medications to the passengers as soon as possible.

Initially, the HHS communicated to the governor's office that HHS would transport passengers to Wisconsin at which time the Wisconsin National Guard would transport passengers to their homes for self-isolation. Given the initial lack of details from HHS, on March 13th, Gov. Evers directed the Wisconsin National Guard to instead develop its own plans to go to all five sites to bring these Wisconsinites home. Nearly 30 Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard were mobilized to state active duty after the governor declared a public health emergency, and they were standing by to transport the passengers upon landing at the National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin.

On March 16th, Gov. Evers announced 29 Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship were safely transported back to Wisconsin around 4:18 am Monday morning. Two other passengers chose to remain in quarantine in Texas under the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS), citing personal reasons. Upon return, Adjutant General Paul Knapp welcomed the 29 Wisconsinites home on behalf of Gov. Evers. Passengers received a welcome-home packet which included a letter from the governor, information about their 14 days of quarantine, and how to contact their local health department or the DHS with any questions. The governor's office has also provided direct contact information for our constituent services director to assist in providing support and assistance to help ensure passengers' transition and return to Wisconsin is as seamless and safe as possible. Upon landing at the National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, Guard members transported passengers home in state vans.

As of the morning of March 16th, none of the returning 29 Wisconsin citizens have tested positive for COVID-19 and all are asymptomatic, but the residents will follow Center for Disease Control and

Wisconsin Department of Health Services protocols and continue to self-quarantine for the requisite 14-day period. The Soldiers and Airmen involved will self-monitor for 14 days upon the conclusion of their mission.

On March 21st, Gov. Evers announced another four Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship were safely transported back to Wisconsin. Wisconsin National Guard personnel were waiting to transport them back to their homes for self-quarantine. Passengers received a welcome-home packet which included a letter from the governor, information about their 14 days of quarantine, and how to contact their local health department or the DHS with any questions. The governor's office has also provided direct contact information for our constituent services director to assist in providing support and assistance to help ensure passengers' transition and return to Wisconsin is as seamless and safe as possible.

Of the original 38 passengers who are Wisconsin residents (aside from the above mentioned two who chose to remain in Texas) three passengers remain in California and will return back to Wisconsin at a later date: two of the passengers remain in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), custody in California, and one passenger chose to remain in California citing personal reasons.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND PREVENTION

The DHS is encouraging people to limit their interactions to the same people, not different small groups. Shrinking the circle of interactions will help prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, as the governor has specifically mentioned on several occasions, we are still encouraging people to go outside to take a walk, walk the dogs, go for a bike ride, etc.—this is good for everyone's physical and mental health. Beyond this, we are encouraging folks not to take any other unnecessary trips, and to limit travel to essential needs like going to the doctor, grabbing groceries, or getting medication. If it's essential for folks to travel or if they do go outside, we are still asking people to stay 6 feet away from others and shared spaces such as park shelters and visitor centers.

Please continue to share information with members of the public on how to prevent illness or avoid exposure to this virus. In the case of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently advises that common symptoms include flu-like symptoms (fever (100° F or higher), cough or sore throat, headache or body aches, and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) or symptoms of respiratory illness (fever (100° F or higher), cough, and shortness of breath).

People with confirmed infections have a range of symptoms, from little to no symptoms to people being severely sick and dying. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Body or muscle aches
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Not everyone with COVID-19 has all of these symptoms. For many, symptoms are mild, with no fever. It is important to know that you can still spread (transmit) the virus to others even if you have mild or no symptoms.

COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets that are released when a sick (infected) person coughs, sneezes, or breathes. These droplets can remain in the air and on surfaces for an extended period of time. When people breathe in (inhale) the droplets, or touch surfaces that have been contaminated and then touch their mouth, face, or eyes, the virus can make them sick.

The CDC believes that symptoms of COVID-19 appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Know **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19 and get **medical attention immediately**. Emergency warning signs include*:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse (wake) a person
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your doctor or medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can protect yourself and others by taking preventative measures including:

Avoid close contact with others and practice social distancing

- Stay at home as much as possible. Cancel events and avoid groups, gatherings, play dates, and nonessential appointments.
- Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people, when possible.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Practice good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth when in public.

If you start to feel sick

- If you become sick, stay home. Visit our [if you think you are sick webpage](#) for more information.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (for example, tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles). See [CDC's recommendations for household cleaning and disinfection webpage](#).

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Subject: COVID-19 Tests

Good afternoon Lisa,

Do you have any data or information about how many tests are conducted statewide by region? For example, how many COVID-19 tests are being conducted in the Fox Cities versus in Madison?

In addition, is there any information about the demographics by which the COVID-19 tests are conducted?

Any and all information you could provide is greatly appreciated! 😊

Respectfully,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:49 PM
To: "Olson, Lisa A - DHS" <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Tests

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:28 AM
To: "'Jerry.Grimshaw@dhs.wisconsin.gov'" <Jerry.Grimshaw@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Tests

Good morning Jerry,

Do you have any data or information about how many tests are conducted statewide by region? For example, how many COVID-19 tests are being conducted in the Fox Cities versus in Madison?

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:15 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Data on Number of COVID-19 Tests

Ratios per positive test (Total Number tested: Positive Cases)

Outagamie County: 18:1
Calumet Count: 33:1
Brown County: 23:1
Waupaca County: 33:1
Winnebago County: 18:1

Milwaukee County: 5:1
Dane County: 17:1
Eau Claire County: 44:1

Total Number of Cases conducted statewide: Individual County

Outagamie County: 88:1
Calumet Count: 283:1
Brown County: 75:1
Waupaca County: 288:1
Winnebago County: 79:1

Milwaukee County: 5:1
Dane County: 5:1
Eau Claire County: 36:1

Essentially, **Dane and Milwaukee Counties make up 2 in every 5 COVID-19 tests** in Wisconsin. However, both combined counties also have approximately **2/3 of all positive COVID-19 cases** in Wisconsin.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Ron Tusler
FROM: Richard Loeza, legislative analyst
DATE: March 17, 2020
SUBJECT: Emergency Order

Per your request, the following memo investigates the enforceability and constitutionality of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) order, dated March 16, 2020, prohibiting mass gatherings of 50 people or more. Specifically, you asked whether the order infringes on the right to assemble guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Enforceability

Under [Wis. Stat. § 252.02 \(3\)](#), DHS may “close schools and forbid public gatherings in schools, churches, and other places to control outbreaks and epidemics.” This section is specifically cited as authorization for the DHS order.¹ A person who obstructs the execution of a state statute or departmental order under Wis. Stat. ch. 252 faces up to 30 days of imprisonment, a fine of not more than \$500, or both.²

Under [Wis. Stat. § 939.12](#), a crime is defined as “conduct which is prohibited by state law and punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.” Law enforcement officers are empowered to arrest persons who commit or have committed crimes.³ Consequently, law enforcement officers have the authority to enforce the DHS order.

DHS also “possesses all powers necessary to fulfill the duties prescribed in the statutes and to bring action in the courts for the enforcement of public health statutes and rules.”⁴ Local health officers must administer their department in accordance with state statutes and rules, and can

¹ DHS also has the ability to “promulgate and enforce rules or issue orders for...the control and suppression of communicable diseases” ([Wis. Stat. § 252.02 \(4\)](#)), as well as the power to “authorize and implement all emergency measures necessary to control communicable diseases” ([Wis. Stat. § 252.02 \(6\)](#)).

² [Wis. Stat. § 252.25](#).

³ [Wis. Stat. § 968.07 \(1\) \(d\)](#). “Law enforcement officer” is defined in several places. [Wis. Stat. § 165.85 \(2\) \(c\)](#) uses a typical definition: “any person employed by the state or any political subdivision of the state, for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or ordinances that the person is employed to enforce. “Law enforcement officer” includes a university police officer.”

⁴ [Wis. Stat. § 250.04 \(2\) \(a\)](#).

directly enforce state statutes and rules.⁵ Where local officials fail to enforce those statutes or rules, DHS is empowered to enforce them itself.⁶ As a result, local health officers and courts may have the authority to enforce the DHS order but DHS itself may have the power to enforce if local officers fail to do so.

Constitutionality

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits Congress from making a law abridging “the right of the people peaceably to assemble.” The U.S. Supreme Court extended this prohibition under the Fourteenth Amendment to state governments in [*De Jonge v. Oregon* \(1937\)](#), 299 U.S. 353.

The right of assembly, however, is not an absolute right. The right to assemble is subject to reasonable restrictions to protect public safety. For example, municipalities may require the organizers of planned protests to obtain permits before convening. Legislative Reference Bureau drafting attorney Michael Gallagher notes that the DHS order is likely constitutional if it meets the following criteria:⁷

1. The ban on large public gatherings does not discriminate with respect to viewpoint.
2. The ban serves a compelling government interest, e.g., slowing the spread of COVID-19.
3. The ban is narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling government interest.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at 608-504-5890 or email me at richard.loeza@legis.wisconsin.gov.

⁵ [Wis. Stat. § 251.06 \(3\) \(a\) and \(b\)](#)

⁶ [Wis. Stat. § 250.04 \(2\) \(b\)](#).

⁷ The most prominent case articulating these criteria is [Ward v. Rock Against Racism \(1989\)](#), 491 U.S. 781.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:59 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Drafted response

Good afternoon Ron,

We have received over 25 contacts from constituents about repealing Wisconsin's one week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits. Leadership has indicated they would like to do so.

<https://madison.com/wsj/f4944429-2e44-51ca-8c21-2099a5140acc.html>

Below is a drafted response. Please let me know if you would like any changes made.

Dear XXX,

Thank you for contacting my office about repealing the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. I love to hear from my constituents! Your voice helps me make informed decisions on behalf of the Third Assembly District.

The effects of COVID-19 have been devastating. Thousands across Wisconsin face economic, social, and health challenges. However, we have seen communities step up to support local businesses, give blood, check in on elderly relatives and friends, and simply stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Now, it is time for Wisconsin's State Government to do the same.

Given these unforeseen circumstances, I am in favor of repealing Wisconsin's one week waiting period for unemployment benefits for the rest of the year. Hard working folks need help now as they deal with the economic effects of this public health emergency.

I am optimistic the Wisconsin State Legislature will meet in extraordinary session soon to repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits for the rest of the year and as well as pass other aid packages for the people of Wisconsin.

Thank you again for contacting me on this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 3:11 PM
To: "Olson, Lisa A - DHS" <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: "Drive-In" Sunday Church Service

Good afternoon Lisa,

A couple weeks ago, my office contact Governor Evers' Office about whether or not a drive-in style outdoor church service would be permitted, as long as everyone stayed in their vehicles and maintained 6 feet between persons.

My office received the following response from Zach Madden:

"Obviously it would depend a lot on what this looks like and how it operates, but it could be fine under the order. If everyone maintains social distancing and stays in their cars, that's ok. People can't be leaning in windows or gathering outside of cars."

I am reaching out to you to provide clarification as to whether or not an outdoor worship service would be permissible. It seems as though it has already occurred on a few occasions:

<https://www.registercitizen.com/news/article/Drive-in-churches-an-option-for-faithful-who-want-15185195.php>

<https://fox11online.com/news/coronavirus/sturgeon-bay-church-holds-drive-in-sunday-service>

Any guidance or clarification you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

Respectfully,

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7 April, 2020

Dear Representative Tusler

In case you need to be told, holding an in-person state wide election during a world wide pandemic is not a wise thing to do. I'm betting you already knew that. At this moment it is hard to imagine being more disgusted with the way this has been handled.

While you may not have been directly involved in derailing the efforts to postpone the election and develop a safe way to conduct it, you certainly didn't do much if anything to prevent it.

It's hard for me to believe you are that morally bankrupt that you would be willing to risk the health and lives of the people you claim to serve just for some political posturing. To put it mildly this has been shameful and disgraceful behavior from the people we decided should represent us.

At a time when all Americans need to be united and pull together for the good of everyone, you have failed miserably. If anyone needed proof that the "us against them" mentality of partisan politics is toxic, well, here it is.

Tonight rest assured that there really isn't anyway to know for sure how many more people will be infected by the virus and how many more will die because it wasn't in your parties best interest to do the right thing but there will be more. I knew politics was dirty, I didn't know it was deadly.

Thank you for your time,

Scott Juszczak

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 2:30 PM
To: "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections Question

Good afternoon Meagan,

As the chance of the state legislature convening remains a possibility, there has been an idea about a bill that would allow for ballots (especially absentee ballots) to be counted on April 7 and in the days thereafter, thus allowing for more time for municipalities to tally the votes.

The Legislative Reference Bureau believes the current applicable statutes include:

Section 7.53 (2) (d) requires the municipal board of canvassers to publically announce the results on or before the 3rd Tuesday in April, 2 weeks after the election.

Under s. 7.60 (3), the county is supposed to begin its canvass no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday following the election, but may adjourn periodically (but not for more than 2 days) in order to complete the canvass.

Under s. 7.70, the commission must wait for the statements from the county clerks before it can complete the state canvas and certify the election. Under s. 7.70 (1) (b), generally, if the commission hasn't received a statement by the 11th day after the primary, the commission may dispatch someone to get them. Of course, that assumes there are statements to retrieve. Under s. 7.70 (3) (a), the commission must certify the spring election results on or before May 15.

Do you think modifying the WI State Statutes to delay canvassing and certification for the April 7th election will help the situation? Would this create any compliance issues with the municipalities? Are there any other legislative ideas that may help?

Thank you! 😊

Respectfully,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:22 PM
To: "'michael.gallagher@legis.wi.gov'" <michael.gallagher@legis.wi.gov>; "Kreye, Joseph" <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections Questions

Good afternoon gentlemen,

A question regarding the upcoming April 7th election came up today. With the influx of absentee ballots that need to be counted for the April 7th election, is there a way the certification date (when municipalities have to turn their results over to the WI Elections Commission) can be pushed back, so that municipalities have more time to tally the votes? Can this need to be done by the WI Elections Commission, the Governor, or the State Legislature?

Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated! 😊

Respectfully,

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From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:55 PM
To: "'rephistory@aol.com'" <rephistory@aol.com>
Subject: Emergency Oder #12 Safe At Home Order
Attachments: 202003241457.pdf

Good afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out to the Office of Representative Ron Tusler. Per our conversation, it appears that your husband's business is an essential business and is exempt from the Safer at Home Order. I have attached the applicable pages of the order (pages 6,7 and 12). You can view the complete order here:

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/SaferAtHome.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0JHtHcM66rAlTOi49omxZwRwhEhz-gbDRQ6Qn8kELf9fCnzharS6y1jE>

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Respectfully,

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State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Andrea Palm, Secretary

EMERGENCY ORDER #12
SAFER AT HOME ORDER

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Governor Evers designated the Department of Health Services as the lead agency to respond to the emergency and directed the Department to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, 332,930 people around the world have tested positive for COVID-19, including 33,404 in the United States and 416 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, within the past 72 hours, positive COVID-19 cases have risen in the United States from 15,219 to 33,404 (119% increase) and have risen in Wisconsin from 206 to 416 (102% increase). Five Wisconsinites have passed away as a result of COVID-19. Public health officials estimate that the actual number of Wisconsinites infected with COVID-19 is significantly higher and likely present in every county in the state;

WHEREAS, at the current growth in the number of people infected, the number of people needing medical care due to COVID-19 will significantly exceed the amount of available healthcare resources;

WHEREAS, the entire State of Wisconsin – including residents, businesses, community organizations, and government – need to take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives;

WHEREAS, social distancing – the practice of keeping at least six feet apart from others and avoiding direct physical contact – is the only effective means of slowing the rate of infection. Despite prior emergency orders banning mass gatherings, the rates of infection continue to drastically increase, necessitating additional measures to slow the rate of infection and save lives; and

WHEREAS, this is a critical moment in Wisconsin and we must all do our part to cease non-essential travel, business, and social interactions;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3) and (6) and all powers vested in me through Executive Order #72, and at the direction of Governor Tony Evers, I, Andrea Palm, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, order the following:

- 1. Stay at home or place of residence.** All individuals present within the State of Wisconsin are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence, with exceptions outlined below. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces other than their home or residence, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person consistent with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, except that they do not need to maintain social distancing between family members in a single living unit or household members. All persons may leave their homes or residences only for the following functions as are defined in this Order:
 - a. Essential Activities** (defined in section 11);
 - b. Essential Governmental Functions** (defined in section 12);
 - c. To operate Essential Businesses and Operations** (defined in section 13);
 - d. To perform non-essential Minimum Basic Operations** (defined in section 14);
 - e. Essential Travel** (defined in section 15); and
 - f. Special Situations** (defined in section 8, 9, and 10).

Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter. Governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible to the maximum extent practicable and to follow the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on COVID-19 risk mitigation practices.

Individuals whose homes or residences are unsafe or become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence, are permitted and urged to leave

their home and stay at a safe alternative location. For purposes of this Order, homes or residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, dormitories, shelters, and similar facilities.

- 2. Non-essential business and operations must cease.** All for-profit and non-profit businesses with a facility in Wisconsin, except Essential Businesses and Operations as defined below, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within Wisconsin, except:

- a. Minimum Basic Operations, as defined below, and
- b. Any operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own home or residences (i.e., working from home).

All businesses, including Essential Businesses and Operations, shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). Businesses may not engage in door-to-door solicitation, regardless of its purpose or status as an Essential Business or Operation.

All Essential Businesses and Operations are encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses and Operations shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order; in doing so, Essential Businesses and Operations shall, to the greatest extent possible, ensure that both employees and members of the public are maintaining six-foot social distancing, including but not limited to when any customers are standing in line.

- 3. Prohibited activities.** All public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted in this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a single household or living unit. Landlords or rental property managers shall avoid entering leased residential premises unless emergency maintenance is required.

- 4. Closures.** All of the following facilities shall be closed:

- a. **Public and private K-12 schools and public libraries.** Except for facilitating distance learning or virtual learning, public and private K-12 schools are closed for pupil instruction and extracurricular activities. Libraries shall close for all in-person services, but may continue to provide on-line services and programming. Schools and public libraries may be used for Essential Government Functions and food distribution. This

section does not apply to facilities operated by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections or the Department of Military Affairs including the Challenge Academy.

- b. Places of public amusement and activity.** Whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to amusement parks, carnivals, water parks, licensed public or private swimming pools, splash pads, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, country clubs, social clubs, and gyms and fitness centers.
 - c. Salons and spas.** This includes, but is not limited to, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, waxing salons, eyebrow-care establishments, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities.
- 5. Prohibited and permitted travel.** All forms of travel are prohibited, except for Essential Travel as defined in this Order. Individuals riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent possible.
- 6. Follow DHS and CDC guidelines.** When taking any action permitted under this Order, all individuals, organizations, government bodies, and any other permitted group of individuals shall, to the extent possible, follow DHS guidelines located here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>.
- All Essential Businesses and Operations and all businesses performing Minimum Basic Operations shall comply with DHS guidelines for businesses located here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>.
- 7. Elderly people and those who are vulnerable as a result of underlying health conditions should take additional precautions.** People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their home or residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. Nothing in this Order prevents DHS and local health officials from issuing and enforcing isolation and quarantine orders pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 252 and local ordinances.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

- 8. Healthcare and Public Health Operations.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any Healthcare and Public Health Operations.

Healthcare and Public Health Operations includes, but is not limited to: hospitals; medical facilities; clinics; ambulatory surgery centers for response to urgent health issues or related COVID-19 activities; manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products; dental offices; pharmacies; public health entities, including those that compile, model, analyze, and communicate public health information; pharmaceutical, pharmacy, medical device and equipment, and biotechnology companies (including operations, research and development, manufacture, and supply chain); healthcare information technology companies; organizations collecting blood, platelets, plasma, and other necessary materials; obstetricians, gynecologists, and midwife practices; eye care centers, including those that sell glasses and contact lenses; home health agencies and providers; mental health and substance abuse providers; detoxification and alcohol or drug treatment programs and facilities; syringe access programs, and naloxone distribution programs; other healthcare facilities and suppliers and providers of any related or any ancillary healthcare services; entities that transport and dispose of medical materials and remains; personal care agencies; hospices; allied health providers; acupuncturists; massage therapists; chiropractors; and adult family homes.

Specifically included in Healthcare and Public Health Operations are manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products.

Healthcare and Public Health Operations also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. Non-essential veterinary care should be avoided.

Cafeterias and food service in health care facilities may remain open for staff and authorized visitors only, subject to the following restrictions:

- a. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverages stations, and buffets are prohibited.

- b. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.
- c. Customers and staff shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements, including in seating areas and lines.

Healthcare and Public Health Operations shall be broadly construed to avoid any impediments to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. Healthcare and Public Health Operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, tanning facilities, and similar facilities.

- 9. Human Service Operations.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any state, institutional, or community-based setting providing human services to the public.

Human Service Operations includes, but is not limited to: long-term care and assisted living facilities, as long as the facility follows all current DHS Recommendations for Prevention of COVID-19 in Long-Term Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities and all applicable U.S. Centers for Disease Control Recommendations; residential settings and shelters for adults, seniors, children, victims of domestic abuse, people with disabilities, people with substance use disorders, or mental illness; transitional facilities; home-based settings to provide services to individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, seniors, adults, or children; adult day care, adult day services, and supportive home care; field offices that provide and help to determine eligibility for basic needs including food, cash assistance, medical coverage, vocational services, or rehabilitation services; developmental centers; adoption agencies; businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, or other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals, individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, or otherwise needy individuals.

Human Services Operations shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of human services, broadly defined.

- 10. Essential Infrastructure.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to offer, provide, operate, maintain, and repair Essential Infrastructure.

Essential Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to: food production, distribution, fulfillment centers, storage facilities, marinas, and sales; construction (including, but not limited to, construction required in

response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long-term care and assisted living facilities, public works construction, school construction, Essential Business and Operations construction, construction necessary for Essential Governmental Functions, and housing construction, except that optional or aesthetic construction should be avoided); building management and maintenance; airport operations; operation and maintenance of utilities, including water, sewer, gas, and electric (including power generation, distribution, production of raw materials, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-certified and registered drinking water and wastewater testing laboratories); Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program offices, customer service centers, and public intake centers; distribution centers; oil and biofuel refining; roads, highways, railroads, and public transportation; ports; cybersecurity operations; flood control; solid waste and recycling collection and removal; and internet, video, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).

Essential Infrastructure shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to essential infrastructure, broadly defined.

DEFINITIONS

11. Essential Activities. Individuals may leave their home or residence to perform any of the following:

- a. Health and safety.** To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members, including pets, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, seeking emergency services, or visiting a health care or behavior health care professional. Individuals should rely on telehealth options whenever feasible.
- b. Necessary supplies and services.** To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation: canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, gasoline, propane, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

- c. Outdoor activity.** To engage in outdoor activity, including visiting public and state parks, provided individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below. Such activities include, by way of example and without limitation, walking, biking, hiking, or running. Individuals may not engage in team or contact sports such as by way of example and without limitation, basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, or football, as these activities do not comply with Social Distancing Requirements. Playgrounds are closed.
- d. Certain types of work.** To perform work at Essential Businesses or Operations or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations and obtaining supplies needed to work from home.
- e. Take care of others.** To care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets as allowed in this Order.

12. Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Governmental Functions means all services provided by the State, tribal, or local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Each government body shall determine its Essential Government Function, if any, and identify employees and contractors necessary to the performance of those functions.

For purposes of this Order, all paid or volunteer first responders including law enforcement, EMS, and firefighters; first responder training academies; building inspectors; emergency management personnel; emergency dispatchers; court personnel, jurors and grand jurors; corrections personnel; hazardous materials responders; child protection and child welfare personnel; housing and shelter personnel; National Guard and military; and others working for or to support Essential Businesses and Operations are categorically exempt from this Order.

This section does not limit the ability or authority of the Wisconsin Supreme Court to use its constitutional supervisory authority over lower courts to limit or adjust court functions in response to the Public Health Emergency. This section does not limit the ability or authority of the Wisconsin Legislature to meet or conduct business.

Government bodies should continue to follow the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government guidance regarding

holding government meetings, and should consult directly with that office regarding specific open meetings questions. The guidance is available here: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/office-open-government-advisory-additional-information-regarding-covid-19-and-open>. Government bodies with additional questions about open meetings requirements should consult with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government.

13. Essential Businesses and Operations. All entities described in this section shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible. Essential Businesses and Operations shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). For the purposes of this Order, Essential Businesses and Operations means Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Infrastructure, and Essential Governmental Functions, and the following:

- a. CISA List.** Any business or worker identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), *Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response*, updated March 23, 2020, and any subsequent versions of this Memorandum.
- b. Stores that sell groceries and medicine.** Grocery stores, bakeries, pharmacies, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks and food pantries, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of groceries, canned food, dry goods, frozen foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, poultry, prepared food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). Such establishments shall:
 - i. Close all seating intended for consuming food.
 - ii. Cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets.
 - iii. Except for grocery stores, prohibit customers from self-dispensing all unpackaged food.
 - iv. Abide by Social Distancing Requirements.

This section should not be interpreted to provide an exemption for businesses engaged in the sale of food or beverage ancillary

to its primary purpose, such as those businesses required to close under Section 4 who also may engage in some food or beverage sales.

c. Food and beverage production, transport, and agriculture.

Food and beverage manufacturing, production, processing, transportation, and cultivation; farming, livestock, fishing, baking, and other production agriculture, including cultivation, marketing, production, and distribution of animals and goods for consumption; businesses that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals, including animal shelters, boarding, rescues, kennels, and adopting facilities; farm and agriculture equipment, supplies, and repair services.

d. Restaurants. Restaurants shall close, except as follows:

- i. Restaurants may remain open for food take-out or delivery service only.
- ii. Alcohol sales must comply with section 13.e. below.
- iii. Customers may enter the above establishments only for the purpose of ordering, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both.
- iv. No seating may be provided.
- v. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors.
- vi. Establishments shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible.
- vii. Cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets.
- viii. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

e. Bars. This includes breweries, brewpubs, wineries, distilleries, and alcohol beverage retailers. Such establishments shall close, except as follows:

- i. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages and food are allowed, if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance.
- ii. Delivery of alcohol beverages to retail customers is prohibited.
- iii. Wineries holding direct wine shippers' permits may make deliveries of wine in accordance with their permit.

- iv. Customers may enter the above establishments only for the purpose of ordering, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both.
- v. No seating may be provided.
- vi. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors.
- vii. Establishments shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible.
- viii. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited.
- ix. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

f. Child care settings. Secretary-designee Andrea Palm's Emergency Order #6 remains in effect, with the following amendments:

- i. Child care settings shall prioritize care for families as follows:
 - 1. Tier 1: employees, contractors, and other support staff working in health care;
 - 2. Tier 2: employees, contractors, and other staff in vital areas including but not limited to military; long term care; residential care; pharmacies; child care; child welfare; government operations; public safety and critical infrastructure such as sanitation, transportation, utilities, telecommunications; grocery and food services; supply chain operations; and other sectors as determined by the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families.
- ii. Child care settings include all licensed and certified child care providers who may provide care for any age or ages of children up to 13 years of age, unless specially licensed for children with disabilities up to 19 years of age.

g. Organizations that provide charitable and social services.

Businesses and religious and secular nonprofit organizations, including prevocational group supportive employment, food banks and food pantries, when providing food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this public health emergency, and people with disabilities.

- h. Weddings, funerals, and religious entities.** Religious facilities, entities, groups, and gatherings, and weddings and funerals, except that any gathering shall include fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals shall adhere to Social Distancing Requirements as much as possible.
- i. Funeral establishments.** Funeral establishments, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 445.01(6), except that any gathering shall include fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals shall adhere to Social Distancing Requirements as much as possible.
- j. Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- k. Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation.** Gas stations; auto and motorcycle supply, repair and sales; boat supply, repair, and sales; and bicycle supply, repair, and sales.
- l. Financial institutions and services.** Banks, credit unions, and other depository or lending institutions; licensed financial service providers; insurance services; personnel necessary to perform essential functions at broker dealers and investment advisor offices.
- m. Hardware and supplies stores.** Hardware stores and businesses that sell electrical, plumbing, heating, and construction material.
- n. Critical trades.** Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, carpenters, laborers, sheet metal, iron workers, masonry, pipe trades, fabricators, finishers, exterminators, pesticide application, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, forestry and arborists, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Businesses and Operations.
- o. Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services.** Post offices and other businesses that provide shipping and delivery services, and businesses that ship or

deliver groceries, food, beverages, goods or services to end users or through commercial channels.

- p. Laundry services.** Laundromats, dry cleaners, industrial laundry services, and laundry service providers.
- q. Supplies to work from home.** Businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply products needed for people to work from home.
- r. Supplies for Essential Businesses and Operations and Essential Governmental Functions.** Businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply other Essential Businesses and Operations and Essential Governmental Functions with the support or supplies necessary to operate, including computers; audio and video electronics; household appliances; IT and telecommunication equipment; hardware; paint; flat glass; electrical, plumbing, and heating materials; construction materials and equipment; sanitary equipment; personal hygiene products; food, food additives, ingredients, and components; medical and orthopedic equipment; firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security; optics and photography equipment; diagnostic; food and beverages; chemicals; paper and paper products; soaps and detergents.
- s. Transportation.** Airlines, taxis, transportation network providers (such as Uber and Lyft), vehicle rental services, paratransit, and other private, public, and commercial transportation and logistics providers necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order.
- t. Home-based care and services.** Home-based care for seniors, adults, children, and/or people with disabilities, substance use disorders, and/or mental illness, including caregivers or nannies who may travel to the child's home to provide care, and other in-home services including meal delivery.
- u. Professional services.** Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, insurance services, real estate services (including appraisal, home inspection, and title services). These services shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home).

- v. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries.** Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitation, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, national defense, communications, and products used by other Essential Governmental Functions and Essential Businesses and Operations.
- w. Critical labor union functions.** Essential activities include the administration of health and welfare funds and personnel checking on the well-being and safety of members providing services in Essential Business and Operations, provided the checks are done by telephone or remotely where possible.
- x. Hotels and motels.** Hotels and motels, except that such establishments shall:
- i. Comply with requirements of 12.b, 12.d. and 12.e.
 - ii. Close swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities.
 - iii. Prohibit guests from congregating in lobbies or other common areas, including providing adequate space to adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while queuing for front desk services.
- y. Higher educational institutions.** Higher educational institutions, for purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions as determined by the institution.
- z. WEDC designated businesses.** In the exceptional circumstance that a business is not listed in this Order as an Essential Business or Operations but believes that it should be included in that designation, the business should consult the information page on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) website, here: www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness. If a business still believes that it does not fall within the meaning of Essential Businesses and Operations, it may apply to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) using the provided form requesting designation as such.

14. Minimum Basic Operations. For the purposes of this Order, Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

- a. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities.
- b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

15. Essential Travel. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the extent possible. For the purposes of this Order, Essential Travel includes:

- a. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Special Situations, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses and Operations, or Minimum Basic Operations.
- b. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
- c. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, or any other related services.
- d. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
- e. Travel required by law enforcement or court order, including to transport children pursuant to a custody agreement.
- f. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside Wisconsin. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of Wisconsin remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.

16. Social Distancing Requirements. For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet between people; washing hands with soap and water for at least

20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands); regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; not shaking hands; and following all other public health recommendations issued by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

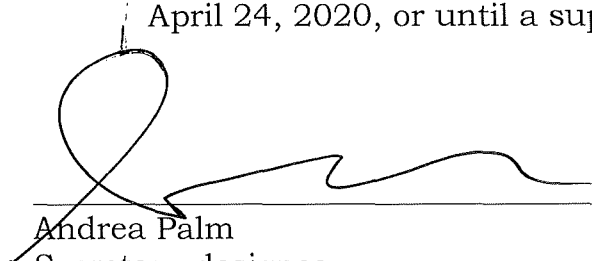
ENFORCEMENT

17. Enforcement. This Order is enforceable by any local law enforcement official, including county sheriffs. Violation or obstruction of this Order is punishable by up to 30 days imprisonment, or up to \$250 fine, or both. Wis. Stat. § 252.25.

18. Severability. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

19. Supremacy. This Order supersedes any local order that is in conflict with this order.

20. Duration. This Order shall become effective at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and will remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued.



Andrea Palm
Secretary-designee
Department of Health Services
State of Wisconsin

03/24/2020

Date

April 9, 2020

Dear Friend:

I wanted to reach out to provide important information on the ever-changing public health emergency surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

As your state representative, one of the things I can do to serve you is to help you sort through the clutter of information so that you can make the best decisions for your family.

I understand many of you are dealing with the social, economic, and health changes caused by COVID-19. I have been in constant communication with state and local resources – my staff and I are working hard to ensure the availability and sustainability of government programs and independent charities and businesses alike. I am impressed by our area's response. I will always have faith in the strength of our community. Together, we will get through this.

In this letter, I am sharing with you some of the essential and reliable resources you can turn for updates as well as some key places you can contact for help.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office either by emailing Rep.Tusler@legis.WI.gov or by calling (608) 266-5831. My staff and I are here to help.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

General Resources

- **Official information from the state of Wisconsin** – Visit <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>. This is the site where official notices and orders are posted.
- **United Way Fox Cities** – Visit <https://www.unitedwayfoxcities.org/> or dial 2-1-1
- **Aging and Disability Resource Centers** – Outagamie County at <https://www.outagamie.org/government/f-through-m/health-human-services/adrc> or (866) 739-2372 and Calumet County at <https://www.co.calumet.wi.us/158/Aging-Disability-Resource-Center> or (920) 849-1451
- **Local Resources from Fox Cities Chamber** – Visit <http://foxcitieschamber.com/news/2020/03/31/member-news/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>
- **Local Resources from Heart of the Valley Chamber** – Visit <http://heartofthevalleychamber.com/covid-19-business-resources/>
- **Financial Information and Resources** – Visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/toughtimes/covid-19-financial-resources/>
- **Veterans** – Outagamie County CVSO at <https://www.outagamie.org/government/n-through-z/veterans-services> or (920) 832-5679 and Calumet CVSO at <https://www.co.calumet.wi.us/230/Veterans-Service-Office> or (920) 849-1452

If Your Job or Health Care Have Been Impacted

- **Unemployment benefits** -- To begin the process of filing for unemployment, start at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/> and then click on “Apply for Benefits Online”. You will also see an option called “Handbook for Claimants”. This handbook will answer almost any question you may have.
- **For those seeking new or temporary work** – You can view what work is available in various occupations right from your home. Go to <http://wisconsinjobcenter.org/lookforjobs/in-demand.htm> to begin.
- **Badger Care Plus** – If you need to sign up for Wisconsin’s Medicaid Program, the website is here <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/index.htm>
- **Information on Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Exchange** – visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

If Your Business Has Been Impacted

- **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program** – Businesses with 500 or fewer employees may qualify for up to a \$2 million loan with interest rates of 3.75% for for-profit and 2.75% for nonprofits and payments for up to 30 years. As of today, businesses may also defer payments on these loans for 12 months. <https://www.sba.gov/>
 - Loans can be used for working capital to keep business open and cover fixed costs and bills.
 - When filing out an application, SBA staff recommend saving your information, as the website has kicked individuals off while completing the application.
- Find more loan and grant information at <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/>.
- If possible, nonessential businesses are encouraged to have employees work from home and maintain minimal basic operations such as payroll and security for your business.

Many questions have been raised about what businesses qualify as essential. The DHS Emergency Order #12 Safer At Home outlines essential businesses as well as provisions for “manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries.” This information can be found on page 14 section v. of the order. If you are unsure if your business is essential, WEDC recommends reviewing this provision before contacting them. You can read the order at <https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>. Always feel free to contact my office if you are unsure if a business is considered essential (608) 266-5831.

If You Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness

Based on current and quickly developing information, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believes certain people may be at a higher risk for severe illness developed from COVID-19. To ensure you and your loved ones have the information you need to stay safe and healthy during this time, I want you to be aware of the following:

- **The CDC believes those at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:**
 - People aged 65 years and older
 - People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
 - People with underlying medical conditions, which could include the following:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment
 - People of any age with severe obesity or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk
 - It's recommend that people who are pregnant be monitored

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:10 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: End of Session Letter
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Ron,

Please see the attached end of session letter. This is the format leadership recommended we use, even though it contains website links. The first page will be on Rep. Tusler letterhead, and the second page will be on ordinary paper.

I will get these out to as many constituents asap as our budget allows. April 15th is less than a week away.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*



EXECUTIVE ORDER #73

Relating to a Special Session of the Legislature to Provide for an All-Mail Spring Election and Special Election for the 7th Congressional District during the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, in Executive Order #72, I declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court delayed all jury trials until May 22, 2020, due to the health risks posed by COVID-19 to the public;

WHEREAS, as of April 2, 2020, 1,730 Wisconsinites have tested positive for COVID-19, 461 Wisconsinites have been hospitalized due to COVID-19 and 31 Wisconsinites have passed away as a result of COVID-19, 213,144 individuals in the United States have tested positive for COVID-19, and 4,513 have passed away as a result of COVID-19, and, worldwide, more than 1,000,000 people have tested positive for COVID-19, and more than 55,000 people have passed away as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section 5.02(21) of the Wisconsin Statutes mandates that the spring election be held on the first Tuesday in April to elect judicial, educational and municipal officers, nonpartisan county officers and sewerage commissioners, and to express preferences for the person to be the presidential candidate for each party in a year in which electors for president and vice president are to be elected. The State of Wisconsin's Spring 2020 election is scheduled for April 7, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Spring 2020 election includes a broad variety of important matters, including: presidential preference primaries for both major national political parties; a State-wide referendum on a proposed amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution; 132 county, school district, and local referenda; an election for a seat as a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; elections for 3 seats as judges of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals; elections for 34 seats as judges of county circuit courts; elections for 102 seats as judges of municipal courts; elections for 1,596 county supervisors and officers; elections for 763

alders, mayors, and other city offices; elections for 464 village board trustees, board members, and other offices; elections for 291 town supervisors, clerks, and other offices; elections for 565 seats on the boards of common, union, and unified school districts; and elections for 12 seats as supervisors on the boards of sanitary districts;

WHEREAS, the Seventh Congressional District has a special election scheduled for May 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a highly decentralized election system under which elections are overseen by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, but are administered by 1,850 municipal clerks or election commissions and 72 county clerks;

WHEREAS, in the weeks leading up to election days, Wisconsin's 1,850 municipal clerks or election commissions and 72 county clerks collectively administer in-person absentee voting and the mailing of mail-in absentee ballots;

WHEREAS, voters face significant risks of exposure to someone infected with Covid-19 by engaging in the process of in-person voting;

WHEREAS, poll workers face even greater risks of exposure to COVID-19, because serving as poll workers will require them to come into close proximity with dozens, if not hundreds, of voters as they facilitate those voters casting in-person ballots;

WHEREAS, the extensive work of conducting an election in Wisconsin typically requires assistance from approximately 30,000 poll workers;

WHEREAS, due to staffing challenges created by the COVID-19 public health emergency, municipalities across the state project significant shortfalls of thousands of poll workers necessary to administer the Spring 2020 election;

WHEREAS, shortfalls in the number of poll workers are requiring municipalities around the state to consolidate polling places, which will necessarily mean larger crowds and greater exposure for those poll workers administering each polling place, as well as for those Wisconsinites who visit those polling places to cast in-person ballots;

WHEREAS, even with the aforementioned consolidations of polling locations, as of April 2, 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission estimates that municipalities still need an additional 5,250 poll workers;

WHEREAS, no Wisconsinite should ever have to choose between exercising their constitutional right to vote and being safe, secure, and healthy;

WHEREAS, mayors, clerks, and other municipal officials from communities across the state have alerted leaders in both the executive and legislative branches of state government to insurmountable challenges that preclude holding a safe, fair, and meaningful Spring 2020 election on April 7, 2020;

WHEREAS, as Wisconsinites respond to the current public health emergency by conforming their conduct to Emergency Order #12 and social distancing guidance, municipal clerks are already reporting an unprecedented increase in requests for mail-in absentee ballots;

WHEREAS, an increased number of mail-in absentee ballots creates additional complexities at every stage of the election administration process;

WHEREAS, municipalities across the state have been unable to keep pace with the increased requests for mail-in absentee ballots;

WHEREAS, the process of canvassing mail-in absentee ballots is more complex, labor-intensive, and time-consuming than canvassing votes cast in person;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Judge William M. Conley, District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, ordered absentee ballots in the Spring election on April 7 may be received until 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020, absentee ballot requests may be made until 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2020, and absentee voters may be relieved of the witness signature if they provide affirmation that they are unable to safely obtain such a signature;

WHEREAS, the intervening parties in the aforementioned case immediately appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, potentially jeopardizing the commonsense relief ordered by Judge Conley and creating further uncertainty;

WHEREAS, in light of the current public health emergency, it is incumbent upon the State of Wisconsin to take all reasonable steps to protect the constitutional right to vote;

WHEREAS, additional poll consolidations throughout Wisconsin in the past 24 hours and the continuing spread of COVID-19 necessitates drastic and immediate changes to our election laws to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, only a change in the law by the Wisconsin Legislature can provide certainty and avoid the health risks posed to the people of Wisconsin by conducting in-person voting on April 7.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, specifically Article IV, Section 11 and Article V, Section 4 of the Wisconsin Constitution, hereby require the convening of a special session of the Legislature at the Capitol in the City of Madison, to commence at 4:00 pm on April 4, 2020, solely to consider and act upon legislation to do the following:

1. Extend the Spring 2020 election to May 19, 2020, and provide that all registered voters who have not yet been sent an absentee ballot or cast their ballot through in-person absentee voting be sent an absentee ballot.
2. Provide that, except as provided in this paragraph, no further in-person voting be permitted for the Spring Election. Require each municipal clerk or election commission to provide a window of not less than eight (8) hours between now and May 19, 2020, during which they will open at least one specified polling place per municipality for the purpose of (a) allowing disabled electors to cast in-person ballots using assistive technology and (b) providing assistance to those voters who cannot read or write or have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English. The hours during which and the location(s) at which each municipal clerk or election commission will hold in-person voting for this limited purpose will be publicly noticed for at least 48 hours before those hours begin. These windows of opportunity for in-person voting are limited only to those electors who, by reason of disability or difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, are unable to cast a mail-in absentee ballot. These windows of opportunity for limited in-person voting will be conducted in accordance with best practices for public health identified by the Department of Health Service.
3. Provide that, due to the current public health emergency and social distancing guidance, absentee ballots do not need to be witnessed and signed by another adult U.S. citizen.

4. Provide that, to be counted, all mail-absentee ballots must be received by municipal election authorities not later than May 26, 2020, whether those ballots are conveyed to municipal election authorities through the U.S. Postal Service, by another delivery service, or by deposit in any drop-box location publicly noticed by the municipal clerk as an acceptable depository.

5. Provide that every municipality is authorized to conduct a centralized canvass of votes cast in the Spring 2020 election, consistent with Wis. Stat. § 7.52, without regard to whether the municipality has adopted an ordinance to this end.

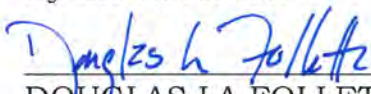
6. Provide that every municipality is authorized to begin the process of counting ballots for the Spring 2020 election as soon as the municipality has sent out all mail-in absentee ballots for the Spring 2020 election. All counting shall be conducted in a manner that is available to observers. No partial or interim results may be reported or released to anyone prior to 8:00 pm on May 19, 2020.

7. Provide that, given the necessary delay in the Spring 2020 election, those individuals currently serving in an office to be filled based upon the results of the Spring 2020 election ballot are authorized to continue fulfilling the duties of those offices, and exercising the privileges of those offices, until three business days after county, municipal, and school district clerks issue certificates of election, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.53(4), 7.60(6), and 120.06(10), once the deadline to file a petition for recount and appeal of recount has passed. On the third business day after issuance of the certificate of election for any given office on the Spring 2020 election ballot, the term of the newly elected official in that office shall begin. Notwithstanding the delayed beginning of the term for such offices, the terms of all such offices shall expire as if the Spring 2020 election occurred as initially scheduled and all terms of office began as would be anticipated under such circumstances.

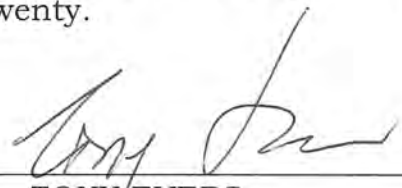
8. Provide that the May 12 Special Election for the 7th Congressional District be extended to May 19, 2020, and be run in accordance with the above provisions.



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Madison this third day of April in the year of two thousand twenty.


TONY EVERS
Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER #74

Relating to suspending in-person voting on April 7, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

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WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, in Executive Order #72, I declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court delayed all jury trials until May 22, 2020, due to the health risks posed by COVID-19 to the public;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted Wisconsin a major disaster declaration for the entire State of Wisconsin as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2020, Vice Admiral Jerome Adams, the United States Surgeon General, stated that the impact COVID-19 will have on the United States this week is "our Pearl Harbor moment, our 9/11 moment, and it's not going to be localized, it's going to be happening all over the country and I want America to understand that."

WHEREAS, as of April 5, 2020, 2,267 Wisconsinites have tested positive for COVID-19, 624 Wisconsinites have been hospitalized due to COVID-19, and 68 Wisconsinites have passed away as a result of COVID-19, 241,703 individuals in the United States have tested positive for COVID-19, and 5,854 have passed away as a result of COVID-19, and, worldwide, more than 1,100,000 people have tested positive for COVID-19, and more than 62,000 people have passed away as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section 5.02(21) of the Wisconsin Statutes mandates that the spring election be held on the first Tuesday in April, which this year is April 7, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Spring 2020 election includes a broad variety of important matters, including: presidential preference primaries for both major national political parties; a State-wide referendum on a proposed amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution; 132 county, school district, and local referenda; an election for a seat as a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; elections for 3 seats as judges of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals; elections for 34 seats as judges of county circuit courts; elections for 102 seats as judges of municipal courts; elections for 1,596 county supervisors and officers; elections for 763 alders, mayors, and other city offices; elections for 464 village board trustees, board members, and other offices; elections for 291 town supervisors, clerks, and other offices; elections for 565 seats on the boards of common, union, and unified school districts; and elections for 12 seats as supervisors on the boards of sanitary districts;

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a highly decentralized election system under which elections are overseen by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, but must be administered by 1,850 municipal clerks or election commissions and 72 county clerks;

WHEREAS, every voter who visits the polls, but also for every Wisconsinite who might come voters face significant risks of exposure to someone infected with COVID-19 by engaging in the process of in-person voting;

WHEREAS, poll workers face even greater risks of exposure to COVID-19, because serving as poll workers will require them to come into close proximity with dozens, if not hundreds, of voters as they facilitate voters casting in-person ballots;

WHEREAS, in-person voting on April 7 creates a danger of COVID-19 exposure not only for those who serve as poll workers and in contact with one of those people in the weeks that follow;

WHEREAS, the extensive work of conducting an election in Wisconsin typically requires assistance from approximately 30,000 poll workers;

WHEREAS, due to staffing challenges created by the COVID-19 public health emergency, municipalities across the state project significant shortfalls of thousands of poll workers necessary to administer the Spring 2020 election;

WHEREAS, shortfalls in the number of poll workers are requiring municipalities around the state to consolidate polling places, which will necessarily mean larger crowds and greater exposure for those poll workers administering each polling place, as well as for those Wisconsinites who visit those polling places to cast in-person ballots;

WHEREAS, among these consolidations are the City of Waukesha, which has consolidated its polling locations from 15 to one location, the City of Milwaukee, which has consolidated its polling locations from 182 to five locations, which is a loss of over 97% of its polling locations, and the City of Green Bay, which has consolidated its polling locations from 31 to 2 locations;

WHEREAS, even with the aforementioned consolidations of polling locations, as of April 2, 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission estimates that municipalities still need an additional 5,250 poll workers;

WHEREAS, no Wisconsinite should ever have to choose between exercising their constitutional right to vote and being safe, secure, and healthy;

WHEREAS, state and local public health officials – including local public health officers for Adams County, Barron County, Bayside, Brown Deer, Crawford County, Dane County, Door County, Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Green Lake County, Florence County, Fox Point, Franklin, Glendale, Greendale, Hales Corners, Jefferson County, Madison, Marquette County, Milwaukee, Monroe County, Pierce County, Price County, Racine, River Hills, Rock County, Saint Croix County, Sauk County, Shorewood, Waushara County, Wauwatosa, West Allis, and Whitefish Bay – have determined that in-person voting on April 7 presents a “serious challenge to controlling the spread of COVID-19”;

WHEREAS, as Wisconsinites respond to the current public health emergency by conforming their conduct to Emergency Order #12 and social distancing guidance, municipal clerks are already reporting an unprecedented increase in requests for mail-in absentee ballots;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Honorable William M. Conley, District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, ordered absentee ballots in the Spring 2020 election on April 7 may be received until 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020, absentee ballot requests may be made until 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2020, and absentee voters may be relieved of the witness signature if they provide affirmation that they are unable to safely obtain such a signature;

WHEREAS, the intervening parties in the aforementioned case immediately appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and, most recently, the Supreme Court of the United States, potentially jeopardizing the commonsense relief ordered by Judge Conley and creating further uncertainty;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan held a statewide election on March 10, 2020, and it is suspected that in-person voting led to the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan at a faster rate than the neighboring State of Ohio, which postponed its election;

WHEREAS, in light of the current public health emergency, it is incumbent upon the State of Wisconsin to take all reasonable steps to protect the constitutional right to vote;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, I called a special session of the Wisconsin Legislature to act upon legislation to allow all Wisconsinites the opportunity to vote safely by mail;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, the Wisconsin Legislature – with no discussion or debate – adjourned within seconds of convening;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution establishes the purpose of State Government is to insure domestic tranquility and promote the general welfare, and, as Governor, I made an oath to uphold the Wisconsin Constitution;

WHEREAS, Section 323.12(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that the Governor may issue orders “he or she deems necessary for the security of persons and property”; and

WHEREAS, suspending in-person voting on April 7 is necessary to protect the security of the people of Wisconsin and slow the spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically the Preamble, Article IV, Section 11, Article V, Section 1, and Article V, Section 4 of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 323.12(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby order as follows:

1. Suspend in-person voting for April 7, 2020, until June 9, 2020, unless the Legislature passes and the Governor approves a different date for in-person voting. In the interim, registered Wisconsin voters may continue to request absentee ballots until 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day immediately preceding the new in-person election date, consistent with Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b); clerks shall continue to provide absentee ballots within one business day of the time each elector's request is received, consistent with Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm); and eligible voters may continue to cast mail-in absentee ballots as long as they are returned so that they are delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. on the new election date, consistent with Wis. Stat. § 6.87(6). All ballots already cast in the 2020 Spring election will remain valid, will be tallied in conjunction with in-person voting on the new date, and will be included in all relevant canvasses for the Spring 2020 election.

2. Require the convening of a special session of the Legislature at the Capitol in the City of Madison, to commence at 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 2020, solely to consider and act upon legislation to set a new in-person voting date for the 2020 Spring election.

3. Provide that, given the necessary delay in the Spring 2020 election, those individuals currently serving in an office to be filled based upon the results of the Spring 2020 election ballot are authorized to continue fulfilling the duties of those offices, and exercising the privileges of those offices, until three business days after county, municipal, and school district clerks issue certificates of election, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.53(4), 7.60(6), and 120.06(10), once the deadline to file a petition for recount and appeal of recount has passed. On the third business day after issuance of the certificate of election for any given office on the Spring 2020 election ballot, the term of the newly elected official in that office shall begin. Notwithstanding the delayed beginning of the term for such offices, the terms of all such offices shall expire as if the Spring 2020 election occurred as initially scheduled and all terms of office began as would be anticipated under such circumstances.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Madison this sixth day of April in the year of two thousand twenty.



TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:32 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Bcc: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential Businesses

Good afternoon Zach,

Today, a couple businesses reached out to our office. Their stories are below.

Governor Evers,

I am writing today to urge you to include the offices of certified public accountants in the definition of "essential services" with regard to the coming order to close non-essential businesses.

At a time like this, particularly at this time of the year, it would make sense to allow these types of firms to continue to function (with obvious precautions taken to limit or eliminate face to face contact) since tax refunds will be more important to many Wisconsin taxpayers given the uncertain nature of the economy as well as the uncertainty of it/how long folks will be unemployed, etc. In other words, it makes a lot of sense to get tax refunds into the hands of residents as soon as possible and a very large portion of the population relies on professional taxpayers to assist them with that.

In addition, there are many business-to-business services performed by CPA firms (payroll preparation, bookkeeping, etc.) that are critical to companies that will stop operating as a result of the upcoming order as well as those that will continue operating as essential service businesses. It would not make sense to deny access to the very firms that assist these businesses in operating, paying their employees, remitting associated payroll taxes in a timely manner, preparing financial statements, tax returns, etc.

I am sure you will get similar requests from all sorts of industries but I firmly believe it would be a mistake to fail to include CPA firms in the definition of essential services.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Todd J. Hietpas, CPA

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Stockbridge Manufacturing Inc in Stockbridge, WI:

They focus on the needs of the paper processing equipment industry and food processing equipment industry, but also specialty custom manufacturing and general machining. They build replacement parts for Kimberly-Clark. They are concerned if they are not considered “essential”, that Kimberly-Clark may not be able to continue its operations.

Joseph Arthur Behnke (Owner of Stockbridge Manufacturing Inc)
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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Respectfully,

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H.R. 6201, FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

Title-By-Title Summary

The legislation guarantees free coronavirus testing, establishes paid leave, enhances Unemployment Insurance, expands food security initiatives, and increases federal Medicaid funding.

DIVISION A – Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020

Prepared by the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Education and Labor

Title I – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Food and Nutrition Service – Includes funding to ensure the domestic nutrition assistance programs have adequate resources to help those impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Funding is provided for:

- **The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)** – \$500 million to provide access to nutritious foods to low-income pregnant women or mothers with young children who lose their jobs or are laid off due to the COVID-19 emergency.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** – \$400 million to assist local food banks to meet increased demand for low-income Americans during the emergency. Of the total, \$300 million is for the purchase of nutritious foods and \$100 million is to support the storage and distribution of the foods.

In addition –

- The legislation includes a general provision that allows the Department of Agriculture to approve state plans to provide emergency Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) food assistance to households with children who would otherwise receive free or reduced-price meals if not for their schools being closed due to the COVID-19 emergency. In order to be eligible, the child's school must be closed for no less than 5 consecutive days.

- Nutrition Assistance for U.S. Territories – \$100 million for USDA to provide nutrition assistance grants to Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Title II – Defense

Coverage of Testing for COVID-19 through the Department of Defense – Includes \$82 million for the Department of Defense to cover the costs of COVID-19 diagnostic testing for beneficiaries receiving care through the Defense Health Program.

Title III – Financial Services and General Government

Implementation of Tax Credits – Includes \$15 million for the Internal Revenue Service to implement tax credits for paid sick and paid family and medical leave.

Title IV – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Coverage of Testing for COVID-19 through the Indian Health Service – Includes \$64 million for the Indian Health Service to cover the costs of COVID-19 diagnostic testing for Indians receiving care through the Indian Health Service or through an Urban Indian Health Organization.

Title V – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Senior Nutrition Program – Includes \$250 million for the Senior Nutrition program in the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to provide approximately 25 million additional home-delivered and pre-packaged meals to low-income seniors who depend on the Senior Nutrition programs in their communities.

This funding will provide meals to low-income seniors:

- who are home-bound;
- who have disabilities;
- who have multiple chronic illnesses;
- as well as caregivers for seniors who are home-bound.

ACL’s Senior Nutrition grants are provided to States, territories, and eligible tribal organizations and serve more than 2.4 million individuals annually.

Nearly two-thirds of recipients of home-delivered meals report these meals as more than half of their food intake for the day.

Reimbursement for Diagnostic Testing and Services for COVID-19 in Uninsured Individuals – Includes \$1 billion for the National Disaster Medical System to reimburse the costs of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and services provided to individuals without health insurance.

Title VI – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Coverage of Testing for COVID-19 through the Veterans Health Administration – Includes \$60 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs to cover the costs of COVID-19 diagnostic testing for veterans receiving care through Medical Services or through Medical Community Care.

Title VII – General Provisions

Technical budgetary provisions.

In addition –

- Ensures State Emergency Operations Centers receive regular and real-time reporting on aggregate testing and case data from health departments and share that data with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

DIVISION B – Nutrition Waivers

Prepared by the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education and Labor

Title I – Maintaining Essential Access to Lunch for Students Act

Section 2101. Short Title. The short title for the bill is the Maintaining Essential Access to Lunch for Students Act or the MEALS Act.

Section 2102. Waiver Exception for School Closures Due to COVID-19. Provides the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to issue waivers for state plans that increase costs to the federal government.

Title II – COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act

Section 2201. Short Title. The short title for the bill is the COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act.

Section 2202. National School Lunch Program Requirement Waivers Addressing COVID-19. Allows all child and adult care centers to operate as non-congregate (i.e. allows them to take food to go). Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to waive meal pattern requirements in child nutrition programs if there is a disruption to the food supply as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. Provides the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to issue nationwide school meal waivers during the COVID-19 emergency, which will eliminate paperwork for states and help more schools quickly adopt and utilize flexibilities.

Section 2203. Physical Presence Waiver Under WIC During Certain Public Health Emergencies. Provides the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to grant waivers to allow

participants to be certified for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) without being physically present at the WIC clinic.

Sec. 2204. Administrative Requirements Waiver Under WIC. This section provides the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to waive administrative requirements that are barriers to serving WIC participants during the coronavirus outbreak.

Title III – SNAP COVID-19 Response Waivers

Section 2301. SNAP Flexibility for Low-Income Jobless Workers. Suspends the work and work training requirements for SNAP during this crisis.

Section 2302. Additional SNAP Flexibilities in a Public Health Emergency. Allows states to request special waivers from the Secretary to provide temporary, emergency CR-SNAP benefits to existing SNAP households up to the maximum monthly allotment, as well as give the Secretary broad discretion to provide much more flexibility for States in managing SNAP caseloads. Additionally, this language requires the Secretary to make State requests for waivers and the USDA response, as well as any USDA guidance on State flexibilities, publicly available online.

DIVISION C – Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act *Prepared by the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Education and Labor*

Section 3101. Short Title. The short title for the bill is the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act.

Section 3102. Amendments to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. This section provides employees of employers with fewer than 500 employees and government employers, who have been on the job for at least 30 days, with the right take up to 12 weeks of job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act to be used for any of the following reasons:

- To adhere to a requirement or recommendation to quarantine due to exposure to or symptoms of coronavirus;
- To care for an at-risk family member who is adhering to a requirement or recommendation to quarantine due to exposure to or symptoms of coronavirus; and
- To care for a child of an employee if the child's school or place of care has been closed, or the child-care provider is unavailable, due to a coronavirus.

After the two weeks of paid leave, employees will receive a benefit from their employers that will be no less than two-thirds of the employee's usual pay.

Section 3103. Employment Under Multi-Employer Bargaining Agreements. The bill ensures employees who work under a multiemployer collective agreement and whose employers pay into a multiemployer plan are provided with leave.

Section 3104. Effective Date. This Act takes effect not later than 15 days after the date of bill's enactment.

DIVISION D – Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020

Prepared by the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means

Section 4101. Short Title. The short title for the division is the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020.

Section 4102. Emergency Transfers for Unemployment Compensation Administration. This section provides \$1 billion in 2020 for emergency grants to states for activities related to processing and paying unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, under certain conditions.

\$500 million would be used to provide immediate additional funding to all states for staffing, technology, systems, and other administrative costs, so long as they met basic requirements about ensuring access to earned benefits for eligible workers. Those requirements are:

- Require employers to provide notification of potential UI eligibility to laid-off workers
- Ensure that workers have at least two ways (for example, online and phone) to apply for benefits
- Notify applicants when an application is received and being processed and if the application cannot be processed, provide information to the applicant about how to ensure successful processing.

States would be required to report on the share of eligible individuals who received UI benefits and the state's efforts to ensure access within one year of receiving the funding. The funding would be distributed in the same proportions as regular UI administrative funding provided through annual appropriations.

\$500 million would be reserved for emergency grants to states which experienced at least a 10 percent increase in unemployment. Those states would be eligible to receive an additional grant, in the same amount as the initial grant, to assist with costs related to the unemployment spike, and would also be required to take steps to temporarily ease eligibility requirements that are limiting access to UI during the COVID-19 outbreak, like work search requirements, required waiting periods, and requirements to increase employer UI taxes if they have high layoff rates. Depending on the state, those actions might require changes in state law, or might just require changes in state policy. This section also provides temporary federal flexibility regarding those UI restrictions which are also in federal law.

Section 4103. Temporary Assistance for States with Advances. This section provides states with access to interest-free loans to help pay regular UI benefits through December 31, 2020, if needed.

Section 4104. Technical Assistance and Guidance for Short-Time Compensation Programs. This section requires the Secretary of Labor to provide technical assistance to states that want to set up work-sharing programs, in which employers reduce hours instead of laying employees off, and then employees receive partial unemployment benefits to offset the wage loss.

Section 4105. Full Federal Funding of Extended Unemployment Compensation for a Limited Period. For states that experience an increase of 10 percent or more in their unemployment rate (over the previous year) and comply with all the beneficiary access provisions in section 102, this section provides 100 percent federal funding for Extended Benefits, which normally require 50 percent of funding to come from states. Extended Benefits (EB) are triggered when unemployment is high in a state and provide up to an additional 26 weeks after regular UI benefits (usually 26 weeks) are exhausted. This section also suspends the financial penalty within EB for states that waive the usual one-week waiting period for benefits.

DIVISION E – Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act

Prepared by the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Education and Labor

Section 5101. Short Title. The Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act.

Section 5102. The Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act. This section requires employers with fewer than 500 employees and government employers to provide employees two weeks of paid sick leave, paid at the employee’s regular rate, to quarantine or seek a diagnosis or preventive care for coronavirus; or paid at two-thirds the employee’s regular rate to care for a family member for such purposes or to care for a child whose school has closed, or child care provider is unavailable, due to the coronavirus.

- Full-time employees are entitled to 2 weeks (80 hours) and part-time employees are entitled to the typical number of hours that they work in a typical two-week period.
- The bill ensures employees who work under a multiemployer collective agreement and whose employers pay into a multiemployer plan are provided with leave.

The Act, and the requirements under the Act, expire on December 31, 2020.

DIVISION F – Health Provisions

Prepared by the Democratic staff of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor

Section 6001. Coverage of Testing for COVID-19. This section requires private health plans to provide coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, including the cost of a provider, urgent care center and emergency room visits in order to receive testing. Coverage must be provided at no cost to the consumer.

Section 6002. Waiving Cost Sharing Under the Medicare Program for Certain Visits Relating To Testing For COVID-19. This section requires Medicare Part B to cover beneficiary cost-sharing for provider visits during which a COVID-19 diagnostic test is administered or ordered. Medicare Part B currently covers the COVID-19 diagnostic test with no beneficiary cost-sharing.

Section 6003. Waiving Cost Sharing Under the Medicare Advantage Program for Certain Visits Relating to Testing for COVID-19. This section requires Medicare Advantage to provide

coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, including the associated cost of the visit in order to receive testing. Coverage must be provided at no cost to the beneficiary.

Section 6004. Coverage at No Cost Sharing of COVID-19 Testing Under Medicaid and CHIP. This section requires Medicaid to provide coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, including the cost of a provider visit in order to receive testing. Coverage must be provided at no cost to the beneficiary. It would also provide states with the option to extend Medicaid eligibility to uninsured populations for the purposes of COVID-19 diagnostic testing. State expenditures for medical and administrative costs would be matched by the federal government at 100 percent.

Section 6005. Treatment of Personal Respiratory Protective Devices as Covered Countermeasures. This section requires certain personal respiratory protective devices to be treated as covered countermeasures under the PREP Act Declaration for the purposes of emergency use during the COVID-19 outbreak and ending October 1, 2024.

Section 6006. Application with Respect to TRICARE, Coverage for Veterans, and Coverage for Federal Civilians. This section ensures that individuals enrolled in TRICARE, covered veterans, and federal workers have coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing without cost-sharing.

Section 6007. Coverage of Testing for COVID-19 At No Cost Sharing for Indians Receiving Contract Health Services. This section ensures that American Indians and Alaskan Natives do not experience cost sharing for COVID-19 testing, including those referred for care away from an Indian Health Service or tribal health care facility.

Section 6008. Emergency FMAP Increase. This section provides a temporary increase to states' federal medical assistance percentage for the duration of the public health emergency for COVID-19. It requires states to maintain eligibility standards that are no less restrictive than the date of enactment.

Section 6009. Increase in Medicaid Allotments for Territories. This section provides an increase to the territories' Medicaid allotments for 2020 and 2021. It will ensure that territories that receive an FMAP increase under the previous section will have the necessary additional federal funds for their Medicaid programs.

Section 6010. Clarification Relating to Secretarial Authority Regarding Medicare Telehealth Services Furnished During COVID-19 Emergency Period. This section makes a technical change to the Medicare telehealth provision of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123) to ensure that new Medicare beneficiaries are able to access telehealth services under the emergency authority granted to the Secretary.

DIVISION G – Tax Credits For Paid Sick And Paid Family And Medical Leave

Prepared by the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means

Section 7001. Payroll Credit for Required Paid Sick Leave. This section provides a refundable tax credit equal to 100 percent of qualified paid sick leave wages paid by an employer for each calendar quarter.

The tax credit is allowed against the tax imposed by section 3111(a) (the employer portion of Social Security taxes). Qualified sick leave wages are wages required to be paid by the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act.

The section makes a distinction between qualified sick leave wages paid with respect to employees who must self-isolate, obtain a diagnosis, or comply with a self-isolation recommendation with respect to coronavirus. For amounts paid to those employees, the amount of qualified sick leave wages taken into account for each employee is capped at \$511 per day. For amounts paid to employees caring for a family member or for a child whose school or place of care has been closed, the amount of qualified sick leave wages taken into account for each employee is capped at \$200 per day. The aggregate number of days taken into account per employee may not exceed the excess of 10 over the aggregate number of days taken into account for all preceding calendar quarters.

If the credit exceeds the employer's total liability under section 3111(a) for all employees for any calendar quarter, the excess credit is refundable to the employer. Employers may elect to not have the credit apply. To prevent a double benefit, no deduction is allowed for the amount of the credit. In addition, no credit is allowed with respect to wages for which a credit is allowed under section 45S.

The Secretary of the Treasury is given broad authority to issue regulations and guidance necessary to carry out the purposes of the section, including regulations and guidance related to avoidance, penalty waivers with respect to deposit amounts, compliance and record-keeping relief, and benefit recapture. The Social Security OASDI trust funds are held harmless by transferring funds from the General Fund. The section applies only to wages paid with respect to the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 7002. Credit for Sick Leave for Certain Self-Employed Individuals. This section provides a refundable tax credit equal to 100 percent of a qualified sick leave equivalent amount for eligible self-employed individuals who must self-isolate, obtain a diagnosis, or comply with a self-isolation recommendation with respect to coronavirus. For eligible self-employed individuals caring for a family member or for a child whose school or place of care has been closed due to coronavirus, the section provides a refundable tax credit equal to 67 percent of a qualified sick leave equivalent amount.

The credit is allowed against income taxes and is refundable. Eligible self-employed individuals are individuals who would be entitled to receive paid leave pursuant to the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act if the individual was an employee of an employer (other than himself or herself). For eligible self-employed individuals who must self-isolate, obtain a diagnosis, or comply with a

self-isolation recommendation, the qualified sick leave equivalent amount is capped at the lesser of \$511 per day or the average daily self-employment income for the taxable year per day. For eligible self-employed individuals caring for a family member or for a child whose school or place of care has been closed due to coronavirus, the qualified sick leave equivalent amount is capped at the lesser of \$200 per day or the average daily self-employment income for the taxable year per day.

In calculating the qualified sick leave equivalent amount, an eligible self-employed individual may only take into account those days that the individual is unable to work for reasons that would entitle the individual to receive paid leave pursuant to the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act.

A self-employed individual must maintain documentation prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury to establish his or her eligibility for the credit. To prevent a double benefit, the qualified sick leave equivalent amount is proportionately reduced for any days that the individual also receives qualified sick leave wages from an employer. The section contains rules to ensure that self-employed individuals in U.S. territories may claim the credit.

The Secretary of the Treasury is given broad authority to issue regulations and guidance necessary to carry out the purposes of the section, including regulations and guidance related to avoidance and compliance and record-keeping relief. The section applies only to days occurring during the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 7003. Payroll Credit for Required Paid Family Leave. This section provides a refundable tax credit equal to 100 percent of qualified family leave wages paid by an employer for each calendar quarter.

The tax credit is allowed against the tax imposed by section 3111(a) (the employer portion of Social Security taxes). Qualified family leave wages are wages required to be paid by the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act.

The amount of qualified family leave wages taken into account for each employee is capped at \$200 per day and \$10,000 for all calendar quarters. If the credit exceeds the employer's total liability under section 3111(a) for all employees for any calendar quarter, the excess credit is refundable to the employer.

Employers may elect to not have the credit apply. To prevent a double benefit, no deduction is allowed for the amount of the credit. In addition, no credit is allowed with respect to wages for which a credit is allowed under section 45S.

The Secretary of the Treasury is given broad authority to issue regulations and guidance necessary to carry out the purposes of the section, including regulations and guidance related to avoidance, compliance and record-keeping relief, and benefit recapture. The Social Security OASDI trust funds are held harmless by transferring funds from the General Fund. The section

applies only to wages paid with respect to the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 7004. Credit for Family Leave for Certain Self-Employed Individuals. This section provides a refundable tax credit equal to 100 percent of a qualified family leave equivalent amount for eligible self-employed individuals.

The credit is allowed against income taxes and is refundable. Eligible self-employed individuals are individuals who would be entitled to receive paid leave pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act if the individual was an employee of an employer (other than himself or herself). The qualified family leave equivalent amount is capped at the lesser \$200 per day or the average daily self-employment income for the taxable year per day. In calculating the qualified family leave equivalent amount, an eligible self-employed individual may only take into account those days that the individual is unable to work for reasons that would entitle the individual to receive paid leave pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act.

A self-employed individual must maintain documentation prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury to establish his or her eligibility for the credit. To prevent a double benefit, the qualified sick leave equivalent amount is proportionately reduced for any days that the individual also receives qualified sick leave wages from an employer. The section contains rules to ensure that self-employed individuals in U.S. territories may claim the credit.

The Secretary of the Treasury is given broad authority to issue regulations and guidance necessary to carry out the purposes of the section, including regulations and guidance related to avoidance and compliance and record-keeping relief. The section applies only to days occurring during the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 7005. Special Rule Related to Tax on Employers. This section ensures that any wages required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act will not be considered wages for purposes of section 3111(a). The Social Security OASDI trust funds are held harmless by transferring funds from the General Fund.

DIVISION H – Budgetary Effects

Technical budgetary provisions.

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:43 PM
To: "'stout34@yahoo.com'" <stout34@yahoo.com>
Subject: Follow Up on Easter Service Idea

Good afternoon Peter,

I am following up with you regarding your inquiry as to whether or not an outdoor Easter service where people stay in their cars is permitted. Below is the response I received from the Governor's Office.

"Obviously it would depend a lot on what this looks like and how it operates, but it could be fine under the order. If everyone maintains social distancing and stays in their cars, that's ok. People can't be leaning in windows or gathering outside of cars" (Governor's Office).

At this time, it appears as though the service you described where people stay in their vehicles during the entirety of the service and maintain social distancing would be permitted.

Thank you again for contacting me on this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
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(888) 534-0003

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:56 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: ACTION ALERT: Call Governor Evers Today!

From: Pro-Life Wisconsin <info@prolifewi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: ACTION ALERT: Call Governor Evers Today!

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**TELL GOVERNOR EVERS TO SHUT DOWN
WISCONSIN'S ABORTION FACILITIES:
ABORTION IS NOT HEALTH CARE!**

This morning Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #12, [Safer at Home Order](#), which states that “the number of people needing medical care due to COVID-19 will significantly exceed the amount of available healthcare resources (and)...the entire State of Wisconsin - including residents, businesses, community organizations, and government - need to take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives.”

The emergency order shuts down all non-essential business and operations through April 24, excepting healthcare and public health operations including, but not limited to, hospitals, medical facilities, clinics, and ambulatory surgery centers for response to urgent health issues or related COVID-19 activities. It states that “Healthcare and Public Health Operations shall be **broadly** construed to avoid any impediments to the delivery of healthcare, **broadly** defined.” Because the order does not specifically exclude abortion providers as essential healthcare and public health operators, Wisconsin's surgical and chemical abortion facilities will be allowed to continue killing preborn children with impunity.

Abortion is NOT healthcare, and it certainly is not "essential" healthcare. It is an elective procedure that kills innocent preborn human beings, uses up scarce medical resources in this time of crisis, and contributes to the community spread of COVID-19. The personal protective equipment (PPE) that is already in short supply is being used by abortion facilities to kill babies, either by ELECTIVE surgical abortions or by ELECTIVE chemical abortions. PPE is used in BOTH scenarios. There are [808](#) abortion facilities in the United States and 2,600 abortions that occur EVERY DAY. If there is a minimum of three people that come in contact with each abortion, that equates to 7,800 PPE masks used every day. Hospitals, where people's lives are

actually saved, are pleading to have volunteers make PPE masks to supply the demand.

ACT NOW!

Will Governor Evers continue to allow babies to be killed by abortion while claiming to be doing everything he possibly can do avert a state and national disaster?

Please CONTACT Governor Evers NOW and urge him to:

- ** Immediately SHUT DOWN Wisconsin's abortion facilities for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency order. Abortion is NOT healthcare, and will only kill preborn children, spread the deadly coronavirus and use up scarce medical supplies!*

You may contact Governor Evers state capitol office by phone at **(608) 266-1212** or on their website [HERE](#).

Thank you for speaking up for life and know that we are praying for you and your families in these uncertain times.



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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:58 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: April 7 In-person voting

FYI

Mr. Brown lives in Kimberly. We have received several dozen of this type of email. Most are not form contacts. 100+ since Saturday.

From: Steve Brown <swbrown13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 In-person voting

Good Morning Ron Tusler,

I have been hoping that members of the Wisconsin Assembly would use good sense and compassion in regards to requiring WI residents to vote in person on April 7...and to either postpone the primary election, or at least allow for an extension on mail-in balloting.

Unfortunately...and for what reason I do not understand sir...you and your fellow members continue to forge ahead thus endangering the health and lives of your constituents!?!

Where is the common sense and concern for WI citizens by you and your fellow legislators in pushing ahead for in-person voting on April 7, and for not adjusting the deadline for mail-in ballots!

Why would you so callously/carelessly put WI senior citizens and all others' health in jeopardy by not allowing postponement of the mail-in ballot deadline?! Why are you requiring citizens to go to the polls during this time when the virus cases and deaths are on the upswing??!

I have been a lifelong Republican...but not anymore!! I am appalled by you and your colleagues' disregard for the safety of the constituents you are supposed to be looking out for and representing!

And...since a lack of sufficient poll-workers has closed so many polling stations...how can the in-person voting that does take place truly represent the will of the people in WI? I don't see how it can! And...at the same time...it will jeopardize further the life and health of the people of Wisconsin!!

You sir...and your fellow legislators have lost my respect, confidence, and vote--by not working for the best good of your constituents...shame on you all!!

Most regrettably and disgustedly,

Steve Brown

Wisconsin resident and active voter since 1988

swbrown13@hotmail.com

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:35 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: BIBLE STUDY EVERY Wednesday morning at 8:00am

FYI

From: Tittl, Paul <Paul.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:34 PM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: BIBLE STUDY EVERY Wednesday morning at 8:00am

Maybe you were unable to attend because your schedule wouldn't allow it well we're going to do a zoom meeting at 8 AM every Wednesday starting Wednesday, March 25 click on the links below and you can join us for Bible study
If you know you're going to attend please reply back or send me a text message

Sent from my iPhone
Wisconsin State
Representative
Paul Tittl

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Beresford <mberesford@highpointchurch.org>
Date: March 23, 2020 at 3:10:21 PM CDT
To: "Tittl, Paul" <Paul.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Try this one!

Sorry about that.
MB

MICHAEL BERESFORD
Executive Pastor
High Point Church
mberesford@highpointchurch.org
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Family motto since the 1600's:
"Nothing except by the Cross!"

Michael Beresford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Topic: WI Capitol Bible Study

Time: Mar 25, 2020 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, until May 6, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

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Apr 1, 2020 08:00 AM

Apr 8, 2020 08:00 AM

Apr 15, 2020 08:00 AM

Apr 22, 2020 08:00 AM

Apr 29, 2020 08:00 AM

May 6, 2020 08:00 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 4:29 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

From: Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

Hi William,

There is no chapter 57 in the statutes. Can you follow up and ask specifically what statute they are looking to have changed? In the interim I'll look around the statutes and see if I can deduce what they were talking about, but I really need more information – for example, how long do they want to extend the deadline? Until the end of the declared state of emergency? Beyond? A set number of days?

Thanks,

Melinda

Melinda L. Johns
Legislative Attorney
Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau
P.O. Box 2037
Madison, WI 53701-2037
(608) 504-5855

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

Good afternoon Melinda,

I just spoke with Rep. Tusler who spoke with Calumet County's judge. He said they are having difficulty finding doctors to testify about the mental health of people in court because of the public health emergency. Rep. Tusler wants to draft a bill that will **expand the time limit for Chapter 57** in the event of a public health emergency, since doctors are too busy to testify.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please let me know!

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Research Assistant

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 9:57 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: CALL TODAY 10:00 A.M.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:57 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Representatives <Legislative-Assembly-Representatives-Republicans@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CALL TODAY 10:00 A.M.
Importance: High

Hello,

There will be a conference call for legislators at **10 a.m. today**, March 23. Call-in information is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 9:32 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Call Today 12:30 p.m.

I have the details on your calendar.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:08 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Call Today 12:30 p.m.
Importance: High

Hello,

There will be a conference call at **12:30 p.m. today**, March 24. Call-in information is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

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Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 12:04 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Call Tomorrow 1 p.m.

FYI. I have it on your calendar.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:59 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Call Tomorrow 1 p.m.
Importance: High

Hello,

There will be a conference call at **1 p.m. tomorrow**, March 27. Call-in information is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 8:46 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Would you like to sign on to this letter?

From: Jacque, Andre <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:01 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Secretary-designee Palm,

The effects of COVID-19 and Wisconsin's response to it have undoubtedly caused great anxiety across our state. As legislative representatives of the people of Wisconsin, we write you with great concern over a double standard you imposed within DHS Emergency Order #12 (Shelter-in-Place) that contradicts reason and threatens their safety and wellbeing.

In your emergency order, you acknowledge that our state may not have the resources to combat COVID-19 in our communities, and that everyone in Wisconsin must *"take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives."* However, abortion clinics are continuing to operate in Wisconsin, needlessly exposing people to the potential to contract COVID-19 and using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites. **It is deeply disturbing to find out that many lower risk businesses have been shuttered while you have given Wisconsin's abortion clinics special dispensation to remain in operation.** Several other states, including Maryland, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio have ordered standalone abortion facilities within their borders to close down as part of the prudent directive that all medical centers stop performing elective, non-essential surgeries and procedures to limit risk and reserve medical resources for COVID-19 response.

Doing everything reasonable and possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities must include fair implementation of orders to stop non-essential activities. The abortion industry is using medical supplies daily on elective and non-essential "surgeries". Supplies like surgical masks and gloves, which will be in short supply should the infection rate of COVID-19 continue to spike. **We must not allow abortion clinics to put profit ahead of the public welfare and continue with these elective surgical procedures which now are done at a greater risk to the patient as well as our community.** Too often, abortions result in complications that lead to the emergency room and further drain our overstretched system.

Concerns have previously been raised regarding your actions and advocacy in support of Wisconsin's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, which operates 3 of the 4 standalone abortion facilities in our state. It is and should be a basic expectation that these

abortion centers close while Wisconsin is under a “Shelter-in-Place” order to assure our residents that you are not putting politics before their health and prioritizing Planned Parenthood’s bottom line at the expense of our citizens’ health. **We therefore demand your immediate action to ensure a halt to the operation of abortion facilities in Wisconsin for the duration of the declared public health emergency.**

Sincerely,

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:45 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: CANCELED: Conference Call Today @ 3 p.m.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:43 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CANCELED: Conference Call Today @ 3 p.m.

Hello,

The **conference call scheduled for today at 3 p.m. has been canceled**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:15 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services
Attachments: LtrToGovEversOutdoorReligGatherings.pdf

Would you like to sign on to the attached letter?

From: Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:11 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Senate Republicans <AllSenGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services
Importance: High

TO: All Legislature Republicans
FROM: Senator David Craig
RE: Co-Sponsorship of Letter Requesting Clarifications to Outdoor Religious Services
DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2020

SHORT DEADLINE: TODAY - Wednesday, April 9 at 1pm

Dear Colleagues,

Due to apparent inconsistencies in county implementation of emergency orders relating to religious services, I will be sending the attached letter to Governor Tony Evers and Secretary-designee Andrea Palm.

Please respond to this email by **1pm today** to be added to the letter as a signatory.

Best,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:30 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5919/1, relating to: Suspension of the waiting period for collection of unemployment insurance benefits.
Attachments: 19-5919_1.pdf

2/3 Would you like to sign on as a co-sponsor?

From: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:44 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

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DATE: March 23, 2020

RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5919/1, relating to: Suspension of the waiting period for collection of unemployment insurance benefits.

DEADLINE: Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m.

This past week we have seen an unprecedented shutdown of businesses across our nation. The impact on Wisconsin workers is staggering. Nearly 63,000 Wisconsinites filed unemployment claims in the past week. According to preliminary figures by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, from Sunday through Friday a total of 62,828 claims were filed. That is 12 times the number of claims the state received during the same period in 2019.

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment. This bill allows the Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period for up to 52 weeks during a declared state of emergency as is needed to address the state of emergency.

Massachusetts recently approved the same suspension on a bi-partisan basis.

To be added as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please reply to this email or contact Sen. Jacques's office at 6-3512 or Rep. Proschinske's office at 6-7015 by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment. The waiting period does not affect the maximum number of weeks of a claimant's benefit eligibility.

This bill allows the secretary of workforce development to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period for up to 52 weeks during a declared state of emergency as is needed to address the state of emergency. The bill also specifically requires the secretary to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period retroactively for benefit years that began on March 15, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 1:36 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.
Attachments: 19-5957.pdf

Would you like to sign on as a co-sponsor?

From: Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:20 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Senator Kooyenga, Representatives Kurtz & Sanfelippo

DATE: March 26, 2020

RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

DEADLINE: **March 26, 2020 @ 3:30 pm**

To withstand the COVID – 19 pandemic it is expected that many health care professionals will be asked to practice at the top of their individual clinical education, training, and experience to care for surges of patients during this emergency. However, onerous state statutes restrict health care provider's ability to practice to the full extent of their capabilities.

This legislation will provide temporary regulatory flexibility during the public health emergency to enable a variety of health care providers to practice at the top of their clinical education, training and experience.

Furthermore, to increase the number of available physicians and licensed providers that will be needed to address the health emergency, this bill will provide immediate flexibility by allowing practitioners who are licensed and in good standing in any state to practice in Wisconsin automatically during the public health emergency.

Giving health care providers the tools they need by ensuring workers are able to work to the full extent of their capabilities and increasing the number of available providers is a necessary step in our effort to ensure hospitals and clinics are able to effectively respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this email or contact Senator Kooyenga's office at 6-2512.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill addresses the scope of practice of health care providers and practice by health care providers from other states, as follows:

1. The bill allows a health care provider to provide any health care services within the extent of his or her individual education, training, and experience. Current law generally prohibits a person from engaging in certain health care-related practices without holding a required credential.

2. The bill prohibits the Department of Safety and Professional Services and all credentialing boards from reprimanding a health care provider or denying, limiting, suspending, or revoking the credential of a health care provider for providing a health care service in a regulated health care setting, such as a hospital, clinic, long-term care facility, or other regulated setting. This provision applies only if the following are satisfied: 1) the health care service provided by a health care provider is within the provider's education, training, and experience; and 2) the health care service is provided at the direction of an attending physician or under a written policy issued by a regulated health care setting.

3. The bill allows a health care provider from another state to practice a health care profession in Wisconsin if the health care provider holds in good standing a license, certificate, or registration granted by another state that authorizes the person to practice that profession. These health care providers are considered to have a credential in this state.

The bill's provisions apply only during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:31 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Complaint from Sen. Bernier
Attachments: Bernier - Letter to Elections Commission.pdf

From: Sen. Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:51 AM
To: *Legislative Senate Republicans - Senators <Legislative-Senate-Republicans-Senators@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Representatives <Legislative-Assembly-Representatives-Republicans@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Complaint from Sen. Bernier

Dear Republican Colleagues,

As you may have heard, the Dane County Clerk and the Milwaukee Election officials decided to broadly interpret, "indefinitely confined" voting procedures. Under the circumstances with our elderly population, their health conditions and their electronic capabilities, this actually does need to be considered. Much of the electoral processes for this April Election is challenging, to say the least. My disgust with how this has transpired is liberal election officials are trying to give themselves the edge over the rest of the State by not going through the Wisconsin Election Commission. If accommodations need to be made that is where it starts. All electors should be given a level playing field. This action by local elected officials outside the legal process is despicable.

My official complaint is filed with WEC and as far as I know the only official complaint. Please be advised. I am looking for consistency state-wide. ALL elderly electors who fear going out of their home can and should be afforded the same opportunity as Dane County and Milwaukee County Voters.

Sincerely,



State Senator
Kathleen M Bernier
PO BOX 7882
Madison, WI 53707
608-266-7511

From: Sen. Bernier
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Knudson, Dean - ELECTIONS <Dean.Knudson@wisconsin.gov>; Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; elections@wi.gov; Bostelmann, Marge R - ELECTIONS

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<robert.spindell@wisconsin.gov>; Thomsen, Mark L - ELECTIONS <Mark.Thomsen@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Complaint from Sen. Bernier

Attached please find this complaint from Sen. Kathy Bernier, Chair of the Senate Committee on
Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:53 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Conference Call Tomorrow @ 3 p.m.

I have the phone call on your calendar.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:18 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Conference Call Tomorrow @ 3 p.m.

Hello,

There will be a conference call at **3 p.m. tomorrow**, April 1. Call-in information is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:32 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID 19 - Legislative Briefing (DCF, DOC, DWD, DOT)

FYI

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:24 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
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Thanks,
ZM

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:12 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 - Safer in Place

This is all the info we've got.

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:12 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: COVID-19 - Safer in Place

Good morning,

I wanted to make sure everyone saw the Governor's announcement about his plan to issue a "Safer at Home" order tomorrow: <https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1242097501575901187>

The Governor will be issuing the order tomorrow, including details of implementation and effective date as we work with our public health experts, businesses large and small, and local communities to protect as many people as we can. Today's announcement is intended to give people the opportunity to plan and prepare while reminding people that everyone is safer at home.

I would encourage everyone to tune into the 1:30pm DHS press briefing, where the Governor will be speaking to this as well. Here are the details so you can tune in:

- * Video: <https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0>
- * Audio: <https://wiseeye.org/>

As we have been, when this order is issued I will be sending it to the legislature and our office will continue to provide additional information and FAQs.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 1:30 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Briefings for Legislators & Staff

Starting shortly if you would like to listen in.

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:36 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: COVID-19 Briefings for Legislators & Staff

Good afternoon,

Just a reminder that DHS is providing legislators and staff the opportunity to hear from the Department and ask questions, DHS will be holding another legislative briefing TODAY Wednesday, March 18 from 1:30 – 2:30pm.

Please click the link below to join the webinar. Please note we will be taking questions via chat box, so the web-participation is best.

<https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/877161411>

We will be hosting another information briefing on Thursday, March 19th at noon and expect another on Friday. We will have state agencies other than DHS on these calls to brief the legislature on the actions they have taken or are in the process of implementing. Please look for more details on those calls later today.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 10:42 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Emergency Orders
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:35 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB - Reference Services <LRB-Reference-Services@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good morning,

Attached is Emergency Order #12. This is the "Safer at Home" order the Governor announced yesterday. These are important steps to ensure we are working to slow the spread of COVID-19, and we all need to do our part and work together to protect each other. The Governor did not take this decision lightly, but it is a necessary step in our response to COVID-19.

Individuals do not need special permission to leave their homes, but they must comply with this Order as to when it is permissible to leave home. Similarly, if a business is an Essential Business or Operation as defined in this order, it does not need documentation or certification to continue its work that is done in compliance with this Order.

It is important for legislative offices and businesses to read the order before asking questions. The order contains detailed information regarding the exemptions that will be helpful for answering questions. After reviewing the order if a business still has a question or is not exempted but believes their business is doing essential work, WEDC will be reviewing those cases. Folks can visit <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness> for more information.

As always, if you need additional information or have questions please feel free to call or email me.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV

Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:50 PM

To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; lrb.reference@legis.wisconsin.gov

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good afternoon,

Attached is emergency order 10 regarding to the suspension of rules relating to DPI and emergency order 11 regarding the suspension of rules relating to PSC.

Emergency order 10

- * Ensures the DPI will be able to streamline the waiver process for hours of instruction for public schools;
- * Suspends the PI 34 requirements to allow students in teacher preparation programs to graduate on time this spring;
- * Provide the DPI with flexibility in light of upcoming due dates.

Emergency order 11

- * Stops utility disconnection for nonpayment for all customers, including commercial, industrial, and farm accounts. Previously this applied to residential accounts only;
- * Ceases the assessing of late fees to customer accounts;
- * Halts the practice of requiring deposits from customers for reconnection of service;
- * Allows deferred payment agreements for all customers who request them;
- * Removes any administrative barriers for customers establishing or reestablishing utility service; and
- * Authorizes water utilities to provide budget billing arrangements to customers. Electric and natural gas utilities are allowed to do this under current rules.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:12 AM

To: '*Legislative All Senate - External Senders' <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; '*Legislative All Assembly - External Senders' <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; 'lrb.reference@legis.wisconsin.gov' <lrb.reference@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Attached is emergency order #9 which, in order to protect DOC employees and inmates, places a moratorium on admissions to the state prisons and juvenile facilities operated by the Department of Corrections to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Thanks,
ZM

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:06 PM

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Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good afternoon,

Attached is emergency order #8, this updated order maintains the ban on gatherings of 10 or more people and indefinite school closures, but includes some important changes and clarifications:

- * Treats bars and restaurants are the same. Bars will be able to have carryout sales of alcohol and food, if allowed by local ordinances and state law. This will help ensure thousands of establishments can stay in business during this unprecedented health emergency.
- * Media and news organizations can remain open to provide the public with vital information.
- * Laundromats may remain open.
- * Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions may remain open if they practice social distancing.
- * All parts of the food delivery system – from farms to stores – may remain open.
- * Clarifies that cafeterias in healthcare facilities may remain open to serve our healthcare workers.
- * Allied health professions, such as acupuncturists, are unaffected by the mass gathering ban.
- * All parts of our transportation system can continue to serve our economy.
- * Any facility used for in-person absentee voting or as a polling location may remain open for voting, except for sites at long-term care and assisted care facilities.
- * Hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities must close effective 5 pm on Fri., March 20, 2020.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together 10 or less people in a single room or confined space, whether inside or outside, at the same time must preserve social distancing and follow all other public health recommendations issued by DHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Voluntary cancellation, closure, or limitations on the size of gatherings beyond the requirements of this order are permitted and encouraged.

Thanks,
ZM

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Subject: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Attached are the 7 emergency orders that have been issued so far as we respond to COVID-19.

As new orders are finalized and published I will send them as a follow up message to this "COVID-19 Emergency Orders" email.

Thanks,
ZM

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Subject: COVID 19 - Legislative Briefing (DCF, DOC, DWD, DOT)

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 7:08 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Legislative Briefing with WHEDA, PSC, and DVA - Tomorrow @ 3PM

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:22 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Legislative Briefing with WHEDA, PSC, and DVA - Tomorrow @ 3PM

Good evening,

I wanted to invite everyone to another legislative briefing we will be holding tomorrow afternoon:

Friday, April 10th - WHEDA, PSC, and DVA

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Call in number: (608) 316-9000

Passcode: 8281038#

To submit a question for the briefing use this link:

<http://30.selectsurvey.net/doa/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82MMmm3K> Questions emailed directly to me will not be answered on this call, they will need to be submitted through the form. We will only be answering questions that are submitted in advance for this briefing. This website will close 30min before the briefing.

Thanks,
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:30 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Response Package: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5924/1, relating to allowing certain rehired annuitants to elect to not become new participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System for a defined period.
Attachments: 19-5924_1 (2).pdf

1/3 Would you like to sign on as a co-sponsor?

From: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:04 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Response Package: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5924/1, relating to allowing certain rehired annuitants to elect to not become new participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System for a defined period.

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Sen. André Jacque
Rep. Janel Brandtjen

DATE: March 24, 2020

RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5924/1, relating to: Allowing certain rehired annuitants to elect to not become new participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System for a defined period.

SHORT DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 25 at Noon

As our state responds to COVID-19, one of the things our law enforcement, fire departments and jail administrators are experiencing is the shortage of personnel to staff existing positions, especially as officers get sick and additional overtime is required.

Similar to this session's SB 149/AB 157, we will be introducing a proposal to allow departments to hire or re-hire retirees to protective service or corrections positions during the current emergency period without having to suspend their pension payments through WRS over the next year. This would also apply to officers already re-hired by departments who are running up against the present hourly restrictions without suspending their pensions due to the need to work extra hours to provide relief to their departments, making them able to continue to serve without being penalized.

Under the bill, all of the following would have to apply:

- 1) The annuitant is hired as a correctional officer or for a position that is in the protective occupation participant category.
- 2) If being hired or re-hired, the annuitant is hired during the period beginning on March 12, 2020 and ending on March 11, 2021.
- 3) To fulfill the IRS' break-in-service requirements, a retiree willing to be hired/re-hired must not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services for the employer at the time they retire or previously retired, and at least 30 days must have elapsed between the annuitant's termination of employment and the annuitant's appointment to the new position.

To be added as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please reply to this email or contact Sen. Jacque's office at 6-3512 by Noon on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an annuitant under the Wisconsin Retirement System who was a correctional officer or a protective occupation participant upon retirement to return to a position covered by the WRS and elect to not suspend his or her annuity if all of the following apply:

1. The annuitant is hired as a correctional officer or for a position that is in the protective occupation participant category.
2. The annuitant is hired during period beginning on March 12, 2020 and ending on March 11, 2021.
3. The annuitant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services for the employer.
4. At least 30 days have elapsed between the annuitant's termination of employment and the annuitant's appointment to the new position.

Under current law, generally, if a WRS annuitant is appointed to a position with a WRS-participating employer, or provides employee services to a WRS-participating employer in which he or she is expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds, the annuity must be suspended and no annuity payment is payable until after the participant again terminates covered employment.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:31 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Response Package RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5932/1, relating to: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.
Attachments: 19-5932_1.pdf

3/3 Would you like to sign on as a co-sponsor?

From: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:04 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Sen. André Jacque

DATE: March 24, 2020

RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5932/1, relating to: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.

SHORT DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 25 at Noon

Please consider joining me in introducing LRB 5932/1 to help patients afford their prescription medicines by ensuring that amounts paid for prescription drugs by or on behalf of a person covered under a policy or plan apply to any calculation of an out-of-pocket maximum or to any cost-sharing requirement of the policy. This legislation is similar to nearly unanimous bipartisan bills that have been enacted recently in Arizona, Illinois, Virginia, and West Virginia.

In recent years, the increasing use of deductibles, high-deductible health plans, and coinsurance by insurance companies has led to a marked rise in out-of-pocket pharmaceutical spending required of patients. Higher cost-sharing burdens harm patients because they have been shown to lead to lower medication adherence. According to IQVIA, in 2017, 69% of commercially insured patients did not fill their prescriptions when faced with an out-of-pocket responsibility of more than \$250, while only 11% of commercially insured patients failed to fill their prescriptions when their OOP responsibility was less than \$30. Medication non-adherence has been estimated to result in 125,000 deaths and at least 10% of hospitalizations, and to cost the health care system as a whole between \$100 billion and \$289 billion per year (according to Annals of Internal Medicine).

To ensure patient access to needed drugs, manufacturers in some cases provide cost-sharing assistance to patients in the form of coupons or vouchers, primarily for drug products that lack any generic alternatives. However, insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers have moved

to undercut this assistance intended for patients who most need it. The health plans still accept the coupon or voucher, they simply don't allow patients to count them toward their deductibles and/or annual cost-sharing limits. Instead, the insurance company collects all of the cost-sharing assistance intended for the patient and still also requires the patient to pay their entire deductible out-of-pocket.

Blocking patient assistance threatens the well-being of patients with chronic diseases, forcing them to decide between adhering to their medications and other necessities like food and rent. **The impact of these programs is even more harmful given that chronic disease sufferers may be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, and may likewise be vulnerable to large increases in drug costs due to the economic dislocations that are resulting from social distancing measures.**

LRB 5932/1 allows co-pay assistance for prescription drugs to count toward a patient's out-of-pocket maximum or cost-sharing requirement and helps keep health care costs down.

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This bill requires health insurance policies that offer prescription drug benefits, self-insured health plans, and pharmacy benefit managers acting on behalf of policies or plans to apply amounts paid for prescription drugs by or on behalf of a person covered under the policy or plan to any calculation of an out-of-pocket maximum or to any cost-sharing requirement of the policy or plan. Health insurance policies are referred to in the bill as disability insurance policies.

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To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Update 3/30/2020 (Briefing for Legislators and staff on April 1st)
Attachments: COVID-19 Background_3.30.20vFINAL.pdf

I have the event on your calendar. Details to join Zoom are below.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:58 PM
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To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Update 3-19-2020 (Additional Briefing Call Tomorrow)
Attachments: COVID-19 Background_3.19.20vFINAL.pdf; Families First Summary FINAL.pdf

FYI – Briefing from DATCP, WEDC and DOA at 1:30.

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To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Attached is the most up to date document regarding the state's response to COVID-19. We are working on additional clarification regarding the mass gathering order and more details regarding telehealth. We will get that information out to you as soon as it is ready.

Also attached is a summary of the most recent federal legislation that has been signed into law. If you have specific questions regarding that legislation please reach out to the federal delegation.

We will be hosting another briefing call for legislators and staff that will include updates from **DATCP, WEDC and DOA**. That will happen from 1:30pm to 3:00pm tomorrow. Agencies will provide an update and then answer questions submitted, just like today. For unanswered questions from today's briefing I will be following up with a phone call tomorrow.

There is no need to RSVP to this briefing. Call in instructions and how to ask questions are below:

Call in number: (608) 316-9000

Passcode: 481472#

To submit a question use this link: <http://30.selectsurvey.net/doa/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=I2MMI64K>
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To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Update 4/01/2020 (Briefing for Legislators and staff on April 2nd and 3rd)
Attachments: COVID-19 Background_4.1.20vFINAL.pdf

Legislator and Staff briefing at 3:00 today and tomorrow. Both are on your calendar.

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:41 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Thursday, April 2nd - DWD, DSPS, OCI
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To: 'Jeffrey S. Froehlich' <Jeffrey.Froehlich@WICOURTS.GOV>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1
Attachments: 19-5963_P1.pdf

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Respectfully,

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From: LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:44 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

From: Jeffrey S Froehlich <Jeffrey.Froehlich@WICOURTS.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

That is a good starting point. We are told that the Dr.'s are being stretched thin but no explanation as to why. They may be restricting hours or just seeing a higher volume. I just don't know.

Thanks again, Calumet Co. is lucky to have you.

Jeffrey S. Froehlich

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 2:51 PM
To: "Rep.Pronschinske" <Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Election
Attachments: election letter49.pdf

Good afternoon,

Our office received the following contact from one of your constituents. We are kindly passing it along to you.

Respectfully,

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From: Scott Juszczak <thdrduck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:04 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Elections Questions

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To: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

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Thank you!

~ William

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

Hi Joe,

One additional question,

Is it permissible for volunteers to go to elderly people's homes to assist them with requesting their absentee ballot? I.E., helping them upload their photo ID to My Vote Wisconsin?

Thank you!

~ William

From: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gallagher, Michael <Michael.Gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Duros, Staci <Staci.Duros@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

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From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:22 PM

To: Gallagher, Michael <Michael.Gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Elections Questions

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William Penterman

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 4:16 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Essential Businesses

FYI

From: Macco, John <John.Macco@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Rostan, Jason <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential Businesses

Again,

None of this is in the order! Why are we supporting and facilitating this arbitrary process of allowing this administration to pick winners and losers by randomly deciding, with no Discernible methodology, to determine who is and who is not essential! Right now ALL jobs are essential!! That ought to be our message!

I noticed trial lawyers are considered essential! How asinine.

What does is say that Andrew Cuomo gets it and we don't!!

John Macco

On Mar 26, 2020, at 15:47, Rostan, Jason <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hello Everyone,

With the passage of the Governor's "Safer-at-Home" order creating some confusion within the business community, we have been trying to get additional guidance regarding what businesses are considered essential.

Many offices have forwarded to our office specific businesses they would like clarity on. We've been working with the Governor's office and WEDC to provide that clarity.

While I continue to wait on a couple of determinations, I thought that it might be helpful to everyone to know the determinations I've already received. I have placed this information in a google doc. I will update it as I receive more information.

If offices have received clarifications from the Governor's office or WEDC on their own, I hope that you would be willing to share it with the caucus. If you can forward the email response you received, I will add it to the list.

If you continue to receive essential business questions, please forward them to our office.

If you have questions, please let me know

Jason Rostan
Policy Advisor
Rep. Tyler August's Office

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/124hLyoRocG1dW3n8il1zl4NJBmssfBmdTgZdG59WniU/edit?usp=sharing>

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:15 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Essential/Nonessential businesses
Attachments: DHS Order Memo.pdf

I've been told more information will be provided at the briefing at 1:30.

- * Video: <https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0>
- * Audio: <https://wiseye.org/>

From: Loeza, Richard <Richard.Loeza@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential/Nonessential businesses

William,

The statutes do not define what constitutes an “essential business” as it relates to orders relating to a public health emergency. In the previous orders relating to mass gathering bans, exemptions were carved into the [orders themselves](#) (see page 2). It is difficult to say exactly what the nature of the “Safe at home” order will be, as it has not been published yet, but the mass gathering ban orders provide some ideas:

As noted in the memo I wrote for your office last week (attached), the mass gathering order specifically draws on DHS’ authority to forbid public gatherings in order to control outbreaks and epidemics ([Wis. Stat. § 252.03 \(3\)](#)). There are other authorities DHS might rely on in the “Safe at Home” order, including [Wis. Stat. § 252.02 \(6\)](#), which allows DHS to “authorize and implement all emergency measure necessary to control communicable diseases.” The governor himself also has a suite of powers during states of emergency under [Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes](#), including the power to “issue such orders as he or she deems necessary for the security of persons or property” ([Wis. Stat. § 323.12 \(4\) \(b\)](#))

None of those statutes list any type of exemption from the orders they allow the governor and DHS to issue. I will be able to provide more detail on exemptions once the Governor publishes the order, but I assume your question was urgent so I wanted to get back to you right away with what I know. Please feel free to let me know if you need additional detail or have any other questions. I can be reached at 512-716-9565 if you would like to talk by phone.

Best,
Richard Loeza
Legislative Analyst
Legislative Reference Bureau
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 1:19 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Executive Order #73
Attachments: EO073-SpecialSessionElections final.pdf

FYI

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:15 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB - Reference Services <LRB-Reference-Services@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Executive Order #73

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find Executive Order #73 relating to a special session of the legislature.

The Governor is calling on the Legislature to meet in Special Session on Sat., April 4, 2020 at 4 p.m. to take up changes to the upcoming spring election. Governor Evers is urging the Legislature to take up legislation allowing an all-mail election, to send a ballot to every registered voter who has not already requested one by May 19, and to extend the time for those ballots to be received to May 26.

The Governor also released this video regarding the order:
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=215709093029087>

Thanks,
ZM

Zach Madden
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:55 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Executive Order #74
Attachments: EO074-SuspendingInPersonVotingAndSpecialSession.pdf

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:52 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB - Reference Services <LRB-Reference-Services@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: Executive Order #74

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find Executive Order #74 relating to suspending in-person voting for the April 7 spring election, moving in-person voting to June 9, 2020. The order also directs the Legislature to meet in special session on Tues., April 7, 2020 to address the election date. If the Legislature does not enact legislation to change the new election date, in-person voting will occur on June 9, 2020.

Thanks,
ZM

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:44 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Final February Time Report
Attachments: 20200403092319383.pdf

Ron,

Could you please sign the attached time report and send it back to me?

Thanks!

~ William

-----Original Message-----

From: Redell, Carol <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Final February Time Report

William,

While going through the February time reports, I noticed that we only have your interim report on file. Would you be able to send your report (attached) to Rep. Tusler for his signature or he can also e-mail his approval and then send back to me?

Please let me know if you have questions.

Carol Redell
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Madison, Wisconsin 53703
608.266.1501
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 10:55 AM
To: "Rep.Vos" <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Inquiry from UPFRONT

Is this something you think Rep. Tusler should appear on?

From: Macdonald, Susan <smacdonald@hearst.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Inquiry from UPFRONT
Importance: High

Hi,

I produce the statewide UPFRONT program, seen on WBAY on Sunday mornings, and I am writing to ask for an appearance by Rep. Tusler in his capacity as chairman of the Assembly Campaign and Elections Committee. We would like to have a joint discussion on the program this Sunday about how we could avoid, for the November election, some of the problems we saw yesterday. This would be a joint discussion with a member of the Democratic caucus, and Rep. Subeck has agreed. We would like to record this Friday morning. We are unable to have anyone into our studio at this time, so we would need to talk to Rep. Tusler via Zoom or Skype. I do need to hear back quickly on this request. You can email me, or reach me at 414-218-3929. Thank you!

Best Regards,

Susan MacDonald
Executive Producer, UPFRONT
WISN-TV, Milwaukee

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:26 PM
To: "Rep.Steineke" <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Legislature must act now to protect Wisconsinites

Good afternoon,

Our office received the following contact from someone we believe to be your constituent. We are kindly passing it along to you.

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

From: Judith Olson <judyo@ccrfoxvalley.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Legislature must act now to protect Wisconsinites

Ron Tusler,

Over the last couple of weeks, dozens of red and blue states have begun making changes that will strengthen the capacity of their Medicaid programs to respond to the deadly epidemic. However, Wisconsin can't take those steps to help health care providers use Medicaid better to fight this pandemic or make our state eligible to receive a much-needed increase in federal Medicaid funding without your approval.

Please meet as soon as possible and pass the important coronavirus package that the governor has introduced. It includes necessary investments in our public health system, increased support for child care, important protections in health insurance, and gives the executive branch the flexibility it needs to respond during a public health crisis.

The clock is ticking and the time to act is now. Thank you!

Please support our child care workforce. Child care programs are keeping their doors open and accepting essential workers.

They need financial support to meet payroll to retain staff members, cover rent and mortgages and other expenses such as food, insurance, electricity, security, phone bills, paper products, supplies, etc.

Many child care programs will experience a major enrollment drop which will cause enough of a financial hardship to send them out of business.

Wisconsin's emergency workers need access to child care while treating coronavirus patients and other essential workers to keep our communities safe and supplying communities with needed items.

Some child care programs will not be able to make it through a closure of any period of time without additional support. They do not know how long they could endure a closure before reopening without outside support.

Child care will be critical in helping fuel an economic recovery that will be largely focused on transitioning people back to work.

Judith Olson

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:37 PM
To: "'roehrbornm@tds.net'" <roehrbornm@tds.net>
Subject: FW: Meat Plant Operations Following the Emergency Order

FYI

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:26 PM
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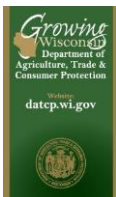
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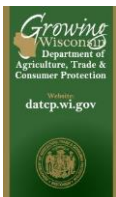
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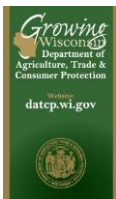
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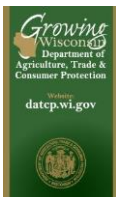
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:28 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Media Briefing Call to Update Status of Wisconsin's COVID-19 Response and the Safer At Home Order

FYI – another Gov. Evers' briefing at 1:30 today.

From: Wisconsin Department of Health Services <widhs@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Media Briefing Call to Update Status of Wisconsin's COVID-19 Response and the Safer At Home Order



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March 24, 2020

Contact: Jennifer Miller/Elizabeth Goodsitt 608-266-1683

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Will be streamed live on YouTube

Governor Tony Evers will be joined by Wisconsin's Adjutant General, experts with the Department of Health Services, and the Governor's Chief Legal Counsel to answer questions about our response to COVID-19 in Wisconsin, the #SaferAtHome Order, and additional steps people can take to avoid illness.

Who:

- * Governor Tony Evers
- * Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp, Wisconsin's Adjutant General
- * Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

- * Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases
- * Ryan Nilsestuen, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Where:

- * Video: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbKdqbB5x1oJdf-jiSf4gVw/live>
- * Audio: <https://wiseye.org/>

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To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Contact: Jennifer Miller/Elizabeth Goodsitt 608-266-1683

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:09 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: New Judge Positions Not Yet on Website

FYI. Follow up from the email sent to the Ethics and Elections Commissions.

From: Carlton, Daniel - ETHICS <Daniel.Carlton@wisconsin.gov> **On Behalf Of** ETH Ethics
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: New Judge Positions Not Yet on Website

Dear Representative Tusler,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Those new positions have been created in the Ethics Commission's Campaign Finance Information System ("CFIS"). Individuals are now able to create candidate committees for those races next Spring.

If the individual that contacted your office, or anyone else, has any questions or issues, please feel free to refer them to us. They can do so by emailing CampaignFinance@wisconsin.gov or they can call us at (608) 266-8123.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Carlton, Jr.
Administrator

Wisconsin Ethics Commission
Campaign Finance | Lobbying | Ethics
<https://ethics.wi.gov> | (608) 266-8123 | Twitter: [@EthicsWi](https://twitter.com/EthicsWi)

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From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:53 PM
To: ETH Ethics <ethics@wisconsin.gov>; Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: New Judge Positions Not Yet on Website

Good afternoon,

My office was contacted by a someone who wishes to run for judge of Calumet's 2nd Circuit Court Branch. This branch was recently created under [2019 Act 184](#) after the Director of State Courts, Randy

Koschnick announced that Calumet, Dunn, Jackson, and Marathon counties would receive an additional circuit court branch, effective Aug. 1, 2021. The elections for these positions is scheduled to be held during the 2021 Spring Election.

He was unable to register for the second Calumet County Circuit Court Branch because the positions had not yet been created on the Ethics Commission and Elections Commission websites.

I thought I would bring this matter to your attention. If you need any details about the new Circuit Court Branches, please visit: <https://www.wicourts.gov/news/view.jsp?id=1168>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like clarification.

Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 3:47 PM
To: "Rep.Tittl" <Rep.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Please delay the April 7th election

Good afternoon,

Below is a contact our office received from one of your constituents. We are kindly passing it along to you.

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

From: Eli Shaver <elishaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Please delay the April 7th election

My number -920-464-0216
Address: N3310 Ledgeview Drive Chilton, WI 53014

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:22 PM Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Eli,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on postponing the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler

3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov

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From: Eli Shaver <elishaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please delay the April 7th election

Representative Tusler,

I am writing you to urge you to move to postpone the April 7th primary election due to concerns regarding COVID-19. Paramount among your duties as an elected official is to protect the citizens you serve. These unusual circumstances offer you an opportunity to act! Please do. Please respond to me with your thoughts.

Respectfully,

Eli Shaver

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:24 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Poll worker/volunteer Question

Basically, registered voters can only work the polls in the county they live in.

From: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Poll worker/volunteer Question

Good morning William.

Under s. 7.30 (2) (a), each election official (poll worker) must be a qualified elector of the county where the municipality holding the election is located. The statute makes no distinction based on whether the poll worker accepts compensation. So, for example, a person living in Madison could volunteer to work at any polling place in Dane County.

A chief inspector must be a qualified elector of the municipality, unless there is no qualified person to fill that job or a chief inspector is appointed by the clerk to fill a vacancy, in which case the chief inspector still needs to be a qualified elector of the county.

The other issue would be training. Typically, an election official serves for a two-year term and is required to attend training. However, s. 7.315 (1) (b) 2. provides that when a trained poll worker is unavailable for a specific election due to illness, injury, or an "unforeseen occurrence", the clerk may appoint someone who has not been trained to work for that one election. That provision does not apply to a chief inspector who still must have been trained in order to act as chief inspector.

Joe

Joseph T. Kreye
Legal Services Manager
Legislative Reference Bureau
608 504-5857

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Poll worker/volunteer Question

Good morning Joe,

I have a question about whether or not a person can volunteer to be a poll worker outside of the district that person lives in. If the person does not receive compensation, can they volunteer on election day to assist any municipality, even if they do not live there?

We are looking into whether or not we can coordinate to have volunteers assist on election day at municipalities with the greatest need.

Thank you! 😊

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:48 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Potential Voter Fraud

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Voter Fraud

Representative Tusler-

Would you have a moment to discuss? I just want to be sure I understand the concern. Late arriving ballots are always part of the process, but clerks and boards of canvass cannot count any ballots received after 8pm on 4/7 by hand delivery or without a postmark. They can count ballots postmarked by 4/7 and received by 4/13 at 4pm in accordance with the supreme court guidance. Clerks track ballots received after the deadline that cannot be counted- they do not count the ballots but they maintain the rejected ballots with their materials and track it in the statewide system for federal reporting.

Appreciate you passing along, just want to be sure I fully understand the concern.

Please feel free to call if you have a moment to discuss 608-712-6957.

Hope you are well,

Meagan

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission

Desk: (608) 266-8175
Cell: (608) 712-6957
meagan.wolfe@wi.gov



From: Tusler, Ron - LEGIS <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:35 PM

To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Tusler, Ron - LEGIS <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Potential Voter Fraud

Good afternoon,

Katie Van Zeeland, Appleton Alderperson for District 5, shared on her official Facebook page: "If you requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time AND you chose not to vote in-person, please consider completing your ballot and sending it in anyway. That will allow our clerk can track these for reporting." https://www.facebook.com/AlderpersonVanZeeland/?tn=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARDJRL3LDEVJchfHZxVYfEPUBMfEUoa_s-DJuMC6sFDkkmGNf6SS--DoNfwKDs-7BYk8tOnnPFX7siVH&fref=mentions

I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
Chairman of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 8:58 AM

To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: FW: Regional Census Video

Attachments: CensusMainWI.jpg

I'm going to post this today and boost it.

FYI – I am back in the office, but left my cellphone at home.

From: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:29 AM

To: Rep.Kitchens <Rep.Kitchens@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Steffen <Rep.Steffen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Macco <Rep.Macco@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kitchens, Joel <Joel.Kitchens@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Steffen, David <David.Steffen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Macco, John <John.Macco@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; King, Adam <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wilson, Jesse <Jesse.Wilson@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Regional Census Video

Your regional census video is now ready to push out in your e-update and on social media.

(Note: Caucus members who do not appear in a regional video have been provided with a statewide video for their use)

Census Day in the US is April 1

With many people staying home, this is a perfect time to ask constituents to engage in this important civic duty that doesn't require them to leave the house.

Instructions:

Files are located in folders created in each office's Media folder on the P: Drive...

P: Republicans → Media → (Your Folder) → Census

There are two files in each folder:

- Video (mp4)
- Closed caption (.srt)

YouTube Links (to be used from e-updates only)

- Kitchens, Tusler, Steffen, Macco: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEM6YfVTwU0>

Upload:

Facebook

- Go to Creator Studio
- Click Upload Video, then Single Video
- Select the MP4 file
- After upload – click on Closed Captions and then upload and select the SRT file
- Add a title: Shape your future Wisconsin

Twitter

- Type post and select Photo/Video – then select the MP4 file (Twitter does not support CC files)

Schmoe Language:

Finally, here is sample language for both Facebook and Twitter. As always, re-shape the Schmoe language into your own words.

Facebook:

During this uncertain time, we can still do important things to help our community. A very easy (and safe!) way is to participate in the US Census, which helps determine support our community receives from the federal government. Forms have begun arriving in mailboxes across the country and completing them is easy! For the first time, you can complete the form online. Visit www.2020Census.gov for more information.

Twitter:

In uncertain times it's more important than ever to help our community. An easy way is participating in the US Census, which helps determine support our community receives from the federal government. You can even complete the form online!
www.2020Census.gov. #2020Census

... and please tag your colleagues that appear in the video!

Joe Handrick

Member Outreach Coordinator
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PO BOX 8953
Madison WI 53708
Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov

(608) 237-9597

Cell: 262 443-6926

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:16 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: REMINDER: Conference Calls Today @ 3 p.m., Tomorrow @ 4 p.m.

On your calendar.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:05 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: REMINDER: Conference Calls Today @ 3 p.m., Tomorrow @ 4 p.m.
Importance: High

Hello,

There will be two conference calls yet this week at **3 p.m. today**, April 2, and at **4 p.m. tomorrow**, April 3. Call-in information for both calls is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 9:51 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Rep. Gallagher dairy delegation letter
Attachments: 2020 4 3 WI Delegation Letter to Perdue COVID response aid - Final.pdf

From: Woodin, Maggie <Maggie.Woodin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rep. Gallagher dairy delegation letter

Hey William,

I understand your boss is looking for a copy of the dairy letter my boss and most of the rest of the delegation sent to Sec. Purdue. I have attached it above. Please let me know if you have any questions on the letter.

Thanks!

Maggie

Maggie Woodin
Senior Legislative Assistant
Rep. Mike Gallagher (WI-08)
Gallagher.house.gov
202-225-5665

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 10:43 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses
Attachments: Opening Golf Courses Letter.pdf

Would you like to sign on to the letter?

From: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:38 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Legislative Members,

The Governor has recently advocated for citizens to get outdoors during the Safer At Home order, while still practicing standard social distancing, for both the physical and mental health benefits. However, while many outdoor activities remain open for the public to enjoy, including State Parks, the Governor has ordered the closure of all golf courses in the State of Wisconsin.

Attached is a letter addressed to Governor Evers and cc'd to Legislative leadership requesting that golf courses be allowed to remain open under specific safety and social distancing guidelines.

Please contact Rep. Hutton's office by 12:00pm (noon) tomorrow, March 27th if you would like to sign on.

Andrea Brooks
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Rob Hutton
220N – State Capitol

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:58 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Special Session Today

FYI

From: Jennifer Weyenberg <JWeyenberg@harrison-wi.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special Session Today

There are reports that the session scheduled for 4:00pm today is not going to happen. I hope that is not true. It is critical that you meet to discuss this upcoming election.

I will continue to express my concerns about this election. It is unbelievable that we are being asked to conduct an in-person election on April 7th. We can implement social distancing and rules for hand washing every 10 minutes. We can install plexi-glass barriers and give each person a brand new pen to use. We can put hand sanitizer out. But the only way to truly be safe is to STAY AT HOME.

I've asked a few times now that you set aside political party differences and make the right choice. This election needs to be postponed.



JENNIFER WEYENBERG, WCMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Harrison (est. population 12,786) | W5298 State Road 114 | Harrison, WI 54952

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 2:07 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Statement on Lawsuit Filing
Attachments: 4.21 Joint Statement Lawsuit filing.pdf

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:07 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Representatives <Legislative-Assembly-Representatives-Republicans@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Statement on Lawsuit Filing

Hello,
Please find the attached statement on the lawsuit that was just filed with the Wisconsin Supreme Court.
Here's a direct link to the filing.

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/13/fitzgerald/media/1402/20200421-supporting-memorandum-final.pdf>

Best,

Kit Beyer

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Office of Speaker Robin J. Vos
Wisconsin State Assembly
211 West, State Capitol
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Madison, WI 53708
Kit.Beyer@legis.wi.gov
608-266-9171
608-261-5683 (direct line)
1-888-534-0063

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:34 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: TODAY: Conference Call @ 3 p.m.

I have it on your calendar.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:32 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: TODAY: Conference Call @ 3 p.m.
Importance: High

Hello,

There will be a conference call at **3 p.m. today**, April 6. Call-in information is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 9:41 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: TODAY at 3 p.m.: Legislator Conference Call

FYI – I have the event on your calendar.

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:39 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Representatives <Legislative-Assembly-Representatives-Republicans@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: TODAY at 3 p.m.: Legislator Conference Call
Importance: High

Hello,

We will be hosting a conference call for **legislators** to discuss COVID-19 updates today, **March 20, at 3 p.m.** The call-in information is below:
888-732-6049
ID: 3715683#

If you have any questions, please contact the Speaker's Office.

Thanks!

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:46 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Updated Clearinghouse Rule 19 - 142 and 19-119

Would you like to request a public hearing on the proposed clearinghouse rule?

“The proposed rule permits insurers writing accident and sickness insurance to calculate claim and contract reserves for health insurance policies issued prior to January 1, 2017 to either comply with the minimum requirements in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual (APPM) Appendix A-010 or the existing requirements set forth in s. Ins 3.17 (6) (b) or (8) (b), Wis. Adm. Code, respectively.”

From: Bowers, Jim <Jim.Bowers@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Bowers, Jim <Jim.Bowers@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Updated Clearinghouse Rule 19 - 142 and 19-119

To: Members of the Assembly Committee on Insurance
From: Rep. Kevin Petersen, Chair
Date: March 20, 2020
Re: Clearinghouse Rule 19 - 142
Deadline: Friday April 10, 2020

On March 20, 2020 [Clearinghouse Rule 19-142](#) was referred to the Assembly Committee on Insurance. The rule AN ORDER to create Ins 3.17 (6) (bm) and (8) (bm), relating to the reserve standards for accident and sickness insurance, and affecting small business

On March 20, 2020 [Clearinghouse Rule 19-119](#) was referred to the Assembly Committee on Insurance. The rule **Related to:** Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund refund procedures and ISO codes modifications.

The Committee has until **Friday April 17, 2020** to act on CHR 19-142 and CHR 19-119. If you are interested in requesting a public hearing, please contact Jim Bowers at 608-237-9140, no later than 4:30 pm Friday April 10, 2020.

Jim Bowers
Legislative Assistant
Office of
Representative Kevin Petersen
1-608-237-9140 Office

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:56 PM
To: "Rep.August" <Rep.August@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: URGENT: Essential Industry List

Hey Jason,

Could you please look into whether or not the PVF (pipe, valve, and fitting) industry is essential?

Thank you!

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: American Supply Association Advocacy <advocacy@govpredict.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: URGENT: Essential Industry List

Dear Rep. Ron Tusler (WI-3),

As we move into uncertain times with the COVID-19 pandemic, I am writing to you through the American Supply Association (our industry's national trade association), serving wholesaler-distributors and their supply chain partners in the plumbing-heating-cooling-piping (PHCP) and industrial pipe-valve-fitting (PVF) industry. We are urging you to designate plumbing and industrial PVF (pipe, valve and fitting) and our industry's contractors, suppliers and manufacturers as essential - to ensure the continued supply of life-sustaining water, gas, heat and food to our communities throughout the state.

The plumbing and industrial PVF industry has long been considered an essential industry - as it directly addresses the public health and energy needs of our nation. Access to clean water, fuel and heat are of the utmost concern and will help protect Americans as we deal with this crisis. Late last week, the Department of Homeland Security issued essential industry guidelines to include our supply chain's contractors, distributors and manufacturers. Each state is now issuing their own definitions as to what is an essential industry. Please urge the Governor, as well as

your colleagues, to include the plumbing, heating and industrial PVF supply chains as an essential industry

The American public must be reassured that the necessary services our industry provides, will be there when they need it. Thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented crisis, as well as your time and consideration in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT BETZ

*N9466, Rosebud Lane
Appleton, Wisconsin 54915
+1 (920) 884-9494*

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 11:20 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Urgent Response Needed

Please let me know if you would like to put out a statement.

From: Sanfelippo, Joe <Joe.Sanfelippo@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Vos, Robin <Robin.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Urgent Response Needed

Ron,

As Chairman of the Elections Committee I think it is critical that you issue a press release today clearly stating that these two dunces do not have the authority to change the law and they are telling people to commit fraud.

Enacting voter ID was a monumental battle and we cannot give in on this now.

Please let me know ASAP if you will issue a press release. If not, I will.

Joe

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2020/03/25/absentee-voters-milwaukee-dane-counties-can-skip-photo-id-coronavirus-indefinitely-confined/5085017002/https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2020/03/25/absentee-voters-milwaukee-dane-counties-can-skip-photo-id-coronavirus-indefinitely-confined/5085017002/>

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:10 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Veteran's Village proposal
Attachments: Budget Motion 2019.docx; 19-3434_1 (2).pdf

Would you like to be added as a co-author?

From: Rep. Murphy <Rep.Murphy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Rep. Kurtz <Rep.Kurtz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Tittl <Rep.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Rohrkaste <Rep.Rohrkaste@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Tauchen <Rep.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Steffen <Rep.Steffen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Macco <Rep.Macco@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Nygren <Rep.Nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Veteran's Village proposal

Members,

Rep. Murphy asked me to reach out to you because of your connection with veterans issues and/or your proximity to the Fox Valley area.

Last year, Rep. Murphy offered a budget amendment (attached) that would partially fund the work of the development of the regional Veterans Village near Fox Valley Technical College. The Village serves several counties in that area. This state contribution of \$3 million would ONLY be dispersed once the Village reaches its own private fundraising level of \$12 million.

Rep. Murphy is asking if you'd be willing to be a cosponsor of this year's bill regarding the Village. We are laying groundwork for the upcoming budget and would like to get the current bill introduced before the session ends.

Rep. Murphy, Sen. Roth, and Rep. Skowronski are the authors so far.

Please let me know if you'd like to be a cosponsor as soon as possible. If you have questions, feel free to call me at 608-438-2819 (cell) or **Dave at 920-378-1424 (cell)**. Thank you so much!

More info:

Veteran's Village website: <https://www.wisvva.org/>

2019 Story on the Village: <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/loop/2019/05/22/fox-valley-veterans-village-campaign-will-create-homes-and-more/>

March 2020 story: https://www.beloitdailynews.com/news/wisconsin-news/vets-find-community-resources-at-wisconsin-veterans-village/article_f6d68082-4e5b-5f38-a11e-b406fd4b82f0.html

Diane Handrick
Office of Representative Dave Murphy

608-266-7500
Room 318 North, State Capitol
Madison WI 53708

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:20 AM
To: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Legislative Idea

During a State of Emergency (such as a public health emergency) any elected local municipal term is extended 90 days if there is an election during the State of Emergency.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*



RON TUSLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 3rd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

March 23 2020

Kami Lynch
City of Appleton Clerk
100 North Appleton Street
Appleton, WI 54911-4799

Dear Kami,

Recently, I have heard from several clerks that they believe we must reschedule the April 7 election. I have advocated for rescheduling the 2020 spring election. However, Governor Evers has decided to go forward with the election.

"The governor reiterated his stance on a call with reporters Friday. 'Moving this date is not going to solve the problem,' Evers said."¹

I understand your concerns, and I will do what is within my power to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

¹ Laurel White, Wisconsin Public Radio, "Some Wisconsin Mayors Urge Postponing April 7 Election" March 20, 2020, available at <https://www.wpr.org/some-wisconsin-mayors-urge-postponing-april-7-election>

March 23 2020

Cynthia Sieracki
Town of Buchanan Clerk
N178 County Road N
Appleton, WI 54915

Dear Cynthia,

Recently, I have heard from several clerks that they believe we must reschedule the April 7 election. I have advocated for rescheduling the 2020 spring election. However, Governor Evers has decided to go forward with the election.

"The governor reiterated his stance on a call with reporters Friday. 'Moving this date is not going to solve the problem,' Evers said. 'We could move it to June, it could be worse in June.'"¹

I understand your concerns, and I will do what is within my power to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

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WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

P. O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

April 9, 2020

The Honorable Tony Evers
Governor, State of Wisconsin
2 East Main Street
Madison, WI 53703

RE: DHS EMERGENCY ORDER #12 – Outdoor Religious Gatherings

Dear Governor Evers,

While Wisconsinites appreciate the efforts made by our government officials to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously, we, as government officials, cannot simply abandon the most fundamental rights under the United States and Wisconsin Constitutions, including but not limited to, the freedoms of assembly, religious exercise, and travel. Nor can any branch of government, be it the legislative or executive, issue edicts, based neither on science or the law, and expect such edicts to be upheld by the judicial courts or the court of public opinion.

With that said, We are requesting that your administration and/or DHS specifically respond to the question of whether “outdoor religious gatherings” that comply with all social distancing and other “Safer-At-Home” provisions are prohibited under your Executive Order #72, Emergency Order #12 (EO12) or any other order or state statute/law. For your convenience and to assist in your timely response, we have attached a legal memorandum from the non-partisan Wisconsin Legislative Council that reads in part:

“Under both Emergency Orders #8 and #12, it is permissible for a religious service to be held outside, including a drive-up service, as long as there is compliance with certain restrictions specified in the orders....

Under Emergency Order #12, religious services are expressly encouraged to continue while the order is in effect.”

Further, attorneys at Legislative Reference Bureau provided guidance on EO12 stating in part:

“EO12 expressly permits religious gatherings and imposes the fewer-than-ten-people limitation only with respect to religious gatherings that take place “in a room or confined space.” ... to read the order other than as permitting such gatherings would result in an apparent absurdity...”

While, the legislature has not received any justification as to why these types of restrictions should occur or why narrowly-tailored accommodations cannot be made, apparently your administration placed further restrictions on worship services with guidance to county health departments. This is despite the fact that your most recent legislative update specifically deemed churches as “Essential Business” for the purposes of your orders.

As of the writing of this letter, churches in Taylor, Walworth, Waukesha, Outagamie, and Dane Counties have apparently received communications prohibiting any planned outdoor worship services even if specifically designed to comply with social distancing guidelines set forth by Emergency Orders #8 and #12. This guidance apparently also deemed travel to church services as “non-essential”. Churches in these counties and across the state require clarity and relief from the confusion created by the latest Department of Health Services (DHS) guidelines in relation to outdoor and drive-up worship services. In addition to my request for clarification of your order, we are requesting a copy of the communication that DHS sent to county health departments relating to outdoor worship services.

If you and your Administration disagree with the above analysis, please indicate how in your response to my specific question. Along with providing for physical security, government must accommodate the free exercise of individuals to engage in congregational worship, as guaranteed under the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

Thank you again for your efforts to address this crisis. We look forward to your prompt response to these concerns.

Sincerely,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

CC: Secretary-designee Andrea Palm

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:53 PM
To: "'Ethics@wi.gov'" <Ethics@wi.gov>; "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: New Judge Positions Not Yet on Website

Good afternoon,

My office was contacted by a someone who wishes to run for judge of Calumet's 2nd Circuit Court Branch. This branch was recently created under [2019 Act 184](#) after the Director of State Courts, Randy Koschnick announced that Calumet, Dunn, Jackson, and Marathon counties would receive an additional circuit court branch, effective Aug. 1, 2021. The elections for these positions is scheduled to be held during the 2021 Spring Election.

He was unable to register for the second Calumet County Circuit Court Branch because the positions had not yet been created on the Ethics Commission and Elections Commission websites.

I thought I would bring this matter to your attention. If you need any details about the new Circuit Court Branches, please visit: <https://www.wicourts.gov/news/view.jsp?id=1168>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like clarification.

Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

March 27, 2020

Governor Tony Evers,

You have recently advocated for citizens to get outdoors during the Safer At Home order, while still practicing standard social distancing, for both the physical and mental health benefits. However, while many outdoor activities remain open for the public to enjoy, including State Parks, the Evers Administration has ordered the closure of all golf courses in the State of Wisconsin.

Golf is a popular outside sport and can be good exercise for those who play. If golf courses agree to practice under specific safety guidelines and standard social distancing, they would be an asset to the public as many try to enjoy the outdoors during this Safer At Home order.

Therefore, we request that golf courses be allowed to remain open in the State of Wisconsin under the following guidelines:

- Clubhouses and dining remain closed in their entirety
- Only two golfers per hole
- Only one golfer per golf cart
- Standard social distancing is practiced

Sincerely,

State Representative Rob Hutton

CC:

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos

Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke

Senate President Roger Roth

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 3:05 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Outagamie County Clerk, Lori O'Bright

Outagamie County Clerk, LORI J. O'BRIGHT, wants to talk with you regarding the pending special session tomorrow.

Her cell phone number is **920-268-2883**

Her office telephone number is 920-832-5077.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:06 PM
To: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Handrick, Joe" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Pending Press Release
Attachments: 2020.04.09 Tusler Requests WEC To Investigate Voter Fraud Situation.pdf

Please see attached press release.

Good afternoon,

Katie Van Zeeland, Appleton Alderperson for District 5, shared on her official Facebook page: "If you requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time AND you chose not to vote in-person, please consider completing your ballot and sending it in anyway. That will allow our clerk can track these for reporting." https://www.facebook.com/AlderpersonVanZeeland/?_tn=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARDJRL3LDEVJchfHZxVYfEPUbMfEUoa_s-DJuMC6sFDkkmGNf6SS--DoNfwKDs-7BYk8tOnnPFX7siVH&fref=mentions

I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
Chairman of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:03 AM
To: "Kreye, Joseph" <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Poll worker/volunteer Question

Good morning Joe,

I have a question about whether or not a person can volunteer to be a poll worker outside of the district that person lives in. If the person does not receive compensation, can they volunteer on election day to assist any municipality, even if they do not live there?

We are looking into whether or not we can coordinate to have volunteers assist on election day at municipalities with the greatest need.

Thank you! 😊

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
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3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:48 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Possible Bill Idea

Good afternoon Heather,

Congressman Mike Gallagher reached out to Ron with a recommendation for a potential fix for the CARES Act passed by Congress last week.

Good: money for hospitals, loans for small businesses that the government has forced to shutdown, and unlimited FDIC transaction insurance for small banks so they don't get crushed.

Bad: unemployment structure/formula creates disincentives to ongoing employment, especially in food production and distribution. Left unchanged, this could have the likely result of forcing a lot of the “essential infrastructure” to slow down or close (if people currently with jobs are incentivized to abandon them...though Mnuchin claims that is not the case).

For example: An employee making \$15/hour can claim coronavirus “concerns” and receive the \$600/week (federal) and state unemployment benefits (range from 50% to 67%) – at least \$23/hour to stay at home; 50% more than working. Some examples can be over 100% more.

Potential fix: since it is being administered through existing state unemployment programs, you could

potentially exclude “*Essential Infrastructure*” – eliminate the \$600/week federal payment for those with jobs in “essential infrastructure.” Obviously this would not apply if someone is fired or quits for acceptable reason. You could also reinforce at the state level that this applies to Corona illness only – vague language hurts both the employer and employee. Detail it to proven sickness in the immediate family only.

Please let me know if this is something you think our office should pursue.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:35 PM
To: "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Potential Voter Fraud
Attachments: 2020.04.09 Tusler Requests WEC T Investigate Voter Fraud Situation.pdf

Good afternoon,

Katie Van Zeeland, Appleton Alderperson for District 5, shared on her official Facebook page: "If you requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time AND you chose not to vote in-person, please consider completing your ballot and sending it in anyway. That will allow our clerk can track these for reporting." https://www.facebook.com/AlderpersonVanZeeland/?_tn=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARDJRL3LDEVJchfHZxVYfEPUBMfEUoa_s-DJuMC6sFDkkmGNf6SS--DoNfwKDs-7BYk8tOnnPFx7siVH&fref=mentions

I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
Chairman of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:13 PM
To: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Bcc: "'bneditor@thebrillionnews.com'" <bneditor@thebrillionnews.com>;
"'edbyrne@thebrillionnews.com'" <edbyrne@thebrillionnews.com>;
"'marks@deltapublications.com'" <marks@deltapublications.com>;
"'editor@timesvillager.com'" <editor@timesvillager.com>; "'pcnews@postcrescent.com'"
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<spectrumnewswi@charter.com>; "'Anthony.dabruzzi@charter.com'"
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"'sbauer@ap.org'" <sbauer@ap.org>; "'BenjaminYount@iheartmedia.com'"
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<jsmetro@journalsentinel.com>; "'patrick.marley@jrn.com'" <patrick.marley@jrn.com>;
"'bvielmetti@jrn.com'" <bvielmetti@jrn.com>; "'Alison.Dirr@gannettwisconsin.com'"
<Alison.Dirr@gannettwisconsin.com>; "'rvetterkind@madison.com'"
<rvetterkind@madison.com>
Subject: Press Release: Tusler Encourages Wisconsin Elections Commission to Investigate Voter Fraud
Attachments: 2020.04.09 Tusler Requests WEC T Investigate Voter Fraud Situation.pdf

FOR IMMEDIATE

RELEASE

April 9, 2020

Contact: Representative Ron Tusler (608) 266-5831

Tusler Encourages Wisconsin Elections Commission to Investigate Voter Fraud

Local Elected Official May Have Broken Election Law

Madison, WI – State Representative Ron Tusler urged the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate a potential case of an elected official encouraging voter fraud.

The Wisconsin State Statutes state that all absentee ballots must be received by the municipal clerks when the polls close. In light of the unusual circumstances regarding the April 7th election, the United States Supreme Court permitted absentee ballots to be accepted after election day, as long as they were postmarked by election day.

A local elected official named Katie Van Zeeland proceeded to encourage voters to fill out their absentee ballots and send them in after the date of the election had already passed. I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:17 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Press Release
Attachments: 2020.04.09 Tusler Requests WEC T Investigate Voter Fraud Situation.docx

Please see attached press release and let me know if you would like any changes made.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:45 AM
To: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Bcc: "'whbynews@wcinet.com'" <whbynews@wcinet.com>; "'mkemmeter@wcinet.com'" <mkemmeter@wcinet.com>; "'freshtake1150@gmail.com'" <freshtake1150@gmail.com>;
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"'rsteele@wcinet.com'" <rsteele@wcinet.com>; "'glawrence@wcinet.com'" <glawrence@wcinet.com>
Subject: Push for Absentee Voting: PSA
Attachments: VOTE NOW PSA.pdf; ABSENTEE BALLOT.MP3

Good morning,

With the April 7th election a week away, and the effects of COVID-19 settling in, it is more important than ever that we encourage citizens to vote via absentee voting.

Attached is a PSA I encourage you to use on your radio station. This PSA does NOT endorse any candidate or political party. I have worked with the Wisconsin Election Commission on the content and they have approved it.

I am grateful for your help and for all you do to keep Northeast Wisconsin informed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Respectfully,

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 11:14 AM

To: "'kenkempen@gmail.com'" <kenkempen@gmail.com>

Subject: Question About Vape Shops Mailing Product to Consumers

Good morning Ken,

Below is the guidance we have received. It is true that vape shops are not considered essential, but non-essential businesses are still allowed to mail out product that they sell online.

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:29 PM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Quick Question

Good afternoon Andrew,

A quick question arose that you may have the answer to: What is the average wait time to receive a COVID-19 test result?

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To: 'Deborah Paradiso' <debiparadiso5813@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

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From: Deborah Paradiso <debiparadiso5813@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Rep Tusler,
First I want to apologize for using the wrong email. When I searched for an email that was the only one I could find. It did seem strange.

I disagree on your stance for the reason not to move the election. The absentee ballots would still count. There is no reason not to accept them. I do however agree the date should have moved on this sooner which could have been a decision of both the governor and the legislature, but who knew this virus would hit us this hard and for so long. I do not think politics should be any reason to make a decision. We are the people of Wisconsin and we should be protecting everyone no matter what their political affiliation. I am mostly worried about the election judge's health and the viability of the election. Many voting places are shutting down; people won't know where to go or might not be able to get to the new location.

Thank you,
Deborah Paradiso

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:16 PM
To: 'Chris Harvey' <theharv217@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Good afternoon Chris,

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From: Chris Harvey <theharv217@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

I find it troubling that the April 7th election is proceeding with in person voting. In most polling places it is not possible to maintain the social distancing necessary to provide a reasonable measure of safety. I also find it disturbing that the legislature and governor cannot find a solution that prioritizes the well-being of Wisconsin citizens above everything else. True leaders find ways to resolve differences with opposing parties, that does not seem to be the case here.

Chris Harvey, Appleton

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:54 PM
To: 'Steve Brown' <swbrown13@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 In-person voting

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From: Steve Brown <swbrown13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 In-person voting

Good Morning Ron Tusler,

I have been hoping that members of the Wisconsin Assembly would use good sense and compassion in regards to requiring WI residents to vote in person on April 7...and to either postpone the primary election, or at least allow for an extension on mail-in balloting.

Unfortunately...and for what reason I do not understand sir...you and your fellow members continue to forge ahead thus endangering the health and lives of your constituents!?!

Where is the common sense and concern for WI citizens by you and your fellow legislators in pushing ahead for in-person voting on April 7, and for not adjusting the deadline for mail-in ballots!

Why would you so callously/carelessly put WI senior citizens and all others' health in jeopardy by not allowing postponement of the mail-in ballot deadline?! Why are you requiring citizens to go to the polls during this time when the virus cases and deaths are on the upswing??!

I have been a lifelong Republican...but not anymore!! I am appalled by you and your colleagues' disregard for the safety of the constituents you are supposed to be looking out for and

representing!

And...since a lack of sufficient poll-workers has closed so many polling stations...how can the in-person voting that does take place truly represent the will of the people in WI? I don't see how it can! And...at the same time...it will jeopardize further the life and health of the people of Wisconsin!!

You sir...and your fellow legislators have lost my respect, confidence, and vote--by not working for the best good of your constituents...shame on you all!!

Most regrettably and disgustedly,

Steve Brown

Wisconsin resident and active voter since 1988

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:08 PM
To: 'Kay Dorner' <wiskayson@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April Voting

Good afternoon Kay,

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From: Kay Dorner <wiskayson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April Voting

I'm asking you to please legislate that all voting right now in Wisconsin needs to be done by absentee ballot. This is to protect the citizens you represent. I live in the Appleton area, and am concerned for my safety and well-being. Please do not force people to go to the polls. Please delay the voting so there's time to get ballots mailed out to citizens and returned for counting.

Thank you for reading my email.

Kay Dorner

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 12:32 PM
To: "Dodge, Tamara" <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Office of Representative Ron Tusler

3rd Assembly District

(608) 266-5831

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 12:32 PM
To: "Dodge, Tamara" <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

Good afternoon Tami,

For now, let's stick with Chapter 51. I think suspending the time limits for a hearing until a health care provider is available and then apply this procedure for the duration of the public health emergency is a great start.

If you have additional technical or overall questions about the bill's intent, Representative Tusler would be more than happy to reach out to you directly. I don't have much experience with Chapter 51 dealings, so my knowledge is limited.

Respectfully,

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From: Dodge, Tamara <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Walkenhorst Barber, Sarah <Sarah.WalkenhorstBarber@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

Hi William,

I'm one of the health drafters who drafts in chapter 51 for emergency detentions and involuntary commitments. Either Sarah or I will be handling this draft for you.

Because a chapter 51 proceeding results in deprivation of liberty, I don't know if we could have them hold someone for an emergency detention without a hearing for the duration of the emergency (a month or more, maybe). But, we could suspend the time limits for the hearing until a health care provider is available and then apply this procedure for the duration of the public health emergency. I'm thinking it should probably apply to emergency detentions and involuntary commitments under ch. 51.

There are other proceedings that require health professionals to testify that cannot be delayed: guardianships and protective placements (chapters 54 and 55). Did the judge want to include those too?

Tami

Tamara J. Dodge

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Please note my new direct phone number (as of June 13, 2018).

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Hi Melinda,

Yes, I do believe that is the case (Chapter 51). Could the draft be written to extend the time until the end of the declared state of emergency?

Sorry for the confusion. I'm learning about this on the fly.

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Can you please confirm that this is the case, and provide any further guidance about how much you want to expand the time limits?

Sincerely,

Melinda

Melinda L. Johns

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To: Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Bill draft request: Chapter 57 time extensions during a health emergency

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If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please let me know!

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:50 AM
To: 'Bryanna Umentum' <umentumb@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Bill for Maternity Leave during COVID-19

Good morning Bryanna,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to discuss the concerns you raise regarding extended maternity leave. If you would be willing to provide our office with your telephone number and address to verify you are a constituent, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
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From: Bryanna Umentum <umentumb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill for Maternity Leave during COVID-19

Hello,

I live in your district - Lilac Road in Menasha, WI. I am on maternity leave and am asking for you to start a bill to extend maternity leaves for women expected to give birth during the COVID-19 outbreak or who are currently on maternity leave. I am asking for an extension of an additional 12 weeks beyond what our employer allows to reduce the risk of contracting the virus and spreading it to our newborns.

There is data to suggest that among children infected with the virus, infants are at particularly high risk for severe critical illness [1]. Their airways are small and immune systems are immature. COVID-19 can be life or death for them.

There is extremely limited data on breastfeeding while a mother is infected with COVID-19. The CDC recommends that moms "cover your cough (using your elbow is a good technique), avoid people who are sick, and clean your hands often using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer" [2]. They do not know if the virus can be spread via breast milk.

Infants are to be exclusively breast fed or formula fed until 6 months of age. If their only source of nutrition is breast milk and we do not know whether or not we can spread the virus via our milk, we are afraid for their lives.

Please speak with your team and our governor to enact this safety measure for new moms. This is a public health concern.

References:

1. <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/early/2020/03/16/peds.2020-0702.full.pdf>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/breastfeeding-special-circumstances/maternal-or-infant-illnesses/covid-19-and-breastfeeding.html>

Thank you,
Bryanna Umentum

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 1:37 PM
To: "'happydanno@gmail.com'" <happydanno@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Business Question

Good afternoon Dan,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Ron Tusler.

Unfortunately, under Governor Evers' Safer at Home Order, mobile pet grooming is considered non-essential. For a complete list of essential businesses, or to submit an appeal, please visit <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>.

Thank you again for contacting my office. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: happydanno@gmail.com <happydanno@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:11 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Business Question

Hello Representative Tusler, my name is Dan Cervantes, and we met a couple of times when Kwik Trip had legislative day in Madison. I am a resident in Brillion. I had a question that I was hoping you would be able to help with. My wife operates a mobile pet grooming business. With recent events there are people who may think she should not be working. If you or an aid have time I would like to discuss our situation. I am looking for what our options would be. I also wanted to discuss her business as it relates to social distancing. If you have time I can be reached at (507)469-9759. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank You,

Dan Cervantes

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 1:46 PM
To: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bussing and School Districts

Good afternoon Rusty,

Please add Representative Tusler to the letter to Kaukauna and Little Chute.

Thank you for your work on this!

Respectfully,

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From: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Sortwell, Shae <Shae.Sortwell@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Tauchen, Gary <Gary.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Deering, Bonnie <Bonnie.Deering@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ellerman, Derek <Derek.Ellerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Arrowood, Craig <Craig.Arrowood@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Bussing and School Districts

All,

Following up on this email from Rep. Steineke a few moments ago. He's asking if you would like to join him in signing on to the attached letter to local school districts. I am happy to take the lead for schools located within our district.

Therefore, please let me know if you would like to be added to the following. My goal would be to send these right away Monday.

Kaukauna

- Steineke
- Sortwell
- Tusler

Little Chute

- Steineke
- Tusler

Seymour

- Steineke
- Tauchen

Thanks and be well,

RS

From: Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:14 PM

To: Rep.Ballweg <Rep.Ballweg@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Dittrich <Rep.Dittrich@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Jagler <Rep.Jagler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.James <Rep.James@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kitchens <Rep.Kitchens@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kurtz <Rep.Kurtz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Magnafici <Rep.Magnafici@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Murphy <Rep.Murphy@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Mursau <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Novak <Rep.Novak@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Nygren <Rep.Nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Plumer <Rep.Plumer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Quinn <Rep.Quinn@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rohrkaste <Rep.Rohrkaste@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Schraa <Rep.Schraa@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Sortwell <Rep.Sortwell@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Summerfield <Rep.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tauchen <Rep.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Thiesfeldt <Rep.Thiesfeldt@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tittl <Rep.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tranel <Rep.Tranel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vorpapel <Rep.Vorpapel@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Bussing and School Districts

Members,

My office has received several contacts over the past day from local school bus drivers and company leaders. There is a growing concern that area school districts will not be honoring their commitments made to these transport companies. This is despite state funding to the districts for the purpose of transportation already being in place.

As you know, finding capable and able bus drivers is already a difficult task. When schools resume session, the thought of starting the task of hiring an entirely new fleet of drives is simply daunting.

Attached, please find a draft letter to be sent to local school leaders regarding this situation. I plan to send this letter to my local school leaders and will be asking those legislators that share these districts with me to add their name as well. If you would like to do the same, please also see the attached list of school districts sorted by state representatives. ****Please note that this list only lists school districts served by Kobussen. Locally, you may have another transport company that is experience a similar concern.****

Jim

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:47 AM
To: "Jacque, Andre" <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Good morning,

Please add Representative Tusler's name to this letter.

Respectfully,

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From: Jacque, Andre <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:01 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Secretary-designee Palm,

The effects of COVID-19 and Wisconsin's response to it have undoubtedly caused great anxiety across our state. As legislative representatives of the people of Wisconsin, we write you with great concern over a double standard you imposed within DHS Emergency Order #12 (Shelter-in-Place) that contradicts reason and threatens their safety and wellbeing.

In your emergency order, you acknowledge that our state may not have the resources to combat COVID-19 in our communities, and that everyone in Wisconsin must *"take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives."* However, abortion clinics are continuing to operate in Wisconsin, needlessly exposing people to the potential to contract COVID-19 and using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites. **It is deeply disturbing to find out that many lower risk businesses have been shuttered while you have given Wisconsin's abortion clinics special dispensation to remain in operation.** Several other states, including Maryland, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio have ordered standalone abortion facilities within their borders to close down as part of the prudent directive that all medical centers stop performing elective, non-essential surgeries and procedures to limit risk and reserve medical resources for COVID-19 response.

Doing everything reasonable and possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities must include fair implementation of orders to stop non-essential activities. The abortion industry is using medical supplies daily on elective and non-essential "surgeries". Supplies like

surgical masks and gloves, which will be in short supply should the infection rate of COVID-19 continue to spike. **We must not allow abortion clinics to put profit ahead of the public welfare and continue with these elective surgical procedures which now are done at a greater risk to the patient as well as our community.** Too often, abortions result in complications that lead to the emergency room and further drain our overstretched system.

Concerns have previously been raised regarding your actions and advocacy in support of Wisconsin's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, which operates 3 of the 4 standalone abortion facilities in our state. It is and should be a basic expectation that these abortion centers close while Wisconsin is under a "Shelter-in-Place" order to assure our residents that you are not putting politics before their health and prioritizing Planned Parenthood's bottom line at the expense of our citizens' health. **We therefore demand your immediate action to ensure a halt to the operation of abortion facilities in Wisconsin for the duration of the declared public health emergency.**

Sincerely,

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:01 PM
To: "King, Adam" <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CARES Act Graphics

Looks great! Thank you so much!
~ William

From: King, Adam <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CARES Act Graphics

Thoughts?

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:06 AM
To: King, Adam <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CARES Act Graphics

I was thinking perhaps something like the attached image.

From: King, Adam <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CARES Act Graphics

I don't, but that's a good idea.

Do you have a minute to outline something and I can work with Gary to get it created?

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:01 AM
To: King, Adam <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CARES Act Graphics

Good morning Adam,

Do you have any graphics for the CARES Act that we could use in our e-update?

Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 11:05 AM
To: "King, Adam" <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CARES Act Graphics
Attachments: CARES Act Graphics.jpg

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To: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus letter to Gov Evers
Attachments: Rep. Ron Tusler Signature.png

Good morning Jenny,

Please see Representative Tusler's attached signature for the caucus letter.

If you need anything else, please let me know!

Respectfully,

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From: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:40 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Legislators <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Legislators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Caucus letter to Gov Evers

Good Evening,

Attached is the letter discussed on our caucus conference call today. I think this letter clearly states our position on protecting life, and feel that multiple letters would not be productive.

Our deadline is noon tomorrow. Unless you specifically state otherwise, we will assume that all 63 members will be signing on. Please have your staff send us your electronic signature.

Also let us know if you have comments on the letter.

Thank you,
Jenny

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 1:30 PM
To: "Rep.Loudenbeck" <Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Good afternoon,

This morning, I reached out to 1150 WHBY, 1360 WTAQ, WIXX (101.1), Y100 (100.3), WQLH (98.5), WKZG (104.3), and WAPL (105.7).

So far, only 1150 WHBY has confirmed they will run the PSA.

Thank you for all your work organizing this!

Respectfully,

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From: Rep.Loudenbeck <Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:27 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to their local radio stations, so far we've contacted at least 45 stations, with at least 20 agreeing to run the PSA.

We're running short on time to get this on the air, so please consider reaching out to your local stations today.

Also, please let Danielle in my office know which stations you've reached out to, and if you hear back from anyone saying they'll play it.

Thank you!
Amy

From: Rep.Loudenbeck <Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:40 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Dear Members and Staff:

Last Friday afternoon, on the member conference call our office was asked to coordinate a caucus effort to ask our local radio stations to run public service announcements (PSAs) promoting absentee voting.

We worked with the Elections Commission on the content and one of our local radio stations did a sample recording.

We were able to get SEVEN stations in our listening area to run these PSAs for FREE. They were all really nice about it, and since they have lost some local advertising they have the room in their rotations. We simply explained that it was a PSA to encourage absentee voting, and does not endorse any candidate or party.

If your office is willing to make a few phone calls and ask your radio stations to run it, all we ask is that you tell us who you are asking so we can make a list of stations already being contacted so we don't duplicate efforts. Also, the station is welcome to do a new recording but they should stick to the informational/instructional part of the script! The approved script and a recording are attached to this email.

We asked the broadcasters association for a list but they wouldn't share, so we are kind of on our own. I know a lot of us have good relationships with our local stations, so hopefully you know a few people you can call.

Stations already playing the PSA include WLKG, WSLD, WCLO, WJVL, WWHG, WBEL, and WGEZ.

Feel free to try your local cable too – we already asked Spectrum!

Thanks everyone! We only have until April 2nd so time is of the essence!

Amy Loudenbeck
Representing Wisconsin's 31st Assembly District
Rep.Loudenbeck@Legis.WI.Gov
(608) 266-9967

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:08 PM
To: "Sen.Kooyenga" <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

Good afternoon,

Please add Representative Tusler as a co-sponsor of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

Respectfully,

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From: Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:20 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Senator Kooyenga, Representatives Kurtz & Sanfelippo

DATE: March 26, 2020

RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

DEADLINE: **March 26, 2020 @ 3:30 pm**

To withstand the COVID – 19 pandemic it is expected that many health care professionals will be asked to practice at the top of their individual clinical education, training, and experience to care for surges of patients during this emergency. However, onerous state statutes restrict health care provider's ability to practice to the full extent of their capabilities.

This legislation will provide temporary regulatory flexibility during the public health emergency to enable a variety of health care providers to practice at the top of their clinical education, training and experience.

Furthermore, to increase the number of available physicians and licensed providers that will be needed to address the health emergency, this bill will provide immediate flexibility by allowing practitioners who are licensed and in good standing in any state to practice in Wisconsin automatically during the public health emergency.

Giving health care providers the tools they need by ensuring workers are able to work to the full extent of their capabilities and increasing the number of available providers is a necessary step in our effort to ensure hospitals and clinics are able to effectively respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this email or contact Senator Kooyenga's office at 6-2512.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill addresses the scope of practice of health care providers and practice by health care providers from other states, as follows:

1. The bill allows a health care provider to provide any health care services within the extent of his or her individual education, training, and experience. Current law generally prohibits a person from engaging in certain health care-related practices without holding a required credential.
2. The bill prohibits the Department of Safety and Professional Services and all credentialing boards from reprimanding a health care provider or denying, limiting, suspending, or revoking the credential of a health care provider for providing a health care service in a regulated health care setting, such as a hospital, clinic, long-term care facility, or other regulated setting. This provision applies only if the following are satisfied: 1) the health care service provided by a health care provider is within the provider's education, training, and experience; and 2) the health care service is provided at the direction of an attending physician or under a written policy issued by a regulated health care setting.
3. The bill allows a health care provider from another state to practice a health care profession in Wisconsin if the health care provider holds in good standing a license, certificate, or registration granted by another state that authorizes the person to practice that profession. These health care providers are considered to have a credential in this state.

The bill's provisions apply only during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

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(920) 415-6000

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'M K' <mkonop24@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus shut down

Good afternoon Mark,

We have had some time to look into your specific business. While I did not come up with the list of what businesses are “essential” and “non-essential”, my office has been doing its best to work with WEDC and the Evers’ administration to get some answers.

According to <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/?fbclid=IwAR09b0DkNa2yNZYw6e5BKvgg4bkC6Vgt1ZxY0d5W-evrhyO5sfyazCLkLhs>, under “Manufacture, Distribution, and Supply Chain for Critical Products and Industries, the guidance states:

“Manufacturing companies, distributors and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitation, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, **steel and steel products**, petroleum and fuel, mining, **construction**, national defense, communications, and products used by other Essential Businesses and Operations.”

While my office cannot provide legal advice, it appears as though your business may be considered essential.

Thank you again for contacting me on this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
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(888) 534-0003

From: M K <mkonop24@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus shut down

Hello,

I'm sure you're inundated with emails but I'm unclear on whether or not I'm supposed to shut my business. I own Oshkosh Tool Co in Omro (I live in Town of Buchanan) and we manufacture large hand tools for linemen and people cleaning up after, for example, the tornados in Tennessee which is a current situation. I have customers that need their orders. Am I to tell

them their orders won't get shipped for a month plus? I have eight people in a 25,000 sq. ft. plant so 6' distance is not an issue and I've instructed everyone to stay home if they suspect any illness.

Where do I stand on the new proclamation?

Thank you,

Mark Konop
Oshkosh Tool Co
W1440 Maes Court
Kaukauna WI 54130

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 10:32 AM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Update 3/24/2020

Good morning Zach,

This morning, a constituent reached out to our office with a creative idea to have an Easter service, while keeping people separated and safe. His thought was to do a "drive in theater style" service, where people gather, but remain in their vehicles for the duration of the service.

The local police department seemed to be fine with the idea, as long as no one exited their vehicle at the service.

Do you think this sort of gathering would be permissible? We would greatly appreciate your guidance in this matter.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:15 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Update 3/24/2020

Good evening,

Attached is the most up to date document regarding the state's response to COVID-19. Also attached is Emergency Order #12 the "Safer at Home" order that was issued today.

I want to reiterate a point I included in the email I sent out when emergency order 12 was issued: Individuals do not need special permission to leave their homes, but they must comply with this Order as to when it is permissible to leave home. Similarly, if a business is an Essential Business or Operation as defined in this order, it does not need documentation or certification to continue its work that is done in compliance with this Order.

Continue to let me know if you need additional information or have questions.

Thanks,
ZM

Zach Madden

Legislative Liaison

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:35 AM

To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; lrb.reference@legis.wisconsin.gov; lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov; Champagne, Rick A - LEGIS <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good morning,

Attached is Emergency Order #12. This is the "Safer at Home" order the Governor announced yesterday. These are important steps to ensure we are working to slow the spread of COVID-19, and we all need to do our part and work together to protect each other. The Governor did not take this decision lightly, but it is a necessary step in our response to COVID-19.

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It is important for legislative offices and businesses to read the order before asking questions. The order contains detailed information regarding the exemptions that will be helpful for answering questions. After reviewing the order if a business still has a question or is not exempted but believes their business is doing essential work, WEDC will be reviewing those cases. Folks can visit <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness> for more information.

As always, if you need additional information or have questions please feel free to call or email me.

Thanks,
ZM

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Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:50 PM

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good afternoon,

Attached is emergency order 10 regarding to the suspension of rules relating to DPI and emergency order 11 regarding the suspension of rules relating to PSC.

Emergency order 10

- * Ensures the DPI will be able to streamline the waiver process for hours of instruction for public schools;
- * Suspends the PI 34 requirements to allow students in teacher preparation programs to graduate on time this spring;
- * Provide the DPI with flexibility in light of upcoming due dates.

Emergency order 11

- * Stops utility disconnection for nonpayment for all customers, including commercial, industrial, and farm accounts. Previously this applied to residential accounts only;
- * Ceases the assessing of late fees to customer accounts;
- * Halts the practice of requiring deposits from customers for reconnection of service;
- * Allows deferred payment agreements for all customers who request them;

- * Removes any administrative barriers for customers establishing or reestablishing utility service; and
- * Authorizes water utilities to provide budget billing arrangements to customers. Electric and natural gas utilities are allowed to do this under current rules.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:12 AM

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Attached is emergency order #9 which, in order to protect DOC employees and inmates, places a moratorium on admissions to the state prisons and juvenile facilities operated by the Department of Corrections to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Thanks,
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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:06 PM

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good afternoon,

Attached is emergency order #8, this updated order maintains the ban on gatherings of 10 or more people and indefinite school closures, but includes some important changes and clarifications:

- * Treats bars and restaurants are the same. Bars will be able to have carryout sales of alcohol and food, if allowed by local ordinances and state law. This will help ensure thousands of establishments can stay in business during this unprecedented health emergency.
- * Media and news organizations can remain open to provide the public with vital information.
- * Laundromats may remain open.
- * Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions may remain open if they practice social distancing.
- * All parts of the food delivery system – from farms to stores – may remain open.
- * Clarifies that cafeterias in healthcare facilities may remain open to serve our healthcare workers.
- * Allied health professions, such as acupuncturists, are unaffected by the mass gathering ban.
- * All parts of our transportation system can continue to serve our economy.
- * Any facility used for in-person absentee voting or as a polling location may remain open for voting, except for sites at long-term care and assisted care facilities.
- * Hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities must close effective 5 pm on Fri., March 20, 2020.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together 10 or less people in a single room or confined space, whether inside or outside, at the same time must preserve social distancing and follow all other public health recommendations issued by DHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Voluntary cancellation, closure, or limitations on the size of gatherings beyond the requirements of this order are permitted and encouraged.

Thanks,
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Subject: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Attached are the 7 emergency orders that have been issued so far as we respond to COVID-19.

As new orders are finalized and published I will send them as a follow up message to this "COVID-19 Emergency Orders" email.

Thanks,
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Subject: COVID 19 - Legislative Briefing (DCF, DOC, DWD, DOT)

Good morning,

Just a reminder that at 12pm today we will be holding a briefing call for legislators and staff that will include updates from DCF, DOC, DWD, and DOT. Agencies will provide an update and then answer questions submitted.

There is no need to RSVP. Call in instructions and how to ask questions are below:

Call in number: (608) 316-9000
Passcode: 9207149#

We will be taking questions ahead of time and throughout the call. To submit a question use this link: <http://30.selectsurvey.net/doa/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=I2MM9p4K>
Questions emailed directly to me will not be answered on this call, they will need to be submitted through the form.

Thanks,
ZM

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 11:38 AM
To: "Deering, Bonnie" <Bonnie.Deering@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Update 4.7.20

Good morning Bonnie,

Is her full name Diane Bunger? Do you have her phone number? I can have Representative Tusler reach out to her as well.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: Deering, Bonnie <Bonnie.Deering@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Update 4.7.20

Pretty sure Ms. Bunger lives in Rep. Tusler's district.

Bonnie Deering
Office of State Representative Jim Steineke
5th Assembly District

From: Nelson, Thomas M. <Thomas.Nelson@outagamie.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tauchen <Rep.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rohrkaste <Rep.Rohrkaste@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Murphy <Rep.Murphy@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stuck <Rep.Stuck@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: dbunger219@gmail.com
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Update 4.7.20

Majority Leader Steineke –

Ms Bunger has serious concerns about yesterday's election; she reached out to me this morning.

You have been so kind to provide updates to local officials – I would presume it's okay to do likewise for citizens.

920.427.2477 Local
608.266.2401 Madison

Ms Bunger –

I am including other local representatives on this list, since you have reached out to them without success.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

-t

Thomas M. Nelson
Outagamie County Executive

From: Rep.Steineke [<mailto:Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:24 PM

Cc: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: COVID-19 Update 4.7.20

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Local leaders,

[Please click here to access the latest briefing sheet with COVID-19 updates from the past 24 hours.](#)

As always, if I can be of assistance to any of you, please feel free to reach out. You can reach my via my office at 608.266.2401 or on my mobile at 920.427.2477.

Be safe and be well,

Jim Steineke

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:49 PM
To: 'Danielle Joyner' <dbjoyner@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: COVID-19

Good afternoon Danielle,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to discuss the concerns you raise. If you would be willing to provide our office with your telephone number and address to verify you are a constituent, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
(608) 266-5831
(888) 534-0003

From: Danielle Joyner <dbjoyner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19

Dear Representative Tusler,

I am a new resident of your district and write to you with an immediate concern.

The level of partisanship that seems to be defining politicians responses to the COVID-19 pandemic is frustrating and counter-productive to public health.

As one of your constituents, I ask that you support the Governor's legislation to purchase ventilators and masks. Please do not let unnecessary partisanship stand in the way of being an effective and compassionate leader.

Now is the time to put peoples' health ahead of all else. Please be a leader among your peers in this respect.

I hope that you and your family remain healthy.

Sincerely,

Danielle Joyner

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:54 AM
To: 'Dave' <dfbishop@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Delay Election

Good morning David,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on moving the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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From: Dave <dfbishop@new.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Delay Election

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I urge you to act now.

Regards,

David Bishop
N9632 Darboy Dr.
Appleton, WI 54915

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:54 AM
To: 'Dave' <dfbishop@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Delay Election

Good morning David,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:02 PM
To: 'Caitlin Mandeville' <cmpeterson78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Disappointed in legislature's failure to protect Wisconsin voters

Good afternoon Caitlin,

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:30 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Disappointed in legislature's failure to protect Wisconsin voters

Representative Tusler,

I am a constituent in Wisconsin's Assembly District 3 and I am writing because I am incredibly concerned about the Wisconsin legislature's failure to protect Wisconsin citizens' safety in the upcoming election. By failing to take steps to ensure voters' safety during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the legislature is forcing citizens to choose between their safety and their ability to cast their vote.

The actions of the legislature will directly result in the deaths of Wisconsin citizens and will disenfranchise thousands of voters, particularly our state's most vulnerable citizens. I cannot overstate how disappointed I am in our state's legislative leadership.

I sincerely hope that going forward, you will take any steps necessary to protect each and every Wisconsin citizen's safety and ability to exercise their right to vote.

Sincerely,
Caitlin Mandeville

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:51 AM
To: 'Jeffrey S Froehlich' <Jeffrey.Froehlich@WICOURTS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Good morning Judge Froehlich,

Understood. It is seeming more likely that we will be coming back into session. We will seek to have this introduced.

We are receiving \$2.2billion from the Federal Stimulus package. That won't add more doctors, but it might help in other ways. I suspect very little will escape Milwaukee & Dane County. I'll try to get some up here.

Thanks for the encouragement. Calumet County is certainly very lucky to have you, too.

Ron

From: Jeffrey S Froehlich <Jeffrey.Froehlich@WICOURTS.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

That is a good starting point. We are told that the Dr.'s are being stretched thin but no explanation as to why. They may be restricting hours or just seeing a higher volume. I just don't know.

Thanks again, Calumet Co. is lucky to have you.

Jeffrey S. Froehlich

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Jeffrey S Froehlich <Jeffrey.Froehlich@WICOURTS.GOV>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Good afternoon Judge Froehlich,

Attached is a preliminary draft for a bill that may help solve the problem we discussed. If the Legislature goes into an extraordinary session, I plan to introduce the bill. Will this resolve the issue?

Respectfully,

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From: LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -5963/P1.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:44 AM
To: 'Vicky Jones' <veeljay@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Dying to vote

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From: Vicky Jones <veeljay@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Dying to vote

Dear Representative Tusler,

I am begging you to postpone the April election until June.

Wisconsin citizens like me should not have to take their lives into their hands to vote. We should not have to choose between voting and preventing the spread of a plague and the overburdening of our healthcare system.

By insisting that live voting take place tomorrow, our Legislature is insisting that people ride crowded buses and stand in long lines for a long time. You are insisting that we endanger ourselves, our fellow citizens, and poll workers. Why? Why force the people who voted for you into this position? How can your voters vote for you again if they're dead? Why would you do this to us?

I understand that you believe that we should have confidence in "the process." What we want is to have confidence in "the process" of your standing before the Legislature in the service of your constituents. Your job is to represent us. Your job is to keep Wisconsin, its families, and its economy safe. If "the process" kills us, kills our economy, you are not doing your job.

Save us, please! I'm begging you!

Vicky Jones

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:03 PM
To: "'dwight.boling'" <dwight.boling@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:06 PM
To: 'Nicholas Siebers' <nicholas.siebers@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election safety

Good afternoon Nicholas,

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From: Nicholas Siebers <nicholas.siebers@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election safety

Dear representative,

In light of the public safety concerns of holding an election during a global pandemic I am imploring you, please vote to post pone Tuesdays election in Mondays session. Please work with the governor and boards of health and safety in doing what's right for the state of Wisconsin.

Your constituent,
Nicholas Siebers

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:05 PM
To: 'Rachel Sommercorn' <rachelsommercorn@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election tomorrow

Good afternoon Rachel,

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election tomorrow

Dear Ron,

The in-person election appears to be going on tomorrow in spite of all scientific evidence showing that it's a terrible idea to gather in groups. Wisconsin is usually forward thinking. Isn't that our state motto?

My husband and I have requested absentee ballots, with those requests made March 30, prior to the deadline. We have yet to receive our ballots. This is a travesty on so many levels.

Rachel Sommercorn
2411 Schaefer Circle
Appleton WI 54915

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 10:24 AM
To: "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Question

Good morning Meagan,

Just wanted to let you know that our office will no longer be pursuing this, so a response from you is not necessary.

Thank you for all your hard work! 😊

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
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From: Penterman, William
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections Question

Good afternoon Meagan,

As the chance of the state legislature convening remains a possibility, there has been an idea about a bill that would allow for ballots (especially absentee ballots) to be counted on April 7 and in the days thereafter, thus allowing for more time for municipalities to tally the votes.

The Legislative Reference Bureau believes the current applicable statutes include:

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Do you think modifying the WI State Statutes to delay canvassing and certification for the April 7th election will help the situation? Would this create any compliance issues with the municipalities? Are there any other legislative ideas that may help?

Thank you! 😊

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:49 PM
To: "Kreye, Joseph" <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

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To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gallagher, Michael <Michael.Gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Thanks,

Joe

Joseph T. Kreye

Legal Services Manager

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608 504-5857

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:22 PM

To: Gallagher, Michael <Michael.Gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:05 PM
To: "Kreye, Joseph" <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

Thanks Joe! 😊

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:58 PM
To: 'Cyndi Olsen' <clodlo@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Elections

Good afternoon Cynthia,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cyndi Olsen <clodlo@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

Dear Representative Tusler,
Please endorse Absentee ballots for all!

Thank you,
Cynthia Olsen
Sent from my iPad

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:28 PM
To: "Loeza, Richard" <Richard.Loeza@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Essential/Nonessential businesses

Thank you Richard! I appreciate your help!
~ William

From: Loeza, Richard <Richard.Loeza@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential/Nonessential businesses

William,

The statutes do not define what constitutes an “essential business” as it relates to orders relating to a public health emergency. In the previous orders relating to mass gathering bans, exemptions were carved into the [orders themselves](#) (see page 2). It is difficult to say exactly what the nature of the “Safe at home” order will be, as it has not been published yet, but the mass gathering ban orders provide some ideas:

As noted in the memo I wrote for your office last week (attached), the mass gathering order specifically draws on DHS’ authority to forbid public gatherings in order to control outbreaks and epidemics([Wis. Stat. § 252.03 \(3\)](#)). There are other authorities DHS might rely on in the “Safe at Home” order, including [Wis. Stat. § 252.02 \(6\)](#), which allows DHS to “authorize and implement all emergency measure necessary to control communicable diseases.” The governor himself also has a suite of powers during states of emergency under [Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes](#), including the power to “issue such orders as he or she deems necessary for the security of persons or property” ([Wis. Stat. § 323.12 \(4\) \(b\)](#))

None of those statutes list any type of exemption from the orders they allow the governor and DHS to issue. I will be able to provide more detail on exemptions once the Governor publishes the order, but I assume your question was urgent so I wanted to get back to you right away with what I know. Please feel free to let me know if you need additional detail or have any other questions. I can be reached at 512-716-9565 if you would like to talk by phone.

Best,
Richard Loeza
Legislative Analyst
Legislative Reference Bureau
Richard.Loeza@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 1:44 PM
To: "Redell, Carol" <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Final February Time Report
Attachments: William Payroll Feb.pdf

Good afternoon Carol,

Please see the attached timesheet for February, 2020.

Respectfully,

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From: Redell, Carol <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Final February Time Report

No hurry - the next couple of weeks is fine!

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From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Redell, Carol <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Final February Time Report

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From: Redell, Carol <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Final February Time Report

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17 West Main Street, Suite 401
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 2:31 PM
To: 'Peter Larson' <stout34@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Follow Up on Easter Service Idea

Good afternoon Pete,

Below are two articles of two different churches who held outdoor services in Wisconsin. As long as social distancing is maintained and people stay in their vehicles, I do not see why holding an outdoor service would be an issue.

<https://www.registercitizen.com/news/article/Drive-in-churches-an-option-for-faithful-who-want-15185195.php>

<https://fox11online.com/news/coronavirus/sturgeon-bay-church-holds-drive-in-sunday-service>

If there are any questions, or anyone would like clarification on this matter, please have them contact my office.

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From: Peter Larson <stout34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow Up on Easter Service Idea

Ron,

I do have a follow up as the Calumet County Sheriff released that no drive in services can be held. I saw nothing from the Governor's office that says this and in fact from the below email where you helped me the Governor's office felt it ok.

Then someone needs to explain to me how Ariens which manufactures lawn mowers and snow blowers... hardly essential can have a lot full of workers that will end their shift and go to their cars in the same lot.

Thank you very much for your attention to this.

Pete

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2020, at 2:43 PM, Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Peter,

I am following up with you regarding your inquiry as to whether or not an outdoor Easter service where people stay in their cars is permitted. Below is the response I received from the Governor's Office.

"Obviously it would depend a lot on what this looks like and how it operates, but it could be fine under the order. If everyone maintains social distancing and stays in their cars, that's ok. People can't be leaning in windows or gathering outside of cars" (Governor's Office).

At this time, it appears as though the service you described where people stay in their vehicles during the entirety of the service and maintain social distancing would be permitted.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:44 PM
To: "Fabick, Abbey" <Abbey.Fabick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Following up

This is perfect! Thanks Abbey!

~ William

From: Fabick, Abbey <Abbey.Fabick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Following up

Hi William,

Sorry for the delay... is this the type of information Rep. Tusler is looking for? Again, I haven't seen anything formal, in-writing from the Governor's office, but it has been reported by the media and he has verbally answered multiple questions about this during his various COVID-19 briefings, etc. Here is some of the reporting I've seen on it:

Tony Evers is sticking with Wisconsin's April 7 presidential primary but others push for postponement - <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/03/17/tony-evers-sticking-wisconsins-april-7-presidential-primary/5073696002/>

"Gov. Tony Evers made his strongest case yet Tuesday for keeping the April 7 presidential primary in place, even as others called for postponing the election because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Evers emphasized the difficulty of delaying the election, in part because many other offices are on the ballot — including ones for terms that begin later that month.

"How long do we potentially leave offices unfilled because we're into July or August and we haven't held a general election?" he asked reporters in a conference call."

Here's a link to a recent briefing where the Governor has been asked about postponing the election:

March 20th - <https://wiseeye.org/2020/03/20/wisconsin-dhs-media-briefing-on-covid-19-for-march-20/>

Check it out at 58 minutes in – He talks about how this is not just a primary election, it is a general election and we can't afford to have any of these positions vacant. Moving this date won't solve the problem – we could move it to June and it could be worse in June. It could be worse in May. He again encourages folks to vote by mail/absentee.

In the DHS briefing today, they again encouraged people to absentee vote/vote by mail.

Again, please let me know if this is the type of information Rep. Tusler was looking for or if there is anything else you need from us.

Thank you!

Abbey Fabick
Office of Speaker Vos

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 12:25 PM
To: 'Kristina Davis' <ksd@northnet.net>
Subject: RE: From Kristina Davis
Attachments: Letter to City of Appleton Clerk.pdf

Good afternoon Kristina,

Thank you for reaching out to my office.

Yesterday, I wrote a letter to the City of Appleton Clerk about the status of the election (please see attachment). Governor Evers has doubled down and insists that the election must go forward.

I understand your concerns, and am advocating to have the election moved. Certainly this is an unusual circumstance, but I will do what is within my power to help.

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From: Kristina Davis <ksd@northnet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: From Kristina Davis

Hi Ron,

I have not heard that Evers has postponed the April election. What's going on with that? I think he is hoping seniors will stay at home and the democratic candidate for Supreme Court will win.

If that's so, I think the republicans should start a media campaign to criticize him for this.

You don't need to call me.

Best,
Kristina Davis

Sent from my iPhone

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 10:34 AM
To: 'T Poulsen' <PoulsenT@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Get this State moving again

Good morning Todd,

Thank you for contacting my office about getting Wisconsin moving again. I love hearing from my constituents! Your voice helps me make informed decisions on behalf of the Third Assembly District.

My Republican colleagues and I are planning to act with legal and legislative options to deal with the extension of the order and get answers to the questions you are demanding.

Governor Evers' announcement last week to extend the stay at home order until May 26th gave no actual metrics, no measurable goals, and most importantly, no clear plan to reopen going forward. The governor can't just keep extending the date, waiting for some new knowledge to appear. We need to hear from the economic and medical experts who support his continuation of the order as appropriate for Wisconsin's circumstances and not from more politicians.

The health crisis is changing by day in the state - just three weeks ago, Governor Evers announced the state needed to buy 10,000 ventilators, yet placed an order for only 1500. The prevailing model out of University of Washington has substantially scaled back predicted impacts repeatedly in recent days. The hardest hit city in the nation, New York City, is expected to reopen on May 15. These rapidly changing data points leave in question what indicators the governor is using to continue the extension of an order, which is having far-reaching economic and human impacts in the state.

The people of Wisconsin are owed a comprehensive, economic recovery plan. We must begin to plan for an easing of restrictions and gradually, possibly through a regional approach, reopen the economy.

The Evers administration also cannot ignore other health concerns. Wisconsinites can no longer receive preventive care or important health screenings. Unfortunately, one of the unintended consequences will most likely be undiagnosed medical issues left untreated due to this never-expiring order. These emergency orders don't allow much for citizens to do for their own physical and mental well-being beyond isolating themselves from possible infection of the coronavirus.

People are not only afraid of the virus, they're afraid of losing their livelihood. We all know the governor cannot control the coronavirus, but he can control the impact on the state's economy. With the economic costs growing daily, we must begin the recovery process before the economic damage can't be undone.

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From: T Poulsen <PoulsenT@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Get this State moving again

Senator Jacque and Representative Tusler:

I urge you to take steps to curb and/or reverse Governor Evers' "mandates" and "edicts" which have closed the State of WI and confined its residents against an over-exaggerated threat which never materialized. Not only has Governor Evers bypassed the Legislative and Judicial Branches in these "orders", Governor Evers is ruining businesses, families, and the economy of WI. Additionally, Governor Evers is unnecessarily and illegally restricting the freedoms of Wisconsin residents with no real plan. He cannot be allowed to say that WI will open when he "feels it is safe to do so". There needs to be clear milestones and the Legislator needs to be demanding this as well as demanding the reasoning and facts on which Governor Evers is basing his decisions.

Please start representing your constituents as well as your office in the Legislative arm of government and reign in our beloved Governor and get WI back to normal.

Todd Poulsen
N9213 Phlox Dr
Appleton, WI 54915

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:10 PM
To: "'jonathanmeulemans@gmail.com'" <jonathanmeulemans@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Holding April 7th Election was Dangerous and Unforgivable

Dear Jon,

Thank you for contacting my office about the April 7th Spring Election. I love hearing from my constituents! Your voice helps me make informed decisions on behalf of the Third Assembly District.

I am sorry to hear you are frustrated with me. I am doing the best I can in a very difficult situation.

I have asked to reschedule the election, before people began to vote. That was the time it could have been done in a bipartisan fashion.

After we received requests for more than 1.2 million absentee ballots, it became very political. Conservative areas have voted considerably more than Democrat areas. I suspect Governor Evers only flip flopped last Friday because of that. Nothing else has changed and we are doing better against COVID-19 than we were projected before votes came in.

After Friday, I proposed cancelling the in person and extending absentee ballots an extra week. That was found unconstitutional by the Democrats.

April 7th was not ideal. But, our state constitution terminates 3,900 local elected officials on April 15. Without an election, places like Harrison and Buchanan will not be able to function. Further, it is likely that we will still have COVID-19 risk beyond June 9th and perhaps in November. I am curious what the general public would think if President Trump must reschedule the November election.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:23 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: How many National Guard are coming to our polls?

The Elections Commission put out the following communication yesterday to clerks and commissioners:

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From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 12:28 PM
To: "'Macdonald, Susan'" <smacdonald@hearst.com>
Subject: RE: Inquiry from UPFRONT

Good afternoon Susan,

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Importance: High

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Best Regards,

Susan MacDonald
Executive Producer, UPFRONT
WISN-TV, Milwaukee

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 5:03 PM
To: 'Susan Quam' <SQuam@wirerestaurant.org>
Subject: RE: Joint WRA and TLW letter

Dear Susan,

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:57 PM
Cc: Kristine Hillmer <khillmer@wirerestaurant.org>
Subject: Joint WRA and TLW letter

TO: Members of the Legislature
FR: Susan Quam, Executive Vice President
RE: Attached joint WRA and TLW letter

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WRA has your back.

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direct: 608.216.2875 • mobile: 608.217.4513
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 9:18 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Legislative Accomplishments
Attachments: 2019-2020 Legislative Stats.docx

Good morning Ron,

I am still waiting to hear back from DPI regarding the Comparative Cost/Revenue for 2018-19. They say they should have that information by the end of next week.

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Legislative Accomplishments

Hi William,

How did funding increase this year for Kimberly SD, Little Chute SD, & Appleton SD?

What awards did we receive from the lobbying corps?

What bills do we have pens for? Are there any bills that have not yet been signed?

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
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To: 'Dave Frederick' <dfred3200@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Legislative Special Session

Good afternoon David,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on allowing all registered voters to receive an absentee ballot. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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David A Frederick
3200 Huckleberry Ave
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:35 PM
To: 'Heidi Normandin' <hjnorman@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Meeting on Wednesday with Rep. Tusler

Heidi,

With a pending extraordinary session in the coming weeks, I think it would be best to wait and see how the next several weeks shake up before we reschedule the meeting. I will be in contact when things start to look clearer.

Thank you again for your understanding and stay safe!

Respectfully,

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting on Wednesday with Rep. Tusler

William,

I'm sorry to hear this because we were looking forward to meeting him, but of course we understand.

Could we reschedule for a later date?

Heidi

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Call: 855-947-8255
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Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 p.m.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:49 PM
To: "Bradtke, Evan" <Evan.Bradtke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: MON PM Update: Fate of spring election in Supreme Court's hands

This is perfect! Thank you Evan! ☺

From: Bradtke, Evan <Evan.Bradtke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: MON PM Update: Fate of spring election in Supreme Court's hands

Hopefully one of the documents I highlighted is what you are looking for.

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From: WisPolitics-Publishing <info@wispolitics.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: MON PM Update: Fate of spring election in Supreme Court's hands



MON PM Update -- 6 April 2020

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- The fate of Wisconsin's spring election hung in the balance late today as GOP lawmakers asked the conservative-dominated state Supreme Court to overturn Dem Gov. Tony Evers' order to push back in-person voting until June amid a national COVID-19 pandemic.

Republicans filed an emergency appeal with the court hours after the gov issued his order. Evers said he needed to protect the public and poll workers after Republican legislators rejected his last-minute request to push back the date

But Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, rejected the order as an unconstitutional overreach and chided Evers for taking the step after until recently saying the election should proceed tomorrow as originally planned.

Fitzgerald and Vos said local clerks should "stand ready" to proceed with the election.

"This is another last minute flip-flop from the governor on the April 7th election," the Republicans said. "The governor himself has repeatedly acknowledged he can't move the election. Just last week a federal judge said he did not have the power to cancel the election, and Governor Evers doesn't either. Governor Evers can't unilaterally run the state."

Their suit seeks an immediate stay of Evers' order, calling it an "invasion by the Executive into the Legislative arena: setting the time, place, and manner of elections, as well as the terms of local officials."

The filing also argues, unlike in other states, Wisconsin's emergency management statutes don't give the gov or any agency the power to suspend legislatively enacted statutes, including election laws.

The suit adds another layer of legal drama to a spring election that has already seen a federal judge push back to April 13 the deadline to return absentee ballots, an appeals court uphold most of that order and the possibility the U.S. Supreme Court could weigh in on whether it should stand. The justices had yet to release a decision on that request late this afternoon despite state and national Republicans asking them to rule by today on their appeal.

-- Evers told reporters today he took the unprecedented step of ordering the election delayed, because "somebody has got to stand up for those folks" who are afraid to go to the polls.

The order comes after Republicans again declined to take action legislatively as they gaveled out of the special session Saturday and today. Evers called the special session late last week to overhaul how the election will be operated.

Along with the presidential primary and hundreds of local offices, a seat on the state Supreme Court is up for grabs in the spring election. The last-minute wrangling over the election's procedures has sparked debate over whether it benefits conservative Justice Daniel Kelly or liberal challenger Jill Karofsky, a Dane County judge.

Evers said he's "a politician as much as anybody else," but his order was about public safety, not who's "getting the upper hand here."

"It's about the people of the state that are afraid of their future, afraid of their own personal safety and I believe that I have an obligation to stand up for them," Evers said.

His order sets June 9 as the date for in-person voting unless "the Legislature passes and the Governor approves a different date for in-person voting." In the interim, voters can continue asking for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on the fifth day immediately preceding the new in-person election date.

The order also includes a call for a special session to begin at 2 p.m. tomorrow for the Legislature to take up legislation setting a new in-person voting date.

In the first weeks of the pandemic, Evers repeatedly said he wanted to move forward with the original date for the spring election because of the hundreds of local offices on the ballot. With the terms for many of those offices expiring in the weeks after the spring election, he raised concerns about possibly leaving them vacant during a public health crisis.

In today's order, Evers extends the terms for those currently in office until results of the spring election results are finalized. Those who win terms in the spring election would still see them expire as if there had been no delay in the election.

The GOP filing with the state Supreme Court argues Evers lacks the power to push back the election or to extend the terms of local officials.

The gov's office said ballots already cast will remain valid and be tallied in conjunction with the new in-person voting date.

-- While Evers and others have said in the past he didn't have the authority to move the date on his own, the gov's order cites the Wisconsin Constitution and state statute in making the move.

The statute cited gives the power during an emergency to "Issue such orders as he or she deems necessary for the security of persons and property."

Not long after the gov's order, Elections Commission Administrator Meagan Wolfe sent a message to local clerks that "we must continue" to make preparations to go through with tomorrow's vote, citing fast-moving legal action.

"If the election is moved to the 9th we will adjust accordingly, but all we can do today is prepare for tomorrow," Wolfe wrote.

The gov's filing in response to the GOP motion argues there is no statute "specifically addressing what should occur if a public health emergency renders the polling place a danger." But it argues the gov's emergency powers apply to the current circumstances.

"In these extraordinarily rare, narrow circumstances -- where the sanctity of the polling place has collided with the safety of the people, and time is of the essence -- the Governor had to act, and he did," the filing argues.

The filing comes weeks after the state Supreme Court ordered a suspension of all jury trials that had been scheduled through May 22 with plans to reschedule them at a later date. Justice Rebecca Bradley issued a stinging dissent to that order, arguing it violated the Sixth Amendment right to due process and opened the door to suspending other rights by judicial decree.

In recent weeks, Bradley has tweeted a series of quotes from historical and legal figures that have suggested to legal observers she's itching for a fight over the extent of executive powers in a public health emergency. That includes a 1934 quote from then-U.S. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, "The Constitution was adopted in a period of grave emergency. Its grants of power to the federal government and its limitations of the power of the States were determined in the light of emergency, and they are not altered by emergency."

See Evers' release on the order:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-suspends-in-person-voting-calls-legislature-into-special-session-on-april-7-election/>

See the order:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/06/file_attachments/1420231/EO074-SuspendingInPersonVotingAndSpecialSession.pdf

See the GOP petition for original action:

https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406OA_Petition.pdf

See the GOP motion for a temporary injunction:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406MotionTRO.pdf>

See the memorandum accompanying the GOP filings:

https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406MISO_Petition.pdf

See the gov's response:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406Filing3.pdf>

-- Just after Republicans filed their emergency appeal, conservative Justice Daniel Kelly urged clerks, poll workers and voters "to stand ready to conduct the election tomorrow" while the gov's order is challenged.

Kelly, who has recused himself from other cases before the court related to the spring election, isn't participating in the GOP appeal.

Via his Twitter account, Kelly wrote "all we have wanted is an election conducted according to the law."

"We can do two things at the same time: maintain the foundations of our democracy while taking reasonable precautions to keep people safe," Kelly wrote.

See the Twitter thread:

<https://twitter.com/JusticeDanKelly/status/1247253021479833602>

-- Ahead of the order's release, Wolfe told reporters data on in-person Election Day turnout could be released ahead of the deadline to return absentee ballots.

A federal judge last week pushed back the deadline for absentee ballots to be received and counted until April 13. Judge William Conley's order bars jurisdictions from releasing results until 4 p.m. on that date.

But on a conference call with reporters this morning, Wolfe said data on the number of ballots returned and turnout at polling places numbers "could be provided." She said that data is included in inspector logs that clerks have to review as part of their publicly observable election night canvass process.

Still, Wolfe said there wasn't a centralized process for collecting and publishing turnout data and added she couldn't "foresee a situation where we're able to build something" ahead of the election to report that data.

"I think the local election officials are going to be the best source of that information," she said.

City of Madison Clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl told WisPolitics.com to "stay tuned" for what election information the city will post.

"Everything is up in the air right now," Witzel-Behl said. "We strive to be transparent, so we will post whatever information we can in the coming days."

Witzel-Behl said the city would only have 66 polling stations open were spring election in-person voting to happen tomorrow.

Additionally, 58 different voting wards have relocated their station due to the shortage of poll workers. Witzel-Bell said the city typically has 92 stations available in an average election.

Milwaukee Election Commission Director Neil Albrecht previously said his city could have less than 5 percent of its polling stations open on Tuesday. As of 4 p.m. today, the U.S. Supreme Court had not yet released a response to the GOP appeal to overturn the order pushing back the absentee ballot deadline to April 13.

See Madisons' ward map:

<https://cityofmadison.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b8e42f700bd1419daaa06667ee421dbc>

-- Nearly 1.3 million absentee ballots have been requested by Wisconsin voters with 56.8 percent of them returned as of this morning's update from the state Elections Commission, a new state record.

That total eclipses the previous high-water mark of roughly 847,000 absentee requests set during the November 2016 election.

Here's a rundown of the number requested and the percentage returned for the state's 10 largest counties:

- *Milwaukee 203,784 requested, 49.3 percent returned;
- *Dane 178,565 requested, 57.7 percent returned;
- *Waukesha 127,942 requested, 64.7 percent returned;
- *Brown 52,411 requested, 44.3 percent returned;
- *Racine 43,526 requested, 58.6 percent returned;
- *Outagamie 40,490 requested, 47.7 percent returned;
- *Winnebago 38,758 requested, 55.9 percent returned;
- *Kenosha 30,045 requested, 54.1 percent returned;
- *Rock 29,489 requested, 63 percent returned;
- *Marathon 24,520 requested, 53.9 percent returned.

To date, each of the 10 counties have more absentee ballots requested than votes cast in the 2019 Supreme Court election.

Milwaukee has the biggest increase compared to a year ago, when 150,246 votes were cast in the Supreme Court race. That amounts to 35.6 percent more ballots requested this year than were cast a year ago. There is both a Milwaukee mayoral race and county executive campaign on the ballot this year.

Still, county voters cast 308,553 votes in the Dem and GOP presidential primaries four years ago.

Rock County has the smallest increase compared to a year ago with 4.3 percent more absentee ballots requested compared to those cast in the 2019 Supreme Court race.

See today's update on the number of absentee ballots requested and returned:

<https://elections.wi.gov/node/6817>

-- Both Legislative chambers this morning adjourned Gov. Tony Evers' special session with no lawmakers present.

The Senate and Assembly chief clerks presided over the sessions, which each lasted less than a minute and now stand adjourned until Wednesday.

Evers last week ordered a Saturday special session for lawmakers to move tomorrow's spring election to entirely mail-in ballots over concerns with in-person voting safety and a collapse in the number of open polling places.

GOP leadership previously slammed the gov for caving "under political pressures from national liberal special interest groups." Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, insisted the election should go on as planned.

See the order:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406EVERSSESSION.pdf>

-- A group of 40 GOP lawmakers is urging Gov. Tony Evers to reopen golf courses as outdoor recreation for people during the COVID-19 outbreak.

In a letter to Evers, the group said golf could be a popular activity for people's mental health during the pandemic, so long as courses use certain safety guidelines.

The letter's recommendations include: clubhouses and dining remains closed; a four-person limit per hole; a one person per golf cart limit; and standard social distancing.

Evers' "Safer at Home" order asks people to only leave the house for essentials like groceries and doctor's appointments, but it also suggests walking the dog, visiting state parks or exercise like running or biking are okay with social distancing practices.

A spokeswoman for the gov didn't respond to a request for comment.

See the letter:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200406GOLF.pdf>

-- Leaders on both sides of the gun debate disagreed on what this year's 54 percent spike in handgun background checks could actually mean for the safety of Wisconsinites.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners President Rob Kovach told Wispolitics.com he saw the

numbers as proof of the self-reliance of the American people and a way for them to feel safe at home and to hunt for food.

"It's not surprising," Kovach said. "Americans and especially people in Wisconsin have a desire to be self-reliant and protect themselves and they have the skills to do so."

Kovach said he personally hasn't purchased a gun this year, because he already has a collection "that doesn't make me think I need to go out and get more in a time of crisis."

An earlier WisPolitics.com story found a total of 60,581 were placed to the state's "Handgun Hotline" background check service this year as of March 31. Only 39,141 calls were placed over the same time period in 2019.

Meanwhile, End Domestic Abuse WI Homicide Prevention Program Director Sara Krall told WisPolitics.com the spike could come from a panic and "group think" reaction over COVID-19. She said the rise is a cause for concern for domestic homicide prevention in the state.

"Firearms remain the most common means of perpetrating domestic violence homicides," she said. "If you couple the increase in handgun sales with the rising number of people unemployed and stuck at home in unsafe situations, the potential for lethal domestic violence increases exponentially."

She said the presence of a gun at home in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by up to 500 percent. Her organization reported there were 408 domestic violence-related homicides in Wisconsin between 2010 and 2018.

See Friday's Report story:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/fri-report-gop-leaders-slam-evers-over-call-for-special-session-to-delay-spring-election/#story-3>

See more:

<https://www.endabusewi.org/resources/>

-- The American Association of Political Consultants has named Stephan Thompson as the Republican statewide campaign manager of the year for running Supreme Court Justice Brian Hagedorn's successful 2019 bid.

The Republican State Leadership Committee-Judicial Fairness Initiative also won campaign of the year for its independent expenditure effort backing Hagedorn in that race.

See the full list of award winners:

https://mcusercontent.com/1a171f251ca8e70cbfbf34130/files/928f858b-e3ae-485d-9c19-b33299bf8f84/AAPC_2020_WinnersBook_FINAL.pdf

TOP HEADLINES

Capital Times: One day before Wisconsin election, Gov. Tony Evers delays in-person voting

https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/one-day-before-wisconsin-election-gov-tony-evers-delays-in-person-voting/article_7215017a-657f-5c67-a52b-4f0fc21b8308.html

State Journal: Testing capacity for COVID-19 increasing in Wisconsin

https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/health-med-fit/testing-capacity-for-covid-19-increasing-in-wisconsin/article_c397c018-b2c3-5269-a7cd-034a1c3e7177.html

Journal Sentinel: UW Health to start treating coronavirus patients with plasma as part of clinical trials

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/06/national-covid-19-convalescent-plasma-project-begins-uw-health/2953729001/>

Journal Sentinel: All Milwaukee County polling places ordered closed Tuesday; Winnebago County registers first death

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/06/coronavirus-wisconsin-latest-updates-cases-cancellations/2952455001/>

CNN: New York shows signs of hitting apex while US passes 10,000 deaths

<https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-pandemic-04-06-20/index.html>

The Hill: Biden spoke with Trump about coronavirus response

<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/491422-biden-spoke-with-trump-about-coronavirus-response>

The Hill: Health experts call for Roosevelt-style programs to kill virus, revive economy

<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/491269-health-experts-call-for-roosevelt-style-programs-to-kill-virus-revive>

POLITICO: Trump tries on a fourth chief of staff in the middle of a devastating crisis

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/06/task-mark-meadows-control-crisis-save-presidency-167323>

POLITICO: Congress flummoxed by firing of top intel watchdog

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/06/michael-atkinson-inspector-general-senate-hearing-168121>

TUESDAY'S CALENDAR

<https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/>

- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: MMAC and M7 Webinar Series: "Business Strategies for the Pandemic."

<https://web.mmac.org/events/MMAC-and-M7-webinar-series-Business-Strategies-for-the-Pandemic-2564/details>

- 12 p.m.: Thompson Center: "Improving integration of services and outcomes using Charting the Lifecourse" with Michelle Reynolds, director of individual advocacy & family support, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

<https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu/speakers-and-presentations/>

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:32 AM
To: 'Kelly N' <scooter1637@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Move the election

Good morning Kelly,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on moving the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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From: Kelly N <scooter1637@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:19 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Move the election

Mr. Tusler, stop playing politics with people's lives and move the election. It is morally reprehensible not to move the election.

Kelly Natrop
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 9:54 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Need info on closing business and limits of executive in closing.

It is my understanding the Evers' Administration is acting under the "Powers and Duties Related to Emergency Management."

(4) POWERS DURING AN EMERGENCY. The governor may do all of the following during a state of emergency declared under s. 323.10:

323.12(4)(a)(a) Declare priority of emergency management contracts over other contracts, allocate materials and facilities in his or her discretion, **and take, use, and destroy, in the name of the state, private property for emergency management purposes.**

It should be noted that "A state of emergency shall not exceed 60 days, unless the state of emergency is extended by joint resolution of the legislature." Section 323.10 of WI State Statutes.

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/323/II/10>

Once a State of Emergency Relating to Public Health has been declared, the Governor has a lot of power at his discretion to direct the department of health services to deal with the emergency.

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What more ammo does evers have?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:38 AM
To: 'Roy Yach' <royyach@aol.com>
Subject: RE: non essential business

Good morning Roy,

Thank you for reaching out to the Office of Representative Ron Tusler.

It seems as though landscaping and lawn service generally would not be considered an essential business. If the companies perform activities like pesticide application or forestry, those activities could still be performed.

Below is guidance we received from the Evers Administration.

Some of the services these companies provide- such as pesticide application and forestry and arborists - are covered under "critical trades" in section 13.n. of the order. The [order](#) under Section 10 considers construction, including home construction, to be "Essential Infrastructure," but please also know that it goes on to say that "optional or aesthetic construction should be avoided." The pieces of the business that are construction are able to continue

Unfortunately, landscaping and lawn care do not fall under "critical trades" in this order and there is not any category in the [order](#) that would classify a landscaping or lawn care business as an "Essential Business or Operation".

That being said, all businesses are authorized to conduct "Minimum Basic Operations" under Section 14, which include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations: (a) the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities and (b) the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

You may challenge this assessment through the WEDC website, <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>.

Thank you again for reaching out. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

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From: Roy Yach <royyach@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: non essential business

-----Original Message-----

From: Roy Yach <royyach@aol.com>
To: rtusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Thu, Apr 2, 2020 10:18 am
Subject: non essential business

Hi Ron,

What is the states position on non essential activity relative to Lawn care work? My son has a lawn care business that will be active in the coming weeks. Can he proceed with clean ups, mowing and trimming customer lawns?

Please let me know.

Thanks,

Roy H. Yach Sr.
920 402 1734

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:06 AM
To: 'David Armiak' <david@prwatch.org>
Cc: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Open Records Request

Good morning David,

This email confirms receipt of your open records request on April 8, 2020. You have requested electronically: "a copy of all records that pertain to the Wisconsin Institute of Law & Liberty (WILL), including the following WILL employees: Rick Esenberg, CJ Szafir, Luke Berg, Will Flanders, Anthony LoCoco, Don Daugherty, Brian McGrath, and Mike Fischer."

The cost for copying documents is \$0.15 per page; the cost of sending records to a requestor will be calculated by the Assembly Chief Clerk's office, if applicable. The requestor will also be charged the hourly fee of staff while searching and compiling the requested information for requests that take longer than eight hours to fulfill. The Assembly Chief Clerk's office will process responsive records for applicable invoicing. Arrangements for the delivery of records will be made once any responsive records have been retrieved. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact my office.

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The scope of this request includes the Representative and his staff. The scope of this request should include but is not limited to emails, attachments, both sent and received, all draft records, briefing books, memos, notes, minutes, scheduling records, text messages, other correspondence (internal and external) and all other records.

The search for records may be limited to those sent and received between January 1, 2020 and the date of your final response.

Please note that this request includes all emails sent and received on official state email accounts, as well as any other private email accounts or applications, such as Dropbox, GoogleDocs, ALEC Connect, or the Briefing Room, that have been used for official business. This request also includes any and all records available through a web hyperlink. Note: once viewed online, downloaded, printed, or otherwise in your possession, these materials become a public document subject to state public records law.

I request that these records be provided in electronic form in their native format. The Center for Media & Democracy is a non-profit public-interest organization, and the disclosure of the materials requested here would be in the public interest, greatly benefiting public understanding of the workings of government. As such a waiver of any fees is requested. If the waiver is not granted, we agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20.

If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify us. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

If you choose to deny this request in whole or part, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s). As allowed by Wisconsin law, please provide all portions of releasable material, even if there is redacted material on the page or record.

Lastly, please acknowledge receipt of this message.

All the best,

David Armiak
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:05 PM
To: 'Jeff Vander Zanden' <jeffvz@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Please delay election on April 7th.

Good afternoon Jeff,

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From: Jeff Vander Zanden <jeffvz@new.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:55 PM
To: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please delay election on April 7th.

Dear Sir,

Please delay the election or do something like mailing a ballot to all registered voters. Due to Covid-19 I feel that having in person voting is taking a huge risk with our health. Having underlying medical conditions Covid-19 has grave consequences for myself. The more we can limit contact with people will help us get through this safe and sooner. We are all making sacrifices for our own health and that of others. As legislators you need to do the same thing. Quit all of this: "Republican vs. Democrat" garbage. Why is it a national headline that Wisconsin is the only state not to do voting by mail only or delaying the election. If the election causes a surge in Covid-19 cases can you in good conscious tell family members that the election was more important than the life of their loved one.

Please protect Wisconsinites Health and postpone the election,

Jeff Vander Zanden
Combined Locks, WI



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 3:58 PM
To: 'gary weber' <gandpweber@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please Delay or Cancel In-Person Voting in the Election on April 7

Good afternoon Gary,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on delaying the upcoming election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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From: gary weber <gandpweber@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Penterman, William
<William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Delay or Cancel In-Person Voting in the Election on April 7

I am a resident of the Village of Harrison. I ask that you would please do all that you can to delay the election scheduled to happen tomorrow. Either delay the in person voting until the coronavirus situation subsides and it can be done safely or significantly extend the process for on-line voting so that all voters have a reasonable opportunity to vote. Find a way to make this right!

I am only a few weeks from my 60th birthday and have generally voted for Republican candidates and values. The actions of our Republican representatives in Madison on this issue, and our President's daily lies may very likely drive me to swing away from voting for Republican candidates in the future.

Gary L. Weber

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 3:22 PM
To: 'Eli Shaver' <elishaver@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please delay the April 7th election

Good afternoon Eli,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on postponing the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

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From: Eli Shaver <elishaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please delay the April 7th election

Representative Tusler,

I am writing you to urge you to move to postpone the April 7th primary election due to concerns regarding COVID-19. Paramount among your duties as an elected official is to protect the citizens you serve. These unusual circumstances offer you an opportunity to act! Please do. Please respond to me with your thoughts.

Respectfully,

Eli Shaver

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:51 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Please help him

On it.

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please help him

Where are you located?

Little Chute

We are looking for help with the new unemployment program. We are having employees ask for unemployment because of the extra \$600. How is the state implementing this program. I really need to talk to someone on this. 920-422-0592

Todd Vanderloop

Vanderloop's Shoes, Inc.

Ronald W. Tusler

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Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Good afternoon Emily,

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Emily Wells

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812 E Park Hills Dr

Appleton, Wisconsin 54915

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 4:30 PM
To: "'cj.steinke@yahoo.com'" <cj.steinke@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good afternoon Carrie,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about the concerns you raise. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Ron Tusler,

My name is Carrie Steinke. I am an Early Childhood Consultant at Childcaring in Mosinee. I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state.

While I am personally in the ECE field, I would support this important work even if I was in another field. What we do for children matters, and what we do for those who support them matters as well! We need to show this field that their work is valued, and the steps listed below will be helpful in sharing that message!

Early care and education has been urged to stay open under the "Safer at Home" order, to prepare to welcome the children of essential workers and to stand in the front line of this

pandemic. This overlooked, under-funded, fragile field that has always been the workforce behind our state's workforce, is now called to meet this urgent growing need. Still a driver of our economy, child care is now also the backbone to our state's response to COVID19; how can essential workers provide health care and other emergency services without it? Early care and education programs must be financially supported now and in the future so that they are able to continue to serve Wisconsin families.

Here's what we are asking you to support:

1. A not less than \$250/week "essential child care worker payment", or hazard payment, over and above regular pay to serve as an incentive to recruit providers and support their valuable service.
2. Health care coverage for early childhood educators and child care providers who, often without adequate health insurance, are putting their own well-being in jeopardy in order to continue to care for children. Keep in mind that NO young child abides by physical distancing, and young children are NOT immune to the virus. While symptoms in children generally seem to be milder, they spread the virus in the same way adults do. And unfortunately, the first infant death due to COVID-19 was just reported on Sunday, March 29.
3. A temporary "license-exempt" status for an early childhood educator going into an essential worker's home to care for their children in the event that the essential worker qualifies for Wisconsin Shares as a financial support for child care payment.
4. Grants to child care programs, based on March 1, 2020 enrollment, to make up for lost revenue and increased expenses as they ensure continued care for essential worker families and/or have temporarily closed due to COVID19.

Please show that you value the children and families of our state by supporting the ECE workforce!

We are depending on you to prioritize the health and well-being of early educators and the early care and education sector, so they can do the important work our state requires of them right now.

Thank you for your consideration of support for this incredibly valuable and yet under-valued field! Best, Carrie J. Steinke, IMH-E

Carrie Steinke

cj.steinke@yahoo.com

1189 Fieldview Drive

Menasha, Wisconsin 54952

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:10 PM
To: "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Voter Fraud

Hi Meagan,

I was alerted to the situation from a constituent who was listening to the Dan O'Donnell Show. My concern is that a local elected official encouraged absentee ballots to be postmarked after the April 7th deadline. Since ballots postmarked after the April 7th deadline cannot be counted, why would a local elected official encourage voters to submit an illegal ballot, if she knew they could not be counted?

<https://newstalk1130.iheart.com/featured/common-sense-central/content/2020-04-09-the-democratic-party-is-now-openly-urging-voter-fraud/>

I appreciate your time with this matter. I hope you are doing well too.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Voter Fraud

Representative Tusler-

Would you have a moment to discuss? I just want to be sure I understand the concern. Late arriving ballots are always part of the process, but clerks and boards of canvass cannot count any ballots received after 8pm on 4/7 by hand delivery or without a postmark. They can count ballots postmarked by 4/7 and received by 4/13 at 4pm in accordance with the supreme court guidance. Clerks track ballots received after the deadline that cannot be counted- they do not count the ballots but they maintain the rejected ballots with their materials and track it in the statewide system for federal reporting.

Appreciate you passing along, just want to be sure I fully understand the concern.

Please feel free to call if you have a moment to discuss 608-712-6957.

Hope you are well,

Meagan

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission

Desk: (608) 266-8175
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meagan.wolfe@wi.gov



From: Tusler, Ron - LEGIS <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Tusler, Ron - LEGIS <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Good afternoon,

Katie Van Zeeland, Appleton Alderperson for District 5, shared on her official Facebook page: "If you requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time AND you chose not to vote in-person, please consider completing your ballot and sending it in anyway. That will allow our clerk can track these for reporting." https://www.facebook.com/AlderpersonVanZeeland/?_tn_=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARDJRL3LDEVJchfHZxVYfEPUBMfEUoa_s-DJuMC6sFDkkmGNf6SS--DoNfwKDs-7BYk8tOnnPFX7siVH&fref=mentions

I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
Chairman of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 1:21 PM
To: "'christinecalhoun902@gmail.com'" <christinecalhoun902@gmail.com>
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:07 PM
To: 'ROBERT FANK' <robertfank@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Primary Election

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From: ROBERT FANK <robertfank@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Primary Election

Representative Tusler,

I strongly urge you, and all of our state congressmen/congresswomen, to take the necessary action to keep Wisconsin residents safe & healthy by postponing & rescheduling the primary election!

You are ALL putting millions of Wisconsin residents in harms way by keeping the Wisconsin primary scheduled on April 5, 2020. Senator Scott Fitzgerald recently said, "Hundreds of thousands of workers are going to their jobs every day, serving in essential roles in our society. There's no question that an election is just as important as getting take-out food." An election definitely IS MORE important than getting takeout food. However, people getting takeout food occurs individually, & it does NOT happen in large groups, so the risk is not even comparable! Having millions of people vote in person with limited polling places is totally opposite of the "safer at home" recommendations made by the WHO, CDC, President Trump, Governor Evers, & everybody else who knows anything at all about this pandemic!

Holding the primary election on April 5, 2020, will have numerous NEGATIVE results on people's health AND on the validity of the election results:

1. Risk thousands or even millions of your constituents being exposed to COVID-19
2. Very likely will increase the number of your constituents who get sick from COVID-19
3. Very likely will increase the number of your constituents who will die from COVID-19
4. Drastically reduce the number of polling places due to lack of volunteers
5. Drastically reduce the ability of your constituents to be able to get to an open polling place
6. Create EXTREMELY long lines & wait times for those who want to vote (thereby putting their health & lives at even more risk)
7. Most importantly, EXTREMELY likely will result in causing thousands or even millions of people from voting

Our right to vote is the very foundation of this country, but NOBODY should be FORCED to PUT THEIR LIVES IN DANGER IN ORDER TO VOTE!!! That is exactly what you are doing by not postponing the primary election!

Yes, people could have requested absentee ballots, and many did, but not everyone had the foresight & understanding to do that. The huge number of absentee ballot requests has also caused it's own set of issues.

People's lives and health are more important than the date our primary election is held. Postponing & rescheduling the primary will show your constituents that YOU CARE about them while you also care about having a fair election process!

I am an independent who tends to lean conservatively, but I will honestly say that republican actions in recent years have definitely pushed me the other direction!

This should NOT be a partisan issue, but it appears that our republican senators & assemblymen are making it so. PLEASE BURY THE PARTISAN & POLITICAL CRAP & PUT YOUR CONSTITUENTS HEALTH & LIVES, AS WELL AS A FAIR ELECTION FIRST!!!

I am writing to as many Wisconsin Congressmen as I can, because while we don't all have to agree (and we shouldn't all agree), we will only be successful if we ALL WORK TOGETHER!

Sincerely,

Margaret Fank

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:58 AM
To: 'Donna Morrison' <morrisondj@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Primary

Good morning Donna,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on moving the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Morrison <morrisondj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Primary

Sen. Tusler,
>
> Covid 19 cases are now over 2100, up 196 from Friday. Deaths are now at 56, up 37 from Friday. I realize the pandemic causes things to change daily, but the back and forth regarding the primary has left voters confused and wondering what to do. Now at the 11th hour, with polling locations closing due to lack of staff adding further to the confusion (and safety), do you really expect your constituents to choose between voting and risking their health? Perhaps that's what you want; for people not to show up, which sadly makes this pandemic political.
> Whatever happened to government by the people, for the people? Especially during these trying times, I have to believe and trust my elected officials are watching out for their constituents. It's called debate and look for common ground, not convene and dismiss. You've dismissed your constituent's needs with this action, without even trying to find a compromise. With all due respect, you can do better than this.
> Sincerely,
> Donna Morrison

Sent from my iPad

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:55 PM
To: 'Jeffrey Paffenroth' <westhilldental@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Good afternoon Dr. Paffenroth,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on AB 551/ SB 501. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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From: Jeffrey Paffenroth <westhilldental@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Dear Representative Tusler:

I just became aware of a recent court decision dangerously impacting waterfront property owners rights. I was pleased to learn there has been legislative action to restore waterfront property owners's rights, especially for those who live along a flowage.

I strongly urge you to support AB 551/ SB 501 and help restore these rights for all property owners. We hold these rights sacred in Wisconsin, and your vote to support AB 551/ SB 501 will help ensure these rights are never infringed upon again.

We are so blessed in Wisconsin to have access to so many great waterways. Your vote in support of AB 551/ SB 501 will continue our grand tradition of protecting property rights.

Thank you in advance for your time, attention, and support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey Paffenroth
W6393 Firelane 8
Menasha, WI 54952
Email Address: westhilldental@gmail.com

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 12:36 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Quarantine

Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

- *** Stay away from others:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific “sick room” and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- *** Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people.
 - * Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people with the virus limit contact with animals until more information is known.
 - * When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick with COVID-19. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them. See [COVID-19 and Animals](#) for more information.

Household members, intimate partners, and caregivers in a nonhealthcare setting may have close contact² with a person with symptomatic, laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or a person under investigation. Close contacts should monitor their health; they should call their healthcare provider right away if they develop symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath) (see [Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings.](#))

Close contacts should also follow these recommendations:

- * Make sure that you understand and can help the patient follow their healthcare provider’s instructions for medication(s) and care. You should help the patient with basic needs in the home and provide support for getting groceries, prescriptions, and other personal needs.

- * Monitor the patient's symptoms. If the patient is getting sicker, call his or her healthcare provider and tell them that the patient has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people in the office or waiting room from getting infected. Ask the healthcare provider to call the local or state health department for additional guidance. If the patient has a medical emergency and you need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that the patient has, or is being evaluated for COVID-19.
- * Household members should stay in another room or be separated from the patient as much as possible. Household members should use a separate bedroom and bathroom, if available.
- * Prohibit visitors who do not have an essential need to be in the home.
- * Household members should care for any pets in the home. Do not handle pets or other animals while sick. For more information, see [COVID-19 and Animals](#).
- * Make sure that shared spaces in the home have good air flow, such as by an air conditioner or an opened window, weather permitting.
- * Perform hand hygiene frequently. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60 to 95% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- * The patient should wear a facemask when you are around other people. If the patient is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), you, as the caregiver, should wear a mask when you are in the same room as the patient.
- * Wear a disposable facemask and gloves when you touch or have contact with the patient's blood, stool, or body fluids, such as saliva, sputum, nasal mucus, vomit, urine.
 - * Throw out disposable facemasks and gloves after using them. Do not reuse.
 - * When removing personal protective equipment, first remove and dispose of gloves. Then, immediately clean your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Next, remove and dispose of facemask, and immediately clean your hands again with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- * Avoid sharing household items with the patient. You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items. After the patient uses these items, you should wash them thoroughly (see below "Wash laundry thoroughly").
- * Clean all "high-touch" surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables, every day. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.
 - * Use a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.
- * Wash laundry thoroughly.
 - * Immediately remove and wash clothes or bedding that have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.
 - * Wear disposable gloves while handling soiled items and keep soiled items away from your body. Clean your hands (with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) immediately after removing your gloves.
 - * Read and follow directions on labels of laundry or clothing items and detergent. In general, using a normal laundry detergent according to washing machine instructions and dry thoroughly using the warmest temperatures recommended on the clothing label.
- * Place all used disposable gloves, facemasks, and other contaminated items in a lined container before disposing of them with other household waste. Clean your hands (with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) immediately after handling these items. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.
- * Discuss any additional questions with your state or local health department or healthcare provider. Check available hours when contacting your local health department.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/illness.htm>

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:31 PM

To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Quarantine

Can you contact DHS and ask about opportunities to quarantine. So, dad gets Coronavirus. Can't go home without giving it to kids. Where is he suppose to go? Hotel? Bad idea. Hospital? If he isn't in pain they can't take him. What is the plan for that scenario?

Ronald W. Tusler

Rep. Ronald W. Tusler

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The best compliment that my clients can give me, is to refer their friends & family for my help.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:34 AM
To: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Question on Poll Working

Good morning Jenny,

I will most likely be working the polls somewhere in Columbia County. I contacted the clerks in Columbus, Fall River, Lodi, Randolph, and Doylestown but none needed me yet. I have been put on a call list in case they need me on April 7th.

Ron said he will most likely be working the polls for the Village of Harrison in Calumet County.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:34 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Staff Members <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Staff-Members@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Jorgenson, Amanda <Amanda.Jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Patrick E. <Patrick.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Question on Poll Working

Dear Assembly Republican Staff,

We have received a few questions about poll working on Tuesday. Per the Assembly policy manual, you are allowed to work at the polls without using leave time. If you do plan to work at the polls, please just send us a note letting us know you will be doing so and where you plan to work.

We encourage you to volunteer and thank you for your dedication. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Jenny

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:02 PM

To: 'Patricia Jorgensen' <jorgensenpl@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: REJECT in person voting

Good afternoon Patti,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on using mail-in voting. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly
Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Jorgensen <jorgensenpl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 6:29 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: REJECT in person voting

These are unprecedented times. How about you do something unprecedented? Join the governor to make a COMMON SENSE decision - suspend in person voting, and do what is necessary to make voting possible - use mail-in voting. I am unbelievably tired of the partisan-ship and games.

Patti Jorgensen

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:51 AM
To: 'Daryll Hurst' <daryllhurst@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Remove the week waiting period for unemployed workers in Wisconsin now.

Dear Daryll,

Thank you for contacting my office about repealing the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. I love to hear from my constituents! Your voice helps me make informed decisions on behalf of the Third Assembly District.

The effects of COVID-19 have been devastating. Thousands across Wisconsin face economic, social, and health challenges. However, we have seen communities step up to support local businesses, give blood, check in on elderly relatives and friends, and simply stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Now, it is time for Wisconsin's State Government to do the same.

Given these unforeseen circumstances, I am in favor of repealing Wisconsin's one week waiting period for unemployment benefits for the rest of the year. Hard working folks need help now as they deal with the economic effects of this public health emergency.

I am optimistic the Wisconsin State Legislature will meet in extraordinary session soon to repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits for the rest of the year and as well as pass other aid packages for the people of Wisconsin.

Thank you again for contacting me on this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

From: Daryll Hurst <daryllhurst@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Remove the week waiting period for unemployed workers in Wisconsin now.

I'm writing to ask that you strongly consider lifting the week waiting period for unemployment benefits for Wisconsin workers who have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis. I am aware that there are some back and forth sticking points that need to be worked out between party lines.

I'm asking that you look beyond these points and realize the bigger picture. This pandemic was not the fault of the workers in Wisconsin and there are people who need to be compensated for

unemployment right now, that normally would be working if not for the pandemic. The week wait for benefits was NOT designed to be used in this instance.

Please do what you have to do to get the benefits to the people of Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Daryll Hurst

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 9:50 AM
To: "'Woodin, Maggie'" <Maggie.Woodin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Rep. Gallagher dairy delegation letter

Thank you Maggie! 😊

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

From: Woodin, Maggie <Maggie.Woodin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rep. Gallagher dairy delegation letter

Hey William,

I understand your boss is looking for a copy of the dairy letter my boss and most of the rest of the delegation sent to Sec. Purdue. I have attached it above. Please let me know if you have any questions on the letter.

Thanks!

Maggie

Maggie Woodin
Senior Legislative Assistant
Rep. Mike Gallagher (WI-08)
Gallagher.house.gov
202-225-5665

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:44 PM
To: "LeCloux, Ryan" <Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session

Thank you, Ryan! :)

-----Original Message-----

From: LeCloux, Ryan <Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session

Hello William,

Attached you will find a memo that provides the information you asked for of the representatives who have authored the most bills enacted during the current legislative session. I included two lists in the memo. One list expands on the list that Chris previously sent you that provides the representatives who have authored the most bills using the criteria that our office uses for determining who an author is (first author, second author, or first cosponsor).

The other list contains the representatives who have served as the primary author for the most bills enacted during the current legislative session. I provided the top eight representatives in this list as there are a decent number of representatives who were the primary author of two bills, which would have greatly expanded the list if I included them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Ryan LeCloux
Legislative Analyst
Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau
Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-504-5820

-----Original Message-----

From: LeCloux, Ryan
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session

Hello William,

Thank you for confirming. I will work on this and have something for you later today.

Best regards,

Ryan LeCloux

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-----Original Message-----

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:48 AM
To: LeCloux, Ryan <Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session

Good morning Ryan,

I just spoke with Chris Webb, because he had compiled a list from 2019 with the information I am looking for.

Could you please count only the primary Assembly author for Acts from the 2019-2020 session?

Thank you!

Respectfully,

William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831

-----Original Message-----

From: LeCloux, Ryan <Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session

Hello Bill,

I received your request from my colleague, Bob, regarding a list of the ten legislators who have authored the most acts enacted this session. In recording act authorship, our office typically counts someone as an author if they are the first or second author of a bill or the first co-sponsor. Is that how you would like me to proceed in calculating who has authored the most acts this session? Let me know if you would prefer me to count only the primary author instead.

Best regards,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:47 AM
To: "LeCloux, Ryan" <Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session
Attachments: Reps Enacted Bills Memo.pdf

Good morning Ryan,

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Could you please count only the primary Assembly author for Acts from the 2019-2020 session?

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Respectfully,

William Penterman
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From: LeCloux, Ryan <Ryan.LeCloux@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: request for list of legislators with most bills enacted this session

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:50 PM
To: 'Kristin' <kmvjus@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Reverse decision!!!

Good afternoon Kristin,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristin <kmvjus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Reverse decision!!!

Dear Rep. Tusler,

As a poll worker I cannot say how disappointed I am that our legislators do not value our health and safety.

Shame on all who did not support this order. Yes, last minute not ideal, but these are not ideal conditions. March 31st confirmed community spread in Fond du Lac. Our increase curve is on all your hands.

Our population is filled with older people. Many are returning snowbirds. We are going to great lengths to protect our people-for example assisting with groceries - insisting they stay indoors etc.

Shame on all of you!

Kristin Vanderkin-Jus

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:41 PM
To: 'Tom Sprague' <tom.sprague121@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Ron's Recap: Coronavirus Updates and Resources

Good afternoon Tom,

Thank you for contacting my office. Many parks and trails remain open. However, playgrounds with equipment (i.e. slides, monkey bars, swings, etc.) are closed under the Safer at Home Order.

The great outdoors and Wisconsin's State Parks remain open. Please remember to maintain a social distance of approximately 6 feet between you and other pedestrians.

Thank you again for contacting me on this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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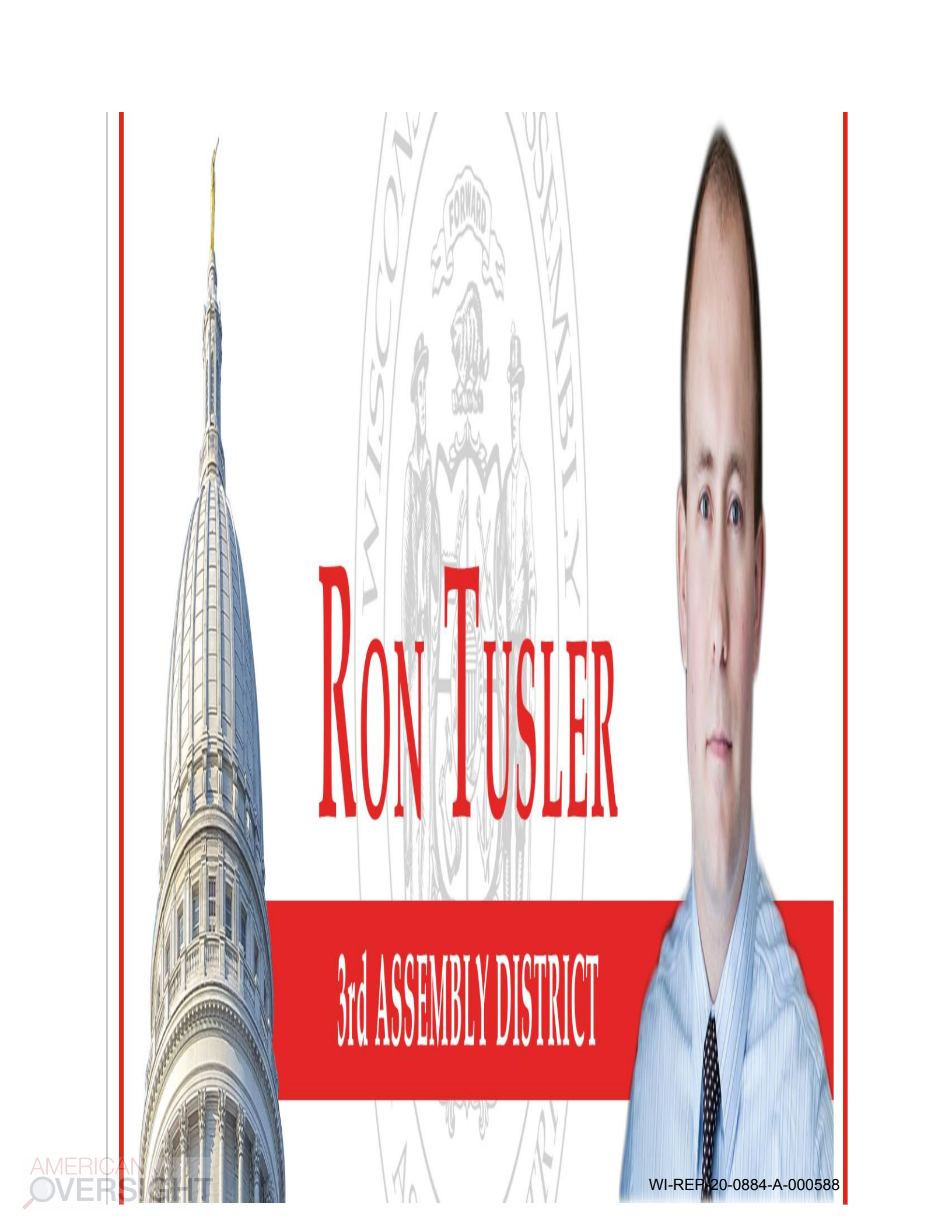
From: Tom Sprague <tom.sprague121@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:25 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Ron's Recap: Coronavirus Updates and Resources

Hello Ron---

I don't see anything that requires park playgrounds to be prohibited from opening. Do you? There's no consistency out here. Heckrodt Nature Center (Menasha) outdoors (all trails, etc) however they closed their OUTDOOR playground.
Thanks

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 12:05 PM <Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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RON TUSLER

3rd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Safer At Home Order

The "[Safer at Home](#)" [emergency order](#) was officially released by Governor Evers this week. The order took effect on Wednesday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m. and remains in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24. This order requires people in Wisconsin to stay at home if they are not performing essential activities such as going to the doctor, getting necessary services or supplies, participating in outdoor activities, working in an essential business or taking care of others. The order also requires the closure of so-called "nonessential" businesses as deemed by the Governor. There are many exceptions, including grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and medical facilities.

In addition, [the U.S. Senate just passed a massive stimulus bill](#) that would send \$1,200 checks directly to most Americans. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions about the pending stimulus bill, please click [here](#).

If you are a business and have questions about the emergency order, please visit the following website:

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

For up-to-date information on the coronavirus disease visit:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>



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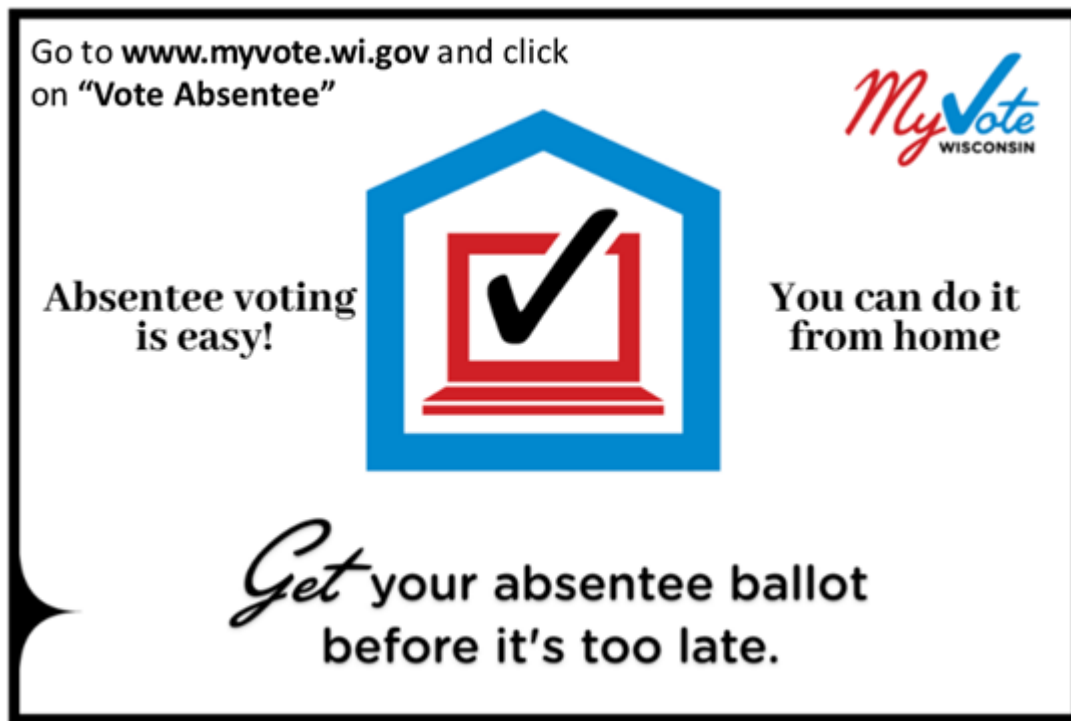
Voting Absentee is Easy

Did you know that absentee voting is easy, fast, and you can do it from home!

The easiest way to get an absentee ballot is to go online to request one at www.myvote.wi.gov and click on "Vote Absentee". You will need to upload your photo ID if you have not voted absentee before.

Please note that all absentee ballot requests must be made by Thursday, April 2nd, at 5:00PM, for the April 7th election.

If you have any questions about how to vote absentee, please call my office at (608)-266-5831.



State Parks, Trails, and Forests Open

Governor Evers' [Safer at Home order](#) (item 11.c) recognizes outdoor activity as an essential activity. As such, all State Parks, Trails and Forests [remain open and all fees are now waived](#). All current regulations apply for hunting, trapping, and fishing seasons.

State Park Fees Waived



Thank you!

To all our workers doing the essential business needed to keep us safe, fed, and more - Thank You.



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Madison, WI 53708-9853

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Tom Sprague

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 2:12 PM
To: "'jholzsc104@aol.com'" <jholzsc104@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Ron's Recap: HELP OTHERS FIRST! We Can Do A Lot By Being Thoughtful

Done! Thank you for sharing!

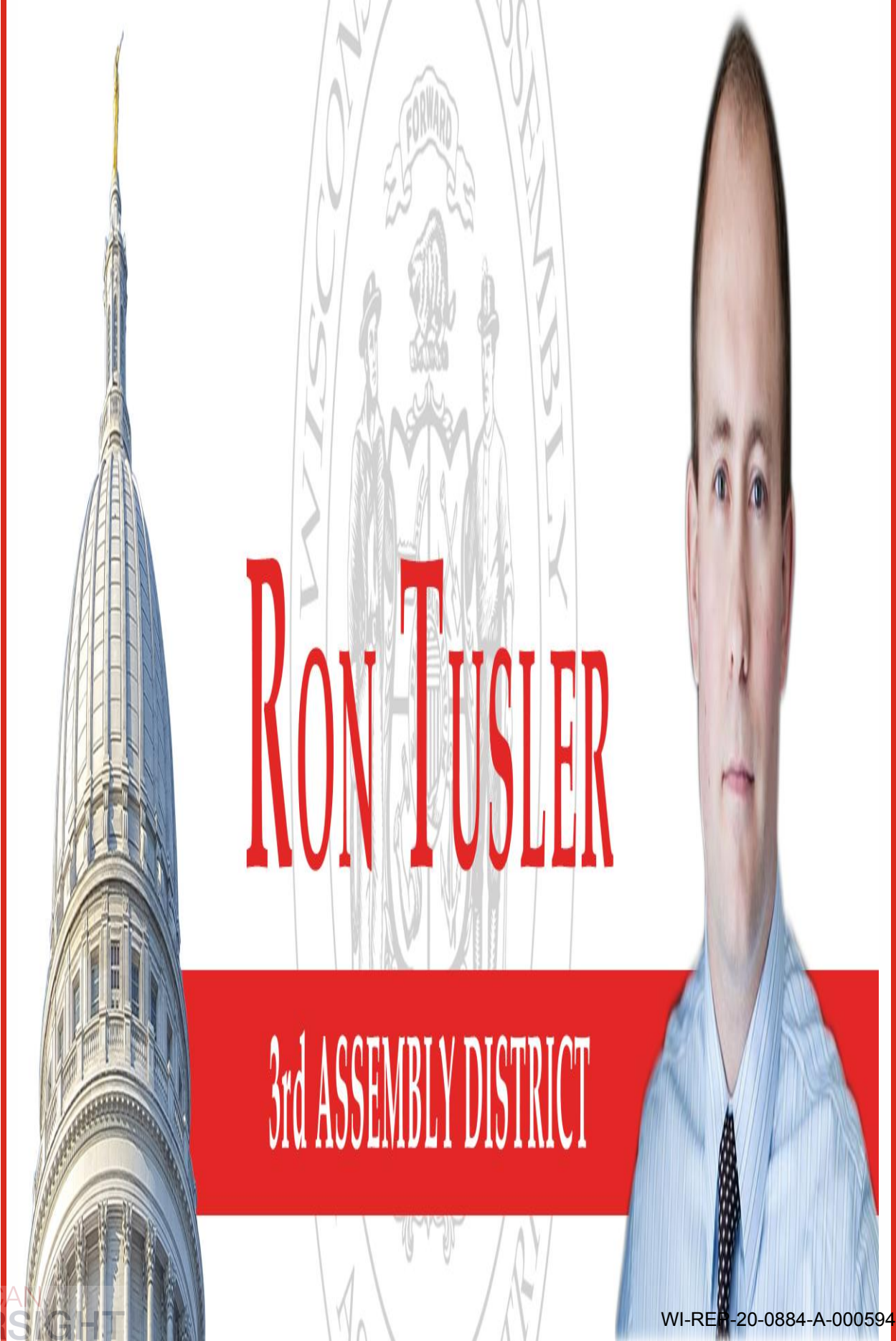
From: jholzsc104@aol.com <jholzsc104@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Ron's Recap: HELP OTHERS FIRST! We Can Do A Lot By Being Thoughtful

Good letter, Ron. Please add Randy's Central to your Brillion list of carry out places. Thanks..

Joan Pagel Holzschuh 920-450-5365

-----Original Message-----

To: John Holzschuh <jholzsc104@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 7:56 am
Subject: Ron's Recap: HELP OTHERS FIRST! We Can Do A Lot By Being Thoughtful



RON TUSLER

3rd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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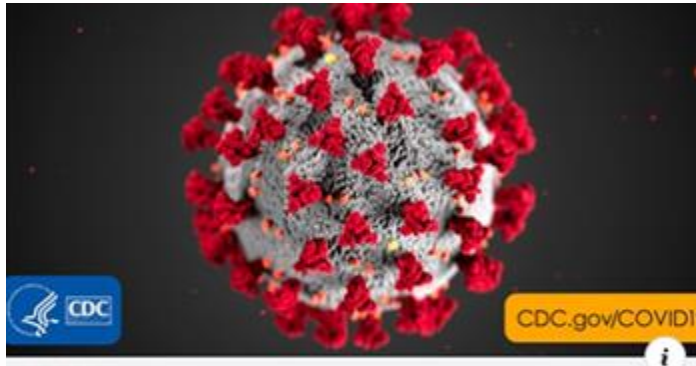


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Ron's Recap: March 20, 2020



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In this week's e-update, I would like to pass along facts and important information about COVID-19 and what you can do to help yourself, your family, and your community. Together, we can slow the spread of the pandemic and save lives and businesses. COVID-19 is dangerous because it has been shown to be asymptomatic. In other words, you can spread it even if you have no symptoms. Social distancing is an important tool that will slow the spread of COVID-19. Slowing will help our health care system resources keep up with the new need. Please limit stockpiling, as grocery stores will remain open and stocked. Finally, please continue to wash your hands regularly. These are trying times, but as we have in the past, we will weather this storm.

Patronize Local Restaurants

Our restaurants need our help! Do your part and buy from them!

Below is a list of restaurants around the 3rd Assembly District that will remain open for carry out or delivery options. Most fast food restaurants will continue their drive through/delivery options as usual.

[Chefo's Pancake House, Kimberly, Wi](#): (920) 996-0160
[Old Glory Cafe](#) in Kimberly: (920) 788-8701
[China Gate Kimberly](#): (920) 687-3005
[Butch's Pizza Inc., Kimberly](#): (920) 788-3592
[Tanners Grill and Bar](#) in Kimberly: (920) 788-7275
[SAVOR](#) in Kimberly: (920) 423-3883
[Mom & Pop's Bakery](#) in Kimberly: (920) 380-0800
[Mill Town Still & Grill](#) in Combined Locks: (920) 788-1112
[Kamps Bar and Grill](#) in Combined Locks: (920) 788-9945
[Freshii](#) in Appleton: (920) 815-3725
[Pizza Ranch](#) in Appleton: (920) 734-8800
[Uno Pizzeria & Grill](#): (920) 731-2111
[Mohnen's Darboy Family Restaurant](#): (920) 832-8770
[Jet's Pizza](#) in Little Chute: (920) 687-8510
[The Heiting Place](#) in Little Chute: (920) 788-6697
[Taste of the Windy City](#) in Little Chute: (920) 687-1200
[El Jaripeo](#) in Little Chute: (920) 788-6246
[Seth's Coffee](#) in Little Chute: (920) 687-6551
[Village Limits Supper Club](#) in Little Chute: (920) 788-7009
[The Roundabout Bar and Grill](#) in Kaukauna: (920) 462-4729
[Road Trip Food & Spirits Kaukauna](#): (920) 766-9339
[Two of a Kind](#) in Kaukauna: (920) 766-7106
[Van Abel's of Hollandtown](#): (920) 766-2291
[Railroad Junction Restaurant & Fast Stop](#): (920) 989-3150
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The American Red Cross is facing a "severe blood shortage" with nearly 2,700 blood drives cancelled throughout the country due to coronavirus concerns.

In times like these, it is critical we step up to help those who are most in need. **If you are able, please consider donating blood!** Click [HERE](#) to find out where to donate blood near you.



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Unemployment Information

The majority of people applying for unemployment benefits can complete their claim online. Receiving unemployment benefits is a two-step process:

Apply online - The week you become unemployed, file your application online and **do not wait to file**. For more information, instructional videos, and to apply, please visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/>.

File your weekly claim - After you have applied online, you will need to file a claim certification each week. This will require you to answer a series of questions. You must continue to file a weekly claim certification for each week you would like to receive benefits.

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- Charter is providing free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395
- Comcast is increasing speeds from 15/2 Mbps to 25/3 Mbps for all customers, and new customers are receiving two months of free service. [More information on Comcast's Internet Essentials program can be found here.](#)
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- Scholastic offers free online courses for children.
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Representative Ron Tusler

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Madison, WI 53708-9853

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:20 PM
To: 'Frances Frye' <stagfrye@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Safety of Poll workers

Good afternoon Frances,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about the concerns you raise. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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From: Frances Frye <stagfrye@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Safety of Poll workers

Dear Representative Tusler,

I am very concerned about the up election on April 7th.
I do not understand what is so important that it cannot wait.

We are all currently on limited contact because of COVID19.

The State of Connecticut has postponed their elections until June.

Why can't we do the same?

I am a poll worker. We have been asked to work the polls.

We have not been given our normal training.
We have not been given any training on how to stay safe while working the polls.

I feel we are being hung out to dry.

Can you help?

Thank you for your time.

Frances I Frye
2821 S Dellwood St.
Appleton, Wi 54915

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Frances Frye

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:09 PM
To: 'Mary Curry' <maryclare924@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Shame on you!

Good afternoon Mary,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

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From: Mary Curry <maryclare924@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Shame on you!

You are putting politics ahead of your constituents' health. I am ashamed of what the Wisconsin state legislature has become.

Mary Curry

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 11:55 AM
To: "Rep.Hutton" <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Good afternoon,

Please sign Representative Ron Tusler on to the letter.

Respectfully,

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From: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:38 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Legislative Members,

The Governor has recently advocated for citizens to get outdoors during the Safer At Home order, while still practicing standard social distancing, for both the physical and mental health benefits. However, while many outdoor activities remain open for the public to enjoy, including State Parks, the Governor has ordered the closure of all golf courses in the State of Wisconsin.

Attached is a letter addressed to Governor Evers and cc'd to Legislative leadership requesting that golf courses be allowed to remain open under specific safety and social distancing guidelines.

Please contact Rep. Hutton's office by 12:00pm (noon) tomorrow, March 27th if you would like to sign on.

Andrea Brooks
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Rob Hutton
220N – State Capitol

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:55 AM
To: "Luke, Ashley" <Ashley.Luke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Signature

This works! I just sent it over to Jenny.

Thank you Ashely! ☺

~ Will Penterman

From: Luke, Ashley <Ashley.Luke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Signature

Hey Will!

This is from Kit: So, my advice would be to look at the caucus letters that have been scanned and do a screen shot and cut it down to a useable jpg.

Do you have copies of those letters? If you do not we can go through and work on it.

Thanks!

Ashley Luke

Office of Assembly Speaker Robin Vos
608-266-9171, 1-888-534-0063
Ashley.Luke@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 1:23 PM
To: 'Michelle Werner' <mcleplat@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Special session on 4/4/2020

Good afternoon Michelle,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on postponing the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Werner <mcleplat@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special session on 4/4/2020

Hello Mr. Tussler,

I am writing to request that you support the prospect of having Wisconsin's 2020 April election be delayed and be entirely by mail. We are in the middle of a pandemic and asking anyone to work the polls is not only irresponsible, but immoral as well. Our April election can be delayed if the Legislature decides to and, frankly, it's the only decision to make at this point. Everyone should have a chance to cast their ballot without fear of getting Covid19. Please make the right decision.

Thank you,

Michelle Werner

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 7:20 AM
To: 'John Hren' <audiemurphy67@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: State Closure

Good morning John,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to discuss your thoughts about the state closure. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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From: John Hren <audiemurphy67@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: State Closure

Hello Ron,

I wanted you to know that this state closure has gone on long enough. Most people are working anyway. My question to you is, what specific rule gives the Governor the power to shut the State down? I have read the executive part of the constitution, I don't see any specific powers there. Also, I have read a report on executive actions and don't see anything there that allows him to do this. If you can, let me know your thoughts.

John Hren
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:31 PM
To: "'DEMAY, STEVEN'" <DEMAYSTEVEN@aasd.k12.wi.us>
Subject: RE: State election

Good afternoon Steve,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

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From: DEMAY, STEVEN <DEMAYSTEVEN@aasd.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:28 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: State election

Representative Tusler,

Republican Assembly and Senators have reached a new low with their refusal to engage with Governor Evers in modifying the April 7th election process. I see no evidence where legislators tried to engage in arranging the logistics of this election so that they are fair and safe.

Please share with me your involvement in the decisions to create an unsafe voting situation and to restrict absentee ballots during a global pandemic. Please assure me that you are not putting people's lives at risk in order to try to achieve a checked item on your party's political agenda.

I think it is important that you reach out to voters in your district to explain the actions of you and your party in this situation.

Thank you,
Steve DeMay
Appleton, WI

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:23 PM
To: 'Kristen Nupson' <KNupson@wrtl.org>
Subject: RE: Support Letter to DHS

Good afternoon,

Representative Ron Tusler has added his name to the letter.

Respectfully,

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From: Kristen Nupson <KNupson@wrtl.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:21 PM
Cc: Heather Weininger <hweininger@wrtl.org>
Subject: Support Letter to DHS

Legislators,

Wisconsin Right to Life supports Senator Jacque's letter to DHS Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm. We have been actively working to put pressure on the Governor to shut down abortion facilities and be more consistent in his health care related mandates. We appreciate Senator Jacque's leadership on this issue and encourage all legislators to sign his letter.

Respectfully,

Kristen Nupson
Legislative/PAC Director
Wisconsin Right to Life
5317 N. 118th Court
Milwaukee, WI 53225
(414) 778-5780 (office)



From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:54 PM
To: "'dolphins4theresa@yahoo.com'" <dolphins4theresa@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good afternoon Theresa,

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From: Weinzetl, Theresa <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Ron Tusler,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:59 PM
To: "'derin.lindsay@gmail.com'" <derin.lindsay@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good afternoon Derin,

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From: Derin Antony <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Ron Tusler,

My name is Derin Antony. I am an infant teacher at the Salvation Army Children's Learning Center in Menasha.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:02 PM
To: "'shauna@littleinspirationschildcare.com'" <shauna@littleinspirationschildcare.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good afternoon Shauna,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about the concerns you raise. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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From: Shauna Schmidt <shauna@littleinspirationschildcare.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Ron Tusler,

My name is Shauna Schmidt. I am an Owner/Director at Little Inspirations Childcare Center in Menasha, Wisconsin. I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state. Early care and education has been urged to stay open under the "Safer at Home" order, to prepare to welcome the children of essential workers and to stand in the front line of this pandemic. This overlooked, under-funded, fragile field that has always been the workforce behind our state's workforce, is now called to meet this urgent growing need. Still a driver of our economy, child care is now also the backbone to our state's response to COVID19; how can essential workers provide health care and other emergency services without it? Early care and education programs must be financially supported now and in the future so that they are able to continue to serve Wisconsin families. Here's what

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Shauna Schmidt

Shauna Schmidt

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4:20 PM
To: "'msvoights1951@gmail.com'" <msvoights1951@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good afternoon Mary Sue,

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From: Mary Sue Voights <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:57 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Ron Tusler,

My name is Mary Sue Voights. I am a retired Early Child Care Professional of 45 years in the field. During those years I have been a teacher in group centers, a self employed licensed family child care professional, an Instructor, County Certifier (for 2 counties), and a Young Star Technical Consultant and Rater. I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state. Early care and education has been urged to stay open under the "Safer at Home" order, to prepare to welcome the children of essential workers and to stand in the front line of this pandemic. This overlooked, under-funded, fragile field that has always been the workforce behind our state's workforce, is now called to meet this urgent growing need. Still a driver of our economy, child care is now also the backbone to our state's response to COVID19; how can essential workers provide health care and other

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 3:27 PM
To: "'abbydenniston@yahoo.com'" <abbydenniston@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
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From: Elizabeth Tittle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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My name is Elizabeth Tittle. I am an Early Childhood Educator at my home daycare, Liz's In Home Daycare, in Little Chute, Wisconsin. I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state. Early care and education has been urged to stay open under the "Safer at Home" order, to prepare to welcome the children of essential workers and to stand in the front line of this pandemic. This overlooked, under-funded, fragile field that has always been the workforce behind our state's workforce, is now called to meet this urgent growing need. Still a driver of our economy, child care is now also the backbone to our state's response to COVID19; how can essential workers provide health care and other emergency services without it? Early care and education programs must be financially supported now and in the future so that they are able to continue to serve Wisconsin families.

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For a more personal note, here is where I am at personally.

I'm doing my best to remain open to the families that I've committed to, but it's been a challenge and has been a hard choice to continue to make as a Certified Home Childcare Provider. I'm pregnant with our first child, and nervous for our safety. I have cared for and for years now have continued to care for children of police officers, teachers, insurance providers, factory workers, bank employees, assisted living staff, and more. I care for children of essential workers, for those who are now unemployed, and for many who were able to transfer their work load to their home.

So because of these families, their value in our community, and their commitment to me, I'm remaining open to the best of my ability. Continuing to provide dependable and quality childcare and education, but I'm exposing myself. I'm exposing my husband, and our unborn

child each time these families and their children set foot in the front door of our home. Even though I have not left our home in weeks, I'm at risk. My family is at risk.

My husband who was not considered an essential worker is at home with us, and has taken the responsibility upon himself to get our weekly groceries, groceries for ourselves and for the daycare kiddos. But that in itself has been a struggle for many reasons. The first being supplies. We are struggling to find diapers & wipes, baby food & formula, our usual cleaning supplies that are safe for little hands and food surfaces, as well as many of the healthy foods we regularly serve. We are not receiving donations like our local hospitals are, though local and state agencies are emailing us daily to remain open if possible because the need for childcare right now is so high.

The second reason that staying open has been a struggle, is financially. As a childcare provider, I pay myself after daycare groceries, daycare cleaning supplies, bills to keep our home warm & with water for daycare. I pay myself after I purchase art and activity supplies, after putting into my own retirement fund because I do not have an employer to match, and after all the childcare business needs have been met. Now with one less income as he is laid off and no insurance as he is our insurance carrier, with a baby on the way we are now having to touch our savings. Our savings that was intended for our child's arrival in just a few weeks, for those hospital bills and my prenatal appointments, and for emergencies. The wants and needs we have for our child have been put on hold as much as possible, and we will have to try and rebuild our savings at another time, with a newborn or young child.

Here is where it gets harder. If I close my home daycare for our safety, I do not qualify for unemployment. I leave the families that I have promised reliable childcare, without any childcare. We would lose the last of our income. So we would be home, with no income as my husband has tried for almost two weeks to apply for unemployment, and has been unsuccessful. Unsuccessful because every time he calls, the hold line is so full, that it will not even put him on hold, and there is no "call me back" option available. That is for the days when the line was not completely disconnected.

Though this letter is not all about income, because even with my degree, my passion and career has never been about the money. I still make less than any teen working at

McDonalds. But what we do need to remain open is support in the form of money, and supplies. Childcare providers like myself, need help to continue doing what we do.

Some ways that would be a valuable support to home childcare providers is bonuses for staying open in times like these, and grants for providing the level and type of care that we do. Donations, lower prices, or easier access to cleaning supplies, teaching supplies, educational materials, and office supplies. Access to the option of health care insurance, unemployment pay, maternity leave pay, hazard/essential worker pay, and financial incentives offered to continue doing what we work so hard to do. We need something beyond the occasional free trainings and random materials that we can find to receive/win through our local CCR&R (Child Care Resource & Referral) agencies by attending trainings and meetings, beyond a phone call with the governor that points us in the direction of online information and thanks us for what we do, and beyond email links to write what we are in need of when we have not and likely will not receive any of the things we need in time.

We need the support and respect of others as we continue to work at providing quality childcare and education through these hard times, as well as in our daily lives before and after the effects of COVID-19.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Tittle
Home Childcare Provider & Professional

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809 Madison Street
Little Chute, Wisconsin 54140

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 2:36 PM

To: 'Kathleen Gaffney' <gaffer03@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: Support the Vote on Thursday for AB 546, The Consumer Protection for Complementary Healthcare Act, in Assembly Health

Good afternoon Kathleen,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on AB 546, The Consumer Protection for Complementary Healthcare Act. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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From: Kathleen Gaffney <gaffer03@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 6:18 PM

To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Support the Vote on Thursday for AB 546, The Consumer Protection for Complementary Healthcare Act, in Assembly Health

Dear Representative Tusler,

As your constituent, I'm excited to let you know that AB 546, the "Consumer Protection for Complementary Healthcare" bill has been scheduled for a vote in the Assembly Health Committee on Thursday, February 13. I want you to know I am eager to see this bill become law and I'd appreciate anything you can do to help it pass out of committee and move to a floor vote in each chamber!

I want your support for this important bill because I believe it is needed to protect consumers and practitioners who use and provide complementary health care services in Wisconsin, including herbalists, naturopaths, homeopaths, nutrition consultants, and many others. Under current WI law, these practitioners are vulnerable to criminal charges for practicing medicine – or another licensed health care profession – without a license.

The bill is similar to language already passed into law in eleven other states. Wisconsin's bill seeks to provide an exemption to state occupational licensure for those non-invasive complementary healthcare practitioners who (1) avoid a specific list of prohibited conduct, such as administering prescription drugs or telling people to go off treatments recommended by a licensed health care professional, and who (2) give out the disclosure information listed in the

bill, such as contact information, education, and the nature of the services to be provided.

Please protect my ability to access the safe and gentle health care services of my choice by joining Senator Tiffany, Representative Felzkowski, and many others in support of this bill.

Health-seekers deserve to have maximum options protected for them as they work to explore their wellness and health. Please help SB 492/AB 546 become law in Wisconsin. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:15 PM
To: "erinjs1122@hotmail.com" <erinjs1122@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Take immediate action to protect the public health and mitigate economic harm for workers and businesses.

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From: Erin Spoehr <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take immediate action to protect the public health and mitigate economic harm for workers and businesses.

Ron Tusler,

In our state and across the country, people are losing their jobs as businesses temporarily or permanently shutter. At the same time, not all of our state's residents have access to the financial and health care resources they'll need to weather the coronavirus pandemic.

Even while the federal government continues to pass critical legislation for working people and frontline health care workers, I urge you to take immediate action to protect the public health and mitigate economic harm for workers and businesses. This includes:

STEPS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

- Expand access to testing and treatment by bolstering state and local health care systems

with emergency funding and, to the extent possible, removing any financial barriers for people seeking care;

- Expand health care coverage through Medicaid and the exchanges, and protect coverage for those with employer-based plans;

- Enact emergency paid sick leave programs that cover all workers in businesses of all sizes;

STEPS TO MITIGATE ECONOMIC HARM FOR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

- Bolster and reform state unemployment insurance (UI) systems quickly to protect workers who lose their jobs and those whose hours are reduced. Current UI programs provide support only to workers who have lost a job and are actively seeking a new one. You can help by waiving job-seeking requirements, and eliminate all waiting periods for delivery of benefits (as some states, such as California and Ohio, have already done),

- Ensure that health care professionals and first responders are protected from harm, both physically and economically, as a result of their response to the pandemic. Our state can allocate additional funding to municipalities so that firefighters and paramedics have all the protective gear they need to respond to emergency calls safely and effectively.

- Expand access to child care and provide additional support to child care providers who are likely seeing increased demand;

STEPS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS AND COMMUNITIES

- Expand direct income support programs for people and families in need, including increasing benefit amounts for Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) while also relaxing eligibility requirements, especially counterproductive work requirements;

- Ensure families with children who depend on free or reduced school lunches can still receive a meal;

- Provide emergency funding to social service providers such as food banks, homeless shelters, and senior centers.

Every day that we delay action hurts our most vulnerable communities.

Thank you,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:08 PM
To: 'Richard Fink' <atlbravesfn1@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

Good afternoon Richard,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on expanding voting options. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.
In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

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From: Richard Fink <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 11:24 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

I recognize the grave circumstances facing Wisconsin during the COVID-19 outbreak, and fully appreciate the work state and local officials have undertaken to protect the public from this pandemic.

However, as the April 7 primaries draw closer, and as state officials respond to protect the health and safety of Wisconsin residents, we cannot sacrifice free and fair elections. We **MUST** do everything in our power to preserve them. I'm asking you today to immediately:

- Mail every WI voter a ballot.
- Waive the rule to have a witness signature on absentee voting, especially since voters may need to self-quarantine.
- Extend the deadline for absentee ballots to be submitted.

This is an unprecedented situation. And it calls for election officials and legislative leaders to respond with a plan that works for all voters... particularly those who have long faced barriers to the ballot, including African Americans, low-income voters, voters with disabilities, and students.

I'm counting on your support right now. Thank you in advance for ensuring our democracy works for every single American.
Sincerely, Richard Fink

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:29 AM
To: "Rep.Vos" <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact Robin was submitted

Thanks for passing this along! 😊

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: the form Contact Robin was submitted

Hi Rep. Tusler and staff,

We received this email from one of your constituents who owns a local business and are forwarding it for your awareness.

Hope you all are having a good week so far!

Sincerely,

Amanda Ledtke
Office of Speaker Robin J. Vos
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From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:43 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact Robin was submitted

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Message

Dear Speaker Vos,

I'd like to offer my thoughts on the Governors position on Golfing in Wisconsin during the pandemic....

I was walking on the sidewalk yesterday and the person a block ahead of me was smoking, I could smell the smoke..... The recent report of 45 out of 60 choir members in Washington getting the virus after a practice.... My point is that the likelihood of this being airborne seems to be high. If I can smell cigarette smoke a block away, could the virus hang in the air that long? The walking paths in our state park, High

Cliff, are about 12 feet wide, most of which are protected by trees on both sides. I suspect most state parks are like this. If someone with the virus breaths on the path, it could infect other folks. Now I'm not sure how far fetched this is, but I state it to prove a point. A golf course hole is for the most, is part wide open. A golf hole is typically up to 180 feet wide or wider. If we use a tee time spread of 12 minutes per twosome (or a foursome if they live in the same household) and require walking only, interaction with other golfers is virtually nonexistent. It is very easy to practice social distancing on a golf course. No sand rakes, no ball washers, no benches, no tee markers, a cup that doesn't allow balls to fall in, pro shop closed, no loitering before or after a round and all transactions are done over the phone by credit card, all help to provide a safe environment. Disk golf is currently being allowed. Golf is the perfect outdoor activity in a pandemic situation. The rules are strict. I would suggest if a course is caught breaking the rules, they are closed immediately and for the rest of the closures. The last two years have been very poor for golf courses because of the weather. This ruling will only compound the challenges from the last two years. My business partner and I have not taken a paycheck yet this year. Last year I didn't cash a paycheck until June. I only make \$30K a year. Please, Please, Please talk to the Governor and get him to look at golf from a different view. It would be great for folks to get out and get some safe exercise. I can't tell you how much we all would appreciate your efforts.

Dan Rippl

High Cliff Public Golf Course, Inc.

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Are you a robot?

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:53 PM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: There was a recommendation to get an e-mail from Vos that said that Evers does not want to reschedule the election
Attachments: Letter to Municipal Clerks.docx

Ron,

I reached out to the Speaker's Office about a statement about the governor rescheduling the election. They were not aware of any such statement. I found a Wisconsin Public Radio article from Friday about Evers' stance on the spring election.

Please see the attached drafted letter and let me know if you would like any changes made.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
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From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: There was a recommendation to get an e-mail from Vos that said that Evers does not want to reschedule the election

Please find that. Circle it, and sent it to all of our clerks. Include a letter from me that states,

I have heard from several clerks that they believe we must reschedule the April 7 election. I have advocated for rescheduling. However, Gov. Evers has decided to go forward with the election. I understand your concerns, and I will do what is within my power to help.

Ronald W. Tusler
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:52 PM
To: 'Sue Starkey' <mkmother64@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's election

Good afternoon Sue,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on the upcoming election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District, Wisconsin State Assembly Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov
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From: Sue Starkey <mkmother64@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tomorrow's election

I cannot believe that WI is holding an election tomorrow. I hold both parties accountable for this, however, the Republican party could have put people before politics on Saturday, and didn't. This is the party of pro-life? Pro-life is life in ALL stages, not just at conception. Way to help flatten the curve, and protect our citizens. I have 2 people in my household who are considered high risk; we voted by absentee ballot, but there are those for whatever reason, are unable to do so. Way to protect those who work at our polling places...the vast majority of those workers are high risk. Way to ace Milwaukee out of the picture, the city is our "epicenter", and very few polling places will be open.

As someone who has chosen to never vote strictly by party, but am admittedly more conservative in my views, the stance of the Republican party on Saturday has shown me where their true values are...politics and money before people. As a party that prides themselves on raking in the Christian voters, these values don't seem to mesh with what Christian actions are supposed to be. I voted for each of you during our last election, sadly, your inaction and unwillingness to buck the party line for the sake of the health of your family, neighbors, friends, and the people of Wisconsin, who you should be protecting, has me rethinking your ability to truly represent Wisconsin.

I pray that you and your families remain healthy during this pandemic.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:17 PM
To: "'tillyn@sbcglobal.net'" <tillyn@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good afternoon Ralph,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on repealing the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

Respectfully,

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From: Ralph Nabbefeld <tillyn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Ralph Nabbefeld

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:56 PM
To: "'Mscheff@sbcglobal.net'" <Mscheff@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Michael,

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Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

From: Michael Scheffler <Mscheff@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:15 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Michael Scheffler

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:58 PM
To: "'hanner489@aol.com'" <hanner489@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: Michael Hanson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Michael Hanson

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:01 PM
To: "'tjkuepper@new.rr.com'" <tjkuepper@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Thomas,

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From: Thomas Kuepper <tjkuepper@new.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Thomas Kuepper

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:02 PM
To: "'eric.sedo@yahoo.com'" <eric.sedo@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Eric,

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Sincerely,

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Wisconsin State Assembly

From: Eric Sedo <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Eric Sedo

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:04 PM
To: "'Uswman@hotmail.com'" <Uswman@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Russelle,

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From: Russelle Brouillard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Russelle Brouillard

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:06 PM
To: "'Sam.Plass@neenah.com'" <Sam.Plass@neenah.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Samuel,

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From: Samuel Plass <Sam.Plass@neenah.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:30 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:17 PM
To: "'tillyn@sbcglobal.net'" <tillyn@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good afternoon Ralph,

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Respectfully,

Office of Representative Ron Tusler
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From: Ralph Nabbefeld <tillyn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:10 PM
To: "'tatsfleck@yahoo.com'" <tatsfleck@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Tammy,

Thank you for contacting my office about repealing the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. I love to hear from my constituents! Your voice helps me make informed decisions on behalf of the Third Assembly District.

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Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

From: Tammy Fleck <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:51 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:12 PM
To: "'schmitz_jason@yahoo.com'" <schmitz_jason@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Jason,

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From: JASON SCHMITZ <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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JASON SCHMITZ

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To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:58 PM
To: "'hanner489@aol.com'" <hanner489@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

From: Michael Hanson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Michael Hanson

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:01 PM
To: "tjkuepper@new.rr.com" <tjkuepper@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: Thomas Kuepper <tjkuepper@new.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:52 PM
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Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:56 PM
To: "'Mscheff@sbcglobal.net'" <Mscheff@sbcglobal.net>
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From: Michael Scheffler <Mscheff@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:15 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Michael Scheffler

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:02 PM
To: "'eric.sedo@yahoo.com'" <eric.sedo@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Eric,

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From: Eric Sedo <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:50 PM
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Eric Sedo

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:04 PM
To: "'Uswman@hotmail.com'" <Uswman@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Russelle,

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From: Russelle Brouillard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:06 PM
To: "'Sam.Plass@neenah.com'" <Sam.Plass@neenah.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Samuel,

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From: Samuel Plass <Sam.Plass@neenah.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:30 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Samuel Plass

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:08 PM
To: "'ubcnme@hotmail.com'" <ubcnme@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Vicky,

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From: Vicky Brandes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Vicky Brandes

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:10 PM
To: "'tatsfleck@yahoo.com'" <tatsfleck@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear Tammy,

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From: Tammy Fleck <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:51 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Tammy Fleck

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:12 PM
To: "'schmitz_jason@yahoo.com'" <schmitz_jason@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: JASON SCHMITZ <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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JASON SCHMITZ

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:16 PM
To: "'trevormartin6@live.com'" <trevormartin6@live.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: TREVOR MARTIN <trevormartin6@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:18 PM
To: "'lswiertz@yahoo.com'" <lswiertz@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: Lynn Swiertz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Lynn Swiertz

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:01 PM
To: "'MCHAUS212@YAHOO.COM'" <MCHAUS212@YAHOO.COM>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Dear John,

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From: JOHN HAUSER <MCHAUS212@YAHOO.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:12 PM
To: "'schmitz_jason@yahoo.com'" <schmitz_jason@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sincerely,

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State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

From: JASON SCHMITZ <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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JASON SCHMITZ

schmitz_jason@yahoo.com

N9055 Spring Valley Rd

Menasha, Wisconsin 54952

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 1:00 PM
To: "'mlamers@appvion.com'" <mlamers@appvion.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: michael lamers <mlamers@appvion.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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michael lamers

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:18 PM
To: "'lswiertz@yahoo.com'" <lswiertz@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: Lynn Swiertz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:53 PM
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Lynn Swiertz

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:01 PM
To: "'MCHAUS212@YAHOO.COM'" <MCHAUS212@YAHOO.COM>
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From: JOHN HAUSER <MCHAUS212@YAHOO.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 1:30 PM
To: ""johnwoehrer@yahoo.com"" <johnwoehrer@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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From: John Woehrer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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johnwoehrer@yahoo.com

1214 Carpenter Street
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:14 PM
To: 'D M Sanderson' <michsand2012@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment benefits

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From: D M Sanderson <michsand2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment benefits

Dear Senator Jacque & Representative Tusler,

In light of the recent covid-19 epidemic, I am urging you to immediately remove the waiting week for unemployment benefits and to raise the maximum benefit to a minimum \$500. Also, depending on the length of this event, you should lengthen the benefit period from 26 weeks to 52 weeks.

This outbreak has caught many by surprise and will probably affect a great number of people. If too many people reach a point where they cannot pay their bills, combined with a slowdown in economic activity, this may push us into a period that may only be compared to the 1930's. With more unemployment benefits, hopefully it will buy time so a cure and/or vaccine can be found for this virus.

reagrds,

David M Sanderson
Appleton, WI

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:31 PM
To: 'Daniel Helf' <danielr.helf@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Upcoming Elections

Good afternoon Daniel,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on postponing the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.
In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

Respectfully,

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From: Daniel Helf <danielr.helf@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Upcoming Elections

I am writing both of you as my representatives in the State government and ask that you work to postpone the election next week. Personally, I have an absentee ballot but I think it is absurd that people would be asked to choose between their health and their civic duty during this unprecedented time. We're all in this together. The elections can wait for another month or two. And at that time, if it still unsafe to hold in-person voting, that would give the State plenty of time to provide absentee ballots to all eligible voters.

Which also prompts me to write about November's elections. I strongly support sending out absentee ballots to all eligible voters for November's elections as well. It is important to provide all eligible voters the easiest way possible to contribute to our democracy. Please support people's right to vote and please make it as easy as possible for all voters to do so. The best way to have a representative republic is make sure we're not creating undue barriers in allowing the people to choose their representatives. Our representative governments (local, State, and Federal) are too important to play politics with the people's right to vote.

Thank you.

Daniel Helf

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:04 PM
To: "'twister-hunter@att.net'" <twister-hunter@att.net>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:36 AM
To: "'BROMANOWICH@UFCW1473.ORG'" <BROMANOWICH@UFCW1473.ORG>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Good morning Brian,

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From: Brian Romanowich <BROMANOWICH@UFCW1473.ORG>
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2515 s Madison st

Appleton , Wisconsin 54915

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:27 AM
To: 'American Supply Association Advocacy' <advocacy@govpredict.com>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Essential Industry List

Good morning Robert,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Our office finally heard from the Governor's Office specifically regarding the PVF Industry. Essentially, the PVF industry would be considered essential and are allowed to continue to operate. They must still adhere to the social distancing guidelines of 6 feet.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

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From: American Supply Association Advocacy <advocacy@govpredict.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: URGENT: Essential Industry List

Dear Rep. Ron Tusler (WI-3),

As we move into uncertain times with the COVID-19 pandemic, I am writing to you through the American Supply Association (our industry's national trade association), serving wholesaler-distributors and their supply chain partners in the plumbing-heating-cooling-piping (PHCP) and industrial pipe-valve-fitting (PVF) industry. We are urging you to designate plumbing and industrial PVF (pipe, valve and fitting) and our industry's contractors, suppliers and manufacturers as essential - to ensure the continued supply of life-sustaining water, gas, heat and food to our communities throughout the state.

The plumbing and industrial PVF industry has long been considered an essential industry - as it directly addresses the public health and energy needs of our nation. Access to clean water, fuel and heat are of the utmost concern and will help protect Americans as we deal with this crisis. Late last week, the Department of Homeland Security issued essential industry guidelines to include our supply chain's contractors, distributors and manufacturers. Each state is now issuing their own definitions as to what is an essential industry. Please urge the Governor, as well as

your colleagues, to include the plumbing, heating and industrial PVF supply chains as an essential industry

The American public must be reassured that the necessary services our industry provides, will be there when they need it. Thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented crisis, as well as your time and consideration in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT BETZ

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:46 PM
To: 'David Henry' <dhenry91@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Vote

Good afternoon Dave,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on the election. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.
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From: David Henry <dhenry91@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Vote

Your court action to stop the governor from postponing the election until a later date is appalling, given the fact that you made people choose between being exposed to a deadly virus and voting in a stated wartime situation (republican words not mine).

While your argument may be correct, that it was unconstitutional to do that, it is an unacceptable argument given current conditions. You guys are supposed to solve problems, your approach did not solve the problem. You should have worked with the governor to fix this issue.

Your job is to figure out a way to solve this problem and not just bull your way through it with an unconscionable constitutionality argument.

Your approach to this problem was not professional and should not have happened.

Going to court to stop the governor indicates you are either inept, incompetent, unqualified for the job, lack critical thinking skills, are just plain arrogant or some combination of the above.

The Republican stance in the past has been pro-life, you can no longer use that as a viable argument since you did not care about the people voting.

Voss proved that republicans only care about their own well-being. He was in protective gear while those who drove past him were not. And he was more than 6 feet away from voters he was in

protective gear. Yet he was saying it was safe to vote, while he was in protective gear. Republicans are an abomination and a disgrace.

You are an embarrassment and a stain on the district you represent, you are an embarrassment and stain on the state of Wisconsin, you are an embarrassment and a stain on the country and you are an embarrassment to humanity.

Your action indicates that you do not support the Constitution and only represent the wealthy. If your ideas are so good, you should not need to keep people from voting in a wartime environment.

The very fact that the president of the country and other Republicans have stated many times that if you let everyone vote Republicans can't win. I have also heard Republicans say that people don't understand their policies or arguments and therefore republicans must lie, cheat and gerrymander to win. It also tells me that your argument is no good since you can't explain it well enough so that people will vote for republican.

Republicans are like lemmings; all they can do is follow the ass in front of them. You have proved that by your actions. You cannot think independently nor can you act independently. You are a failure and enormous disappointment. Greed is not capitalism it is simply greed.

While I have always been an independent voter I leaned toward republicans. That is over I will not make that mistake again. I am pushing neighbors and relatives to vote democratic. Republicans have screwed this up every step of the way despite what Trump says. All the lying and happy talk in the world don't change facts.

Dave Henry

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:20 PM
To: "'Wiedenbauer, Timothy J'" <WiedenbauerT@lakeland.edu>
Subject: RE: Voting

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 1:19 PM
To: 'Home Acct' <mspecht@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Voting

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Subject: Voting

It only makes sense to allow change to mail in ballots. Anything else risks poll workers and suppresses peoples right to vote. This should not be political.

Thank you Beth Specht
Sent from my iPad

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 11:30 AM
To: "Luckey, Michael" <Michael.Luckey@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Voting Document
Attachments: Copy of Fox Valley April 2020 Voting Information.xlsx

Hi Michael,

Please see that attached list with Buchanan, Brillion, Harrison, Stockbridge, Kimberly, Combined Locks, and Sherwood included.

Thanks for putting this together! 😊

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From: Luckey, Michael <Michael.Luckey@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting Document

Hi William,

I'm wondering if you'd had a chance to work on that voting information document I sent over.

Thanks,

Michael Luckey
Office of Representative Mike Rohrkaste
Wisconsin State Assembly
(608) 266-5719

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:01 PM
To: 'Karrie Been' <kbeen@kimberly.k12.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Voting during COVID-19

Good afternoon Karrie,

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From: Karrie Been <kbeen@kimberly.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:18 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting during COVID-19

Dear Senator,
In the light of the spread of this virus and the fact that the entire state is under a Safe at Home advisory. How does this decision to hold voting tomorrow make any sense?
Honestly, who thinks this is a good idea? Please explain.
Thank you,
Karrie Been
N9560 Jade Ct.
Appleton, Wi 54915

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:18 PM
To: 'Darren Poppleton' <desertfool@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Voting in Wisconsin

Good afternoon Darren,

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To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting in Wisconsin

I don't care what party you are from, every voter should get a ballot in this crisis. Every registered voter should have an 'absentee' ballot mailed to them so we can have a true election. Anyone elected under the current situation is not a valid representative of the state. This election is a sham.

Darren J. Poppleton

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:53 AM
To: 'jennidetert' <jennidetert@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Voting on Tuesday

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Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting on Tuesday

Please care enough about the people you represent to find an alternative to voting in person on Tuesday..

Postpone the election, allow voting by mail, extend absentee voting, etc...

It is shameful to expect your voters to choose between their safety and their right to vote.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 11:34 AM
To: 'Mark Vander Loop' <svlooper@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Voting

Good morning Mark,

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From: Mark Vander Loop <svlooper@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

Governor Tony Evers wanted to postpone the voting today due to covid-19, and as a conservative I agree with that. It is unbelievable that his mandate got overturned and I'll be sure to be there to vote when your term comes up.... This is no more than a game of Republican roulette and unfortunately you will have some blood on your hands.

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 8:32 AM
To: "Handrick, Joe" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: WEC emergency meeting

Good morning Joe,

I was not tracking a WEC meeting yesterday. I listened to their meeting on March 12th, and am aware of the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, March 18th. I have no materials or knowledge of the meeting.

<https://elections.wi.gov/taxonomy/term/261>

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Do you have any information on what the WEC did at their emergency meeting today?

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:03 AM
To: "Juno, Sandy L." <Sandy.Juno@browncountywi.gov>
Subject: RE: WI Legislature Notification

Good morning Sandy,

The Committee on Campaigns and Elections held an Executive Session on AB 64 <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/REG/AB64> back in May. The vote on May 29, 2019 happened in person.

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From: Juno, Sandy L. <Sandy.Juno@browncountywi.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WI Legislature Notification

Did the committee meet in person or remotely for this vote?

Sandy
Sandy Juno
Brown County Clerk
305 E. Walnut St., Room 120
Green Bay, WI 54301
920.819.9046

From: WI Legislature Notification System <software-notification@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:33 AM
To: Juno, Sandy L. <Sandy.Juno@browncountywi.gov>
Subject: WI Legislature Notification

You requested to be notified of the following legislative activities:

Subject subscriptions: Based on the keywords: "Election" and "Election Costs"

Proposal: [AB64 \(-1888\)](#) [View Bill History](#)

relating to: aids to counties and municipalities for certain special election costs and making an appropriation.

- * 3/26/2020: Report passage recommended by Committee on Campaigns and Elections, Ayes 7, Noes 0
- * 3/26/2020: Referred to committee on Rules

To change or stop email notifications to juno_sl@co.brown.wi.us, please go to the [Notify website](#).

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:45 AM
To: 'Fritz Corsmeier' <fritzcorsmeier@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Department of Health Services Designee Andrea Palm

Good morning NorRita,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on DHS Secretary Andrea Palm. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.

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From: Fritz Corsmeier <fritzcorsmeier@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Department of Health Services Designee Andrea Palm

Representative Tusler

It appears the Secretary of The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has yet to receive approval. If her approval is to be determined by the State Assembly, I would like to request that you vote against her appointment.

Sincerely,

NorRita Corsmeier
Retired Registered Nurse

From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 2:55 PM
To: 'Annika Schultz' <annikaeschultz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin's Response to Voting

Good afternoon Annika

Thank you for contacting the Office of Representative Tusler. Representative Tusler would like to hear more about your thoughts on voting. If you would be willing to provide your telephone number, Representative Tusler will be reaching out to you soon.
In addition, could you please provide your address so my office can verify you are a constituent?

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From: Annika Schultz <annikaeschultz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin's Response to Voting

Dear Representative Ron Tusler,

My name is Annika Schultz, and I am an eighteen year-old who strives to be an active citizen of my community, state, and nation. This is why I write to you today, to participate in one of my civil duties and liberties within this failing democracy. However, I am aware that I am more likely writing to your staff as government leaders rarely read and/or respond to their constituents. Although, I do hope that this message finds itself to you because your constituents and their opinions should matter to you. As I am a young adult, I, admittedly, fit into a category of the population that, historically, has failed to do their part in participating in government. However, I feel as though I am one of the many exceptions. As a citizen of a "democracy," I have devoted myself to immersing myself into government and politics because that is how I can give my voice an audience in this system of government. In fact, in addition to careful research, I have taken many classes in high school in which I have learned a great deal about the government and politics, such as American Justice and AP United States Government and Politics. The area of study in which I will pursue next year at a university is Legal Studies. Thus, I ask that you do not cast me aside as an uneducated young adult, because I can assure you that I am not.

I write in regards to the refusal of Wisconsin's governmental leaders, in multiple branches of government may I add, to look out for the health and safety of Wisconsin citizens during this worldwide pandemic by postponing the state election. The Founding Fathers of this great nation wrote in the preamble of the Constitution that "we the people of the United States" shall "promote the general welfare" of this nation. You, as a citizen who holds a leadership

position within the government are included in the “people.” Therefore, part of your responsibility is to protect the “welfare” of American citizens. As I sit here writing this letter, thousands of Wisconsin citizens are putting their health at risk in the name of voting. Some of these voters are unable to access absentee ballots for many reasons, some of which include the homeless as they do not have a residence for the ballot to be mailed, part of the elderly population who are unable to request an absentee ballot due to lack of computer or technological knowledge, and those who turn eighteen after the deadline for requesting absentee ballots. Personally, I was able to request, receive, and turn in my absentee ballot on time. However, this was only possible due to some circumstances that others do not find themselves in. I was fortunate enough to turn eighteen before the deadline, I have access to the internet to request an absentee ballot online, and I live in a less populated area, thus, my municipal building did not face the extreme rush of absentee voters and were able to get my ballot out in a timely manner. I could exercise my right to vote in a safe manner, so this is not about me, instead, this is about my fellow citizens who are unable to do so. Many citizens in densely populated areas of Wisconsin such as Madison, Milwaukee and Green Bay requested their absentee ballot, but did not receive them in time due to the high volume of requests those municipal buildings received. Those locations simply could not keep up in the allotted time, and giving them more time certainly would have helped. The postponing of in-person voting would have allowed those citizens who have underlying medical conditions or are elderly to later exercise their vote without having to choose between the possibility of losing their life or voting. If they choose to value their life they, in the words of respected Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, “will be left quite literally without a vote.” This alternative is unacceptable as democracy is founded upon the voice and vote of its citizens. Voting is mentioned five times in the Constitution, so clearly it is an important part of our system of government.

Not only is this situation that we have found ourselves perilous for voters, but for poll workers and locations as well. A large number of polling locations have been eliminated from today’s election causing even more people to flood the available locations. This increases the gatherings of voters at polling locations, certainly violating the recommendations of many medical professionals and reputable medical organizations and increasing the risk of spreading COVID-19 among Wisconsin citizens. Thousands of poll workers have refused to show up to the polls over concerns for their health. One of these people is my grandmother, a woman who has shown her devotion to voting her whole eligible life. She weighed the choice of working with the possibility of catching this deadly virus or following CDC guidance and sheltering in her home, knowing full well that she is part of an at-risk population. I support her choice because the pain of losing another grandparent just months after my grandfather’s passing is unbearable. Furthermore, my church is a designated voting place. The pastors at my church wrote and spoke out about their very real concerns for the citizens that come to vote, and the possible lingering of COVID-19 in the church, affecting members of our congregation, who are largely elderly, once we are allowed to come back to worship. A family member of one of my friends works at a municipal building, thus it is her job to work the polling stations, and cannot abandon it despite her concerns for her health. I am positive I am just one of thousands of Wisconsin citizens who have similar concerns as they have connections to poll workers and others directly connected to the polling process as well.

I do not deny that American citizens have the right to vote and should exercise that right, in fact I clearly support it as a voting citizen myself. However, I believe that it is morally wrong to risk the health and safety of thousands of citizens by refusing to allow a change in the voting process. The Founding Fathers of the Constitution did not envision a global pandemic occurring in the midst of an election, especially since this catastrophe is unprecedented, never seen before. They wrote the Constitution in a vague manner so that it can be adjusted and interpreted

for the changing times and unforeseen circumstances. Thus, government leaders should feel morally obligated to follow the Founders' wishes by "promot[ing] general welfare" through following the lead of other states and altering the voting process just once in a time in which the whole world is altering the way in which things are run. Unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures to protect the population.

This concern is much broader than simply voting. The serious, and very probable, spreading of COVID-19 during polling will undoubtedly have grave repercussions. It does not take a scientist or medical professional to come to the conclusion that the more people are infected, the more deaths that will occur, and the longer this pandemic and quarantine will last. Certainly you are aware of the devastating economical and societal effects of this pandemic. Millions of Americans are currently unemployed, unable to afford to pay their bills and feed their families leading to long lasting problems in their lives. Personally, I am a part of the population currently out of work. While I am very fortunate and grateful that both of my parents have professions that allow them to work from home, I am currently not making money for myself. This money I am losing out on would have gone towards the funding of my secondary education, a cause less important than my fellow citizens who are losing money that would have gone towards their bills and food. I am aware of my privilege in this pandemic, I have it better than millions of other Americans who are deathly terrified of whether or not they can afford their next meal, if they will lose their apartment as they can't afford their rent, if they will pass the virus along to their family when they get home after a tiring day if they are an essential worker, or of the detrimental mental effects of long term isolation. However, like the rest of the world and I'm sure you as well, I have been affected. This year, I am a senior in high school, I do not have another year to reclaim the opportunities I have lost due to this pandemic. I lost the opportunity I had to run a statewide convention for thousands of young adults as a District Board member for an international organization called Key Club. The hundreds of hours of preparation, effort, and work all the dedicated and intelligent young leaders of both my District Board and every other District Board around the world put into these conventions were for nothing. I lost the opportunity to perform in three events at State Solo and Ensemble for band class which I had prepared for and earned the privilege to perform at. I lost the opportunity to see my boyfriend, a member of the United States Marine Corps, as he was unable to travel home for his pre-deployment leave which had been planned for months, leading to our separation for a whole year. I lost my last prom, a fun, highly anticipated night in which to let loose and enjoy being a teenager. Now, with the strong potential for an increase in COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin due to the large gathering of people at polling locations, I, along with other Wisconsin citizens, fear for a lengthened quarantine. Thus, I fear that I will lose my last band concerts, an interest I have invested eight years in. I fear I will have to watch my twin brother and best friends weep as they lose their last season of high school sports that they have invested years into training for. I fear that my fellow classmates and I will lose our graduation ceremony. I have put in four long years of determination, tears, grit, and sacrifice into my high school education. I spent hours upon hours studying and learning, only to likely have the well deserved celebration for my efforts be stripped away just like the graduations of many other high school seniors around the nation. I acknowledge that there are far bigger and more important repercussions and effects than my own that Wisconsin citizens currently face and will face. This likelihood for an increase of COVID-19 cases in the state will extend and worsen the repercussions and effects that Wisconsin citizens currently face and will face, especially with a likely increase in the time in which we are all quarantined.

It is unacceptable, undemocratic, and immoral for this decision of the health and safety of Wisconsin citizens to be a political one. Currently, politics run the government, not the people. I could sit here and list all of the evidence for this claim such as senators spend 70% of their

days campaigning for their next election, government leaders usually selfishly make legislation for lobbyist and interests groups because that is where the money is, the easiest way to get elected into a government positions is by being an incumbent, and legislation has a 30% of being enacted regardless of the amount of public support for it; however, I am sure you are aware of the problem. This time though, the government has not only taken away the voice of the citizens, but risked their safety and health due to politics. This should be a wake up call for all; politics should not overpower the welfare of the nation. This is the point in which our government has truly lost the roots of democracy as it is no longer for the people

You, as a government leader, had the power to try your absolute best to protect the “general welfare” of your constituents while still maintaining the citizens’ right to vote. Certainly, this failure to do so does not lie on the shoulders of a single government leader as that would be unjust and simply inaccurate of me to say. The purpose of this letter is to fulfil my duty as an active citizen by reaching out to my representatives in government to express my opinions and concerns. I hope that this correspondence causes you and other government leaders to reflect on the issue and see it from the point of view of a young American who will be a part of the generation at the forefront of government one day. There is no better and more necessary time to act than in the midst of a global pandemic. My call for you is to step up to be the voice your constituents elected you to be, protect the welfare of your constituents as the Constitution calls you to, and impact this pandemic and the way in which the American government responds in a positive way. I truly wish you the best in your response to this issue and hope that you stay safe and healthy during this terrifying time.

Sincerely,
Annika Schultz

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Ron Tusler
FROM: Christopher Webb, legislative analyst
DATE: December 19, 2019
SUBJECT: Session statistics

You recently requested a list of the representatives who authored the highest number of bills enacted during this legislative session. I compiled this information by comparing the [2019 acts](#) with the [author index](#) of assembly and senate bills. Here, a representative is considered an author if he or she is the first or second author of an enacted Assembly bill or the first cosponsor of an enacted Senate bill.

The Representatives who authored the highest number of bills enacted during this legislative session are:

- Representative Amy Loudenberg, with six bills enacted: [Act 15 \(SB 54\)](#); [Act 22 \(AB 52\)](#); [Act 25 \(AB 427\)](#); [Act 26 \(AB 471\)](#); [Act 35 \(AB 51\)](#); [Act 56 \(SB 380\)](#)
- Representative Ron Tusler, with five bills enacted: [Act 16 \(SB 68\)](#); [Act 29 \(AB 58\)](#); [Act 30 \(AB 59\)](#); [Act 53 \(SB 320\)](#); [Act 59 \(SB 169\)](#)
- Representative John Jagler, with four bills enacted: [Act 1 \(SB 19\)](#); [Act 38 \(AB 117\)](#); [Act 39 \(AB 54\)](#); [Act 55 \(SB 495\)](#)
- Representative Mike Rohrkaste, with four bills enacted: [Act 3 \(SB 1\)](#); [Act 13 \(SB 38\)](#); [Act 34 \(AB 132\)](#); [Act 44 \(AB 194\)](#)
- Representative Joan Ballweg, with three bills enacted: [Act 21 \(SB 391\)](#); [Act 40 \(AB 141\)](#); [Act 67 \(SB 304\)](#)
- Representative Terry Katsma, with three bills enacted: [Act 10 \(AB 251\)](#); [Act 54 \(SB 362\)](#); [Act 65 \(SB 457\)](#)
- Representative Joe Sanfelippo, with three bills enacted: [Act 18 \(AB 275\)](#); [Act 25 \(AB 427\)](#); [Act 41 \(AB 143\)](#)
- Representative Patrick Snyder, with three bills enacted: [Act 22 \(AB 52\)](#); [Act 45 \(AB 235\)](#); [Act 51 \(SB 106\)](#)
- Representative John Spiros, with three bills enacted: [Act 5 \(SB 4\)](#); [Act 19 \(SB 266\)](#); [Act 69 \(SB 447\)](#)

- Representative Chris Taylor, with three bills enacted: [Act 7](#) ([AB 10](#)); [Act 29](#) ([AB 58](#)); [Act 30](#) ([AB 59](#))
- Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt, with three bills enacted: [Act 2](#) ([SB 13](#)); [Act 27](#) ([AB 22](#)); [Act 57](#) ([SB 155](#))
- Representative Shannon Zimmerman, with three bills enacted: [Act 46](#) ([AB 189](#)); [Act 48](#) ([AB 168](#)); [Act 61](#) ([SB 208](#))

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please let me know if you have additional questions on this topic. I can be reached at (608) 504-5845 or christopher.webb@legis.wisconsin.gov.

From: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 4:03 PM
To: "Sen.Fitzgerald" <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Request
Attachments: Request to Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald.pdf

Good afternoon Senator Fitzgerald,

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 3rd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

April 10, 2020

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I know the situation has changed significantly in Wisconsin. However, I believe both bills will benefit Wisconsin and the 3rd Assembly District long after COVID-19 has passed.

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:53 AM
To: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RESOURCES

https://www.wmc.org/wp-content/uploads/WMC_COVID-19_Employer_Toolkit_FINAL.pdf

Respectfully,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 10:05 AM
To: 'Ron Tusler' <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Timesheets - Signature Needed
Attachments: 202004010956.pdf

Good morning Ron,

Please sign and send back the attached timesheets (For February and March).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

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From: William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:49 AM
To: "Rostan, Jason" <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Vape Shop - Is Shipping Vape Supplies an Essential Business?

Good morning Jason,

A constituent reached out to our office and was wondering if his vape shop is considered an essential business. He had the Appleton Police Department tell him he cannot continue to sell vape products, even online.

Per Governor Evers' Safer at Home Order, are people allowed to sell vape supplies and ship them directly to the consumers?

Respectfully,

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Payroll for William Penterman (TUSLER) HR Id: 100112956

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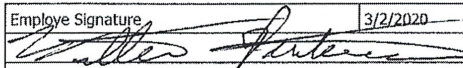
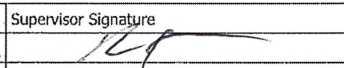
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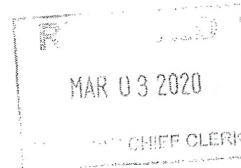
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Tusler Encourages Wisconsin Elections Commission to Investigate Voter Fraud *Local Elected Official May Have Broken Election Law*

Madison, WI – Today, State Representative Ron Tusler urged the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate a potential case of an elected official encouraging voter fraud.

The Wisconsin State Statutes state that all absentee ballots must be received by the municipal clerks when the polls close. In light of the unusual circumstances regarding the April 7th election, the United States Supreme Court ruled that absentee ballots must have been postmarked by Tuesday for them to be counted.

A local elected official named Katie Van Zeeland encouraged voters to fill out their absentee ballots and send them in after the date of the election had already passed. I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Income for American Families

- One-time tax rebate check of \$1,200/individual, \$2,400/couple and \$500/eligible child.
- Not reduced for lower income Americans, but phases out for higher income earners, starting at \$75,000 for individuals, \$112,500 for head of household, and \$150,000 for married couples.
- Phases out completely at \$99,000 for individuals and \$198,000 for married couples.
- Expanded unemployment insurance to cover gig workers and self-employed and non-profit employees.

Small Business Assistance

- New \$350 billion SBA-backed loan program to help small businesses pay for expenses.
- Loans taken by small businesses to keep employees on payroll may be forgiven.
- 501 (c)(3)s will also be eligible for this program.
- Federal government will forgive 8 weeks of cash flow, rent and utilities at 100% up to 2.5x average monthly payroll.

Assistance to Distressed Job Creators

- Loans, loan guarantees, and investment authority totaling \$529 billion to businesses, states, and municipalities. \$454 billion will be used by Treasury, working with the Federal Reserve, for all sectors and \$75 billion in loans, guarantees and grants will go to passenger airlines, cargo carriers, and businesses critical to national security.

Ensuring Access to Care for All Americans

- Increase in Medicare reimbursement rate to assist providers caring for our most vulnerable population.
- Increases access to testing by allowing the Strategic National Stockpile to stockpile swabs necessary for test kits.
- Allows the FDA to quickly approve the use of new medication and treatments. Facilitates the use of new and innovative telemedicine technology to protect and contain the spread of COVID-19.

Direct Funding to Combat the Pandemic

- \$340 billion in supplemental appropriation
- \$150 billion for states, cities, localities to fight pandemic.
- Support for health care workers and hospitals.
- Funding for PPE.
- Support for our local responders.
- Funding for the research of new treatments and vaccines.
- Support for small businesses.
- Support our local colleges and universities.

FAQ

Individuals

Q: Unemployment Insurance – are the self-employed, gig workers, and contractors eligible?

A: Yes, the bill expands unemployment benefits to cover more workers including self-employed and independent contractors, like gig workers and Uber drivers, who do not usually qualify for unemployment. Overall, the bill provides \$250 billion in funding for expansion of unemployment benefits, the largest increase ever.

Q: Does this bill provide individuals more compensation on Unemployment Insurance than they receive via employment?

A: The enhanced UI is designed to keep as many as whole as possible. Some may temporarily receive more benefit than previous payment – though that number is very small relative to the number of people who will be filing UI claims in next few weeks.

Right now, states pay between \$250-500/week in unemployment and they base it on a percentage of a worker's paycheck, usually between 1/3 to 1/2 of prior earnings. An additional \$600 will put some workers at or just above their usual paycheck – this increase only lasts until July 31st. Additionally, the worker must have been laid off by their employer, so they can not voluntarily “opt-in” by quitting. The main point of the overall bill is to provide a lifeline to small businesses, so they don't have to lay people off in the first place. Without this bill, the UI problem will be magnitudes worse.

Small Business

Q: Are non-profits, chambers, physician practices, eligible for 7(a) loans?

A: 501(c)3 non-profits are eligible. No other 501(c) organizations are eligible, including chambers structured as 501(c)6s. Physician practices are eligible, no matter how they are structured.

Q: Can small businesses can hire back previously fired employees and still have the loans forgiven? If so, what is the hire-back date?

A: Yes. There is flexibility in the program to allow businesses to hire new, or returning employees, by June, 30, 2020, and still qualify under the headcount requirements.

Q: How quickly will business be able to access loans?

A: The SBA is working on capacity issues, including onboarding new lenders. The SBA is assuring the Small Business Committee that they are ready to stand up all of the requirements within the Senate bill as quickly as possible.

Q: What does this bill do to provide relief for rural communities and farmers?

A: The bill includes a number of small business provisions designed to help farmers stay in business and take care of their employees during this difficult time. These include provisions that

allow farmers to work with their trusted farm credit institutions for the purposes of securing payroll tax loans, along with 1-year deferrals, 100% guarantees, and low rates.

The bill provides \$14 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), the funding mechanism for all major USDA programs. It also appropriates an additional \$9.5 billion to specifically respond to losses due to COVID-19.

Additional funding is provided for USDA agencies that are on the front lines of responding to COVID-19, including the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The bill also includes \$100 million to provide financing for rural broadband through the ReConnect program, and \$25 million for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program to provide grants for equipment and connectivity improvements.

Q: Employee retention credit – how will this work?

A: The Employee Retention Credit provides a refundable payroll tax credit equal to 50 percent of up to \$10,000 in wages per employee (including health benefits) paid by certain employers during the coronavirus crisis. The credit is available to employers:

- whose operations were fully or partially shut down by government order limiting commerce, travel, or group meetings due to coronavirus, or
- whose quarterly receipts are less than 50% for the same quarter in the prior year.

Wages paid to employees during which they are furloughed or otherwise not working (due to reduced hours) as a result of their employer's closure or economic hardship are eligible for the credit.

However, for employers with 100 or fewer employees, all employee wages qualify for the credit, regardless of whether they are furloughed or face reduced hours. To prevent double dipping, employers that receive Small Business interruption loans are not eligible for the credit. Additionally, wages that qualify for the required paid leave credit are not eligible for the credit.

The credit is for wages paid by eligible employers from March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Q: Is Planned Parenthood eligible for SBA loans and grants?

A: No, Planned Parenthood is not eligible for SBA grants or loans. Originally, the Senate bill contained a clause that excluded nonprofits that received Medicaid (i.e. Planned Parenthood) from participating in the Paycheck Protection Program. This exclusion clause was ultimately removed from the final bill.

However, the final bill binds nonprofits to the SBA's affiliation rules. The bill permits nonprofits to participate in SBA's loan programs, provided they have 500 employees or less. Planned Parenthood is a nonprofit and is subject to the 500 employee cap and the affiliation rule.

Therefore, Planned Parenthood and their affiliates are not eligible for SBA grants or loans, as they have more than the allowable 500 employees.

Q: Are businesses that employ more than 500 employees across multiple locations eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program at each individual location?

A: A business is generally eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program if it is a for-profit business, 501c3, or 501c19 (veterans organization) nonprofit with fewer than 500 employees. There are a few exceptions. Businesses in the accommodation and food service industry (assigned a North American Industry Classification System code beginning with 72) with more than one location, a business could also be eligible at the store and location level if the store employs fewer than 500 workers. In other words, each store location could be eligible.

Previous Senate drafts required the accommodation and food service industry business to have less than \$500 million in gross receipts to be eligible. This \$500 million requirement has been removed from the final bill. Lastly, if franchisors that appear in the SBA's National Franchise Directory, assistance will extend down to the franchisee at the store or location level.

Distressed Industries

Q: Regional airports/airlines – what assistance are they eligible to receive?

A: Passenger airlines are eligible for \$25 billion in loan authority and \$25 billion in grants to maintain their operations, employee payroll, and contracts around the country. The bill also includes \$4 billion in loan authority and \$4 billion in grants for cargo air carriers.

The bill also provides \$10 billion in grants through the Airport Improvement Program to support projects and operations at airports around the country. It also provides \$3 billion in grants for contractors employed by the airlines, to ensure that airlines can maintain existing operations contracts. The bill also includes \$56 million for the Essential Air Service to maintain existing air service to rural communities.

Q: Within the tourism industry, who is eligible and how are the funds accessed?

A: All industries and firms are eligible to benefit from the broad financing from the Treasury fund to the extent they don't receive sufficient assistance from other programs. How to access this support will depend on the size and model of the business and the exact facility used.

Q: What does this bill do to put restrictions on the airlines accepting grants and loans?

A: The loans come with conditions including: restrictions on executive compensation; prohibition on stock buybacks and the prohibition on paying dividends for the duration of the loan plus 12 months; the airline or business must maintain its existing employment levels through September 30, 2020 to the extent practicable, and in no case reduce it by more than 10%.

Q: How does it support airports and affiliated contractors?

A: The bill provides \$10 billion in grants to airports to help them maintain employment, continue operations, clean and sanitize to prevent the spread of coronavirus, and service airport construction debt.

The bill also provides \$3 billion in payroll support grants to airline contractors, including baggage handlers, wheelchair pushers, and caterers. These grants can only be used for paying employees and contractors that receive grants must maintain current employment levels through September 2020.

Q: How does the “conflict of interest” prohibition for the president and members of Congress apply?

A: The bill’s conflicts of interest provisions:

- Applies only to the \$500B allocated to Treasury – not the SBA lending provisions.
- Applies to President, Vice President, head of any executive department, any Member of Congress, and their immediate family members (spouse, children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law).
- If Member (or President/Vice President/head of executive department) combined with that individual’s family members controls or owns more than 20% of any class of equity security of a company (by voting rights or value), that means that company is ineligible for lending under the \$500B allocated to Treasury.
- Applies not just to public companies but also private companies (LLCs, S corps, etc.).
- Principal executive officer and financial officer of each company seeking funding under Treasury lending must certify that the conflict of interest section does not apply to their company (i.e., they are not controlled by a Member/President/VP/head of executive department or those peoples’ family).

Q: Does the bill provide assistance to cruise lines, the owners and operators of small passenger vessels, or port facilities?

A: In general, the CARES Act provides \$454 billion to provide loans, loan guarantees, and other investments to assist eligible businesses. Eligible business are U.S. businesses whose losses result from the coronavirus, and U.S.-owned cruise lines, owners and operators of small passenger vessels, and port facilities are expected to qualify.

Q: Does the bill provide any regulatory relief to the trucking industry?

A: The CARES Act includes language requested by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to clarify state authority to issue special permits for increased truck weight. Under either a “major disaster” or “emergency,” states can issue special permits for heavier trucks to deliver relief supplies. This ensures the validity of state-issued special permits.

Health Care

Q: How does bill address the PPE and COVID-19 testing shortage?

A: The bill provides \$16 billion explicitly for the National stockpile. This funding can purchase medical supplies, equipment, and medicine to be distributed to states.

Q: How does the bill help individuals with mental health needs?

A: Expands Telehealth Services: Opens up expanded telehealth services in the Medicare program, allowing seniors across the nation to receive any current telehealth approved service (not just COVID related services), including mental health and substance abuse services. This

will allow seniors to receive critically important mental health and substance use disorder services in their homes without having to forgo care or risk infection by entering the community.

Improve Care Coordination for Patients with Substance Use Disorder: Ensures that health care providers can more effectively care for patients with substance use disorders (especially those with comorbid mental illness and other chronic diseases) by better aligning the treatment of substance use disorder medical records subject to 42 CFR Part 2 with HIPAA.

Reauthorizes the Excellence in Mental Health Demonstration Program: Reauthorizes and expands Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, which provide critical services both in person and via telemedicine to tens of thousands of vulnerable Americans with suffering with mental health or addiction issues.

Provides Additional Funding to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Provides a total of \$425 million for SAMHSA to be used to support grants to address suicide prevention, mental and behavioral health priorities for tribes and tribal organizations, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, and other emergency substance use disorder or mental health needs in local communities. This includes:

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics: \$250 million to increase access to mental health care services.
- Suicide Prevention: \$50 million to provide increased support for those most in need of intervention.
- SAMHSA Emergency Response Grants: \$100 million in flexible funding to address mental health, substance use disorders, and provide resources and support to youth and the homeless during the pandemic.

Q: Will emergency service providers be eligible for telehealth provisions?

A: Emergency service providers are still required to respond to the scene if they are dispatched through a 911 emergency call. However, emergency service providers will be able to use funds from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund in order to authorize treatment in place and alternative destinations of care besides the hospital for ground ambulance responders. These emergency service providers should be able to use telehealth tools and capabilities in order to treat patients on site or determine if they require care at an alternative site. These concepts of treatment in place and alternative destinations of care for emergency responders are found in the Administration's Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model released last year aimed at providing greater flexibility for first responders and patients.

Q: Why aren't phone calls – which are low-tech and easier than video conferencing – eligible for telehealth reimbursement?

A: Seniors may have issues with video conferencing for telehealth purposes, particularly in areas where there is a lack of broadband, especially rural areas. The limitation on telemedicine was originally included as a guardrail by House Democrats in package 2 to ensure unscrupulous providers didn't start reaching out to beneficiaries they had no relationship with to bill for unneeded or non provided services. But we all realize how important keeping our vulnerable seniors out of the community setting is during this public health emergency. We can only assume

the Senate did not include phone calls to be eligible for telehealth reimbursement because doctors already complete many regular calls with seniors that are currently not billable. Without a clear delineation between those standard calls and new COVID authority related telehealth calls, there is not a good way to cover audio-only telehealth without a massive expansion in costs, even without patients receiving new services.

Appropriations

Q: Are state and local governments are eligible for relief funds?

A: Yes, Eighty percent of funding provided by Division B, the appropriations section, goes out through existing grants to support state, local, tribal, and community grantees. Funding is provided to numerous programs within the Agriculture; Labor-Health-Education; Interior; Homeland Security; Commerce-Justice-Science; and Transportation and Housing subcommittees. Committee. Some programs included within the appropriations division are:

- Community Development Block Grants – \$5 billion
- Homelessness Grants – \$4 billion
- Transit Agencies – \$24 billion
- Airports – \$10 billion
- Assistance to Tribal Communities (Indian Health Service, Bureaus of Indian Education/Affairs, and Food Distribution) – \$1.7 billion
- Disaster Relief Fund – \$45 billion
- Emergency Food and Shelter Grants – \$200 million
- First Responder (FIRE) Grants – \$100 million
- Emergency Management Program Grants – \$100 million
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants – \$850 million
- Economic Assistance Development Grants – \$1.5 billion
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership Grants – \$50 million
- Child nutrition – \$8.8 billion
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – \$15.8 billion
- Community Services Block Grant – \$1 billion
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – \$900 million
- Child Care and Development Block Grant – \$3.5 billion
- CDC Funding for State Public Health Departments – \$1.5 billion

Q: How will the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund for states and local government be allocated?

A: Coronavirus Relief Fund (Sec. 5001) – A program created under the Department of the Treasury to provide funding to States, Tribes, and localities to offset lost revenue as a result of the coronavirus public health emergency. The bill provides an appropriation of \$150 billion to be distributed by formula based on population. Eligible local governments may apply directly to the Treasury for funding and amounts paid to a state will be reduced accordingly.

Who is eligible to apply and receive funding?

- States, eligible local government, Tribal governments, DC, and the territories.

How is funding distributed?

- Funding is paid based on a state share of the total population, subtracting any amounts paid to local governments.
- No state can receive less than \$1.25 billion.
- \$3 billion is reserved for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. The amount for each is based on population.
- \$8 billion is reserved for Tribal governments after consultation.

What is the timing for distributing funds to states?

- Funds must be paid within 30 days of enactment.

How is funding allocated to states?

- States receive an amount equal to their relative population, deducting any amount that may have been paid to units of local government within the state who applied for funding independent of the state.

What criteria is used to determine if local governments can apply?

- A local government means any county, municipality, town, or other unit of general government with a population greater than 500,000.
- Smaller units of local government will need to work with their states to access funding.

How much can local governments receive if they apply directly?

- In no event will the total amount allocated directly to local units of government exceed 45% of the state's allocation.
- A local government may receive 45 percent of the amount provided to the state times its relative population to the state

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{\text{Town Population}}{\text{State Population}} \times 45\% \times (\text{total amount for state})$$

How is population determined?

- *The most recent year for which data are available from the Bureau of the Census.*

What can funds be used for?

- *Funds may only be used to cover the costs associated with necessary expenses incurred as a result of the coronavirus diseases 2019 public health emergency, not accounted for in the most recently approved state budget, for calendar year 2020. The fungibility of certain aspects of public budgeting and the general sorts of revenue shortfalls that are expected in the current economic climate makes it unclear how restrictive those limitations will be in practice.*
- *Covered by protections and restrictions that apply to annual LHHS appropriations, including Hyde.*

Q: What funding is provided to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support state and local response efforts?

A: The CARES Act infuses \$45 billion into FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund (DRF), which will be added to the existing amounts in the DRF (approximately \$40 billion). This funding will help response efforts in states with approved major disaster declarations. The bill also includes \$100 million for FEMA's Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), which support state and local emergency management capacity; \$100 million for Assistance to Firefighter Grants to support the acquisition of personal protective equipment; and \$200 million for FEMA's emergency food and shelter program.

Q: Why is there a \$25 million appropriation for "Congressional Salary and Expenses" in the bill?

A: \$25 million is provided to the Chief Administrative Officer, which is appropriated under the Salaries and Expenses account for the House of Representatives. Before funds can be spent, a spend plan is to be provided to and approved by the Committee on Appropriations. These funds are intended for computer purchases for teleworking, technology for video town halls, equipment for computer imaging, expansion of IT Customer support, and emergency expenses to support the Sergeant at Arms. These funds are not intended to be used to increase salaries of Members or staff.

Q: Are the DOD and VA eligible for relief funds?

A: The bill provides a total of \$10.5 billion for DOD functions and programs, including \$1 billion to expand availability of necessary supplies through the Defense Production Act, \$3.4 billion for defense health care programs, and \$1.5 billion to support the deployment of the National Guard.

The bill provides a total of \$19.6 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans programs. In addition, if VA is called upon by the federal emergency coordination council to care for non-Veterans, it will be reimbursed through the Public Health and Social Security Emergency Fund. Funding provided in the bill for the PHSSEF assumes VA will be reimbursed approximately \$4 billion.

Q: How will funds be distributed to hospitals, including rural hospitals?

A: The bill appropriates \$100 billion to hospitals and other health care providers. We believe HHS will hire a third-party claims processor, similar to a Medicare Administrative Contractor. This processor will use criteria, outlined by HHS, to determine (1) eligibility of provider, (2) justifiability of amount, (3) amount of claim, (4) payment, and any other information determined by HHS. We also assume there will be an administrative appeals process. We do not know specifics yet as this is a new program. The bill provides wide latitude to the Administration to determine program parameters. Additionally, the bill provides money for providers through Medicare:

- Allows for accelerated Medicare payments. This will help hospitals, especially those facilities in rural and frontier areas, get the reliable and stable cash flow they need to help them maintain an adequate workforce, buy essential supplies, create additional infrastructure, and keep their doors open to care for patients.
- Creates a 20 percent add on payment for inpatient treatment
- Delays the sequester until the end of this calendar year, which gives providers both money and certainty

Q: Will nursing homes be able to access the same account as hospitals?

A: Nursing homes may be eligible, but that remains an open issue. Significant parameters will need to be issued by HHS on the process, information, and eligibility.

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:08 AM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Attachments: Ron talking with homeowner.jpg

Good idea, during the Coronavirus weeks. Here is a list of restaurants that will Deliver!

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Sick of Washing Your Hands? Toughen Up! Our Elderly Need Our Young & Healthy More than Ever! Here are some ideas to help them:

1. 1. Call them! Cheer them up!
2. 2. Offer to share supplies with them!
3. 3. Clean! Clean! Clean!
4. 4. Call for delivery instead of going out. We are safer having a few move goods than everyone congregating at the store.
5. 5. Keep Up Social Distancing. Save up those hugs & hand shakes for when they are safe.
6. 6. Wear gloves. We can't get too far without touching doors. Treat them like a risk.
7. 7. ADD MORE WILLIAM

We will remember the Coronavirus the rest of our lives. I want to remember your selfless acts of love and charity. Please help others, first!

When you are done with these projects, make a call list of notably old people that I could call. I'd like to call and check in on them. Not sure how to compile the list. Maybe you can figure something out.

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April 9, 2020

Dear Friend:

I want to do my very best for you, as your state representative in Wisconsin's assembly. My office has received hundreds of questions, comments and ideas on how I can help.

There is a clutter of new information regarding COVID-19 and our state and federal response to it. This information is important for you to understand so that you can make the best decisions for your family.

COVID-19 is affecting our social, economic, and health throughout Wisconsin. We are all missing out on opportunities to be successful and to enjoy life. For example, my widowed father, Bill, has not been able to hold his granddaughter, Madeline, for roughly a month. Those types of sacrifices are common.

But, I am impressed with your hard work, dedication, and thoughtfulness in defeating COVID-19. When this virus is history, it will not be the government's success. It will be your success. It will be love that we showed to each other that protects us.

My staff and I are working hard to ensure the availability and fiscal sustainability of government programs, independent charities and businesses. In this letter, I am sharing with you some of the essential and reliable resources.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office either by emailing Rep.Tusler@legis.WI.gov or by calling (608) 266-5831. My staff and I are here to help.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
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Wisconsin State Assembly

General Resources

- **Official information from the state of Wisconsin** – Visit <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>. This is the site where official notices and orders are posted.
- **United Way Fox Cities** – Visit <https://www.unitedwayfoxcities.org/> or dial 2-1-1
- **Aging and Disability Resource Centers** – Outagamie County at <https://www.outagamie.org/government/f-through-m/health-human-services/adrc> or (866) 739-2372 and Calumet County at <https://www.co.calumet.wi.us/158/Aging-Disability-Resource-Center> or (920) 849-1451
- **Local Resources from Fox Cities Chamber** – Visit <http://foxcitieschamber.com/news/2020/03/31/member-news/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>
- **Local Resources from Heart of the Valley Chamber** – Visit <http://heartofthevalleychamber.com/covid-19-business-resources/>
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 - People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment
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- It's recommend that people who are pregnant be monitored

April 9, 2020

Dear Friend:

I want to do my very best for you, as your State Representative in Wisconsin's Assembly. My office has received hundreds of questions, comments and ideas on how I can help.

There is a clutter of new information regarding COVID-19 and our state and federal response to it. This information is important for you to understand so that you can make the best decisions for your family.

COVID-19 is affecting our social, economic, and health throughout Wisconsin. We are all missing out on opportunities to be successful and to enjoy life. For example, my widowed father, Bill, has not been able to hold his granddaughter, Madeline, for roughly a month. Those types of sacrifices are common. And, there are a lot of people who have lost more than us.

But, I am impressed with your hard work, dedication, and thoughtfulness in defeating COVID-19. When this virus is history, it will not be the government's success. It will be your success. It will be love that we showed to each other that protects us.

My staff and I are working hard to ensure the availability and fiscal sustainability of government programs, independent charities and businesses. In this letter, I am sharing with you some of the essential and reliable resources.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office either by emailing Rep.Tusler@legis.WI.gov or by calling (608) 266-5831. My staff and I are here to help.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

General Resources

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4:27 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: facebook question

Hope all is well, and Thank you for your work. I wonder, since there seems no end in sight for relief from the pandemic, if the government is going to do another round of stimulus checks? By the time this money is dispersed there may be ALOT of people in serious trouble. Continued prayers for everyone

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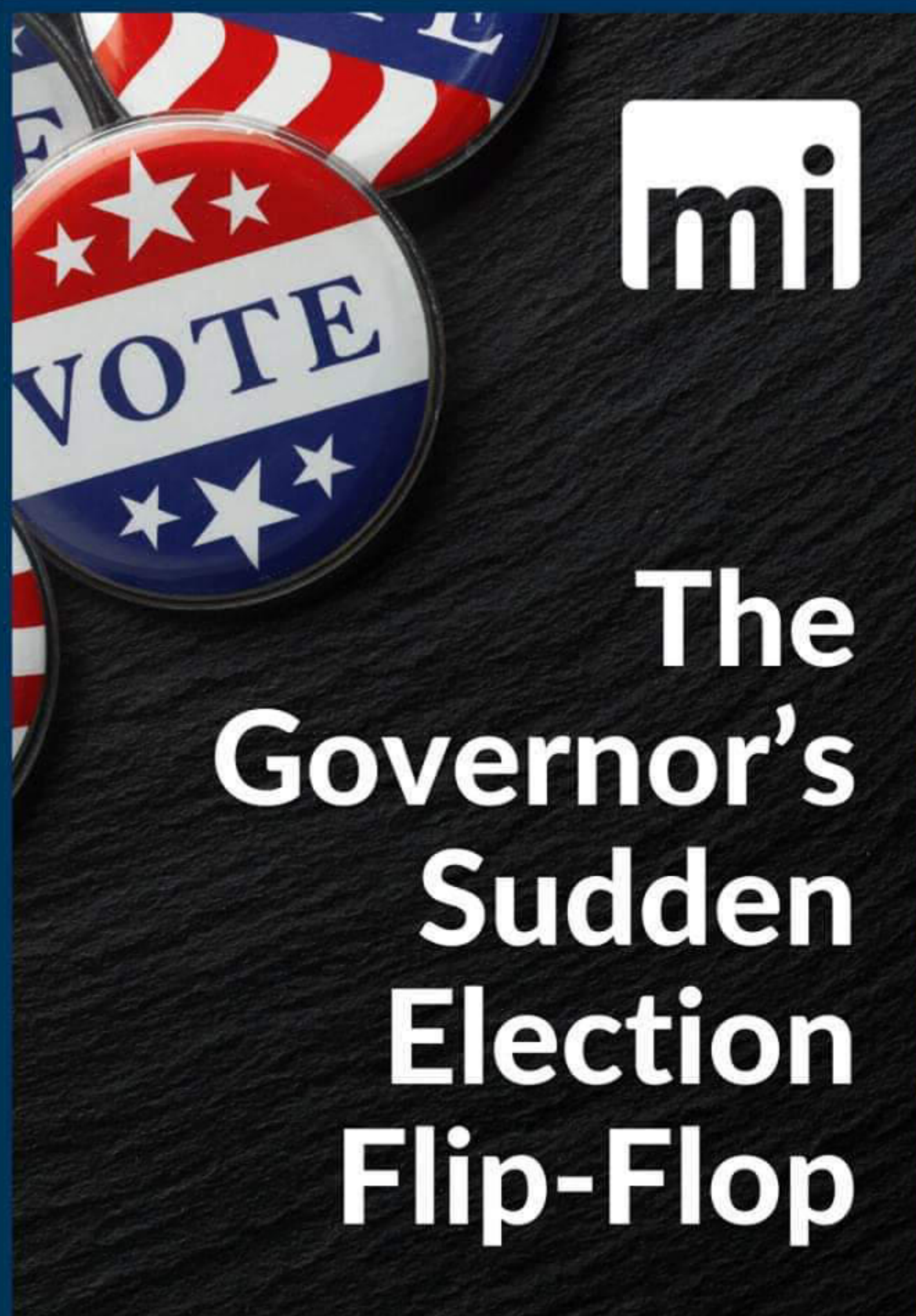
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March 17: Governor Evers says we can't leave municipal seats vacant for months. The number of ballots matter less than safety and the peaceful transition of power. He urges absentee voting as much as possible.

March 20: Evers spokesperson tells the public that the Governor believes our democracy must continue this spring.

March 20: Evers issues Executive Order #8, which allows most polling and in-person absentee voting places to stay open, regardless of mass gathering limits.

March 29: Evers still encourages absentee voting as he works to get in-person polls ready to safely continue the election as planned. He says he wants everyone to be able to participate in the democratic process.

March 30: Evers says nothing about when to hold the election has changed from his vantage point.

Throughout March, Evers repeatedly said that he was not going to change the spring election date, April 7. A few days later, however, Evers does a 180°.

April 3: Governor Evers issues a special session call asking the legislature to stop in-person voting April 7 and extend the election until May 26.

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 1:48 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: from a District #2 judicial candidate

Ron, I just got off the phone with Richard Bonringer (sp?) at Wisco Elections ethics. He has not created the positions on the web site yet. He asked me to tell you to email the ethics and elections commissions the info on the four new branches so he can create them on their sites and then I can register with them for Cal County Branch 2. Right now, that option does not exist until he creates it. Thanks Ron!

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:04 AM
To: "'Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov'" <Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Paradiso <debiparadiso5813@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject:

Good morning,
I would like to know why Wisconsin is not pushing back Election Day
especially when the majority of election judges are seniors?
Would you please explain why the legislature is risking these lives and the
lives of voters?
Sincerely,
Deborah Paradiso

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:45 AM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Bill Summary
Attachments: CARES Act Summary 3.28.20.pdf

Seems like some good ideas. Can you check with leadership and see if I can do this?

From: Mike Gallagher <mgallagher33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Bill Summary

Ron,

Hope all is well, don't hesitate to reach out if my team can be helpful at all during the coronavirus crisis. Attached is a summary of the latest massive bill passed on Congress.
Cliff's Notes:

Good: money for hospitals, loans for small businesses that the government has forced to shutdown, and unlimited FDIC transaction insurance for small banks so they don't get crushed.

Bad: unemployment structure/formula creates disincentives to ongoing employment, especially in food production and distribution. Left unchanged, this could have the likely result of forcing a lot of the "essential infrastructure" to slow down or close (if people currently with jobs are incentivized to abandon them...though Mnuchin claims that is not the case).

For example: An employee making \$15/hour can claim coronavirus "concerns" and receive the \$600/week (federal) and state unemployment benefits (range from

50% to 67%) – at least \$23/hour to stay at home; 50% more than working. Some examples can be over 100% more.

Potential fix: since it is being administered through existing state unemployment programs, you could potentially exclude “*Essential Infrastructure*” – eliminate the \$600/week federal payment for those with jobs in “essential infrastructure.” Obviously this would not apply if someone is fired or quits for acceptable reason. You could also reinforce at the state level that this applies to Corona illness only – vague language hurts both the employer and employee. Detail it to proven sickness in the immediate family only.

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S/F,

Mike Gallagher
Congressman (WI-08)

"The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest."-TJ

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:33 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Broadcast Media deemed "Essential"

Any ideas for her?

From: J Schilcher <j_schilcher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Re: Broadcast Media deemed "Essential"

Any help is appreciated.

There are so many of us in this position (sales/ full commission) across the country. We pay taxes and deserve assistance too.

Jennifer

On Monday, March 23, 2020, 03:41:17 PM CDT, Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com> wrote:

Thank you. I agree!

From: J Schilcher <j_schilcher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Broadcast Media deemed "Essential"

Hi Ron.

Looks like "News Media" (newspaper, tv, radio, etc) are being deemed "essential" during Covid19.

I understand radio has an FCC license, BUT, the majority of radio salespeople are 100% commission based on advertising sales.

Sales have crashed & burned.

Writing to express my concern with being deemed "Essential" just because I work in that industry. This is going to prevent me from filing emergency unemployment, food share, etc and I'm a single parent.

Someone needs to RE-write the "essential" language for broadcast companies.

This is just awful.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schilcher

Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 1:28 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Covid 19

From: Mel Edinger <mdedinger@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Re: Covid 19

All we ask is to have expenses due to covid 19 reimbursed. I know we have to apply, but not sure what will happen. We are spending budget dollars where we have no revenue that was planned. This needs to be provided to city like ours. If not, we will have serious implications on next years budget. This will put us in a possibly financial crisis. we follow mandates given us, now we need to be compensated. This is nothing we planned for. No reserves for something like this.

Mel Edinger

On 4/4/2020 11:54 AM, Ron Tusler wrote:

Hi Mel,

I'm always happy to fight for brilliant. What do you need? Can you be a little bit more specific? It is hard for us to get money when our Governor's focus is on Milwaukee & Madison.

Ron

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mel Edinger <mdedinger@charter.net>
Date: 4/4/20 11:43 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Covid 19

Ron

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Thank you for anything you can do

Mel Edinger

Mayor

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 7:55 AM
To: "Rep.Tusler" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Holding April 7th Election was Dangerous and Unforgivable

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jonathan Meulemans <jonathanmeulemans@gmail.com>
Date: 4/8/20 11:08 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Holding April 7th Election was Dangerous and Unforgivable

Rep. Tusler,

I have zero expectation that you will personally read this as it does not praise you or ask you to do something that will provide you personal notoriety or satisfaction, which is also a shame. But I feel the need to voice my opinion that holding the April 7 election by the Republican-controlled state Legislature was dangerous and unforgivable. It was sad, but not surprising. The WI legislature and WI is so divided it's asinine. Although rural communities right now have a lot lower positive COVID test rates than urban communities like Milwaukee, and it may have been somewhat safer to conduct in-person polling in the rural areas, it made absolutely no sense to do so in the Fox Valley, Milwaukee or Madison especially considering the limitation on polling places etc. in our State's largest metro areas. I generally like to think of myself as being pretty independent, but Republicans, including in Wisconsin are becoming so ridiculously partisan and anti-city, anti-diversity, and anti-poor that it is sickening. Essentially all of the actions the conservative legislature has taken in Wisconsin in the past decade regarding voting, including redistricting (i.e gerrymandering), ID voting laws, and now this election are completely geared towards forwarding its own agenda, and disenfranchising voters opposed to them and keeping Republicans in power rather than focusing on all interests of their constituents.

It truly is sad and I will no longer support you or other Republican candidates until the WI and National Republican Party make significant changes to how you treat election law and voters who may not support you.

Jon Meulemans

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 12:41 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 7

From: rdsense@aol.com <rdsense@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:38 AM
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Subject: Fwd: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 7

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Begin forwarded message:

From: House Republicans <House.Republicans2@mail.house.gov>
Date: April 7, 2020 at 8:47:44 AM CDT
To: "Sense, Rick" <Rick.Sense@mail.house.gov>
Subject: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 7
Reply-To: House Republicans <HouseRepublicans@mail.gop.gov>



Good Morning: At last night's White House Coronavirus Task Force briefing, President Trump provided an update about the Paycheck Protection Program designed to provided resources to small businesses across the country so they

can pay their employees. The President said that since the program went live on Friday, tens of thousands of small businesses have applied for more than \$40 billion in relief, with nearly 3,000 lenders having already made loans.

There are some initial signs that the infection rate may be slowing in some areas in part because of the aggressive social distancing being done by the American people, and there has also been welcome news when it comes to therapeutic and vaccine development.

INFO TO KNOW

Paycheck Protection Program

This morning, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin [appeared on Fox Business with Maria Bartiromo](#) and talked about the Administration's economic response efforts. He also said that the Administration will go back to Congress if small businesses need more money, and detailed how the economic impact payment program will work. [Watch the interview here and below:](#)



Last night, the President highlighted that nearly 3,000 lenders have made loans to small businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program and these small businesses have already applied for more than \$40B in relief.

As Secretary Mnuchin said this morning and President Trump has said in the past, additional resources for this program will continue to be made available if they're needed by small businesses.

It's important to remember that this program was officially approved by Congress the last week of March, and is already up-and-running because of a Herculean effort from the White House, the Treasury Department, and the Small Business Administration.

The topline resources about the program can be found at the following web pages:

- * [Coronavirus.gov Small Business Resources Page](#)
- * [Treasury Department Overview On The Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- * [SBA.gov/Coronavirus Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources Page](#)

In addition, [The Treasury Department is maintaining a frequently updated resource page](#), with important information for small businesses, lenders, and rules related to the program.

The Small Business Administration has also launched a hotline for lenders who need assistance accessing SBA's E-Tran system. That number is: 1-833-572-0502. More answers from the SBA [can be found here](#).

Finally, SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza published an op-ed yesterday along with Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia about how this program is going to allow workers to stay employed, instead of forcing them to become dependent on the unemployment system:

- * [Fox Business \(Administrator Carranza & Secretary Scalia\)](#): "Help for America's small businesses and their workers"

By The Numbers

The White House [released the following rundown](#) that details part of what the Trump Administration's whole-of-government response has done to help the country combat the coronavirus:

- * The Federal Government has deployed **over 3,000 military and public health professionals** to New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and other parts of our country most affected by Coronavirus.
- * In the last 7 days, FEMA has airlifted crucial supplies and protective equipment from every corner of the Earth. Since last Sunday, cargo planes have delivered nearly **300 million gloves, almost 8 million masks, and 3 million gowns**.
- * The government is delivering an additional **600,000 N95 masks to New York City** to support its public hospital system, as requested by Mayor Bill de Blasio. Another 200,000 will be delivered to Suffolk County on Long Island.
- * Over the last 48 hours, FEMA has delivered an additional **500 ventilators to New Jersey**. In addition, Louisiana has received 200, Michigan has received 300, and Illinois has gotten or will get 600 to address potential hotspots.
- * As of yesterday, the United States has tested and given results to **1.79 million people**—far more than any other country on Earth.
- * The President signed into law the [\\$2+ trillion CARES Act](#) that provides qualifying families with **\$2,400 in tax-free payments**, along with an additional \$500 for each child.

- * The Paycheck Protection Program, which launched Friday, approved **more than 17,500 loans valued at over \$5.4 billion** on its first day. These loans, intended to keep more Americans employed, are 100% forgivable if used for qualifying expenses—and if all employees are kept on payroll.

Best Practices

Please see [the below document](#) put together by Conference that highlights effective ways that member offices have communicated with their constituents about the coronavirus:

WHAT MEMBERS ARE DOING

General Information:

- **Francis Rooney (FL-19)** developed [informative webpages](#), including resources for small business and the unemployed, and information on the stimulus recovery checks.
- **Troy Balderson (OH-12)** sent out a [newsletter](#) with information on federal, state, and local responses.
- **John Katko (NY-24)** created [multiple coronavirus pages](#) on his website, including resources specifically for Veterans, seniors, small businesses, and international travelers.
- **Greg Walden (OR-02)** sent [this newsletter](#) that includes a template to duplicate with local and state data breakdown.

Telephone Town Halls:

- Create a webpage with general information and FAQ
 - **Kay Granger (TX-12)** has a [comprehensive webpage](#) for small businesses.
 - More examples from [Jim Banks \(IN-03\)](#), [Austin Scott \(GA-08\)](#) and [Mike Gallagher \(WI-08\)](#).
- Share resources from [the SBA](#) and [Small Business Committee Republicans](#).
 - **Ross Spano (FL-15)** [shared a chart](#) explaining the differences between two of the loans available to small businesses.
 - **Tom Graves (GA-14)** [wrote a twitter thread](#) with links and resources for the CARES Act.
 - **Van Taylor (TX-03)** created a [lengthy resource guide](#) for small businesses.

Small Business Outreach:

- **Mike Bost (IL-12)** [hosted a telephone town hall](#) for over 250 small businesses with guests from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Small Business Development Center, and staff from the House Small Business Committee.
- **Adrian Smith (NE-03)** [hosted a webinar](#) for small businesses and lenders, featuring speakers from the Nebraska District Office of the Small Business Administration.
- **John Katko (NY-24)** [featured guests](#) from the Upstate Medical University and Food Bank of Central New York in a town hall, and [earned local media](#) from it.
 - He also broadcasted it live on Facebook, which allowed it to be available for replay for those who missed the call.

Franked Outreach:

- Check out [this newsletter](#) from the House Administration Committee on the changes to blackout and franking rules.
- **Richard Hudson (NC-08)** sent the below text message and graphic to 90,000 constituents, which directed them to their [dedicated webpage](#).
 - Hey @contact@ It's Rep. Richard Hudson-Landmark Coronavirus bill signed into law, but what's in it? How do you get help? Visit [Hudson.house.gov](#) for answers.
- See franked mailer examples from
 - **Bryan Steil (WI-01)** [front and back](#)



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Health Care Update

The White House [previously announced](#) that the federal government will reimburse hospitals that treat uninsured patients through funding provided in the CARES Act.

Yesterday, Republicans on the House Ways & Means Committee led by Rep. Kevin Brady provided [important background information](#) about options Americans have when it comes to health insurance during this pandemic. Full information about the range of options available to patients during this time [can be found here](#).

Mitigation

[Data from the National Bureau of Economic Research](#) found that the epidemic curve is beginning to flatten in New York, and the President said yesterday he is, "increasingly hopeful that the aggressive mitigation strategy we put into place will ultimately allow our hospital system to successfully manage the major influx of cases that that we have right now."

Supplies

The President provided an update about the distribution of medical supplies, emphasizing that the Army Corps of Engineers has now built 22 field hospitals and alternate care sites in 18 states, and that his Administration has deployed 8,450 hospital beds from federal stockpiles.

The CARES Act included \$100 billion in direct funding for hospitals and the

President said yesterday that the first tranche of that funding - a total of \$30 billion - will be delivered this week.

He also announced that more than 8,000 ventilators have been sent to states from the Strategic National Stockpile, and [Admiral Brett Giroir said encouragingly](#) that the federal government has been able to, "meet and easily meet all the ventilator requirements that have been brought to us by the states." He added that, "no one has not gotten a ventilator that needs a ventilator, and as far as we can project looking at our models, every person who needs a ventilator will get a ventilator."

As part of the partnership between FEMA and HHS and through "Project Airbridge," 11.7 million N95 respirators, 26.5 million surgical masks, 5.3 million face shields, 4.4 million surgical gowns, and 22.6 million gloves have been distributed. The President also announced that because of his invocation of the Defense Production Act, 3M will deliver an additional 55.5 million face masks each month.

Testing

There have now been 1.79 million tests conducted in the United States as of last night and the President said that the number of tests being done is growing by 125,000 per day.

He also said that [CVS is launching](#) two new drive thru testing sites in Atlanta, Georgia, and Providence, Rhode Island. Each location will be able to test up to 1,000 patients per day using the Abbott rapid diagnostic test. This morning, [Walgreens announced](#) that they would be opening 15 drive thru testing sites in 7 states (Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas)

and they also would be using the Abbott rapid diagnostic test.

During the briefing, Admiral Giroir also said that he was hopeful that millions of antibody tests would be on the market in May, and these tests will provide important surveillance that allows for people to be tested to see if they've been exposed, are immune, and can go back to work. As he said, "a combination of that kind of test with the current kind of test we have now is how America opens back up again."

Therapeutics And Vaccines

The President announced yesterday that 10 different therapeutic agents are currently in active clinical trials, and there are another 15 that will be in trials soon. He also said that a second company - Inovio Pharmaceuticals - announced that the FDA has authorized its vaccine candidate to begin clinical trials.

Submission Of Congressional Documents

Yesterday, [Speaker Pelosi said in a letter](#) that floor documents, including bills, resolutions, co-sponsors and extensions of remarks can be submitted electronically. She said that the policy will, "be effective through April 19, and may be extended if continued disruption of House operations remains necessary due to the pandemic."

The Office of the Clerk later sent [an email that can be seen here](#) detailing how this process will work. [A guide](#) explaining how this material can be submitted is also available below:

Electronic Submission

During the current public health crisis and following the Speaker's announced policy, Members and staff can submit the following documents electronically:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill for introduction • Constitutional Authority Statement* • Add a Cosponsor Form* • Staff Authorization Form, if applicable* | } | clerk_hopper@housemail.house.gov |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions of Remarks* • General Leave Statement • Staff Authorization Form, if applicable* | } | extensions@mail.house.gov |

*Form available on HouseNet

Include the Member's signature

Electronic submissions **must** bear the Member's signature. Documents submitted without the Member's signature will not be processed. Signatures can be submitted in two ways:

- Affix the Member's signature on each document, or
- Complete a Staff Authorization Form (example below)

I, [Member Name], authorize [Staff Name] to submit documents via email on [insert date]. Please find enclosed documents that I approve for submission.

Thank you,

[Member Signature]

[Member Name Printed]

[Include staff contact information that includes name and phone number.]

If you are using the Staff Authorization Form, the staff member named in the form must send the email.

If a printer is not available, you may handwrite text from the form, sign it, and include a photo of the signed document with your submission.

Prepare your email submission

In the email, include your prepared documents as attachments. Material included in the body of an email will not be processed.

In the subject line, include the type of document(s) you are submitting followed by the Member's last name.

Examples:

- SUBJECT: Bill, Abraham
- SUBJECT: Additional Cosponsors, Abraham
- SUBJECT: Extensions of Remarks, Abraham
- SUBJECT: General Leave, H.R. 123, Abraham

Submit via email

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Tips for submissions

For documents submitted for inclusion in the *Congressional Record*

- Emailed submissions may follow the standard electronic Extensions of Remarks form available on HouseNet. Please do not alter the provided form except to affix the Member's signature.
- General Leave Statements may be submitted using the Extensions of Remarks form.
- Member signatures may be added electronically to the Word template or the PDF. Word documents and PDFs will be accepted.
- Rules for submissions to the *Congressional Record* are otherwise unchanged and are available on HouseNet.

For Bills, Constitutional Authority Statements, and Cosponsor Forms

- Documents must be in PDF format only. However, if you are submitting a bill NOT drafted by the House Office of Legislative Counsel, you may use a Word Document.
- If you are submitting a bill or resolution drafted by HOLC, do not make edits to the PDF electronically. Please note any changes to the bill text by hand on the original paper manuscript.
- All original cosponsors and Constitutional Authority Statements must be submitted as an attachment on the same email as the bill for introduction.
- If possible, submit all additional Add a Cosponsor Forms in a single email.

Assistance with submissions

Submissions to the <i>Congressional Record</i>	Submissions in the Hopper
Office of Official Reporters: (202) 225-5621	Bill Clerks in Legislative Operations: (202) 225-7598

WHAT'S AHEAD

The White House Coronavirus Task Force is scheduled to hold a briefing this afternoon at 5pm. [Watch it here.](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:18 PM

To: Devon Tusler <dtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: FW: Paperwork for Electrical Rewire at W5721 Firelane 12, T/Harrison

Attachments: WR#4499918 ELECTRIC INVOICE.pdf; Online Payments Brochure.pdf; Seasonal Installation Brochure.pdf

I have signed and paid. Just fyi

From: Meyer, Kathy <Kathy.Meyer@we-energies.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:31 AM

To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Cc: Hauser, Christian F <Christian.Hauser@we-energies.com>

Subject: Paperwork for Electrical Rewire at W5721 Firelane 12, T/Harrison

Good Morning Mr. Tusler,

My name is Kathy and I will be the project manager here at We Energies handling your overhead to underground electrical rewire on Firelane 12. When you spoke with my supervisor (Chris Hauser) he advised that you would be working with Alexis Kringel however we changed our internal plan given Alexis is fairly new in her role.

Attached you will find documents pertaining to the cost and construction plan to complete this work. Please review and follow the steps below. Please note:

- 1) 1. We are only burying our electric service cable. You would want to contact AT&T and Charter directly to discuss changing routes for their overhead communication facilities. We have advised both companies of the work we are planning to do, however, they require direct contact from the customer.
- 2) 2. The \$1,358.00 total for our work includes \$174.00 in seasonal charges. If we construct after an April 1st date I will be refunding that amount. Paying the full amount as soon as possible will allow us to get working before the spring rush.
- 3) 3. Given the ground conditions (freeze/thaw cycles) please note that we will likely leave a bit of a mess after we are done at the site. Our practices are to backfill and mound the trench line to allow settling and we do not restore to previous condition. It is my understanding that when the addition project is done as a whole that Rich will be coordinating landscaping work.

The next step is for you to provide the following:

Payment (\$1,358.00 due)

Signed/approved construction sketch

Signed/completed ready for service card

Send the signed paperwork card by:

Fax: 920-380-3507

Email: kathy.meyer@we-energies.com

US Mail: PO Box 1699, Appleton, WI 54912

Send payment to:

We Energies
Essential Services – A299
PO Box 2046
Milwaukee, WI 53201-9627

Payment may also be made online by visiting www.we-energies.com/payconstructionbill or by phone at 855-570-0998. There is a convenience fee of \$2.95 per \$350 for this service.

Once we've received these items, we'll coordinate the switchover from overhead to underground with your electrician and project manager.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathy Meyer

Energy Services Consultant, We Energies

Office: 920-380-3413

Fax: 920-380-3506

Email: kathy.meyer@we-energies.com

Address: 800 S Lynndale Dr. Appleton, WI 54914

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 2:47 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Temp Telecommuting Agreement
Attachments: WI Temp Telecommuting Agreement.pdf

From: Kristen Schultz <kschultz@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Temp Telecommuting Agreement

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:19 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: fyi

<https://nypost.com/2020/03/19/old-malaria-drug-hydroxychloroquine-may-help-cure-coronavirus-study/>
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 11:30 AM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: good to go.
Attachments: END OF SESSION LETTER 2019-2020.docx

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:21 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: How many National Guard are coming to our polls?

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 1:32 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Language for Weekend Post on Elections Officials
Attachments: Ron and Carol Talking.jpg

Healthy Drivers Needed!!! Our requests for absentee ballots are off the charts! Some "at risk" folks wish to vote but they are concerned about leaving their house. It is much safer for us to have a few clean and careful individuals to drive to their house, take a picture of their ID and hand deliver their voting documents. Will you help your neighbor in their time of need? Please comment below if you would like to help. I will contact you to set it up.

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March 23 2020

Cynthia Sieracki
Town of Buchanan Clerk
N178 County Road N
Appleton, WI 54915

Dear Cynthia,

Recently, I have heard from several clerks that they believe we must reschedule the April 7 election. I have advocated for rescheduling the 2020 spring election. However, Governor Evers has decided to go forward with the election.

"The governor reiterated his stance on a call with reporters Friday. 'Moving this date is not going to solve the problem,' Evers said."¹

I understand your concerns, and I will do what is within my power to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
State Representative
Third Assembly District
Wisconsin State Assembly

¹ Laurel White, Wisconsin Public Radio, "Some Wisconsin Mayors Urge Postponing April 7 Election" March 20, 2020, available at <https://www.wpr.org/some-wisconsin-mayors-urge-postponing-april-7-election>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:04 AM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: list

Below is Gov. Evers' list of essential & non-essential services. I want you to have clear answers on what his order means. If you are uncertain, call my office. (608) 266-5831
file:///C:/Users/rtusl/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CZOPLBYO/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

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From: rtusler@tuslerlaw.com
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 5:30 PM
To: "Penterman, William" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Lori gosz

I spoke to my clerk today. She said that my vote emails her the people that need absentee ballots. However, there is a master list that the elections commission receives. She found names on their master list that she did not receive an email. I am concerned that some of our other clerks will not be so thorough

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: rtusler@tuslerlaw.com
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:14 PM
To: Dean.knudson@wisconsin.gov
Subject: Myvote E-mails

Hi Dean,

I am the new chairman of campaigns & elections. I'd love to do more to help this current drama.

My clerk in Brillion, Lori Gosz, noticed a concerning problem. She prepared and sent all of her myvote absentee requests. However, she checked the myvote elections commission master list. She found several requests that she did not get via email. She checked all of her spam and junk boxes. Nothing!

Can we get a request to our clerks to compare the master lists to their emails?

Ron Tusler
920-540-3797

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:30 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Quarantine

Can you contact DHS and ask about opportunities to quarantine. So, dad gets Coronavirus. Can't go home without giving it to kids. Where is he suppose to go? Hotel? Bad idea. Hospital? If he isn't in pain they can't take him. What is the plan for that scenario?

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Governor Tony Evers ✓

@GovEvers



We have three branches of government to ensure a system of checks and balances, and questions about our elections typically rely on all three playing a role. If I could have changed the election on my own I would have but I can't without violating state law.

7:10 PM · 4/1/20 · [Twitter Web App](#)



Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:59 PM
To: Devon Tusler <dtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Review for me. Will be sent to everyone in the district.
Attachments: END OF SESSION LETTER 2019-2020.docx

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:10 AM
To: 'Deborah Paradiso' <debiparadiso5813@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Hello Deborah,

Next time, please contact my rep.tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov. I have forwarded your e-mail already. This is my personal e-mail and it is not subject to open records requests. It is important that we keep government open and accessible. This helps!

On April 15, 3900 local elected official's terms end. That is one of the reasons Gov. Evers demanded the election take place on April 7, 2020, until he changed his mind on last Friday. There are many other reasons, too.

We are likely to have more votes in this election via absentee ballot than similar presidential primaries/Supreme Court elections. Given the circumstances, if we were going to change course, we should have done so before 1.2million absentee ballots were out.

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 3:40 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7 In-person voting

If it's a letter, we can draft one back. I was fine with changing the date before 1.2M voted. This should have been done one month ago. Changing the game three days before the election looks like he is trying to fix an election.

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: April 7 In-person voting

FYI

Mr. Brown lives in Kimberly. We have received several dozen of this type of email. Most are not form contacts. 100+ since Saturday.

From: Steve Brown <swbrown13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 In-person voting

Good Morning Ron Tusler,

I have been hoping that members of the Wisconsin Assembly would use good sense and compassion in regards to requiring WI residents to vote in person on April 7...and to either postpone the primary election, or at least allow for an extension on mail-in balloting.

Unfortunately...and for what reason I do not understand sir...you and your fellow members continue to forge ahead thus endangering the health and lives of your constituents!?!

Where is the common sense and concern for WI citizens by you and your fellow legislators in pushing ahead for in-person voting on April 7, and for not adjusting the deadline for mail-in ballots!

Why would you so callously/carelessly put WI senior citizens and all others' health in jeopardy by not allowing postponement of the mail-in ballot deadline?! Why are you requiring citizens to go to the polls during this time when the virus cases and deaths are on the upswing??!!

I have been a lifelong Republican...but not anymore!! I am appalled by you and your colleagues' disregard for the safety of the constituents you are supposed to be looking out for and representing!

And...since a lack of sufficient poll-workers has closed so many polling stations...how can the in-person voting that does take place truly represent the will of the people in WI? I don't see how it can! And...at the same time...it will jeopardize further the life and health of the people of Wisconsin!!

You sir...and your fellow legislators have lost my respect, confidence, and vote--by not working for the best good of your constituents...shame on you all!!

Most regrettably and disgustedly,

Steve Brown

Wisconsin resident and active voter since 1988

swbrown13@hotmail.com

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:28 AM
To: 'Mike Gallagher' <mgallagher33@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Bill Summary

Hey Mike,

Good to hear from you. Seems like its been a while. I had a few chances to join you at events, but they didn't work out. I think everyone is starting to understand why you have been so frustrated with the Chinese gov't the last few years.

I'll investigate your ideas. We wish that the stimulus bill would have required some additional oversight at the state level. Our irresponsible governor will likely waste a lot of it. While it might be a little unpopular limiting unemployment in any way, I agree that we need to prevent inadvertent incentives. I'll see if our legislative leadership will consider it.

Ron

From: Mike Gallagher <mgallagher33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Bill Summary

Ron,

Hope all is well, don't hesitate to reach out if my team can be helpful at all during the coronavirus crisis. Attached is a summary of the latest massive bill passed on Congress.
Cliff's Notes:

Good: money for hospitals, loans for small businesses that the government has forced to shutdown, and unlimited FDIC transaction insurance for small banks so they don't get crushed.

Bad: unemployment structure/formula creates disincentives to ongoing employment, especially in food production and distribution. Left unchanged, this could have the likely result of forcing a lot of the "essential

infrastructure” to slow down or close (if people currently with jobs are incentivized to abandon them...though Mnuchin claims that is not the case).

For example: An employee making \$15/hour can claim coronavirus “concerns” and receive the \$600/week (federal) and state unemployment benefits (range from 50% to 67%) – at least \$23/hour to stay at home; 50% more than working. Some examples can be over 100% more.

Potential fix: since it is being administered through existing state unemployment programs, you could potentially exclude “*Essential Infrastructure*” – eliminate the \$600/week federal payment for those with jobs in “essential infrastructure.” Obviously this would not apply if someone is fired or quits for acceptable reason. You could also reinforce at the state level that this applies to Corona illness only – vague language hurts both the employer and employee. Detail it to proven sickness in the immediate family only.

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S/F,

Mike Gallagher
Congressman (WI-08)

"The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest."-TJ

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:46 AM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

yes

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

[Would you like to sign on to this letter?](#)

From: Jacque, Andre <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:01 AM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Secretary-designee Palm,

The effects of COVID-19 and Wisconsin's response to it have undoubtedly caused great anxiety across our state. As legislative representatives of the people of Wisconsin, we write you with great concern over a double standard you imposed within DHS Emergency Order #12 (Shelter-in-Place) that contradicts reason and threatens their safety and wellbeing.

In your emergency order, you acknowledge that our state may not have the resources to combat COVID-19 in our communities, and that everyone in Wisconsin must *"take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives."* However, abortion clinics are continuing to operate in Wisconsin, needlessly exposing people to the potential to contract COVID-19 and using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites. **It is deeply disturbing to find out that many lower risk businesses have been shuttered while you have given Wisconsin's abortion clinics special dispensation to remain in operation.** Several other states, including Maryland, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio have ordered standalone abortion facilities within their borders to close down as part of the prudent directive that all medical centers stop performing elective, non-essential surgeries and procedures to limit risk and reserve medical resources for COVID-19 response.

Doing everything reasonable and possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities must include fair implementation of orders to stop non-essential activities. The abortion industry is using medical supplies daily on elective and non-essential "surgeries". Supplies like surgical masks and gloves, which will be in short supply should the infection rate of COVID-19 continue to spike. **We must not allow abortion clinics to put profit ahead of the public welfare and continue with these elective surgical procedures which now are done at a greater**

risk to the patient as well as our community. Too often, abortions result in complications that lead to the emergency room and further drain our overstretched system.

Concerns have previously been raised regarding your actions and advocacy in support of Wisconsin's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, which operates 3 of the 4 standalone abortion facilities in our state. It is and should be a basic expectation that these abortion centers close while Wisconsin is under a "Shelter-in-Place" order to assure our residents that you are not putting politics before their health and prioritizing Planned Parenthood's bottom line at the expense of our citizens' health. **We therefore demand your immediate action to ensure a halt to the operation of abortion facilities in Wisconsin for the duration of the declared public health emergency.**

Sincerely,

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:03 PM

To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

yes

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:37 PM

To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: FW: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

Would you like to sign on as a co-sponsor?

From: Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:20 AM

To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Senator Kooyenga, Representatives Kurtz & Sanfelippo

DATE: March 26, 2020

RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5957 – relating to: the scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states.

DEADLINE: March 26, 2020 @ 3:30 pm

To withstand the COVID – 19 pandemic it is expected that many health care professionals will be asked to practice at the top of their individual clinical education, training, and experience to care for surges of patients during this emergency. However, onerous state statutes restrict health care provider's ability to practice to the full extent of their capabilities.

This legislation will provide temporary regulatory flexibility during the public health emergency to enable a variety of health care providers to practice at the top of their clinical education, training and experience.

Furthermore, to increase the number of available physicians and licensed providers that will be needed to address the health emergency, this bill will provide immediate flexibility by allowing practitioners who are licensed and in good standing in any state to practice in Wisconsin automatically during the public health emergency.

Giving health care providers the tools they need by ensuring workers are able to work to the full extent of their capabilities and increasing the number of available providers is a necessary step in our effort to ensure hospitals and clinics are able to effectively respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this email or contact Senator Kooyenga's office at 6-2512.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill addresses the scope of practice of health care providers and practice by health care providers from other states, as follows:

1. The bill allows a health care provider to provide any health care services within the extent of his or her individual education, training, and experience. Current law generally prohibits a person from engaging in certain health care-related practices without holding a required credential.
2. The bill prohibits the Department of Safety and Professional Services and all credentialing boards from reprimanding a health care provider or denying, limiting, suspending, or revoking the credential of a health care provider for providing a health care service in a regulated health care setting, such as a hospital, clinic, long-term care facility, or other regulated setting. This provision applies only if the following are satisfied: 1) the health care service provided by a health care provider is within the provider's education, training, and experience; and 2) the health care service is provided at the direction of an attending physician or under a written policy issued by a regulated health care setting.
3. The bill allows a health care provider from another state to practice a health care profession in Wisconsin if the health care provider holds in good standing a license, certificate, or registration granted by another state that authorizes the person to practice that profession. These health care providers are considered to have a credential in this state.

The bill's provisions apply only during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:30 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services

No. This issue is over.

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services
Importance: High

Would you like to sign on to the attached letter?

From: Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:11 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Senate Republicans <AllSenGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services
Importance: High

TO: All Legislature Republicans
FROM: Senator David Craig
RE: Co-Sponsorship of Letter Requesting Clarifications to Outdoor Religious Services
DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2020

SHORT DEADLINE: TODAY - Wednesday, April 9 at 1pm

Dear Colleagues,

Due to apparent inconsistencies in county implementation of emergency orders relating to religious services, I will be sending the attached letter to Governor Tony Evers and Secretary-designee Andrea Palm.

Please respond to this email by **1pm today** to be added to the letter as a signatory.

Best,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:33 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Complaint from Sen. Bernier

The problem that I have with this is that she does not spell out exactly what the law is. Kinda useless.

Ron

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Complaint from Sen. Bernier

From: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:51 AM
To: *Legislative Senate Republicans - Senators <Legislative-Senate-Republicans-Senators@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Representatives <Legislative-Assembly-Representatives-Republicans@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Complaint from Sen. Bernier

Dear Republican Colleagues,

As you may have heard, the Dane County Clerk and the Milwaukee Election officials decided to broadly interpret, "indefinitely confined" voting procedures. Under the circumstances with our elderly population, their health conditions and their electronic capabilities, this actually does need to be considered. Much of the electoral processes for this April Election is challenging, to say the least. My disgust with how this has transpired is liberal election officials are trying to give themselves the edge over the rest of the State by not going through the Wisconsin Election Commission. If accommodations need to be made that is where it starts. All electors should be given a level playing field. This action by local elected officials outside the legal process is despicable.

My official complaint is filed with WEC and as far as I know the only official complaint. Please be advised. I am looking for consistency state-wide. ALL elderly electors who fear going out of their home can and should be afforded the same opportunity as Dane County and Milwaukee County Voters.

Sincerely,



State Senator
Kathleen M Bernier
PO BOX 7882

Madison, WI 53707
608-266-7511

From: Sen. Bernier

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:45 AM

To: Knudson, Dean - ELECTIONS <Dean.Knudson@wisconsin.gov>; Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; elections@wi.gov; Bostelmann, Marge R - ELECTIONS <marge.bostelmann@wisconsin.gov>; Glancey, Julie - ELECTIONS <Julie.Glancey@wisconsin.gov>; Jacobs, Ann - ELECTIONS <Ann.Jacobs@wisconsin.gov>; Spindell, Robert - ELECTIONS <robert.spindell@wisconsin.gov>; Thomsen, Mark L - ELECTIONS <Mark.Thomsen@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Complaint from Sen. Bernier

Attached please find this complaint from Sen. Kathy Bernier, Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 12:02 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

That is the problem. But, the solution is calling his municipal clerk and asking if they can come to him. That happens often. Especially, this early.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

The problem is that is doesn't want to leave his house. Registration for absentee voting ended on Wednesday. He wants the election pushed back.

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

Find a way for him to vote!!! Once you have the solution, I want to call him.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Constituent Concern about Spring Primary

Just got a call from Paul Kluge. He is an elderly individual, a veteran, and lives in Kimberly.

Paul and his wife are staying in place, as they have been advised by the government/media. However, Paul is concerned he cannot vote absentee because he cannot get a photo ID to his municipal clerk.

Paul STRONGLY encourages Rep. Tusler to urge for a special session to move back the Spring Primary to a future date.

Paul would appreciate a telephone call. Paul has not contacted the office before.

(920) 415-6000

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District*

(608) 266-5831

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Research Assistant
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3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 3:24 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Contact Report

Got it. Consider them done.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Constituent Contact Report

Ron,

Please see the attached constituent contact report.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
(608) 266-5831*

Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:54 AM
To: Mel Edinger <mdedinger@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Covid 19

Hi Mel,

I'm always happy to fight for brilliant. What do you need? Can you be a little bit more specific? It is hard for us to get money when our Governor's focus is on Milwaukee & Madison.

Ron

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mel Edinger <mdedinger@charter.net>
Date: 4/4/20 11:43 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Covid 19

Ron

We, in the city of Brillion need financial help due to COVID19. Please work with our governor to see that a small city like Brillion is taken care of. Our finances are limited. We are taking care of our citizens as best as we can. Do not over look us! Without help, our future needs will be compromised.

Thank you for anything you can do

Mel Edinger

Mayor

City of Brillion

Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 12:29 PM
To: Mel Edinger <mdedinger@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Covid 19

Mel,

We have not spent very much time talking about municipal budgets, yet. Our focus has been trying to get some resources outside of Milwaukee & Madison. Resources for combating COVID 19. I suspect we will try to help our municipal budgets after the immediate concerns are resolved.

However, with less income and less sales tax we will have much less money. We expect the financial resolution of this issue to be very difficult to navigate. Our state might be in a very similar fiscal position to Brillion.

I will try my very best.

Ron

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mel Edinger <mdedinger@charter.net>
Date: 4/4/20 12:07 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Re: Covid 19

All we ask is to have expenses due to covid 19 reimbursed. I know we have to apply, but not sure what will happen. We are spending budget dollars where we have no revenue that was planned. This needs to be provided to city like ours. If not, we will have serious implications on next years budget. This will put us in a possibly financial crisis. we follow mandates given us, now we need to be compensated. This is nothing we planned for. No reserves for something like this.

Mel Edinger

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Mayor

City of Brillion

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:26 AM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 - Safer in Place

How does the federal or another state define non-essential. Do we have it in our statutes?

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 - Safer in Place

This is all the info we've got.

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:12 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 - Safer in Place

Good morning,

I wanted to make sure everyone saw the Governor's announcement about his plan to issue a "Safer at Home" order tomorrow: <https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1242097501575901187>

The Governor will be issuing the order tomorrow, including details of implementation and effective date as we work with our public health experts, businesses large and small, and local communities to protect as many people as we can. Today's announcement is intended to give people the opportunity to plan and prepare while reminding people that everyone is safer at home.

I would encourage everyone to tune into the 1:30pm DHS press briefing, where the Governor will be speaking to this as well. Here are the details so you can tune in:

- * Video: <https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0>
- * Audio: <https://wiseeye.org/>

As we have been, when this order is issued I will be sending it to the legislature and our office will continue to provide additional information and FAQs.

Thanks,
ZM

Zach Madden
Legislative Liaison
Office of Governor Tony Evers

Email: Zach.Madden@wisconsin.gov

Phone: (608) 266-7794 [office], (608) 279-6374 [cell]

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<http://wicount.wi.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 2:21 PM

To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: COVID-19 Response Package RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5932/1, relating to: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.

No to all three.

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:31 PM

To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 Response Package RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5932/1, relating to: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.

3/3 Would you like to sign on as a co-sponsor?

From: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:04 AM

To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: COVID-19 Response Package RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5932/1, relating to: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Sen. André Jacques

DATE: March 24, 2020

RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5932/1, relating to: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage.

SHORT DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 25 at Noon

Please consider joining me in introducing LRB 5932/1 to help patients afford their prescription medicines by ensuring that amounts paid for prescription drugs by or on behalf of a person covered under a policy or plan apply to any calculation of an out-of-pocket maximum or to any cost-sharing requirement of the policy. This legislation is similar to nearly unanimous bipartisan bills that have been enacted recently in Arizona, Illinois, Virginia, and West Virginia.

In recent years, the increasing use of deductibles, high-deductible health plans, and coinsurance by insurance companies has led to a marked rise in out-of-pocket pharmaceutical spending required of patients. Higher cost-sharing burdens harm patients because they have been shown to lead to lower medication adherence. According to IQVIA, in 2017, 69% of commercially insured patients did not fill their prescriptions when faced with an out-of-pocket responsibility of more than \$250,

while only 11% of commercially insured patients failed to fill their prescriptions when their OOP responsibility was less than \$30. Medication non-adherence has been estimated to result in 125,000 deaths and at least 10% of hospitalizations, and to cost the health care system as a whole between \$100 billion and \$289 billion per year (according to Annals of Internal Medicine).

To ensure patient access to needed drugs, manufacturers in some cases provide cost-sharing assistance to patients in the form of coupons or vouchers, primarily for drug products that lack any generic alternatives. However, insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers have moved to undercut this assistance intended for patients who most need it. The health plans still accept the coupon or voucher, they simply don't allow patients to count them toward their deductibles and/or annual cost-sharing limits. Instead, the insurance company collects all of the cost-sharing assistance intended for the patient and still also requires the patient to pay their entire deductible out-of-pocket.

Blocking patient assistance threatens the well-being of patients with chronic diseases, forcing them to decide between adhering to their medications and other necessities like food and rent. **The impact of these programs is even more harmful given that chronic disease sufferers may be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, and may likewise be vulnerable to large increases in drug costs due to the economic dislocations that are resulting from social distancing measures.**

LRB 5932/1 allows co-pay assistance for prescription drugs to count toward a patient's out-of-pocket maximum or cost-sharing requirement and helps keep health care costs down.

To be added as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please reply to this email or contact Sen. Jacques's office at 6-3512 by Noon on March 25, 2020.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires health insurance policies that offer prescription drug benefits, self-insured health plans, and pharmacy benefit managers acting on behalf of policies or plans to apply amounts paid for prescription drugs by or on behalf of a person covered under the policy or plan to any calculation of an out-of-pocket maximum or to any cost-sharing requirement of the policy or plan. Health insurance policies are referred to in the bill as disability insurance policies.

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 11:37 AM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Don't risk lives by prematurely lifting Safer at Home

We are not posting an attack on us. I'm looking for more of a "I'm high at risk. I have cancer... I cannot tell who is safe. I'd appreciate it if everyone continued to be careful.

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Don't risk lives by prematurely lifting Safer at Home

Nothing yet from Rhonda White, but we've gotten a whole bunch of e-mails like this:

From: Dan Boesch <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Don't risk lives by prematurely lifting Safer at Home

Ron Tusler,

Those we elect to public office have a duty to look beyond what might be immediately popular to what is genuinely in the public interest. Instead of working with Governor Evers during this crisis, Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, and GOP lawmakers in the state legislature are pandering to the noisy reckless segment of the population who want the Safer at Home order lifted now by filing a lawsuit challenging the Governor's extension of the Safer at Home order in the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

We are at war together against this virus, and instead of playing politics by filing lawsuit after lawsuit like Legislative Republicans have done, we should be working together to save the lives of Wisconsinites.

Far too many essential workers still on the job are working without adequate personal protective equipment; their workplaces are not sufficiently cleaned and sanitized; and recommended social distancing is not universally practiced. We've seen the result—many have contracted the virus and sadly, a growing number have died.

We cannot begin to lift Safer at Home until we have this pandemic under control as outlined in Governor Evers' Badger Bounce Back Plan and every essential worker is guaranteed access to proper personal protective equipment, thoroughly cleaned and sanitized workplaces, and social distance from one another to save their own lives and the lives of Wisconsinites.

Working people are prepared to stay the course for the good of all.

We support Governor Evers' leadership in this crisis, his order to extend Safer at Home and his detailed plan to responsibly manage Wisconsin's pandemic and get us all safely back to work.

We call on each and every elected official to set politics aside and work together.

Thank you for doing right for the safety and health of Wisconsinites!

~Dan Boesch

Dan Boesch

moreward@yahoo.com

N5739 McHugh Rd.

Hilbert, Wisconsin 54129

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:17 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Send to judge Froehlich. Tell him that I have drafted this to be ready if we have a special session. Ask him if this will resolve the issue.

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Attached is the preliminary draft. Please let me know your thoughts and how you would like to proceed.

~ William

From: LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft review: LRB -5963/P1

Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -5963/P1.

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:51 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Drafted response

Looks good. Send them the letter. Make it look nice.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Drafted response

Good afternoon Ron,

We have received over 25 contacts from constituents about repealing Wisconsin's one week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits. Leadership has indicated they would like to do so.

<https://madison.com/wsj/f4944429-2e44-51ca-8c21-2099a5140acc.html>

Below is a drafted response. Please let me know if you would like any changes made.

Dear XXX,

Thank you for contacting my office about repealing the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. I love to hear from my constituents! Your voice helps me make informed decisions on behalf of the Third Assembly District.

The effects of COVID-19 have been devastating. Thousands across Wisconsin face economic, social, and health challenges. However, we have seen communities step up to support local businesses, give blood, check in on elderly relatives and friends, and simply stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Now, it is time for Wisconsin's State Government to do the same.

Given these unforeseen circumstances, I am in favor of repealing Wisconsin's one week waiting period for unemployment benefits for the rest of the year. Hard working folks need help now as they deal with the economic effects of this public health emergency.

I am optimistic the Wisconsin State Legislature will meet in extraordinary session soon to repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits for the rest of the year and as well as pass other aid packages for the people of Wisconsin.

Thank you again for contacting me on this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know at (608) 266-5831 or Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 5:36 PM
To: Patrick Heuring <PHeuring@ademino.com>; "Penterman, William"
<William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Election
Attachments: FB_IMG_1585963699942.jpg; received_540738990188329.png

Hi Pat,

I'm sorry to hear you are frustrated with me. I am doing the best that I can in a very difficult situation.

I have asked to reschedule the election, before people began to vote. That was the time it could be done bipartisan. See the attachments.

After we received 1.2 Million votes absentee, it became very political. Conservative areas have voted considerably more than Democrat areas. I suspect Gov. Evers only flip flopped on Friday because of that. Nothing else has changed and we are doing better against covid 19 than we were projected before votes came in.

After Friday, I proposed cancelling the inperson and extending absentee ballots an extra week. That was found unconstitutional by the Democrats.

Tomorrow is not ideal. But, our state constitution terminates 3900 local elected officials on April 15. Without an election, places like Harrison and Buchanan will not be able to function. Further, it is likely that we will still have coronavirus risk beyond June 9 and perhaps in November. I am curious the general public would think if President Trump must reschedule the November election.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Patrick Heuring <PHeuring@ademino.com>
Date: 4/6/20 5:15 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Election

What on god's green earth are you and the other Republicsn's thinking?

What possible reason can you justify letting the election go on tomorrow? This is lunacy and a losing

proposition from both a political and legal perspective. You have to know that any results will be challenged, likely successfully in court.

The threat of danger to the public is real. Why are you ignoring it?

Today I am ashamed to say that I voted for you. Madison politicians on both sides of the aisle had better grow up and start protecting their constituents and apparently this includes you

Patrick Heuring
721 Apple Blossom Ct
Kimberly Wi 54136
Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:07 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

Great! I sent to Bice so that he knew. Turns out, he wanted to be critical of the distance between me and Carol it that picture. When I told him that it was a couple years old, he was shocked. Didn't sound like he even considered that possibility.

Ron

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Elections Questions

From: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Duros, Staci <Staci.Duros@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

Hi William,

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From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections Questions

Hi Joe,

One additional question,

Is it permissible for volunteers to go to elderly people's homes to assist them with requesting their absentee ballot? I.E., helping them upload their photo ID to My Vote Wisconsin?

Thank you!

~ William

From: Kreye, Joseph <Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gallagher, Michael <Michael.Gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: RE: Elections Questions

William,

The deadlines for canvassing and certifying the results are all set by statute. The legislature would have to change those dates to delay the canvassing and certification, as we believe that neither the governor nor the Elections Commission has the authority to act contrary to what the statute requires, regardless of the declared state of emergency.

Here are some of the relevant statutes:

Section 7.53 (2) (d) requires the municipal board of canvassers to publically announce the results on or before the 3rd Tuesday in April, 2 weeks after the election.

Under s. 7.60 (3), the county is supposed to begin its canvass no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday following the election, but may adjourn periodically (but not for more than 2 days) in order to complete the canvass.

Under s. 7.70, the commission must wait for the statements from the county clerks before it can complete the state canvas and certify the election. Under s. 7.70 (1) (b), generally, if the commission hasn't received a statement by the 11th day after the primary, the commission may dispatch someone to get them. Of course, that assumes there are statements to retrieve. Under s. 7.70 (3) (a), the commission must certify the spring election results on or before May 15.

Some if not all of these days would need to be modified to delay canvassing and certification.

Let us know if we can answer other questions or if you need further assistance.

Thanks,

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From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:22 PM

To: Gallagher, Michael <Michael.Gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kreye, Joseph
<Joseph.Kreye@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Elections Questions

Good afternoon gentlemen,

A question regarding the upcoming April 7th election came up today. With the influx of absentee ballots that need to be counted for the April 7th election, is there a way the certification date (when municipalities have to turn their results over to the WI Elections Commission) can be pushed back, so that municipalities have more time to tally the votes? Can this need to be done by the WI Elections Commission, the Governor, or the State Legislature?

Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated! ☺

Respectfully,

William Penterman

Research Assistant

Office of Representative Ron Tusler

3rd Assembly District

(608) 266-5831

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:47 PM
To: "'Bice, Daniel'" <daniel.bice@jrn.com>
Subject: RE: FB post

I'm not on the ballot. No. Trying to help some very nervous clerks in my district.

From: Bice, Daniel <daniel.bice@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Re: FB post

You're not on the ballot, correct? Were you helping the Kelly campaign?

Daniel Bice
Columnist/ No Quarter



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From: Bice, Daniel <daniel.bice@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Re: FB post

OK, got it.

Plus, you're two feet away from the constituent.

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Ron

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 11:17 AM
To: "'rdsense@aol.com'" <rdsense@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Friday's call with Rep. Gallagher

Hi Rick,

Anything that we can do to prepare? Anything he would like to specifically discuss? Information that he is curious about?

Also, I helped Chris Klein run against Amanda Stuck in 2014. We looked up her husband's criminal records. Prior to his marriage, he tied down his kids and beat them with belts. He was charged with felony child abuse, that was substituted for misdemeanor child abuse. Not sure he represents the character of our community very well.

Ron

From: rdsense@aol.com <rdsense@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:10 AM
To: RDSENSE@aol.com
Subject: Friday's call with Rep. Gallagher

Greetings everyone,

Here is the information needed to participate in Friday, April 3rd's conference call with Rep. Gallagher. Please contact me with any questions. Thanks!

Call-in #: Dial-in number: 425-436-6373
Access code: 121158

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 3:37 PM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Letters from Appleton Aldermen

Write them a letter thanking them for their letters. That is about it.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Letters from Appleton Aldermen

Just got these today (please see attachment). Please let me know how you would like to respond.

Respectfully,

*William Penterman
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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 11:32 AM
To: "'rdsense@aol.com'" <rdsense@aol.com>
Subject: RE: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 21

Thanks Rick. Yes, PPP.

From: rdsense@aol.com <rdsense@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: Re: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 21

on PPP? if so, House will probably be moving on Senate bill late in the week that will add about 300billion to PPP

-----Original Message-----
From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
To: rdsense@aol.com <rdsense@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Apr 21, 2020 11:17 am
Subject: RE: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 21

A few weeks ago, Mike said that he didn't think Congress would me meeting again to add more money to the fund. Still true?

Ron

From: rdsense@aol.com <rdsense@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:22 AM
To: rdsense@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 21

fyi

Begin forwarded message:

From: House Republicans <House.Republicans2@mail.house.gov>
Date: April 21, 2020 at 8:11:37 AM CDT
To: "Sense, Rick" <Rick.Sense@mail.house.gov>
Subject: NEED TO KNOW: Coronavirus Update - April 21
Reply-To: House Republicans <HouseRepublicans@mail.gop.gov>

NEED TO KNOW:

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



House Republican
CONFERENCE
Chair Liz Cheney (R-WY)

Good Morning: The Senate is expected to meet in a pro forma session this afternoon with hopes of voting on legislation that will extend more funding for the Paycheck Protection Program. This comes after resources for this successful program ran dry last week and Speaker Pelosi blocked efforts to add more money to it.

President Trump tweeted last night that he plans to sign an Executive Order temporarily suspending immigration into the United States in light of the spread of the coronavirus.

INFO TO KNOW

Paycheck Protection Program

Yesterday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell [said on the floor](#) that Democrats continue to block money for Americans' paychecks. As a reminder, Leader McConnell and Senate Republicans sought to add more money for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in a clean bill on April 9th, nearly two weeks ago, but were [blocked](#) by Senate Democrats in coordination with Speaker Pelosi.

The PPP ran dry last Thursday because of Democrats' obstruction and since

then, small businesses have not been able to access these crucial loans that have saved jobs and kept them afloat. [According to the SBA](#), the program has processed more than 1.6 million loans and made over \$342 billion available for small businesses to make payroll, save jobs, and survive during this time. There are [nearly 50 public reports](#) from all across the country that show how this program is helping to pay workers and keep small businesses open. SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza [published an op-ed](#) in USA Today detailing how it has provided crucial aid in just two weeks:

- * [USA Today \(SBA Administrator Carranza\)](#): "PPP processed more than 14 years worth of loans in less than 14 days"

Leader McConnell [announced](#) yesterday that the Senate will meet today in a pro forma session at 4pm ET in hopes of voting on negotiated legislation that will extend funding for the PPP. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer [said early this morning](#) that if the Senate passes this legislation later today, the House could meet as early as Thursday, April 23rd at 10:00am to consider it.

Yesterday, the Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus [said](#) that more funding for the PPP – which is needed to [save jobs and keep small businesses afloat](#) – should be used as “leverage” so Democrats can pass the most controversial elements of their agenda.



REP. PRAMILA JAYAPAL: *"We don't know what's in the package yet, we only know what's been reported but I think what you're hearing from all of us on the call is that **we have real concerns about giving away leverage now without getting some of the priorities that we need.**"*

This has become a pattern for House Democrats:

- * Majority Whip Jim Clyburn [told his colleagues](#) that coronavirus response legislation would give their party a "tremendous opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision."
- * Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez [said](#) the response to the coronavirus represents a "fascinating progressive moment"
- * After failing to get her [liberal wish list in Phase III](#) of coronavirus response legislation, Speaker Pelosi [said she wanted to pursue Phase IV](#) because "we couldn't get everything we wanted in the other bill, let's begin to go down this path."

Repeatedly, they've sought to use this generational crisis to enact their partisan policies.

More information about the PPP and how the program is working can be found below:

- * [Coronavirus.gov Small Business Resources Page](#)
- * [Treasury Department Overview On The Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- * [UPDATED: Administration FAQ On The Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- * [SBA.gov/Coronavirus Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources Page](#)
- * [SBA Paycheck Protection Report With State-By-State Breakdown](#)

Rep. Ocasio-Cortez Cheers While Americans Suffer

In addition to [opposing legislation](#) that will provide more resources for the PPP that's saving jobs and protecting small businesses, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted about how she was happy to see the hit that America's oil industry is taking. In a [now-deleted tweet](#), she said, "You absolutely love to see it."



- * [Fox News](#): "AOC celebrates oil crash in now-deleted tweet: 'You absolutely love to see it'"

[Rep. Jodey Arrington](#) and [Rep. Kelly Armstrong](#) both responded with a reality check for Rep. Ocasio-Cortez:



Rep. Arrington  @RepArrington · 13h

I don't "love to see" oil & gas workers & their rural communities suffering as a result of this devastating price collapse, @AOC.

Places like West Texas & hard-working men & women in the oil patch power the bright lights of NYC... including the hospitals!



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez 
@AOC

You absolutely love to see it.

This along with record low interest rates means it's the right time for a worker-led, mass investment in green infrastructure to save our planet. *cough*



Brandon Smith @muckraker · 21m

Oil prices now at "negative values," meaning oil producers have to pay people to take it off their hands and store it because when demand plunges (like now), that is less expensive for them than building more storage and/or shutting wells down. twitter.com/no_such_zone/s



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4.4K





Congressman Kelly Armstrong  @RepArmstrongND · 14h

This is not an ideological exercise @AOC. People's jobs are evaporating. Lives are being ruined in real-time. North Dakota companies that have taken decades to build have been destroyed in hours. Any public official that loves to see this does not deserve to hold office.



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  @AOC

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Economic Impact Payments

The IRS [formally launched](#) the "Get My Payment" web portal last week with features to let taxpayers check on their Economic Impact Payment date and update direct deposit information.

The portal can be accessed here: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>, and there are FAQ's that are answered on the site as well.

President Trump Plans To Temporarily Suspend Immigration Into The U.S.

In [a tweet last night](#), President Trump announced that he will be signing an Executive Order to temporarily suspend immigration into the United States. In

his tweet, he said that he made this decision in light of the spread of the coronavirus, and because of the need to protect jobs for American citizens:



Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump



In light of the attack from the Invisible Enemy, as well as the need to protect the jobs of our GREAT American Citizens, I will be signing an Executive Order to temporarily suspend immigration into the United States!

10:06 PM · Apr 20, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

Supplies

As of April 19, FEMA's Project Airbridge designed to secure key medical supplies for the United States has completed 66 flights with an additional 49 scheduled for a total of approximately 115 flights. In addition, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of over 57 million N95 respirators, nearly 78 million surgical masks, more than 6 million face shields, almost 12 million surgical gowns, 587 million gowns, nearly 11,000 ventilators, and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

Testing

Vice President Pence led a call with the nation's governors yesterday to discuss testing, and said at the White House Coronavirus Task Force briefing that they are continuing to expand testing and that the federal government will work in

every way to support their efforts to do that.

President Trump said that the United States was looking to double the number of daily tests conducted if the nation's governors, "bring their states fully online through the capability that they have."

Therapeutics And Vaccines

[The FDA published information](#) about the Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program, which moves new treatments to patients as soon as possible while also finding out whether they are helpful or harmful. So far, 72 clinical trials of potential therapies for COVID-19 are underway with FDA oversight.

[They also published a letter](#) to health care providers on the use of serological tests, where they recommended that health care providers continue to use serological tests intended to detect antibodies to help identify people who may have been exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus or have recovered from infection.

WHAT'S AHEAD

The White House Coronavirus Task Force is scheduled to hold a briefing this afternoon at 5pm ET. [Watch it here](#).

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:47 AM
To: 'Roy Yach' <royyach@aol.com>
Subject: RE: non essential business

William said that he got back to you. Evers said he cannot do mowing, but he can do new landscaping construction. Can he do that?

From: Roy Yach <royyach@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: non essential business

Hi Ron,

What is the states position on non essential activity relative to Lawn care work? My son has a lawn care business that will be active in the coming weeks. Can he proceed with clean ups, mowing and trimming customer lawns?

Please let me know.

Thanks,

Roy H. Yach Sr.
920 402 1734

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:59 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Voter Fraud

William,

Send her Dan O'Donnell's stuff. That is all I really know.

Ron

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Potential Voter Fraud

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Voter Fraud

Representative Tusler-

Would you have a moment to discuss? I just want to be sure I understand the concern. Late arriving ballots are always part of the process, but clerks and boards of canvass cannot count any ballots received after 8pm on 4/7 by hand delivery or without a postmark. They can count ballots postmarked by 4/7 and received by 4/13 at 4pm in accordance with the supreme court guidance. Clerks track ballots received after the deadline that cannot be counted- they do not count the ballots but they maintain the rejected ballots with their materials and track it in the statewide system for federal reporting.

Appreciate you passing along, just want to be sure I fully understand the concern.

Please feel free to call if you have a moment to discuss 608-712-6957.

Hope you are well,

Meagan

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission

Desk: (608) 266-8175

Cell: (608) 712-6957
meagan.wolfe@wi.gov



From: Tusler, Ron - LEGIS <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Tusler, Ron - LEGIS <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Potential Voter Fraud

Good afternoon,

Katie Van Zeeland, Appleton Alderperson for District 5, shared on her official Facebook page: "If you requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time AND you chose not to vote in-person, please consider completing your ballot and sending it in anyway. That will allow our clerk can track these for reporting." https://www.facebook.com/AlderpersonVanZeeland/?_tn=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARDJRL3LDEVJchfHZxVYfEPUbMfEUoa_s-DJuMC6sFDkkmGNf6SS--DoNfwKDs-7BYk8tOnnPFX7siVH&fref=mentions

I urge the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate this situation, so the integrity of our elections can be upheld.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler
Chairman of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:29 PM

To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Press Release

Attachments: 2020.04.09 Tusler Requests WEC T Investigate Voter Fraud Situation.docx

I included her name. Other than that, it is good to go.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:17 PM

To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: Press Release

Please see attached press release and let me know if you would like any changes made.

Respectfully,

William Penterman

Research Assistant

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Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:01 PM
To: "Jacque, Andre" <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Protecting Calumet County's Water - Senator Andre Jacque

Great vote

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Ron

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Subject: RE: Ron's Recap: Coronavirus Updates and Resources

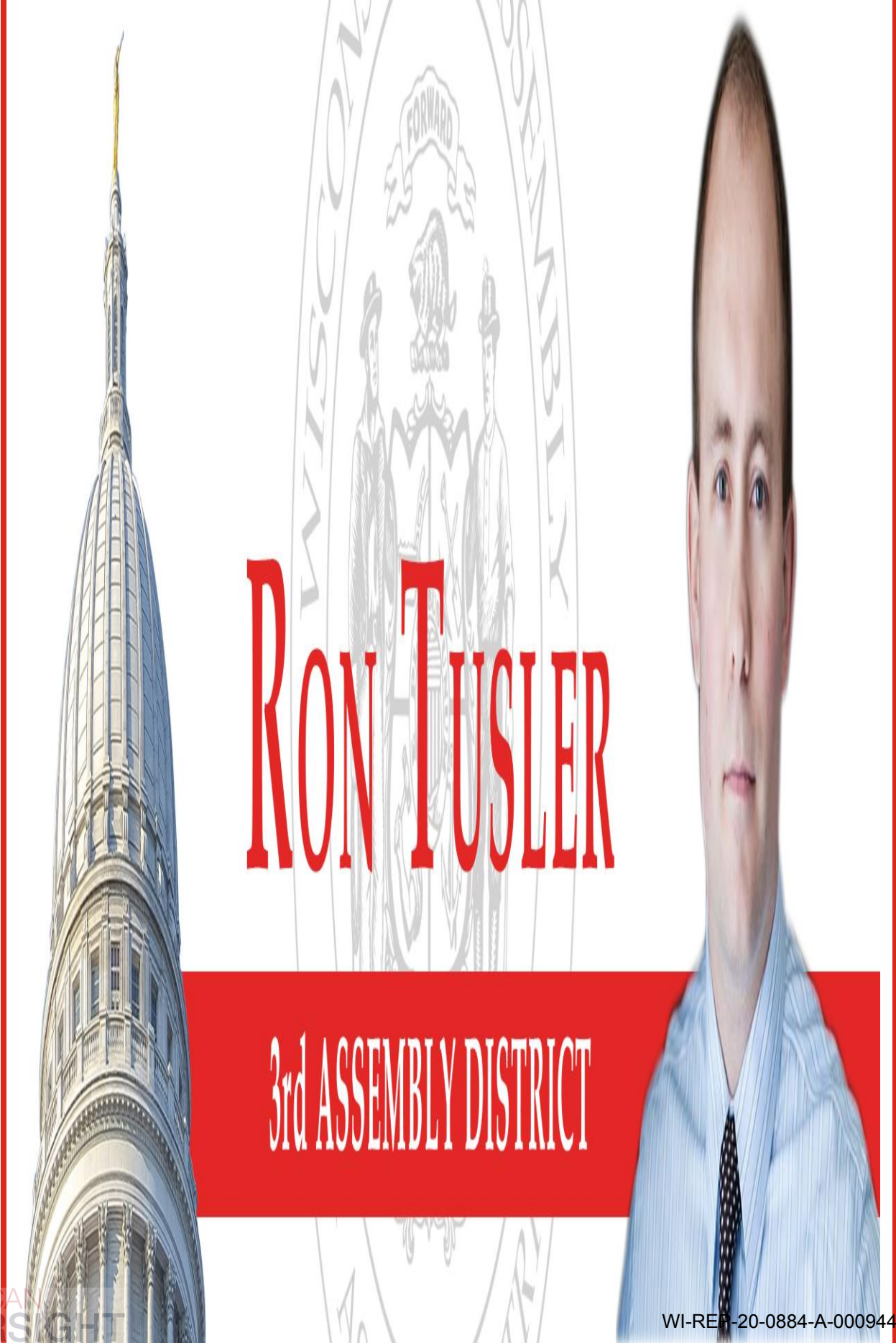
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Add information on who will get stimulus money. Just another link that tells them where to look.

Voting Absentee is Easy

Should be a commas after April 2nd, at 5:00 PM,

From: Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov <Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Safer At Home Order

The "[Safer at Home](#)" [emergency order](#) was officially released by Governor Evers this week. The order took effect on Wednesday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m. and remains in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24. This order requires people in Wisconsin to stay at home if they are not performing essential activities such as going to the doctor, getting necessary services or supplies, participating in outdoor activities, working in an essential business or taking care of others. The order also requires the closure of so-called "nonessential" businesses as deemed by the state. There are many exceptions, including grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and medical facilities.

If you are a business and have questions about the emergency order, please visit the following website:

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

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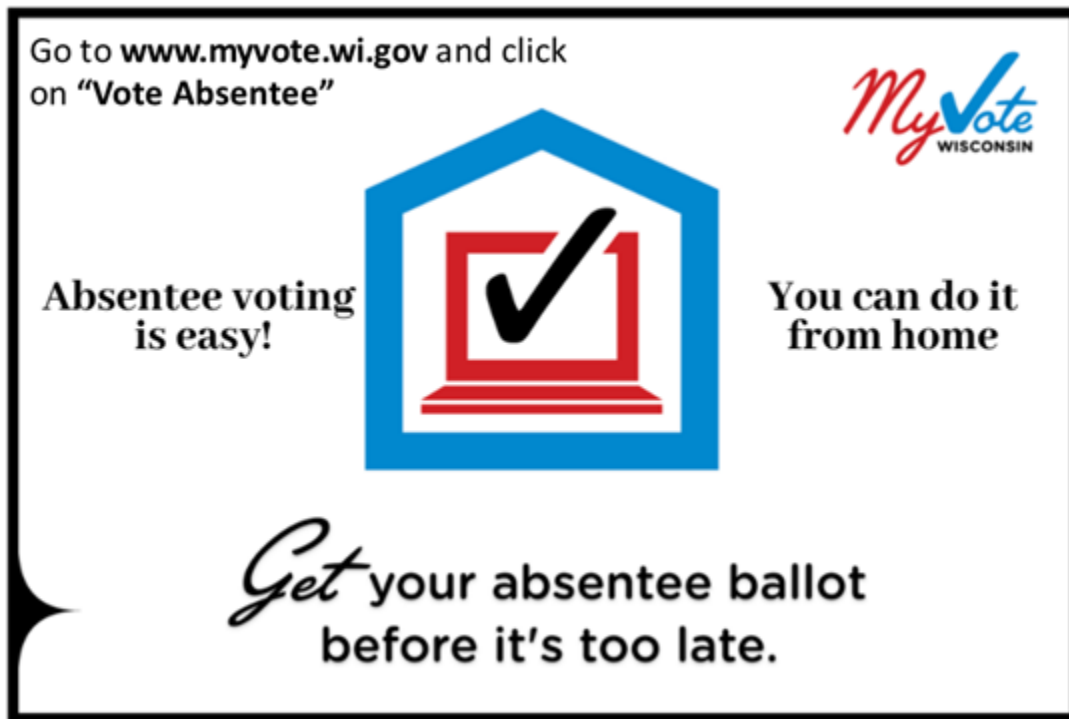
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State Parks, Trails, and Forests Open

Governor Evers' [Safer at Home order](#) (item 11.c) recognizes outdoor activity as an essential activity. As such, all State Parks, Trails and Forests [remain open and all fees are now waived](#). All current regulations apply for hunting, trapping, and fishing seasons.

State Park Fees Waived



Thank you!

To all our workers doing the essential business needed to keep us safe, fed, and more - Thank You.



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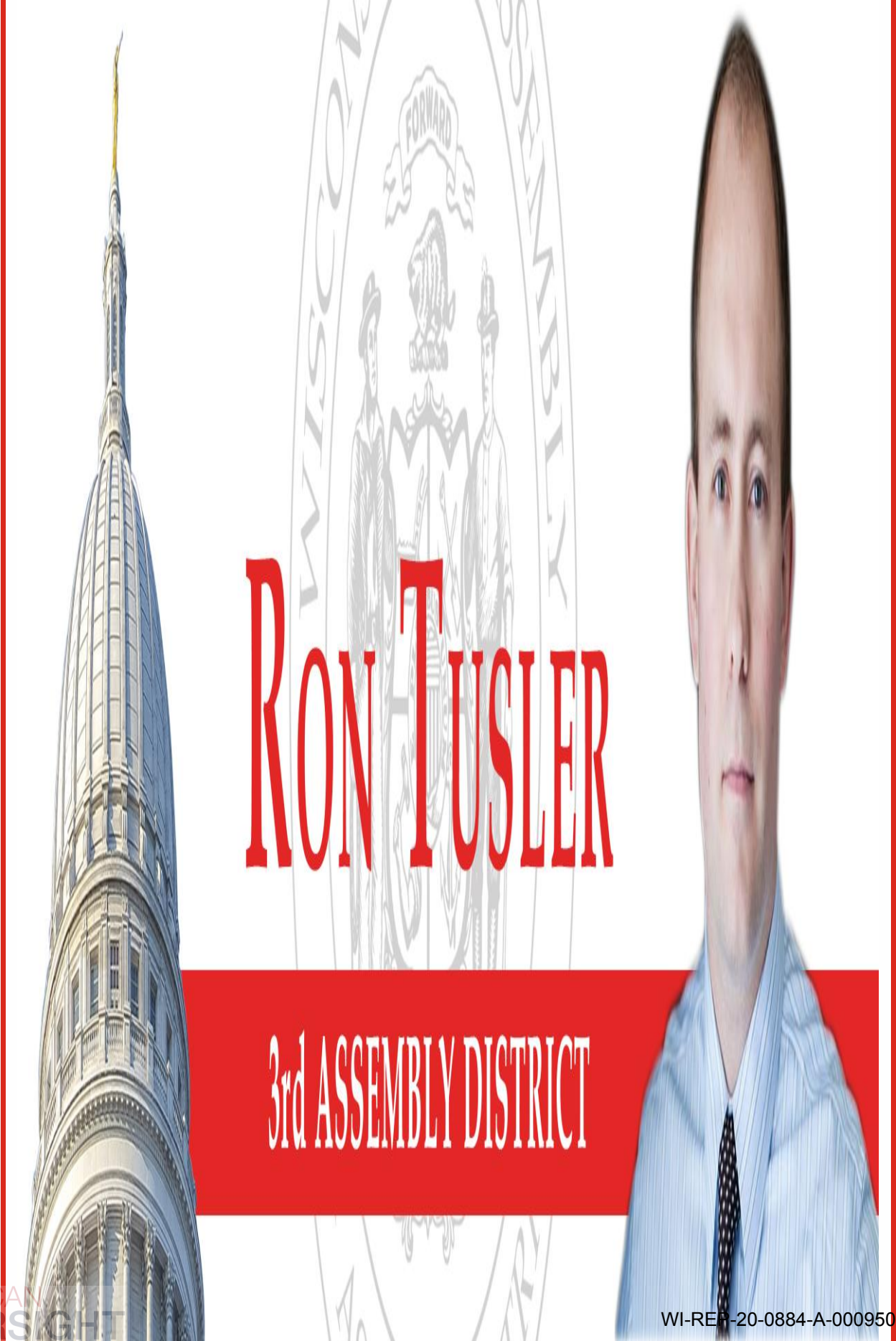
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:27 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov'" <Rep.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Ron's Recap: COVID-19: HELP OTHERS FIRST!

I corrected the text below.

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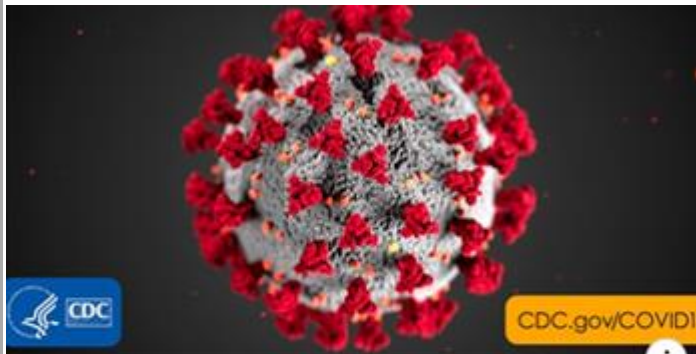


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Unemployment Information

The majority of people applying for unemployment benefits can complete their claim online. Receiving unemployment benefits is a two-step process:

Apply online - The week you become unemployed, file your application online and **do not wait to file**. For more information, instructional videos, and to apply, please visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/>.

File your weekly claim - After you have applied online, you will need to file a claim certification each week. This will require you to answer a series of questions. You must continue to file a weekly claim certification for each week you would like to receive benefits.

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Department of Workforce Development

Services Offered

- Charter is providing free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395
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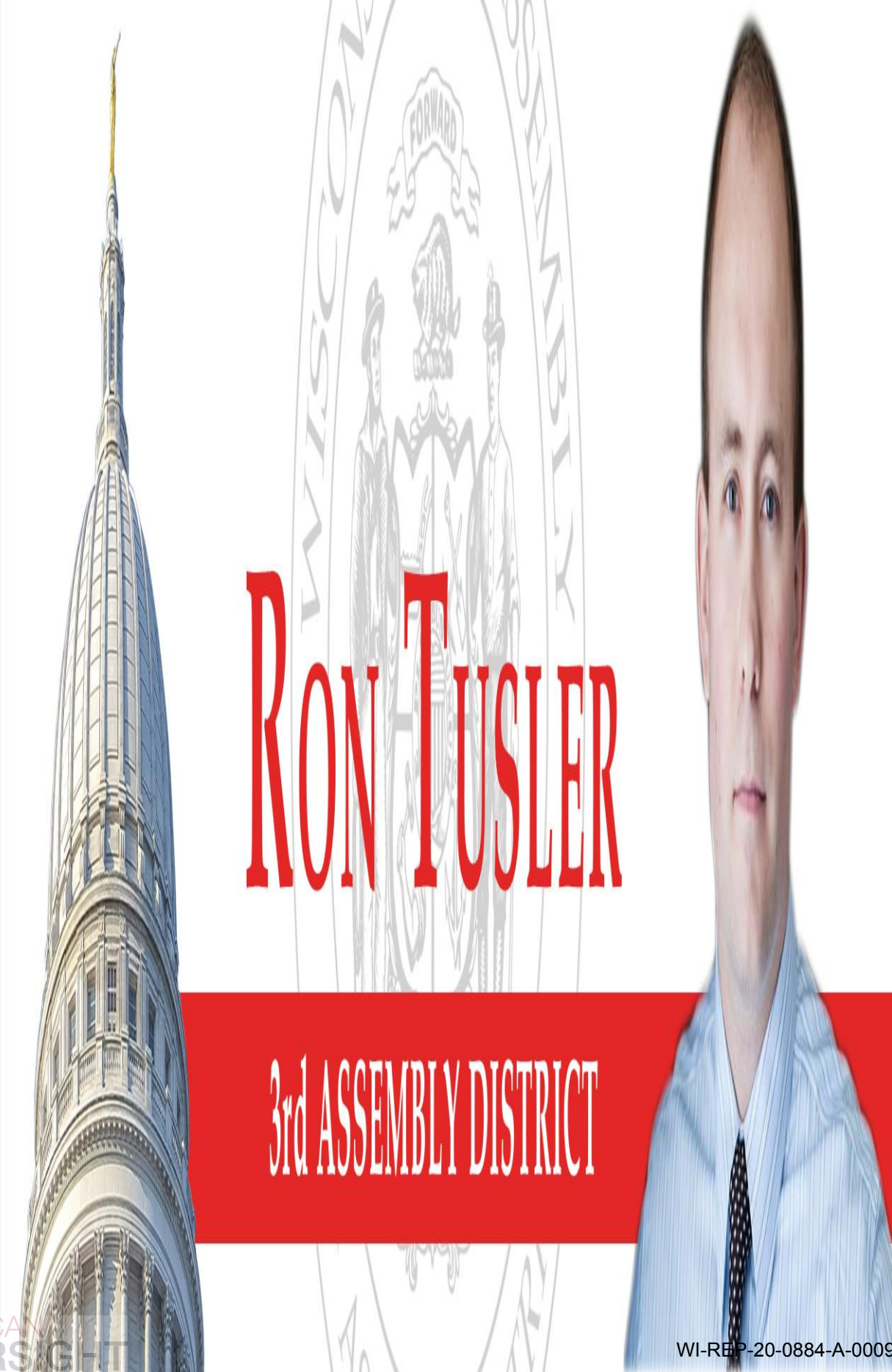
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During Tuesday's election, I visited several polling places in on in-person voting. I was impressed with each municipality's efforts to maintain a clean and safe polling place.

I am glad to hear that despite concerns, [Elections Commission officials did not report hearing of any major problems with the election](#). The results of the Spring Primary Election will be starting next week Monday.

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Protection Against Price Gouging

During this time of uncertainty, you should know of your rights and how you can take action against suspected price gouging.

Wisconsin's statute §100.305 prohibits charging "unreasonably excessive prices," commonly known as price gouging, during "a period of abnormal economic disruption."

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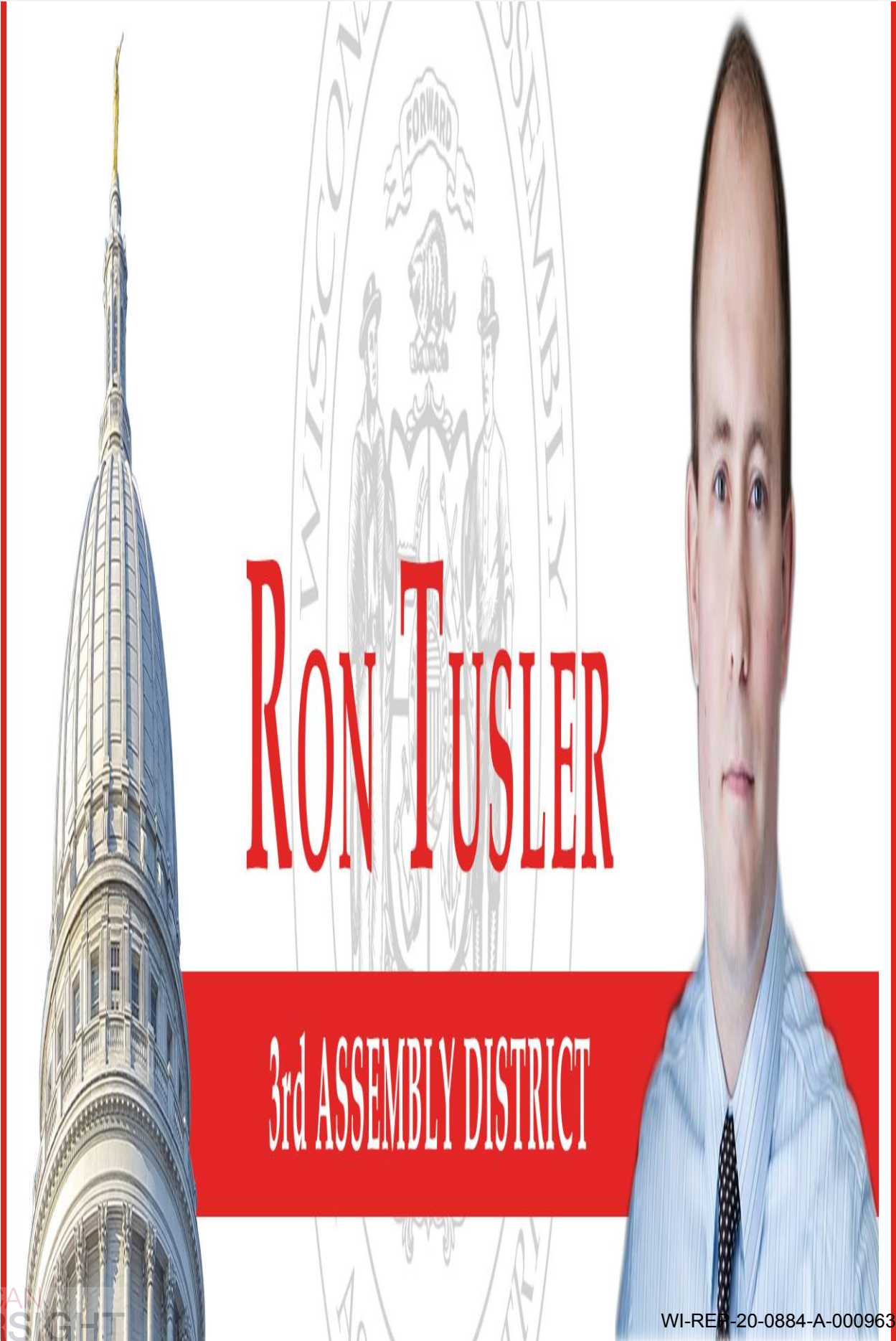
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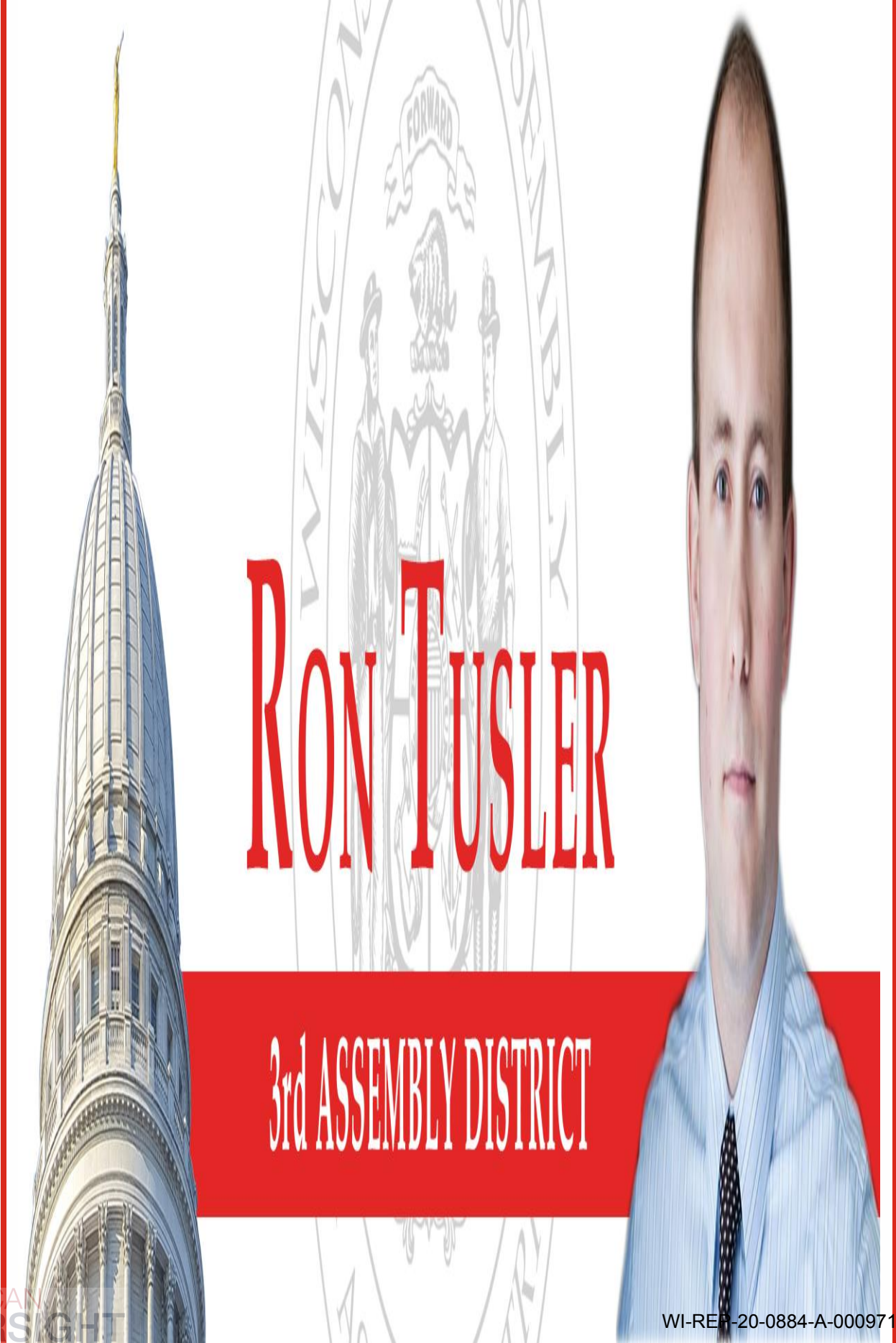
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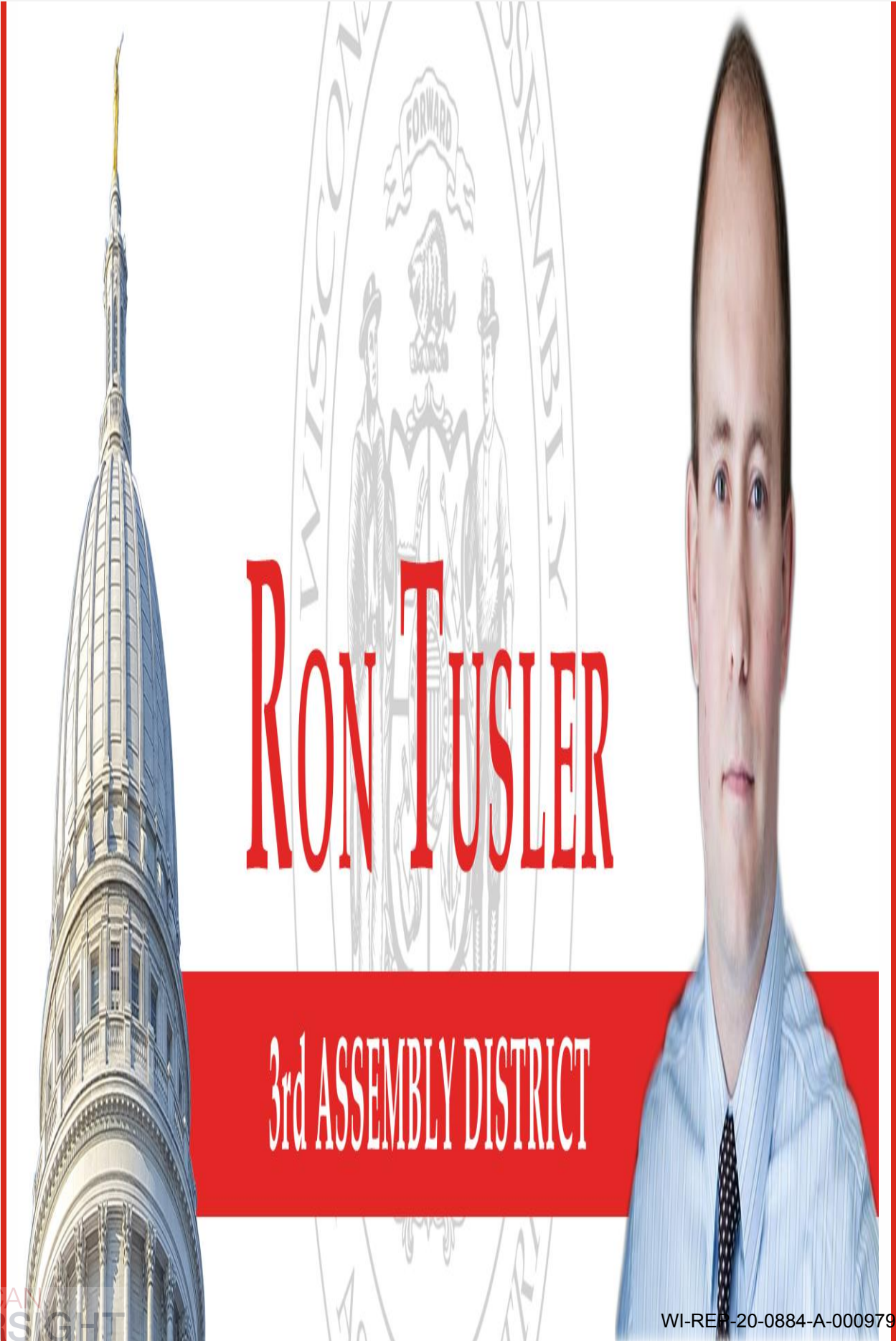
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 10:49 AM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Yes. Even Illinois kept them open

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
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Would you like to sign on to the letter?

From: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:38 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Legislative Members,

The Governor has recently advocated for citizens to get outdoors during the Safer At Home order, while still practicing standard social distancing, for both the physical and mental health benefits. However, while many outdoor activities remain open for the public to enjoy, including State Parks, the Governor has ordered the closure of all golf courses in the State of Wisconsin.

Attached is a letter addressed to Governor Evers and cc'd to Legislative leadership requesting that golf courses be allowed to remain open under specific safety and social distancing guidelines.

Please contact Rep. Hutton's office by 12:00pm (noon) tomorrow, March 27th if you would like to sign on.

Andrea Brooks
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Rob Hutton
220N – State Capitol

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:56 PM
To: "'Handrick, Joe'" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Statement: Mail-in Ballot Election Request

Too slow. Now they don't want it.

From: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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A reply or forward from

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From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Madison...Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) released the following statement on behalf of the Assembly Republican caucus on the governor's request to the Legislature to make changes to the April 7th election.

"We're united as a caucus in rejecting the governor's request to upend the April 7th election. His last-minute scheme of a mail-in ballot election is logistically impossible and incredibly flawed. In fact, other states say it's impossible to implement, especially two weeks before the election with countless staffing, postal and safety considerations; our local clerks are already running out of ballots and supplies.

"The governor's idea is merely a statewide invitation for voter fraud. More than 100,000 votes have already been cast and 600,000 additional absentee ballots have been sent out, meaning that a large number of voters could receive two ballots. And because the voter rolls are not updated, ballots would go to thousands of people who may have moved. It was careless and reckless for Governor Evers to even make this suggestion."

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:44 PM

To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: There was a recommendation to get an e-mail from Vos that said that Evers does not want to reschedule the election

Attachments: Letter to Municipal Clerks.docx

I cut one sentence. Looks good. Get it sent.

From: Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:53 PM

To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Subject: RE: There was a recommendation to get an e-mail from Vos that said that Evers does not want to reschedule the election

Ron,

I reached out to the Speaker's Office about a statement about the governor rescheduling the election. They were not aware of any such statement. I found a Wisconsin Public Radio article from Friday about Evers' stance on the spring election.

Please see the attached drafted letter and let me know if you would like any changes made.

Respectfully,

William Penterman

Research Assistant

Office of Representative Ron Tusler

3rd Assembly District

(608) 266-5831

From: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:47 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:11 PM
To: "'Rep.Tusler'" <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Veteran's Village proposal

yes

From: Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Ron Tusler <rtusler@tuslerlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Veteran's Village proposal

Would you like to be added as a co-author?

From: Rep.Murphy <Rep.Murphy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Rep.Kurtz <Rep.Kurtz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tittl <Rep.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rohrkaste <Rep.Rohrkaste@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tauchen <Rep.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Steffen <Rep.Steffen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Macco <Rep.Macco@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Nygren <Rep.Nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Veteran's Village proposal

Members,

Rep. Murphy asked me to reach out to you because of your connection with veterans issues and/or your proximity to the Fox Valley area.

Last year, Rep. Murphy offered a budget amendment (attached) that would partially fund the work of the development of the regional Veterans Village near Fox Valley Technical College. The Village serves several counties in that area. This state contribution of \$3 million would ONLY be dispersed once the Village reaches its own private fundraising level of \$12 million.

Rep. Murphy is asking if you'd be willing to be a cosponsor of this year's bill regarding the Village. We are laying groundwork for the upcoming budget and would like to get the current bill introduced before the session ends.

Rep. Murphy, Sen. Roth, and Rep. Skowronski are the authors so far.

Please let me know if you'd like to be a cosponsor as soon as possible. If you have questions, feel free to call me at 608-438-2819 (cell) or **Dave at 920-378-1424 (cell)**. Thank you so much!

More info:

Veteran's Village website: <https://www.wisvva.org/>

2019 Story on the Village: <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/loop/2019/05/22/fox-valley-veterans-village-campaign-will-create-homes-and-more/>

March 2020 story: https://www.beloitdailynews.com/news/wisconsin-news/vets-find-community-resources-at-wisconsin-veterans-village/article_f6d68082-4e5b-5f38-a11e-b406fd4b82f0.html

Diane Handrick
Office of Representative Dave Murphy

608-266-7500
Room 318 North, State Capitol
Madison WI 53708





Seasonal installation

*Additional charges in effect from
Dec. 1 through March 31.*



For your convenience, we offer year-round service installation. Installation prices are based on normal construction conditions. Additional charges for electric and/or natural gas installations apply from Dec. 1 through March 31.

Why seasonal charges?

Site conditions

- Mud, ice and frost make it harder to move equipment around.

Working conditions

- Shorter daylight hours, less time for crews to work.
- Additional wear and tear on equipment and vehicles.

Weather conditions

- Colder temperatures, as well as snow, rain, sleet and brisk wind chills, make schedules less predictable.

To **avoid** these charges, we offer two installation options:



Option 1: The completed and signed Ready for Service card(s) for electric and/or natural gas service needs to be submitted to We Energies on or **before Nov. 30**. By submitting the card(s), you are verifying that all service requirements have been met.

OR



Option 2: Submit your application for service **after March 1**.

To keep you on schedule, it is very important to have your site ready when we arrive to install your service. Your site is ready for electric and/or natural gas service after you complete all of the following:

Electric and natural gas ready for service requirements

- Locate, mark or expose any buried obstructions or underground facilities – such as a well or underground yard lighting – with stakes, spray paint or flags.
- Clear a minimum 10-foot-wide path along the service route from the property line to the meter location. Please make sure items such as dirt piles, dumpsters and construction materials are not on the path.
- Have the ground around your home/building and along the service route within four inches of final grade.
- We Energies must receive your:
 - Signed sketch (if applicable)
 - Payment (if applicable)
 - Permits and easements

Additional natural gas ready for service requirement

- Desired meter location must be marked on a foundation wall or a built/framed wall with a flag, stake or spray paint.

Additional electric ready for service requirements

- Install meter socket at agreed-upon meter location.
- Electrical inspection must be received before the service can be energized.

Final ready for service installation requirement

- Please fill out and return your electric and/or natural gas Ready for Service form(s) to We Energies.

After we receive your Ready for Service form(s) and all other requirements are met, we will schedule the installation. If applying for both electric and natural gas service, your installations may be scheduled separately. The electric service will not be energized until payment and municipal inspection are received.

NOTE: In early spring, weather conditions, road weight restrictions and a work backlog may create installation delays.

For more information:

- Contact your We Energies representative
- Call 800-242-9137
- Visit www.we-energies.com/builders-contractors



Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 11:40 AM
To: "'Penterman, William'" <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: She is from our district.

https://newstalk1130.iheart.com/featured/common-sense-central/content/2020-04-09-the-democratic-party-is-now-openly-urging-voter-fraud/?fbclid=IwAR392hPP_14j2qmEx7kDLN5_IPWxEYtFlcVlvqgeu-rtnGA0JcCgLQyjqR0

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:08 PM

To: "'dhsresponse@dhs.wisconsin.gov'" <dhsresponse@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: There is a rumor that the virus is much more widespread than our testing.

Do we think that the virus is farther along than the information that we are receiving?

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Who makes the decisions about which businesses are considered essential?

State officials are making those decisions in consultation with business leaders, local officials, public health officials, and following guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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To: "'dhsresponse@dhs.wisconsin.gov'" <dhsresponse@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: What will stop the virus?

Are we waiting for:

1. 1. Warm weather,
2. 2. Immunity through vaccine?
3. 3. Immunity through exposure and resistance?

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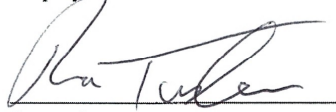
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supervisor instances of loss, damage, or unauthorized access at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

10. The employee agrees to provide his/her own equipment for use at the alternate work location, unless he/she been approved to use Wisconsin State Legislature-owned equipment at the alternate work location. The employee understands that he/she will be provided VPN software to connect to the Legislature's domain. (NOTE: Employees should contact the Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB) with any questions/needs related to VPN software.)
11. The employee agrees to use remote access services (VPN) to connect his/her home office computer while working at the alternate work location. In addition, the employee understands that all legislative work should be done through the legislative network, and it is forbidden to transfer files or save legislative related data or work to his/her personally-owned computer.
12. The employee understands that all equipment, records, and materials provided by the Wisconsin State Legislature shall remain the property of the Wisconsin State Legislature.
13. The employee understands that it is his/her responsibility to make sure that the alternate work location is covered by appropriate insurance. The employee understands that the Wisconsin State Legislature is not liable for the employee's personal property.
14. The employee understands that electricity and internet connectivity at the alternate work location is his/her responsibility.
15. The employee understands that he/she is responsible for any tax consequences of this arrangement and for conformance to any local zoning regulations.
16. The employee understands that his/her personal vehicle shall not be used for Wisconsin State Legislature business unless specifically authorized by his/her supervisor.
17. The employee understands that all obligations, responsibilities, terms, and conditions of employment with the Wisconsin State Legislature remain unchanged, except those obligations and responsibilities specifically addressed in this agreement.

 3/23/2020
Employee Date

 3/23/2020
Supervisor Date

***PLEASE SEND A COPY TO THE LEGISLATIVE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE:
Amanda.jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov**



March 18, 2020

DEVON TUSLER
W5721 Firelane 12
Menasha, WI 54952

THIS LETTER IS YOUR INVOICE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

W5721 Firelane 12 , Menasha, WI 54952

Dear DEVON TUSLER,

With your returned service application, you are on your way to having electric service installed at your location.

Please confirm that the following electric service details are correct. If not, please call me right away.

Type:	Rewired Service	Subdivision:	n/a
Class:	TBD	Lot #:	
Size:	200 amps	Work Request #:	4499918 (for internal use only)
Voltage:	120/240V-3W		

Your next steps are to:

1. *Send in payment for electric service installation.*

- **The cost for electric service installation is: \$1,358.00**
- This includes \$174.00 for installation from December 1 through March 31.
- We must receive your payment and electrical inspection before we can schedule your installation. Please include the service address with your payment, and send it to us in the enclosed envelope.
- In the event we encounter unusual conditions during the installation of your service, there may be additional charges.
- This amount is valid for 90 days from the date of this letter.
- If an additional cost estimate is needed within 12 months, there will be a charge for preparing the new estimate.

2. *Sign and return one of the enclosed sketches:*

- Review, sign and return an enclosed sketch in the envelope provided.
- Draw and label any private underground facilities on the sketch.
- We must receive your approved and signed sketch before step #3 below.

3. *Send or fax the Ready for Service card when the site is ready for electric service installation:*

- Your construction site is ready for service when requirements 1-4 on the *Ready for Service* card are met.
- When we receive your card, we will call you to discuss the installation.

4. Mark private underground facilities.

- Locate and mark (with stakes, spray paint or flags) or expose any customer-owned underground obstructions or facilities.
- If you are not sure what this includes, please call for more information.
- We Energies and/or its agents will not be held responsible for damage to unmarked, private facilities.

Contact me for all of your electric installation needs.

I'm here to make sure your questions are answered and any concerns you have are addressed. On behalf of We Energies, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to providing you with safe, reliable and reasonably-priced electricity.

Sincerely,

Kathy Meyer
Energy Services Consultant
Phone 920-380-3413; Fax 920-380-3506

ELEC WR **WI 4499918**GAS WR **####**CITY / TOWN / VILLAGE: T/HARRISONCUST/PROJ NAME: RON & DEVON TUSLERPROJECT LOCATION: W5721 FIRELANE 12WORK DESCRIPTION: REWIRE OH TO DB 120/240V 200APREPARED BY: DEB ROBINSONE-MAIL: DEBORA.ROBINSON@WE-ENERGIE..COMOFFICE #: 920-380-3493 CELL #: 920-450-1056PAGER #: _____ IO #: 11699

PROJECT ID: _____ CGS #: _____

DATE PREPARED: 3/17/2020 DATE REVISED: _____

COMMON INFORMATION

STAKING REQUIREMENTS:

☐ SURVEYOR ☐ STAKED
☐ DESIGNER ☒ NOT NEEDED

MAIN / SERVICE IN EASEMENT:

☐ YES ☐ NORESTORE PRIVATE PROPERTY: ☐ WE ENERGIES ☒ CUSTOMERWORK IS APPROX 370 FT. DIRECTION W OF CL OFFIRE LN 12 NEAREST CROSS STREET
(ALSO FOR GAS SERVICE TEE)

ELECTRIC INFORMATION

OPER MAP #: 3924-8936-04 FEEDER/LINE #: F HCL51

CATV JOINT USE #: _____ TEL JOINT USE #: _____

PROPOSED GAS SERVICE INFORMATION

MTR SIZE: _____ MTR TYPE: _____ PRES: _____

SERV PIPE SIZE: _____ MATERIAL: _____

MTR LOC: _____ FT. _____ OF _____ CORNER

CONSTRUCTION TYPE: _____

☐ EFV
☐ RELIGHT
☐ CURB VLV
☐ TIE IN PIPINGWIRE KEY:
F9: 1 - 4 CU
N: 1 - 4 CU
S7: 1/OTXF
S4: 3/OTXR

JOB INFO:

SECTION / TOWN / RANGE: SE1/4 SEC22, T20N, R18ESITE VISIT COMPLETED BY: DEB ROBINSONJOB OWNER: KATHY MEYER 920-380-3413CUSTOMER:
RON & DEVON TUSLER
920-540-3797
BUILDER:
BRICCO SERVICES
JEFF BRICCO
920-707-0608

CONTINGENCIES & COMMENTS:

DIGGERS HOTLINE / MISS DIG REQUIRED.

WE ENERGIES WILL / WILL NOT RESTORE

WE ENERGIES WILL / WILL NOT HAUL SPOIL

CUSTOMER IS REQUIRED TO LOCATE ALL
PRIVATE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES PRIOR
TO INSTALLATION.WE ENERGIES IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR
ROOT DAMAGE

CUSTOMER HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVES SKETCH

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL _____ DATE _____

METER PED
200A
GASCC 10,000A

CRITICAL SAFETY RULES - EO:

1. Enclosed space procedures
2. Excavation and shoring
3. Rubber gloves and sleeves
4. Fall protection
5. Lock out - Tag out
6. Seat belts
7. Securing parked vehicles

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SHEET NO.

1 OF 1

We Energies Sketch Key: Overhead equipment and forestry



This sketch key will help you understand the proposed design for your property as described in the accompanying letter.

Symbols for equipment on poles

	New	Existing	To be removed
Poles			
Wires on poles			
Anchor guys			
Transformer on a pole			

Symbols for forestry and brush work

	Existing	Center trim	Top trim	Side trim	Remove
Trees Clearance of at least 2 feet – and often as much as 10 feet or more – is required around wires.					
Brush Complete removal of brush may be required to create a 10-foot-wide path for trucks, poles, pad-mounted equipment and underground trenches.					

We Energies Sketch Key: Underground equipment



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Symbols for equipment on the ground or buried underground

	New	Existing	To be removed
Underground wires			
Wire pedestal Approximately 1 foot x 1 foot x 3 feet			
Transformer box Approximately 5 feet x 5 feet x 5 feet			
Switch box Approximately 7 feet x 7 feet x 6 feet tall			
Concrete ducts and wires in road Sizes and shapes vary; Approximately 8 feet x 20 feet x 10 feet deep			
Manhole Sizes and shapes vary; Approximately 8 feet x 20 feet x 10 feet deep			
Transformer room / vault Sizes vary			

* IMPORTANT NOTE: The area in front of the door must be clear of trees, bushes, fences, sheds, etc. for a minimum distance of 10 feet. This space is needed to operate the equipment safely. In addition, the area around the sides and back must have a clearance of 3 feet.



Are you ready for electric service?



Important! The electric ready for service card must be completed when you are ready for electric service and returned to us before we can begin your new service installation.

If the site is not ready when we arrive to install service, your timeline may be significantly delayed.

To be considered ready for service, you must complete the following:

- ☐ Located, marked or exposed any private buried obstructions or underground facilities – such as a well, drain tiles, septic/mound system and/or underground yard lighting – with stakes, spray paint or flags (applies to underground service only).*



Note to customer: We Energies and/or its agents will not be held responsible for damage that occurs to customer-owned underground facilities that are not properly located and marked before electric service installation.

- ☐ Cleared a minimum 10-foot-wide path along the service route from the property line to the meter location. I've made sure things like dirt piles and construction materials aren't in the way (applies to underground service only).



- ☐ Submitted payment, if applicable.

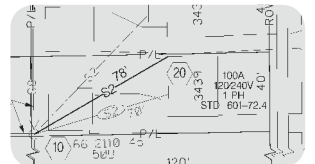
- ☐ Prepared the ground around my building and along the service route to within 4 inches of final grade (applies to underground service only).



- ☐ Installed meter socket at agreed-upon meter location (applies to both underground and overhead service).



- ☐ Sent my signed sketch (if applicable) and informed We Energies of any planned decks, patios or pools before my service is installed. Once my service is installed, it would be my responsibility to pay any costs to move my electric facilities to accommodate future structures. **Note:** Building over the top of electric facilities may cause serious safety or code violations.



* If you are unable to properly locate and mark your privately owned buried facilities, you can hire a contractor to do it for you.

I understand that my service will not be energized until We Energies receives my municipal inspection or affidavit.

Electric ready for service card

Please complete, sign and return this card when all of the items above have been completed.

If the site is not ready when we arrive to install service, your timeline may be significantly delayed.

Name: DEVON TUSLER
(please print)

Installation address: W5721 FIRELANE 12
(please print)

City: MENASHA State: WI ZIP code: 54952

Daytime phone: _____

- ☐ I certify that I am the owner or authorized representative of the owner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- ☐ Please hold my ready for service card and schedule installation after March 31.

(For We Energies office use only) Order number: 4499918 WISC

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For new service questions, visit www.we-energies.com/newservice or call 262-574-6400 or 866-423-0364 (toll free).