Sarah:

Please be advised that our office is in receipt of your payment of $321.17 for record location and retrieval costs for the Representative Felzkowski open records request. All records responding to your request are attached electronically.

Carol Redell
Office of the Assembly Chief Clerk
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Madison, Wisconsin 53703
608.266.1501
carol.redell@legis.wi.gov

From: Redell, Carol
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:51 AM
To: 'AO Records' <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (WI-REP-20-0887)

Sarah Wishingrad
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org

Dear Sarah:

Open records requests are processed through the Assembly Chief Clerk's office for billing purposes only. You submitted an open records request to Representative Felzkowski. This is to notify you that the information has been compiled and will be sent electronically upon receipt of payment for record location and retrieval costs - $321.17. Checks should be made payable to the Assembly Chief Clerk and mailed to the address listed below.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Thank you.

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:10 AM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: Fuller, Patrick E. <Patrick.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Redell, Carol

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 12:58 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 2 voicemails

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1 was a man livid about the golf course closures, I'll take him

The other was healthcare related:
Margaret Leek 715-453-1912
Email is leet.peggy@gmail.com
Her husband is in pain and isn't being allowed to see his physical therapist because it's considered non urgent but planned parenthood is allowed to be open. She is pissed off. Why are they exempt when her husband is in pain.

I can take both if you need since I'm sure you're swamped, just let me know.

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:20 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 5 additional calls

Erik Pfantz	Merrill	(715)551-7028	The Senate and Assembly knew only they had the po something with the election. You knew how to chang provide a safe way to conduct the election weeks bef knew how contagious and deadly this virus is. You ha the effective social distancing tactics the Governor ha the last several weeks and introduced an event that v many more cases of the virus.
Gary G.Meister	Eagle River	7154797815	Why vote to put so many people at risk for their life? postpone the election as many other states have? WI it harder to vote rather than easier? I suppose if you hoax made up by scientists around the world and peo aren't becoming ill and dying while overloading our h systems.
Tina Koller	Eagle River	7154796299	Every Republican member of the WI state legislature recalled for violating the spirit and letter of the oath took when elected. SHAME ON YOU! You are respons health of the citizenry and you turned your back on t needed your leadership.
Dan Nordall	Gleason	715-453-7337	I said it last night and today several networks have co are being highlighted as a state Republican party mor with paltry partisan avarice than the well being of it's this November the people of WI will crawl through gl Republican candidates out of office. You and your col nationwide have destroyed your connection with the conscience, moral compass and sense of decency. If o much needed two party system is your goal you are o track. It's a sad, sad day for Wisconsin.
Patrick Hommerding	Merrill	7154096914	Rep. Felzkowski - I am writing you to express my tota you and your Republican colleagues for not allowing postpone it's election. In case you didn't know Wisco stay at home order to stop or curtail the spread of CO your party has put your agenda ahead of the safety a the citizens in Wisconsin. Shame on you. Your

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2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

2019 SENATE RESOLUTION

Relating to: acknowledging that the Communist Party of China deliberately and intentionally misled the world on the Wuhan Coronavirus and standing in solidarity with the Chinese people to condemn the actions of the Communist Party of China.

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin is currently in a state of emergency due to the rising spread of the Coronavirus that originated in the Wuhan Province of China, as the number of infected individuals in Wisconsin rose to over 700 and also consisted of 8 deaths as of March 26, 2020; and

Whereas, the Chinese people are a great people, and heirs to one of the greatest civilizations in human history, held hostage by a brutal and oppressive regime these past 70 years; and

Whereas, the Communist Party of China has engaged in a continued pattern of human and natural rights abuses perpetrated by the country's communist administration, including the Communist Party's treatment of Tibet, the internment

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and "reeducation" of 1.5 million Muslim Uyghurs in concentration camps, the enactment of a one–child policy responsible for aborting hundreds of millions of children, the majority of them female, a record of organ harvesting and forced sterilization, crackdown on the Tiananmen protests, and restrictions on individual expression and religious practice; and

Whereas, the Communist Party of China has repeatedly demonstrated a lack of interest in respecting international norms, including a history of currency manipulation, intellectual property theft, and restricting Chinese market access, while receiving the condemnation of numerous American Presidents and Legislators from both political parties for these practices; and

Whereas, the Communist Party of China, led by President Xi Jinping, has moved to consolidate power, scrapping term limits to create a de facto life term for the President of China and continually squashing democratic–based initiatives in and outside of mainland China; and

Whereas, the Chinese government is currently engaging in a barrage of misinformation throughout all corners of the globe, attempting to pass off the responsibility of their negligent and reckless response to the virus; and

Whereas, the Chinese government has imprisoned their own citizens who dared disseminate accurate information on the Coronavirus, destroyed early samples of the virus, refused to release timely and accurate information on the virus, and continued to allow infected individuals to leave the Wuhan Province after reasonable evidence of person–to–person contamination was present; and

Whereas, reports have indicated that had the Chinese Government acted in a more efficient, transparent, and responsible way, cases worldwide of the virus may have been limited by 95 percent; and

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Whereas, on February 5, 2020, the first confirmed case of Coronavirus was identified in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, on February 26, 2020, and again on March 10, 2020, the Chinese Consulate reached out to the Wisconsin Senate President requesting that the Senate pass a resolution — ***written by the Chinese Consulate*** — including propaganda and falsehoods such as:

"*China has been* ***transparent and quick*** *in sharing key information of the virus with the WHO and the international community, thus creating a* ***window of opportunity*** *for other countries to make timely response*"

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Senate deems it necessary and prudent to combat the spread of misinformation propagated by the Communist Party of China and the need to push back on the claims that the virus originated anywhere but China; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the Wisconsin Senate acknowledges that the Communist Party of China has deliberately and intentionally misled the world, suppressed vital information on the statistics and spread of the Wuhan Coronavirus both domestically and abroad, allowed millions of individuals to travel outside of the province and country despite clear warnings that the virus could be transmitted person–to–person, and engaged in active suppression and persecution of individuals looking to truthfully discuss information related to the Coronavirus, which has led to a global pandemic the likes of which has not been seen for generations; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Senate hereby stands in solidarity with the Chinese people, condemning the actions of the Communist Party of China in the strongest possible terms, and acknowledges that millions, both in China and around

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the world, are at risk of illness and death due to the negligence and hostile actions of the Chinese Communist Party.

(END)

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Dear Rep. Felzkowski,
Please consider accounting as an essential service. I would love to stay holed up in my home however, my office services MANY small and micro businesses that rely on me and my staff to guide them through these tough storms. The steps and details necessary to receive the available help may appear easy to some of us but, to my clients it could be extremely overwhelming and a matter of their business survival.

The extension of time to file tax returns may relieve some pressure from my office but, as stated by many it is very important to get the refunds back into the hands of the people that need it most. The clients I serve are too complicated for them to try and file their returns themselves. They too will be relying on us to provide this function in as speedy a time as we can.

Please allow me to continue to help my neighbors and community.

Roseann Hoffman, CPA
Wegner Hoffman & Associates LLC
103 Alpine Court
Shawano, WI 54166
roseannh@shawanocpa.com
Phone: (715) 526-3831
Fax: (715) 526-4237

We are receiving calls from loggers in the Northwoods that depend on tourism and forestry, and they are very worried that not exempting forestry will result in more economic fall-out than is necessary. The loggers tend to work alone or in 2-person teams, so they are already social distancing and with the same person daily. With the storms from last year, there are billions of board feet that need to get cleaned up by early summer or the wood fiber will be useless, causing even more economic harm to landowners who were counting on that logging check. For those that are not familiar, wood can spoil much like milk does if it is not processed in a timely manner. As such, the mills would hopefully remain open as well as they are the businesses processing the wood in a timely manner.

A business owner reached out to us indicating that they hope the brush and broom industry will remain essential, as their products help businesses stay clean during the pandemic.

His contact information is below:
Ben Zelazoski
ben@zwpi.com
835 Ninth Avenue, P O Box 506
Antigo
7156274804

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Payroll for Elisabeth Portz (FELZKOWSKI) HR Id: 200003183

Hours	Sunday 3/1/2020	Monday 3/2/2020	Tuesday 3/3/2020	Wednesday 3/4/2020	Thursday 3/5/2020	Friday 3/6/2020	Saturday 3/7/2020	Total
Hours			8:00	8:00	8:00	5:00		29:00
Vacation		8:00						8:00
Comp Time						3:00		3:00
Certified		4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020		40:00

Hours	Sunday 3/8/2020	Monday 3/9/2020	Tuesday 3/10/2020	Wednesday 3/11/2020	Thursday 3/12/2020	Friday 3/13/2020	Saturday 3/14/2020	Total
Hours		8:00	7:30	8:00	8:00	8:00		39:30
Vacation			0:30					0:30
Certified		4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020		40:00

Hours	Sunday 3/15/2020	Monday 3/16/2020	Tuesday 3/17/2020	Wednesday 3/18/2020	Thursday 3/19/2020	Friday 3/20/2020	Saturday 3/21/2020	Total
Hours		8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00		40:00
Certified		4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020		40:00

Hours	Sunday 3/22/2020	Monday 3/23/2020	Tuesday 3/24/2020	Wednesday 3/25/2020	Thursday 3/26/2020	Friday 3/27/2020	Saturday 3/28/2020	Total
Hours		8:00	9:00	8:30	7:30	10:30	1:30	45:00
Certified		4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	45:00

Hours	Sunday 3/29/2020	Monday 3/30/2020	Tuesday 3/31/2020	Wednesday 4/1/2020	Thursday 4/2/2020	Friday 4/3/2020	Saturday 4/4/2020	Total
Hours		8:00	8:30	9:00	9:00	8:30		43:00
Certified		4/10/2020	4/10/2020					43:00

Summary from 3/1/2020 to 3/31/2020

Hours	Vacation	Comp Time	Sick	Personal Time	Holiday	Weather Day	Utility Outage Day	COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Self)	COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare)	COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA
170:00	**8:30**	**3:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**	**0:00**

Employe Signature	4/10/2020	Supervisor Signature	4/10/2020
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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Marshfield Clinic Health System

1000 North Oak Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

March 17, 2020

The Honorable Andrea Palm
Secretary Designate
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Secretary Designate Palm:

As the entire health care industry mobilizes to confront the arrival of COVID-19 across the United States, I write on behalf of Marshfield Clinic Health System ("MCHS") to request Wisconsin Department of Health Services support in obtaining a waiver of certain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulatory requirements relative to a new hospital our system in in the process of operationalizing in Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Since late 2018, MCHS, (through its subsidiary MCHS Hospitals, Inc.), has been building a new hospital in Minocqua, Wisconsin, a town in northern Wisconsin that is a regional hub for a number of small communities in its proximity. The hospital will do business as Marshfield Medical Center- Minocqua. Minocqua is located in an area designated as a health professional shortage area ("HPSA"). The facility will have 14 in-patient beds that can be doubled if necessary to deal with an influx of patients in emergency circumstances, 14 more pre- and post-surgical beds, 5 maternity beds, as well as 12 emergency room beds. Construction is substantially complete and we are preparing for the final inspection by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Office of Plan Review and Inspection, which is the last contingency to securing hospital licensure. The final inspection is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2020. We are optimistic that at the conclusion of this visit, or within days thereafter, we will receive our hospital license. Once we secure hospital licensure, MCHS will be in a position to open the hospital and deliver hospital services to patients.

We will seek certification for Medicare and Medicaid as indicated on the hospital license application and we intend to secure accreditation through The Joint Commission ("TJC"). For purposes of Medicare certification, TJC will conduct a certification survey. Upon completion of the survey, WI Department of Health Services ("WI DHS") will require a copy of TJC's confirmation letter along with a copy of their most current survey report indicating the facility has been surveyed and meets the standards required for Medicare certification. WI DHS's recommendation to CMS Centers for Medicare certification will be based on the TJC's survey.

Unfortunately, our ability to move expeditiously through the accreditation process and secure Medicare certification has been impeded. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, TJC recently announced that beginning March 16, 2020, it has suspended all TJC surveying. TJC notified CMS of its decision and CMS has agreed. TJC said it anticipates that survey delays as well as other activities will be on hold ***at least until the end of April***; however, it is conducting planning scenarios that assume longer periods of suspension.

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In light of the current circumstances we are uncertain whether TJC will be able to conduct a full survey of the facility for purposes of Medicare certification in the near future (let alone the early survey scheduled with TJC for April 7).

It is imperative that everything possible is done to prevent any unnecessary delay in operationalizing our new hospital facility which includes its certification in Medicare. Bringing the facility online as soon as possible would be an important expansion of acute care capacity in northern Wisconsin (particularly in this HPSA designated area), bringing high-quality care closer to patients. Most importantly, this expansion of capacity would help alleviate stress on health care facilities in the region and could lead to us mitigating the adverse impact of COVID-19 in the region. Given the significant government payor mix in the region, operating the hospital without Medicare certification for an unknown and extended period of time would be financially catastrophic for our system. MCHS needs to ensure it will receive reimbursement from both government and private payors for health care services rendered at the facility. For all of these reasons, MCHS is making the following request to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services:

> Pursuant to its authority under section 1135 of the Social Security Act, MCHS requests CMS grant a waiver of all hospital survey and certification requirements required for Medicare certification of Marshfield Medical Center- Minocqua so as to enable it to bill and collect from CMS for Medicare enrollees, the State of WI for Medicaid program enrollees, and private insurance entities for health care services rendered at the new hospital. Furthermore, we are asking for this waiver to remain in effect until a full Medicare certification survey can be completed by TJC and accreditation is received. In the event the Stafford Act emergency designation is cancelled or rescinded, we request that this waiver be extended for a period of one year from the date on which the Stafford Act designation is cancelled or rescinded. We will act in good faith to complete the certification survey through TJC as expeditiously as possible, but given the circumstances, we have no control over that process.

We implore you to support this request and include it in any 1135 waiver request put forward by DHS to CMS.

To be clear, grant of the waiver would be contingent on Marshfield Medical Center- Minocqua receiving a hospital license from WI DHS. Assuming that happens and assuming CMS grants this waiver request, we will request CMS issue a provider number that the hospital can use for billing purposes upon grant of the 1135 waiver. The issuance of the state operating license and MCHS's long track record of success as a nationally-recognized health care organization would ensure adequate safeguards for the communities we serve while we aggressively pursue Joint Commission accreditation and at the same time begin providing care that will be critically needed as COVID-19 becomes more prevalent nationwide.

MCHS is uniquely qualified as a trusted member of our community to responsibly bring this facility online. We have a long history in the community and recent experience in operationalizing new facilities. MCHS has been a local leader in providing medical care in Minocqua for over 20 years, with a robust ambulatory clinic and physician offices in town. We have also been the largest source of staff for a long-time hospital facility in the community operated by another entity that no longer meets the needs of our patients in our professional opinion. We understand the market, know our patients and understand how to best deliver care to our friends and neighbors. Furthermore, in late 2018, we opened Marshfield Medical Center – Eau Claire in the western half of our service area. The invaluable insights we gained as an organization as we brought that entity on board would serve us well as we bring the Minocqua facility online.

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In light of the urgent need, we request your approval of the 1135 waiver of the CMS survey and certification requirements for a new hospital to be eligible to bill CMS and get reimbursement for services rendered as specifically set forth in this letter. We stand ready to discuss this topic further with you at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Dan Kirschnick (kirschnik.daniel@marshfieldclinic.org), Brad Wolters (wolters.bradley@marshfieldclinic.org) and Ryan Natzke (natzke.ryan@marshfieldclinic.org).

Concurrent with this request, we have submitted a direct request to CMS (copy of which is included for your review). This has been done to ensure we pursue all avenues for this critical request, but we do not want this multi-pronged approach to inhibit consideration of this important request.

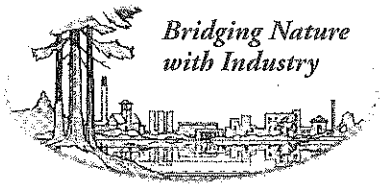
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan L. Turney, MD
Chief Executive Officers
Marshfield Clinic Health Systems

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March 21, 2020

Dear Rep. Felzkowski,

I am writing to you to draw your attention to a lingering economic problem and opportunity in Northern Wisconsin, and also to immediately aid in the national wide pandemic of COVID-19. I know you are aware of the long saga regarding the paper mill in Park Falls. Currently, the mill (Park Falls Development, LLC) is sitting idle (but being maintained and heated) and up to this week, *was* planning on restarting operations in mid-April 2020. The products they were going to make have had their contracts rescinded due to grave economic fears. However, the nation currently needs certain paper products more than ever: paper/fiber for masks, personal protection equipment, single-use toweling, etc. The paper mill is sitting here now, capable of making all the paper grades needed at this time of national crisis. The paper industry is always near full capacity as the paper machines must be running continuously to be viable. I can't imagine a better mill to immediately bring back online in the time required (immediate), with a relatively small investment. Its **design and nimble** abilities make it ideal to serve at this time for the *variety* of products needed.

Due to the cancellation of orders, their projected cash flow is gone. In the upcoming talks about stimulus to the economy, I urge you to consider advocating for loan guarantees, 0% financing,grants, etc., in order to get this mill back online to serve the nation. Up to a $10 million loan guarantee/grants/0% financing (or combination) would be enough to immediately bring the mill back up, and allow expedited startup of pulp production on the paper machines. The owners have worked tirelessly to come up with a plan to restart this facility, and like so many businesses, the rug has been pulled out from underneath them. Also, this facility would supply critical support to the local job market, while other employers are shutting down (including the broader supply chain). The physical nature of the mill also ensures a safe working environment relative to the orders surrounding the pandemic (spacing, atmospheric conditions, air flow, etc.).

The principal in charge of operations is Mr. Nick Gehre. His phone number is 906-282-1281 or ngehre@parkfallsindmgt.com . He has worked tirelessly to get this mill restarted and is ready to work for a new purpose for the mill. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Bablick

Michael Bablick
Mayor - Park Falls, Wisconsin

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WI-REP-20-0887-A-000014

To; our Republican Representatives,

As I sit and pen this letter to you, while I watch Governor Cuomo talk about stage two in the re-opening of New York, while we here in Wisconsin are stuck for more than another month of a safer at home order from a tyrannical Governor. It seems there is no plan to re-open Wis., just chaos.

I am a father of two daughters who I have raised as conservatives. My wife and I have been married for 20 years. I have been a proud union teamster member employed at UPS for 32 years, and I have learned from Ronald Reagan that voting for conservative republicans is in my best interest as an American.

On Election day this year, we went to our polling place to vote, this was going to be our 18-year-old daughter's first time to vote, we were stunned to see at least a 4-hour wait which would have put us there probably until midnight. Since my wife and I at this point still have jobs, we could not stay and we did not vote. How disturbing, many vehicles pulled into the parking lot and when they saw the line, they also left. We have both voted consistently since we were in our teens. We have shied away from the absentee voting because of the voter fraud that always seems to be associated with it, we prefer to vote in person. They would only let one person in at a time and then virtually sanitizing the entire area after they voted. It seemed intentional and a little ridiculous, they do less at the grocery stores. If this is the case in November, the Republicans are in trouble.

It seems as though lately the republicans are always playing defense

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instead of offense. What are you going to do to get our Wis. economy open and going again? What about making sure we have a fair election in November, by then our second daughter will be 18 and able to vote. That is four conservative republicans in this house, hopefully, our votes will count in November. All the liberal democrats want to do is continue the chaos and uncertainty of this pandemic to their advantage, which I am afraid is going to lead to Republican loss, like it did for a very good constitutional judge Daniel Kelly.

P.S This letter was sent to Senator Tom Tiffany, Representative Rob Swearingen, U.S. Senator Ron Johnson, and candidate for State Senate Mary Felzkowski.

Sincerely,

Heather Fairchild

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Ivanov, Stamena

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Julio
Subject: RE: I here the IRS has reversed it's decision as of late last night to now give people on disability or social security their stimulus check without filing a tax form. Several senators had a say so to get that resolved and I was also looking for help ...

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Good morning Julio,

I did see an article about that change this morning. Glad to hear the change happened so quickly! I'm sure it was a national effort.

Have a great day!

Mary

From: Julio <julioskonieczny@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: I here the IRS has reversed it's decision as of late last night to now give people on disability or social security their stimulus check without filing a tax form. Several senators had a say so to get that resolved and I was also looking for help ...

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Date: Apr 2, 2020 9:20 AM
Subject: I here the IRS has reversed it's decision as of late last night to now give people on disability or social security their stimulus check without filing a tax form. Several senators had a say so to get that resolved and I was also looking for help yesterday from you. I thank you if you did and God save us all.
To: Rep.Felzkowski@Legs.wisconsin.gov
Cc:

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Ivanov, Stamena

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena
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Ivanov, Stamena

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Julio
Subject: RE: I think it's really a disgrace that Trump is making people ,like myself, to fill out a tax return to receive the stimulus check. I can't get around and in this pandemic he is making people avoid the safer at home order. I am scared for my life for if

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Hi Julio,

I apologize, but your message appears to cut off mid-sentence. Would you mind reaching out again with your full concerns?

Thank you,

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From: Julio <julioskonieczny@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:24 PM
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Subject: I think it's really a disgrace that Trump is making people ,like myself, to fill out a tax return to receive the stimulus check. I can't get around and in this pandemic he is making people avoid the safer at home order. I am scared for my life for if I...

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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,

Kathy Bernier

KATHY BERNIER
State Senator
23rd Senate District
Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues

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Bipartisan Liability Protections for Businesses

Protecting Wisconsin employers from frivolous lawsuits related to COVID-19 will give businesses certainty and stability in these uncertain times, preventing more layoffs and helping businesses stay afloat during and after the crisis. Litigation can bankrupt companies small and large during even the best economic times, and any company who is following the law and public health advice shouldn't have to fear facing expensive, unnecessary lawsuits from plaintiff attorneys. Liability protections will also provide Wisconsin manufacturers incentive to step up and help the state in providing equipment to address the shortage due to COVID-19.

1. **Liability protections for employers' keeping their workers and workplaces safe**

   Enact liability protections, including a temporary exception to the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act, that allow businesses to screen their employees and other visitors (e.g. temperature scan) for illness prior to entrance to the employer's facility. Further, provide liability protections for employers who require employees to engage in proper hygiene procedures.

2. **Liability limitations for manufacturers of PPE and COVID-19 treatment equipment.**

   Enact liability protection for manufacturers of all types of respirator masks certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Welfare and any manufacturer who chooses to repurpose their facilities to manufacture personal protective equipment or equipment used to treat COVID-19. Bipartisan legislation was passed in Kentucky and signed into law that would protect manufacturers of personal protective equipment or personal hygiene supplies related to COVID-19 from ordinary negligent and product liability claims.[1]

3. **Liability limitations for health care providers.**

   Enact liability protection for healthcare providers to allow those treating COVID-19 patients to act quickly and effectively without fear of facing expensive lawsuits when they are acting in good faith. Liability protections will give providers flexibility to treat more patients and in innovative ways during this crisis. There are many avenues that the Legislature can take to protect healthcare providers and workers.

   WMC supports the Wisconsin Hospital Association's efforts in this area as well as provisions enacted in New York, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, and New Jersey.[2]

Thank you for your consideration of these important public policy issues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Cory Fish at cfish@wmc.org or (262) 758-9132.

[1] Kentucky SB 150 (page 9, lines 16-22).
[2] New York (Executive Order 202.10); Kentucky (SB 150 – enacted); Illinois (Executive Order 2020-19); Michigan (Executive Order 2020-30); New Jersey (Executive Order No. 112).

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 10:50 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Business Leaders to call

Here are the businesses you could call. I'm going to send you a separate email with a compilation of the emails I have not yet responded to. Stamena couldn't find a direct contact for some of these. She suggested just calling, saying you wanted to check in to see how they are doing and ask for the director to see if they want to talk to you specifically. People really just appreciate the call, I'm sure they won't ask you for much. If they do, feel free to send them my way.

Wagner Oil	John Wagner	715-623-5386	I'm guessing he's essential
Park City Credit Union	Val Mindak		Deemed essential.
Zelazoski Wood Products	Ben Zelazoski	715-627-4804	You have already been emailing him. He is deemed
Agra Industries	Ben Bostrom	715-536-9584	You have already been emailing him. Not sure if he is.
Zastrow the Beer Man	Doug Zastow	800-235-4070	
Pete's Distributing	Peter Ballas	715-623-7051	dairy distributors
Kretz Lumber	Troy Brown	715-623-5410	
Sartori Cheese	Janelle Sharon	715-623-2301	Essential?
Antigo Kwik Trip	Stacy Klement	715-623-6655	essential
Myre Electric	Ricky Myre	715-966-4397	essential
Trig's		715-453-2174	grocery store, essential
Tomahawk Health Services		715-453-2164	nursing home, essential
St. VDP Free and Charitable Clinic		715-539-9566	health clinic, essential
Riverview Health Services		715-453-2511	nursing home, essential
Bell Tower Residence		(715) 536-5575	nursing home, essential
Pine Crest Nursing Home		(715) 536-0355	nursing home, essential
Painting Company in Tomahawk	Jesse Bolder	(715) 612-1320	Called the office on Monday saying being shut down

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 9:33 AM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Businesses Requesting to be Deemed Essential
Attachments: 2020-03-23 Businesses Requesting to be deemed essential.docx

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Good morning Zach,

We received emails and calls yesterday, March 23rd, from businesses/industries asking to be considered essential under Governor Evers' new order. This document includes either their message or a summary of their message for the Governor's office. If we receive new requests today, I will send those at the end of the day today.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Liz

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:36 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>; "'mary@cisgrp.com'" <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: call for you to make

Liz thinks if you personally call and explain what you meant it would go a long way.

Darlene Goldschmidt
715 337 2437

She left a voicemail, I called her back,
She used to like you but what you said on the radio was plain stupid- college kids should sacrifice themselves?
I tried to explain you were suggesting that low risk healthy individuals such as college kids were stepping up and volunteering and she said bullshit, there is no reason it can't be mail only- none.
She doesn't think you want people to die, but she thought you were one of the smart ones. This is senseless.
We talked for 20 minutes, I barely got a word in.

Her original voicemail:
Why are we blocking people from voting by mail
Evers said we could vote by mail but the republicans aren't letting them
We will get our old people killed
Shame on you, hold you accountable

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:53 AM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: calls to return

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715 536 8627
Katherine pufahl from Merrill

Supports tony's proposal to do mail only and not have Tuesday
Open polls as usual or extend ballot request time- just an idea of her
Disappointed it appears that we aren't willing to work with tony to protect citizens
Thank you mary, please support negotiations, you do a good job, she likes you
She is scared but calm

715 539 3639
Joan petrowski from Merrill

We shouldn't hold elections now, keeping our corona cases low is a priority
More important to protect ourselves and trust dan Kelly will get in
Our republicans are old and vulnerable, please think of the big picture
thanks

715 350 1243
Donna semic in Merrill

Please support evers' initiative to allow for extension for mail in ballots
And send ballots to all registered voters- this is an unusual situation
The elderly, like her, are supposed to stay at home, they shouldn't gather at voting booths
Has not called us before- first time reaching out to you
Feels very strongly
This will be her first interaction with you- great opportunity

715 453 4056
Lowell pops? (very fuzzy voicemail, unsure of exact name)

None of us are answering our phones in Madison (us or Tom)
Republicans should be working to delay this, morally and ethically wrong- we are the responsible party
Politics is a dirty business but this goes beyond anything
How can we live with ourselves- really wondering
Text from his daughter about conversation she had with town of king clerk:
4 of 5 election judges are at high risk but still willing to serve
They have sanitizers for hands and wipes and pens
They have safety screens, might as well send our young to protect the older ones
Town clerk has a lung disease- do you feel good making them work?
Longtime hardcore republican- their whole family
Will never vote for another republican as long as he lives- this is really low
What are we doing?
He was calm, no yelling, just frustration, Republican in our database

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715 610 2200
Glen butnik

Antigo wi
Vote to extend election date so everyone can vote safely from home
Mary, I can't believe you're doing this, he has supported you
Are you just doing this to support your party? What about your neighbors?
Please represent and support your people, some things are more important

715 536 9632
Chuck stein from Merrill
hostile

He is shocked that we are going against tony in this time of utter despair
Why are we letting this happen
When there is a big turnout, democrats usually win, we are doing this for that
Why are we not allowing people to vote
Do this when we have flattened the curve
We want tom tiffany in there and that's why we're doing this
It is disgusting
We are fighting tony during this time, why?
We don't want a big turnout
We want more people to vote so it is a fair election
Tom tiffany needs to win fairly
Tom is using this to his advantage
History of heart problems and now he has to go to a polling place to vote
Can he? Should he?
Who's responsible if he gets sick?
You can leave this one to me if you want. He is really angry.

608 792 2665
John trap from la crosse

Parent of two high school students who have volunteered to work at polling place
Do not believe we can hold an election that ensures everyone's safety
Use your power as **asst majority leader** to delay this election
Go badgers
-Only call we got as a member of party leadership
-respectfully refers to Mary as 'Assistant Majority Leader Felzkowski' the whole call
-if you don't want to call him back, skip this one

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 12:58 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can you read this?

Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. In reference to the change you suggested, I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them. Your suggestion is interesting, and would be something I'd bring up with your municipal clerk to see if they've talked to the elections commission about flexibility there. It may be that state law prohibits anyone but the voter from signing.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

Mary

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 9:38 AM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can you read this?

Thank you for reaching out to me on the April 7th election. I wanted to provide more information to explain why I did not support Governor Evers' last minute ask to move the election date.

First and foremost, I do want to say that I absolutely understand where you are coming from and the concerns raised by people that do not think an April 7th election can be done safely. I think that an election like the ones we have seen in the past would be a cause for concern with packed polling places. Thankfully, the state of Wisconsin gives its voters options, and for the last three weeks, we have been encouraging everyone to request their absentee ballot.

Over 1.3 million people have requested their absentee ballot, which is a record-breaking amount of people, especially for a spring election. This means that over 1.3 million people will have already voted and will be staying home, which is great news for our polling places. For reference, just over 1.2 million people total voted in the 2019 spring election. We quite possibly might see more people voting absentee in this election than the total number of voters in the last spring election! So when it comes to in-person voting on Election Day, we are going to see far fewer people going to the polls. I know my polling place and many others are doing drive thru voting, so you don't even have to go into the polling place to vote in person. Our clerks are doing everything they can to limit person-to-person contact.

Now back to moving the election date. Tomorrow, thousands of local government positions like County Executive, Mayor, City Council, Town Board, and judgeships will be on the ballot. During a global pandemic, it would be extremely dangerous for all of these positions to become vacant with no one in place to make decisions or to allocate funds, especially for such a long, unspecified and unknown period of time. I have heard a lot of people, including Governor Evers, suggest that we could just allow the people currently serving to continue in their positions until the election is rescheduled. **There is no mechanism for the Legislature, the Governor, or local governments to allow for this by tomorrow**. It would require a change to our state's constitution, which would require the legislature to pass a resolution in two consecutive sessions, and then a majority vote in favor by the people on the ballot through referendum. The legislature simply cannot do it, and certainly couldn't do it three days before an election. Even if the legislature were to vote to do this, and the governor were to sign it, it would not be upheld in court. So moving the election date means that our local governments will be immobilized for months.

Governor Evers knows this. He knows that the legislature cannot do what he is asking us to do, and has been saying so publicly for over two weeks. He has been telling legislative leaders and the public for weeks that we cannot and will not move the election for the very reason I just described. And yet, on Friday, three days before the election, he changed his mind. To me, that is not a sign of leadership, but of a last minute effort on his part to shift the blame. Regardless of why, the fact is that we did not come into session on Saturday because there is nothing under the law that would allow for us to do we he asked us to do.

Almost immediately after Governor Evers announced his plan on Friday, several of the local clerks in my district reached out to me asking me not to approve of his plan. They also cannot do what Governor

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Evers is suggesting they do. A mail-in balloting system cannot be done in Wisconsin on this kind of timeline, something the Elections Commission has expressed to the Legislature and to Governor Evers.

Please know that I agree with you that this is a serious situation, and we need to take precautions. We haven't seen positive cases in Lincoln or Langlade County yet, and I absolutely want to keep it that way. The fact remains that when I took the oath of office, I swore as your legislator to uphold the law and the constitution. I cannot do what Governor Evers asked me to do, but I can continue to do what I have been doing for the last two weeks, which is everything I can to make sure our poll workers have what they need to run this election smoothly. I have been encouraging people who are at risk or don't feel comfortable to stay home and vote absentee. I am so grateful that our state gives voters options when it comes to voting because it is exactly what will allow for this election to continue safely. I am also grateful for the 2,434 National Guard men and women who are being deployed to support polling places today and tomorrow.

If we continue to work together, we will make it through to the other side. If you want to talk further about this, please let me know and I can give you a call.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

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Connecting Essential Workforce Families to Child Care



The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a request for care through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new child care map.

Providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by DCF, the taskforce worked with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources. To date, the taskforce has accomplished:

An initial assessment of supply and demand
In partnership with the Wisconsin Hospitals Association, DCF surveyed health providers to identify how many staff needed child care. Additionally, DCF surveyed early childhood providers and individual educators to identify how many centers would remain open and whether individual educators would be willing to continue providing child care.

Developed an application to automate the collection of supply and demand information
DCF launched a rapid acceleration of IT projects to begin automating this system.

- Child care providers can now update their status (open/closed) as well as how many child care slots they have available by updating their page in Provider Portal
- Essential workforce families can submit their child care requests through Child Care Finder. Additionally, they can proactively search for available child care using DCF's new Child Care Map which is updated daily.
- Early childhood educators can submit their availability to serve families in center-based care, in an essential families' home, or at a new emergency child care center.

Published guidance to promote the health and well-being of children and the early childhood workforce
In coordination with the Department of Health Services (DHS), DCF has provided ongoing guidance to child care providers, including templates and suggested policies/procedures to implement during COVID-19.

Matching essential workforce families with local child care
DCF, WECA, and local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies are utilizing these newly updated applications to "match" families with child care. Additionally, texting services, emails, and phone calls are being utilized to identify the urgency of requests and to update families with information on their requests. This process is ongoing, and families will likely experience delays in being matched with available care.

Opening emergency child care centers
DCF is working with health care providers, child care centers, community organizations like YMCAs, schools, and other partners to open emergency child care centers for essential workforce families. New centers will be opened as demand for child care increases. DCF has provided guidance and resources for organizations interested in opening child care centers.

For any questions regarding this effort, please contact DCFMBCOVID19@wisconsin.gov.

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:59 PM
To: 'Peggy Francour' <pfrancour@cesa9.org>
Subject: CESA 9 breakfast next Friday?

Hi Peggy,

I hope things are going well! I wanted to reach out because we have a hold on the calendar for next Friday, April 3rd for a CESA 9 breakfast. Has that been cancelled or is it still proceeding as planned?

Thank you, hope you're staying safe!

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 5:40 PM
To: "'Raschka, Adam'" <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Subject: Charter rejections

Hey Adam!

I can't remember if we've reached out on this before, but in the past, we've gotten a large amount of rejected messages from the emails on our newsletter list that go to charter customers. We were told a while back by LTSB that there is nothing we can do to make these messages go through, but with our office sometimes being the only news source, I thought I'd reach out to you just to ask. We've been sending out coronavirus updates, so I would hate for so much of our list to not get the emails.

Totally understand if there is nothing you can do, just wanted to make sure I asked!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 6:27 PM
To: "'aclose@co.langlade.wi.us'" <aclose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Subject: checking in

Hey Angie,

I just wanted to check in to let you know that I have not forgotten about your request, I just simply don't have the answer. Governor Evers has chosen not to give any information to legislators. We have asked for a list of essential vs. non-esssential repeatedly, but his office will not be sharing anything helpful until tomorrow. I do know that he does plan to put the stay-at-home order in place tomorrow, so I will reach out to you as soon as I can with more details about what defines "essential."

Thank you again for reaching out to me,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 6:07 PM
To: "'bboftrom@agraind.com'" <bboftrom@agraind.com>
Subject: Checking in

Good evening Ben,

I just wanted to email you to let you know I did not forget about your questions from this morning. Unfortunately, Governor Evers has chosen not to provide any information to Legislators as we try to navigate this mess. What I do know is that he plans to sign the order tomorrow. We have asked repeatedly for the essential vs. non-essential list, which he will not give, and I honestly believe he hasn't finished yet. I will update you once I know more, and hopefully that will be midday tomorrow.

Thanks again for reaching out to us,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 3:31 PM
To: "Klug, Josh - DMA" <josh.klug@ci.merrill.wi.us>
Subject: Checking In and Offering Resources

Good afternoon Josh,

I hope things are going well with you and you are staying safe. I wanted to reach out and ask how things were going at the fire department. If there is any assistance my legislative office can provide, we are here for you. If you have any questions about any of the executive orders or concerns about resources you are receiving, please let me know and my staff and I will work to see what we can do for you.

I also wanted to reach out to simply say THANK YOU. Time and again, you and your team serve tirelessly through storms, power outages, natural disasters, and now, an unprecedented pandemic. Our community owes you a debt of gratitude we will never be able to repay. Thank you all for your dedication, sacrifice and time.

Again, please let me know if I can be of service.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski
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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:15 PM
To: 'Randy Harden' <randy@nationalmotorsports.com>
Subject: Checking In

Hey Randy,

I hope things are going well and you're staying safe! Mary wanted me to reach out and see how you guys are doing, and if there's anything you need from the legislature at this time. If there are any executive orders you need clarifications on, or any resources we can provide to the clubs or members, please let me know and we will do our best.

We're here if you need anything.

Thank you!

Stamena

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:00 AM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: child care provider

Karen operates Karen's Family Childcare in Merrill.

Karen Grund
716-218-3698

Good morning-

Thank you for taking time to read my letter regarding childcare in Wisconsin! I would be more than happy to have a conversation with Rep. Felzkowski. Our situation with the need for childcare in Wisconsin is an issue that needs some attention at the state level.

Thank you for your time!

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:33 AM
To: bskfgrund@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good morning Karen,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. You are absolutely correct that childcare facilities and childcare and early education providers are one of the backbones of our society- and this crisis has shone a bright light on that. We understand and fully appreciate that some of the directives and suggestions from DCF to the child care centers have been unrealistic, and know many child care workers are baffled on how they are supposed to make sure toddlers under their care are social distancing.

I can assure you that all of your suggested policy measures will likely be a part of the conversations the legislature and governor are having as we navigate how the state addresses this situation and assess our state's available resources for the response to COVID-19.

If you would be interested, I know Rep. Felzkowski would love to have a phone conversation with you, and other child care providers in the Northwoods, to hear your suggestions and discuss the situation.

Our office is here to assist you- please continue to reach out if there is anything we can help with.

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov

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From: Karen Grund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 6:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

My name is Karen Grund. I am an owner/ operator at Karen's Family Childcare in Merrill. 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 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

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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.

[ ]

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.

Sincerely,

Karen Grund
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 10:32 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Call for you

Steve Roades - Merrill, WI
Dairy Farmer, township of Pine River
7154093485-cell

- He has been battling stray voltage for 40 years
- The last battle started in 2010 - boiled down to electricity issues. Had the farm center out there in 2012. Hasn't had a complete herd of cows since 2010 because the stray voltage has killed off his herd. Has 22 cows in the barn. Is in major debt, but still running.
- Dave Hansen in Public Service Commissioner's office has been on his farm.
- He thinks he can finally milk cows again, after replacing power lines, and the harassment from the PSC employees over the last 8 years.
- Says he was investigated by Lincoln County Sheriff's department for animal abuse because of all of this
- He is turning 65, and his wife is turning 63, and both were going to retire soon, but coronavirus has led to them not being able to do that. They need his wife's income to keep the farm going. He blames the PSC because their inadequate testing led to 8 years of lost profit for his farm
- Wanted to talk to you directly.

Elisabeth Portz
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Contact Date: 03/28/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Voting

Description:

-----Original Message-----
From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:08 AM
To: 'John' <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Subject: RE: Voting

Great news from the Elections Commission on another option for having the ballots signed!

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-03/Absentee%20Witness%20Guidance_0.pdf

Thanks,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:49 AM
To: John <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Subject: RE: Voting

Hey John,

No it's not. Everyone is supposed to be social distancing, and only leaving the house when absolutely necessary. Being a witness for a voter is in that category, and you can still do that while social distancing and not spreading germs. You certainly don't have to do it for anyone if it makes you uncomfortable, but it's not against the order.

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-----Original Message-----
From: John <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Voting

Seriously? That’s against Governor Evers’ stay safe at home order.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 31, 2020, at 2:02 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey John,
>
> I have heard a lot of creative solutions here. If you have someone willing to come over, you can sign it on one side of a window or door, and then put the ballot on through the door or window, and have the witness sign with their own pen. If someone doesn't have a person in their life that can come over, please let me know and we can maybe help find someone to witness.
>
> COVID-19 has not changed anything about how many ballots are needed, just whether they are sent in absentee, or used in person, so local governments should be handling that work load and supply gathering the same they would with any other election.
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> Thanks,
>
> Mary
>

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: John <cowstandem@dwave.net>
> Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:56 PM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Voting
>
> So how are people living alone supposed to get a witness without risking their life? And it appears that clerks in the bigger cities don't even have enough ballots., so your answer doesn't solve the problem. So I'm calling on you to postpone the election until it's safer!
> Thanks,
> John O'Dell
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>
> Sent from my iPhone

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:49 PM
To: John <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Subject: RE: Voting

John,

Thank you for your email. Everyone is already allowed to absentee vote, they just need to contact their municipal clerk to do it before April 2nd. If you know of anyone that needs help taking care of that, send them my way and I can help them go through the process.

Confirmations are not done by the Assembly, but by the Senate, so I do not have jurisdiction over her confirmation.

Have a good weekend,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: John <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:05 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

Dear Representative Felzkowski,
In this uncharted time please go to bat for all of us and allow absentee voting for everyone.
And why is Secretary Palm a designee? What's with the Republican Party? Get to work and confirm her!
Sincerely,
John O'Dell

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Contact Date: 03/28/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: April 7th Election

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 11:23 PM
To: Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Spring Election

Hey Helen,

Thank you for your email. I don't disagree with anything you are saying, which is why it is so important that we continue to encourage everyone to vote absentee, or vote in person on the day of if they feel comfortable doing so. We will also be encouraging low risk, healthy individuals to become poll workers so that those who don't feel comfortable can stay home. This will hopefully help local clerks continue to run this election smoothly and safely.

I agree with you that the mail in ballot suggestion is just not an option, and it is not something the legislature will be pursuing. I have already heard from several clerks who do not have the ability to mail out ballots to every person in the amount of time before April 7th. Apart from that, you are right that the voters who have moved would still receive ballots at the address on file, allowing for any voter at that address to send in that ballot. There is absolutely no way to secure the integrity of the election.

Thank you again for reaching out. I appreciate it!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Spring Election

Hi, I am hopeful that the Republicans at least trying to stand up to the shenanigans that the Democrats are bringing to us. I am sorry to say they have presented themselves as the party who lie, cheat, steal, and God knows what to get control of the Government. I really do think they are pulling together to steal the April 7th election. I am pretty sure you can quote me on this "there is a "bag" of uncounted damaged ballots we just found" that needs to be redone and added. ....:(

I would imagine the 205,000 voters who should have been removed from the roles have already absentee voted for the Democrat favorite. What good is the "law" if no one follows it? The latest idea of sending "every" registered voter a "mail in" ballot is just plain ridiculous. What about all the people who voted already? Our current Governor is an embarrassment. Is there anything the honest people in office can do about it? Is there anything us citizens who feel like our votes don't matter anymore can do? Honestly this is truly sad and this is how many of us really feel.

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If you want a well constructed synopsis of the events that point to this with a time line check out Dan O'Donnell's fb page, he is a conservative millennial talk show host on WISN radio, he put together a report about it. It is worth a listen. His page has a post about it.

Anyway thank you for your consideration.
Helen Petersen.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 2:59 PM Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com> wrote:
My concern is that there are some clerks in the state who are telling voters that they do not need voter ID to vote by mail and that is not legal.
I am also concerned that "certain" areas in Wisconsin has been allowed to vote while others in the state can not. That is not fair, I would like to see all of the voters in Wisconsin able to vote outside of the "standard" poll times too. We all are busy and have hardships. This is not fair.

Can we recall Governor Eavers?

Thank you.
Helen Petersen

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 2:41 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Helen,

Thank you for your email. The governor does not have the ability to pass an emergency order moving the election date, and local clerks do not have the ability to close a polling location. They are required by law to be open and to accept votes on election day, which will be April 7th. Governor Evers has repeatedly indicated the election date will not be moved, and there is nothing that legislators can do to force him to move it, so my goal at this point is to make sure that all of the polling places have what they need to operate this election safely. The best thing everyone can do that does not want to go in person is to request their absentee ballot before April 7th. Voters cannot be disenfranchised if they exercise their voting rights in this way. Otherwise, in-person voting is still required. If you hear from a clerk in the 35th district that is having trouble, please let me know and I will help them communicate their concerns to the elections Commission, whose first priority and job right now is to help the clerks run this election smoothly and safely.

Thank you for your email!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spring Election

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

I have heard that we will not be voting in person, and even if we can most small communities are not open for voting.
I would like an emergency order to move the election to a date that is safe from Covid-19 scare. The Governor or ANY clerks in the state of Wisconsin do not have the right to take away our voting rights. They also do not have the right to CHANGE the law to serve those who they support and disenfranchise the rest of the voters in the state of Wisconsin. No ballot harvesting should also NEVER be allowed.

Thank you for your service to us.

And...Thank you for you consideration,
Helen G. Petersen

Thank you for getting back to me again. I know we are on the same page but I have to complain during this terrible injustice to the citizens of Wisconsin.
I am glad they said something to them. That may or may not help, the clerks are apparently making their own decisions.. Apparently Wisconsin has become a banana republic and the Democrats are making all the rules. I feel that we have no recourse and the election for April and most likely the Presidential election in November is a sham. It's not your fault Mary, I appreciate that you get back to me.
I was wrong about the 200005 voters who should already have been removed from the voter roles. It is actually

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more like 200009. In addition, Milwaukee and Madison have had 2 weeks to vote and they got to vote on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY too. Where are the rest of the state's citizens rights to do this, this is not fair. We should ALL have the same voting hours and rights. These tactics have disenfranchised everyone else in the state other than the Milwaukee and Madison areas, all while claiming they need more time so they aren't. This is terrible for the integrity of our elections.
Also, the mail in ballot requests are going to people who have already voted in person, what would be stopping a person from requesting a ballot and voting more than once? And...what about those who did not have to prove they are the person. What about all those who already voted? This is just a HUGE opportunity to cheat. Yep the Wisconsin supreme court election is lost.
The Governor of this state doesn't care about any people other than his union groups, the road builders, and the teachers. He is even worse than Doyle at least he didn't leave for the day at 1 PM. ...That we know of...I really miss Scott Walker, he was the best Governor the state ever had in my lifetime.
I have heard that some are floating it out that the entire national election should be by mail. If that happens we are LOST.

Thank You again,
Helen Petersen

Helen,

Thank you for your reply and your questions. I wanted to address a couple of things. 1. I totally agree with you on early voting. This is why, last session, we tried to make early voting uniform so that the whole state is treated the same. I agree with you that it is a disadvantage to our smaller communities who do not have the manpower to be open all the time, let alone on Saturdays and Sundays. Unfortunately, after we passed that bill, a judge struck it down and ruled it unconstitutional.

Regarding getting an absentee ballot twice, this is not likely because the clerks keep track of everyone who has requested a ballot. If you've already requested one, they are not going to send you another. The request also goes in the vote book. This prevents people from being able to vote absentee AND vote in person because it will say in the book that an absentee ballot was requested and sent back.

I know it's so frustrating. COVID has created a lot of impossible situations that are sometimes made even worse by the decisions of our Governor. Please know that you are not the only one who feels this way and he's got a LOT of eyes on him right now, watching every move he makes. The legislature will continue to be the check on the Executive branch we need to be, rest assured.

Mary

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Drew, Joanne E

1305 E 9th St (715) 539-8005
Merrill WI 54452-1542
Contact Date: 03/29/2020 **Contact Type:** Email
Summary: COVID-19: do mail-in ballots

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Description: From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots

Mary

This is not just about the election, this is about trying to contain covid 19. Bringing a lot of people together in one place is not a good idea. It's bad enough that a lot of people have to go out to work, get medical attention and necessities. I'm sorry but I don't believe an election is essential right now, we could bend the rules and not sweat the little things to make it safer. So far we have been lucky in Lincoln County, will we be after April 7th? Thank you

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 30, 2020, at 10:33 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> Joanne,
>
> I have gotten a few calls where people were not sure what to do. I connected them with their municipal clerk, and everything was figured out. If you know of people who don't have the means to vote absentee, send them my way, and we will help them.
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> Thanks,
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> Mary Felzkowski
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>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:27 AM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots
>
> I already voted by absentee ballot. I am concerned about others, low income, that don't have the electronic means to request a ballot and send a copy of ID.
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> Cold!
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 10:17 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Joanne,
>>
>> It was not me, but the Elections Commission, the non-partisan organization who helps run the elections for the state and maintain our voter registration and registered voters lists, that believes 200,000 people on the list of moved. I don't think we have data on how many of those addresses have a forwarding address in place. The law requires voters to inform the Elections Commission of a move within 30 days after moving, or the Commission is required by law to remove those voters from the registered list. It's the law.
>>
>> We absolutely are encouraging everyone to register online and vote absentee. Ultimately, this has nothing to do with political partisanship, but protecting the integrity of the entire election for both sides. If you don't feel safe voting at the polls, then vote absentee.
>>
>> Mary
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
>> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:07 AM
>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>> Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots
>>
>> Ok
>> But you could waive the photo ID requirement Encourage people to register online And What proof do you

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have that 200,000 voters moved. For the most part, people give the Post Office a forwarding address, just have those ballots returned.
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>> OR delay the election. The local positions could be maintained with individuals currently hold those positions.
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>> You are just putting politics above people's lives!
>> Sent from my iPad
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>>>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 9:14 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> Hey Joanne,
>>>
>>> Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.
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>>> 1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.
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>>> 2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.
>>>
>>> 3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them. You mentioned that the risk of voter fraud is low, but in this scenario, it absolutely would not be.
>>>
>>> 4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.
>>>
>>> 5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.
>>>
>>> 6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.
>>>
>>> I wish the Governor had consulted with the Elections Commission before asking the legislature to move in this direction. They could have provided him with valuable information on why this isn't feasible right now, with the election less than a week and a half away. I totally understand where you are coming from and also want to make sure that our election is as safe as possible for everyone involved. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. I will be sending out information later today encouraging low risk, healthy adults (like college students currently back at home) to become poll workers, so that those who don't feel comfortable going to the polls can stay home and vote absentee. The Elections Commission is also offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe.
>>>
>>> Thank you again for your email,
>>>
>>> Mary Felzkowski
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
>>> Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:38 PM
>>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>>> Subject: Absentee Ballots
>>>
>>>
>>> Why don't you do the responsible thing and vote to have absentee ballots mailed to all registered voters. Under the circumstances, you could waive the requirement for a photo ID to vote. After all, the chances of voter fraud are are so low in the first place. But no, you would rather risk even more people's lives by opening up the polling places so it can spread faster to every county in the State.
>>>
>>> You are being irresponsible and risking people's lives. My God! What's wrong with you!
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>>> Joanne Drew
>>> 1305 E 9th St
>>> Merrill, WI. 54452
>>> Sent from my iPad
>>

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Can we stll vote in person?

Description: Chuck had called last week asking the same question, and I gave him the same advice. I told him and his wife that they should request their absentee ballots, but then, if they want to vote in person, they can just set their absentee ballots aside and not turn them in. I reiterated that there is nothing to suggest at this point that the election will not be running as it always has, and that polling places are required by law to be open. I gave him some background on the Elections Commission, and the Governor's new ask of the legislature for mail-in ballots. He and his wife were very appreciative of Mary and Tom on the call.

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please mail the ballots

Description: Mary, please. Mail the ballots. This flu epidemic is real. Nobody deserves to be exposed to this and public elections will only make things worse.

Please, a state Supreme Court seat is not worth thousands of people being infected. We now have community spread!

Sincerely, Brian Diel

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Doescher, Louise A doescherlouise@charter.net

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Merrill, WI 54452-8730

Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID 19: Asking questions on sanitary guidance

Description: NOTE: Still waiting on DHS for an answer.

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

Thank you. Thank you very much for being so accessible and responsive also. Louise

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Louise Doescher
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

Hey Louise,

Thank you for your email. I will reach out to DHS and see if they have specific resources that can answer some of these questions. I know that we continue to learn more and more about the virus as the pandemic continues. The answer may be that we simply don't know for sure yet, but if we do know and I can put you to a resource, I will.

Thank you for your email and I'll be in touch. Thanks!

Mary

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus Questions

Louise Doescher

March 31, 2020

Mary, I watch news and listen to the TV news for hours daily. I have become more and more confused in the protocol to use in staying safe with this virus pandemic.

One thing we certainly do not need is confusion at this dire time. I compiled a few of my own questions here. It sure would be nice if the government local or state or federal would come out with some clear guidelines to help the people.

I am on my 20th day of self-isolation.

I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT SANITIZING AND HOW LONG THE VIRUS CAN LIVE ON DIFFERENT SURFACES.....AND AND AND...

MAIL: How should we be handling mail?
If we leave it sit in our garage or even in our house for how long, before the virus dies?

DOES the virus die after being on surfaces? I heard a health care worker say that on a surface (forgot which one) it can live up to 7 days. Is this true? Exactly what surfaces should we be the most cautious about?

What might be a way to sanitize mail? Mail carriers do not wear gloves, or might. Mine has done it both ways as I watched. The mail could be contaminated from outside or the contents could be.

GLOVES: Wouldn't it be safer to wear gloves if we go out to stores? Of course if we go from store to store, shouldn't we sanitize the gloves before and after each store? Wouldn't the gloves be safer than our more porous skin with fingernails etc?

What about our clothing and shoes? Do we strip down after every trip out? Take off our shoes and dip them in disinfectant before going into our homes? Italian survivor says shoes carry viruses. Have we thought about that ?

MASKS: To wear or not to wear the mask in this pandemic is the question. I believe that I know that wearing masks was downplayed to preserve the public from buying and or hoarding masks that the Health Care workers so desperately need.

Something is better than nothing, right? We can sew masks. If we sew them and wash in between uses. But we have been told that masks do not help.

Common sense tells us that any mask might help stop the spread. We would have to decontaminate the mask every time we use it on going out, and we could not count on it 100% but even if it stopped one person from receiving or giving one another he virus, wouldn't it be worth using?

Mixed messages prevail.

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And perhaps in another email, I will ask questions about the money that is to come from the government. There is mass confusion also about how this will be distributed as well.

It would be of great service to have answers to my questions. Thanks for doing a great job. Louise

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How can I help with voting?

Description: I want to help with the voting on 7 April. Please let me know what I have to do.

Hey Robert,

Thank you for the question. If you are wanting to request an absentee ballot, you have until Thursday to do that. Here is the information I sent out in my e-update yesterday. Please go to the website to request your ballot. If you have trouble, please let me know!

You can still request your absentee ballot, last day for online registration!
Absentee voting is still a great option for those that would like to vote but also want to stay home. Please use this as a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.
For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home. There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:
1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.
2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.
3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.
For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here.
All absentee ballot requests must be made by Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.
Please note that, TODAY, March 30th is the last day for online voter registration. You can also register by contacting your local municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Thank you for information

Description: Mary, thank-you for the great outreach and informative newsletter about being an election inspector! I have been trying desperately to get Republicans to put out the word that volunteers are needed. You stepped up and did a fantastic job!!!!! Carol Cady, Vilas County

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Thank you Carol! Stay safe, Mary

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Napierala, Donna donnanapierala123@gmail.com

Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Update Election Law

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
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• Count all absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day
• Give local election clerks more time to count absentee ballots
In this unusual election, Wisconsin voters and local election officials need to ensure every single voter can safely participate in our democracy.
We need the state legislature to act now.
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Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

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Napierala, Donna donnanapierala123@gmail.com

Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Open Restaurant

Description: Surewood Forest bar and Grill is open for carryout but no delivery
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Thank you, Donna! I'll add them.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

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Niehaus, Ben niehausb@myflorence.org

Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Child care centers in the Northwoods will collapse

Description: Thank you Representative Felzkowski, and Stamena.

Good timing, we really appreciate.

Best,

Ben

On Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 10:19 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Ben,

I know Sen. Tiffany and Rep. Mursau's offices were asking about this for you and they had reached out to the Governor's office. Right as I was emailing to let you know they're keeping us in the loop and Rep. Felzkowski is looking into your concerns, we received this email from the Department of Children and Families.

I hope you are staying safe and please keep letting us know if there's anything we can help with.

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
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From: DCF MB COVID-19 <DCFMBCOVID19@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:16 AM
To: DCF MB COVID-19 <DCFMBCOVID19@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Cole, Jenifer - DCF <Jenifer.Cole@wisconsin.gov>; Perez-Reyes, Nadya - DCF <nadya.perez-reyes@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Child Care Taskforce & New Resources

Dear Legislators,

Providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the taskforce is working with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources.

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DCF is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a request for care through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new child care map.

Please see the attached resources for more information regarding the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce and relevant information for parents. More information for providers, essential workers and families can be found on the DCF COVID-19 Child Care webpage.

We ask that you please spread the word about the website and the map in your communities to our essential workforce families in need of child care. For any questions regarding this effort, please contact dcfmbcovid19@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,
Nadya

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Legislators should not receive pay

Description: From: dennis patrick <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:33 PM
To: EversInfo@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Senator Tammy Baldwin <do_not_reply@baldwin.senate.gov>
Subject: Government paychecks

I think it's time you and all members of the electorate stop accepting pay. You mandated that the working people of this state stop receiving pay so it's your obligation to lead the way and stop receiving pay like the rest of us unless you believe your above the taxpayers of this state. We're all in this together or aren't we?
Dennis J Patrick
W4148 County Rd H
Irma, WI 54442

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:03 AM
To: dennis patrick <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Government paychecks

Dennis,

Thank you for your email. Governor Evers made the decision all on his own to do a stay at home order. The legislature had no say, and in fact, we had been told for several days leading up to the order by Governor Evers' staff that he would NOT be putting a stay-at-home order in place. I totally understand where you are coming from and agree that it is a frustrating and impossible situation for our business owners and those who work for them.

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Reply to E-Update

Description: Thank you! The poll worker Training Webinar was needed and reassuring.

Jan-Sent from my iPhone

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

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Schmunk, Jill

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Response to E-Update

Description: If you said "paid" I think people will reply---I thought all of the people sitting at the tables are paid. That is what they claim anyway.

Good point, thank you Jill. I think some are paid, some are not, so I didn't want to cause confusion, but that is a good incentive. I will be sure to mention it in other correspondence.

Mary

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Pollworkers

Description: Hi, Mary,
I am replying to your note asking for poll workers during this difficult time we currently find ourselves in. First, I am amazed the state hasn't gone to absentee votes only. I would NEVER go out to a poll place and vote. I have already completed my absentee vote and it's mailed back. Easy peezzy. Why hasn't the state gone in this direction? Are you willing to risk the health of the public while we do our civic duty and vote?
Also, my 82 year old mother is one of the polling workers in our township. Your township. There is no way in hell that we would let her go to the polls or anywhere actually. In fact, the entire election board in this township is an age group of high risk people. I feel the state has done an injustice to the voters of this state by not making absentee voting the ONLY way to vote during this unprecedented time we are in. I only see 2 options. 1) Absentee voting. Or, 2) delay the voting. Postpone it for a month or two. Voting at a polling place just isn't an option with the Coronavirus being spread around as easily as it is. You are putting ALL of the poll workers at risk.
I see no way of making a poll place sanitary enough for an election. Who will do cleaning between voters? Who will be the crowd control? Adding people only puts more people at risk.
Yes we are in a mess. Currently the state is under a "stay at home" order. I didn't know it meant stay at home except to vote. Really?
So your request for polling volunteers just doesn't sit well in this house. Sorry.
Jim

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Jim,

First, thank you for your reply, I appreciate your candor and honesty. I know right now can be a really scary and impossible time. I totally support your mother staying home. I don't think that anyone who feels unsafe or at risk should be at the polls on election day. Governor Evers has said over and over that the election date will not be moving, so my main goal at this point is to help our clerks make sure this election runs as smoothly and safely as possible. I don't think it's a good idea for people who are at risk to be working the polls on Election Day, but I do support those who are healthy and low-risk taking on the task. The fact of the matter is that polling places are required by law to be open on Election Day, so I want to make sure our clerks have the help they need from those willing to give it. I TOTALLY support people voting absentee if they can or want to, and I have been encouraging this from Day 1. You may be surprised to hear that I actually have gotten a lot of calls from people who only want to vote in person, and really do not want to vote absentee, so there are people all across the spectrum on this issue. Our goal is to make sure that you can vote, no matter which way you choose to do it.

Regarding mail-in ballots, it's just not a feasible option, and is even less so for areas like ours where our clerks do not have as much help as larger communities. In our state overall, this just not a feasible option for several reasons:

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6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district (and am still receiving emails as we speak!) who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. This was the case on Friday, and it's the case now. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them. When Governor Evers was asked about this, he said "it wouldn't be easy." That's it. There was no plan to figure out how to help our clerks get it done.

I totally understand where you are coming from. COVID has created a lot of impossible situations, and this is one of them. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. Thankfully, the Elections Commission is offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe, and offering online training for the poll workers like I mentioned yesterday.

Thank you for voting, and for again for your honesty and taking the time to email me.

Mary Felzkowski

You sent a well informed response to my email. Thanks.

I know we are in a pickle with the virus. I guess Governor Evers should have made decisions a while ago concerning this as we all know April 7th was coming up. Also, the May election. I don’t agree with him. I know he has a lot of decisions to make that aren’t popular. But, he has made a “stay at home” order and I totally agree. The virus is too communal. And why everyone in this country isn’t under that order I am not sure.

I am thankful you are working at appeasing everyone. No, I don’t understand it. I don’t know why would anyone would want to go to the polls. Vote, yes I completely understand why people want to vote. It’s our duty. As far as the voter id and absentee voting (mail in ballots). When I did my absentee ballot, I had to be registered for it to work. Isn’t that voter id? I would not want voter id to not work. It’s very important. Yes, I agree, I wouldn’t freely mail out the ballots to every voter, they would all have to be registered and individually request the ballot on line. As far as same day registration, yes, that would be an issue. So many issues, what to do??? Oh, maybe postpone the election. Oh well….

Thanks again, Mary, for the hard fight.

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Jim

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: April 7th Elections

Description: Davina called again to ask if she should get an absentee ballot or if she can vote in person. I said that there is no way for the election to not move forward, and that polling places are required by law to be open, so she said she will vote in person. Is interested in being a poll worker.

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Update Election Law: Pass now or people will be infected/die as a resul

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Dear Representatives,
People will be UNNECESSARILY harmed or die because you don't want to pass this bill. This is not ok. Care about your constituents, whether they are Democrats or Republicans. You are being selfish by caring more about suppressing the vote in your favor by not passing this bill. For once, do the right thing!
We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:
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We need the state legislature to act now.
Kelly Steidinger
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Kelly,

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Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Date: 03/30/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Change Elections

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:
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Patrick Zimick
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Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

Its not feasible because you Republicans didn't work with Governor Evers when he first requested. You don't want people to have the freedom to vote without false barriers. Like Drivers License at voting poles, You should be ashamed of yourself.

I am a Vietnam Veteran , served my country and saw many a young man die for the freedom and right to vote.

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The Republicans have spent all their time trying to restrict that right.

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Patrick,

He made this request last Friday, three days ago. At that time, clerks started reaching out to me immediately asking us not to do this because there was not feasible way for them to send ballots to everyone in their jurisdictions. This request was not more feasible then and it's not feasible now. However, the legislature is looking at extending the amount of time clerks have to count their ballots. It is also looking at allowing all ballots postmarked on election day to be counted.

I totally disagree with you that I don't want people to have the freedom to vote, and I am doing everything I can to help our clerks run this election smoothly. If you don't believe that voting at the polls on election day is safe, then I would suggest you vote absentee. You have until April 2nd to request your ballot.

Thank you for your service,

Mary Felzkowski

Mary

Like I told Tom Tiffany. You Republicans try and take away Health Care from those who need it. Support a President in your Party who Lies and is in competent.

Like I said 50,000 young men and women of all walks of life and nationality gave there lives so people like you could take away their rights. You are the Party of Lies and deceit.

I will do everything I can to make sure no one votes for you or Tom Tiffany. I do recall when Scott Walker and you Republicans supported a budget that attempted to eliminate Freedom of Information in the state. That way you could hide what you are doing. Also, you passed legislation that eliminated your requirement to disclose who you political contributors are.

Your Republican Hero from Wisconsin, Ron Johnson, Who believes that the Cure is worse than the problem. Meaning Money and Economy over Lives of the citizens who pay the bills. That is what Republicans stand for. Money over Liberty and Freedom.

Pat Zimick

Pat,

You are certainly entitled to your own opinion, Pat. I do appreciate you taking the time to reach out, even if we disagree.

Please let me know if you hear from anyone needing help during this stretch.

Mary

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment waiting period

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:12 PM
To: crartus61@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Cynthia,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Cynthia Artus <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Cynthia Artus
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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Postpone the Election - more data

Description: Daer Representative Fealzowski:

I am again writing you to beg that you lead an effort to delay and reschedule the upcoming elections in Wisconsin.

There are several reasons I feel it is even more urgent now including the following:

The White House Coronavirus Leader Estimates Covid-19 Deaths to Spike at the time of Wisconsin's Election
The chart below was delivered during today's White House Coronavirus briefing:

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Said simply, Wisconsin is planning to hold an election when risk of Covid-19 death is at its highest. Furthermore, the potential number of Covid-19 fatalities is unprecedentedly high.

Elections Require Poll Workers and Voters to Engage in High Risk Activities
Voters and poll workers are required to engage in many activities which violate the CDC guidelines related to Covid-19 including:

- Inspection of the voters Drivers Licenese by the poll worker;
- Poll worker looks up voters record and presents it for signature by the voter;
- The ballot is cast which requires (1) voters to come into contact with a high use machinery / booths / ballot boxes and (2) poll workers to resolve machine problems; and,
- Ballots are tabulated requiring poll workers to come into contact with machines / booths / ballot boxes that have been used by all voters.

More importantly, we are unaware of any actions taken by the state (such as the provision of masks and gloves) to protect the safety of poll workers and voters nor are we aware of any procedures / materials that have been allocated to sanitization of public use facilities and equipment.

Many Poll Workers Have Refused to Work the Upcoming Election
As I mentioned in my prior email, my wife has been a poll worker for over six years. As she has spoken to other poll workers it has become clear that a significant percentage are (rightly) refusing to work the upcoming election because they are in high risk groups. I suspect this is the normal case throughout the state. Without massive training, none of which has been scheduled, one wonders how there will be integrity in the results of the upcoming election. Furthermore, any training would require that the CDC guidelines on social distancing be violated as they would involve demonstration of processes and equipment that can only be done at close quarters.

Asking for Volunteers who are not at Risk is Irresponsible
At a time of national emergency, it is simply irresponsible to expose capable workers to safety risks that may limit their future usefulness to the community. Said simply, do we want our young civic minded people working an election of minor importance or delivering groceries to the needy during the largest health crisis in modern times?

The Results of an April 7th Election are Likely to be Challenged for Legitimacy
There are many reasons an election held this April may not reflect the will of the people and should therefore be challenged including:

- Conflicting orders by the Governor. On the one hand the Governor has asked Wisconsin residents to stay at home until late April. On the other, he and the legislature are holding an election during this period.
- Untrained poll workers. Due to the point above, it is likely that a large percentage of poll workers will be new, casting doubt on the ability to have balanced party representation and, more importantly, introducing a high likelihood of flawed process.
- Over-dependence on Absentee Ballots. As the name implies, Absentee Ballots are intended to provide a vehicle for people who will be away from their polling place to cast a vote. In the April 7th election, Wisconsin is suggesting that Absentee Ballots be used for residents who have access to their polling place. Not only does this present an untested burden on a process designed for limited volume which introduces high chance for error that will undermine the legitimacy of the result, the alternative has been poorly communicated and many voters will be denied their opportunity to vote simply because they did not know to request an Absentee Ballot.

Going forward with an election with any of the above risks would be irresponsible — continuing in the presence of all of them seems negligent. Holding the April 7th election could have catastrophic cost, measured in lives while delaying the election presents nothing but a legislative challenge.

Mary, I hope we can count on you to take appropriate and urgent action. Please feel free to advise us all on the steps you have taken and anything we can do to avoid this potential catastrophe.

Best regards,

Steve Balow

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Contact Report

Beilke, Betsy Rose

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(715) 491-0434

Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment help

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:34 AM
To: betsy beilke <betsylouwho@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Help with unemployment please!

If you know people having trouble, please have them reach out! I'd be happy to help anyone having issues.

From: betsy beilke <betsylouwho@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Help with unemployment please!

Hey Mary,

I apologize I did not get back to you sooner. Your e-mail ended up in my junk folder. They called us the next day and we are all taken care of. Thank you so much we truly appreciate it. I feel so fortunate because there is a whole conversation on my friends Facebook page of people unable to get through and all different kinds of situations. Thank you again I don't know how long it would have taken without your help.

Betsy

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 4:18 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Betsy,

Just checking in today, did you receive a call?

Thank you!

Mary

From: betsy beilke <betsylouwho@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Help with unemployment please!

Mary,

Thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly. I truly appreciate it. I understand that these are difficult and unprecedented times and we appreciate you taking the time to help us. Thank you for your kind words of congratulations we are very happy to have her home.

As far as the federal refund I will contact Senator Ron Johnson with my concerns. The irs website and app have said the same thing for 43 days now. It reads " Your tax return is still being processed. A refund date will be provided when available." . Thank you for pointing me in the right direction as to who to contact in that matter.

After speaking with my mom shortly after sending the last email it was brought to my attention that we have actually met. Although it was what feels like a lifetime ago. I was a teenager and a completely different person than I am now. It is funny to look back and see how things change. I do believe you still know my parents though, Rick and Jan Arends.

Thank you again for all your efforts and help. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Betsy

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On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 8:49 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Betsy,

Thank you for your email and letting me know what you are struggling with. Congratulations on your new baby! That is very exciting, but also an added stresser on top of an already unprecedented situation here in Wisconsin. I will reach out to the department and see if I can have someone reach out to you on the unemployment. Regarding the federal tax refund, that unfortunately is not a state issue, so I don't have a contact for you at the IRS. You could contact Senator Ron Johnson on that. What does the website say when you check on the status of your refund? https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp

Congratulations again and I will see if I can get someone from DWD in touch with you. Unfortunately, the current situation has caused an enormous increase in the amount of people trying to file claims, so the staff at DWD are doing everything they can to keep up with the very large volume of calls that come in each day. I know they are also working on issues that arise with the website.

I will be in touch!

Mary Felzkowski

From: betsy beilke <betsylouwho@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:09 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Help with unemployment please!

Dear Mary,

I was referred to you and given your e-mail in regards to my husband having an extremely hard time getting through to unemployment. We are now on day three of attempting to talk to someone. We started the process online as suggested but then towards the end of setting up his account he was told he needed to call and speak to someone to verify his account. We have been trying for days now and we can't get through. We just brought our premature baby home after a nearly 10 week stay at the NICU. She is on oxygen and part of the high risk category for this virus and every virus. We were starting to struggle before but had almost gotten our feet back underneath us when he got laid off from work this week. We need to get through in order to start to file weekly claims online and each day we can't file is another day closer to this having a severe and lasting impact on us. An impact that could be almost if not impossible to come back from. We've also been waiting well over 21 days for our federal tax refund. We can't get ahold of anyone at the irs either. I'm sure you can understand how scary, frustrating and stressful this all is especially with an new preemie baby. Any help or advice you can give us is beyond appreciated. Thank you so much for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Betsy and Garrett Beilke

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:11 PM
To: jfbenishek@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Jennifer,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jennifer Benishek <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:58 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Jennifer Benishek
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Contact Report

Davidson, Eugene A

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Deerbrook WI 54424-9262

Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:11 PM
To: genmj@frontier.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Gene,
Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Gene Davidson <genmj@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Gene Davidson
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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:11 PM
To: maryjane9072@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Jane,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Mary Jane Davidson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Wayside shut down, why?

Description: From: Sis <dsjorgy2@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Thank you, Mary.

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:03 PM
To: dsjorgy2@frontier.com
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Dorothy,

So the wayside you are talking about was purchased by Lincoln County in 2014, so I reached out to the county to get more information. They indicated that the bathroom facilities have been closed because of the total disregard for the bathroom facilities. So much debris and garbage had been dumped into the toilets, that the county was unable to hire a septic pumper to pump facility. They smelt so bad that the county needed to close them. They also indicated that the maintenance cost increased dramatically.

I hope that helps!

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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N10573 Feind Trl
City
Tomahawk, Wi
Phone Number
7154533925
Message
Mary, I read in your email that rest areas are open and it made me think of something I would like to know but don't know who to contact. Hoping you can help me. I am wondering why the wayside at Hwy 8 and Cty A just north of Tomahawk has been closed for a few years? They put in the parking lot for trailer for ATV's and snowmobiles to unload and then closed the bathroom. This didn' make much sense to me. People are going to need a restroom after traveling her and also before loading up and heading home. Thank you for all the info you provide in your emails. Dorothy Jorgensen
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False

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Wants the National Guard to be ready

Description: Lloyd is 79 years old and very concerned about the future. He called to say that he really thinks the National Guard needs to be trained and ready for what's coming once the virus really gets going. I talked him through his concerns, and let him know what DHS is expecting as far as when the virus infections to peak in Wisconsin, and what that will mean for summer. Also assured him that the National Guard is already trained for emergency response if they need to be mobilized, either to help with the virus or to respond to mass hysteria. He seems concerned that people are going to be coming from hot spots once summer hits and will bring the infection with him. I talked him through the timeline and said that hopefully, once the peak happens, the amount of people infected will continue on the downward trend, and once we get through Memorial Day, hopefully the people traveling to their cabins in the North won't be infected or will have immunity.

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Krueger, Micki
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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:36 AM
To: micki@childcaring.org
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Hello Micki,

My staff mentioned you had reached out and shared your thoughts about how the state should support childcare providers during this public health emergency. I would like to re-iterate their offer that I am available for a phone call at any point if you are interested in speaking with me about this.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:17 AM
To: micki@childcaring.org
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good morning Micki,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. You are absolutely correct that childcare facilities and childcare and early education providers are one of the backbones of our society- and this crisis has shone a bright light on that. We understand and fully appreciate that some of the directives and suggestions from DCF to the child care centers have been unrealistic, and know many child care workers are baffled on how they are supposed to make sure toddlers under their care are social distancing.

I can assure you that all of your suggested policy measures will likely be a part of the conversations the legislature and governor are having as we navigate how the state addresses this situation and assess our state's available resources for the response to COVID-19.

If you would be interested, I know Rep. Felzkowski would love to have a phone conversation with you, and other child care providers in the Northwoods, to hear your suggestions and discuss the situation.

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Our office is here to assist you- please continue to reach out if there is anything we can help with.

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov
Policy Advisor
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

From: Micki Krueger <micki@childcaring.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
My name is Micki. I am the Assistant Director of Childcaring, your local child care resource and referral agency in central 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 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.
[ ]
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.
Sincerely,
Micki Krueger
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Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Osborne, Craig J

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Daughter needs help applying for unemployment

Description: 715 623 3892
Craig Osborne
Help for his daughter to get unemployment
She went to the website which told her she needs to talk to a person but no one is available when she calls the line
Could we help expedite that
Was worrking for food mart, was doing inventory. Dependent on her income.
Has been out of work since March 8th. Has been trying to file unemployment online and hasn't been able to get through.
715-219-4260
Brenna Osborne

I reached out to DWD with her information to get her on the call list. She should hear back within a day or so.

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Papke, Lorraine Mae

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: People are traveling to summer homes

Description: Lorraine called very upset that people are traveling from the south and places out of state like Chicago to come spend time at the summer homes. Says that she is immunocompromised and can't even see her grandkids, but is being put at risk by reckless and uncompassionate people who are traveling from hot spot areas. I let her vent and told her we completely understand, and that it's really frustrating. She seemed happier after the call.

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Woyak, Victoria Sue

evwoyak@newnorth.net

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Wants to volunteer at a polling place

Description: Hey Victoria,

I'm not 100% sure which polling place you'd be interested in if you'd like to help a different location, so here is the directory for you to look over to find a location. https://www.co.langlade.wi.us/i/f/files/COUNTY%20DIRECTORY%202019--2020.pdf

Please let me know if you need anything else!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:57 AM

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To: vwoyak@frontier.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Victoria,

Thank you for the heads up! I reached out to the county clerk of Langlade County because they communicate with their local clerks on a regular basis, and I wanted to see if she's been having trouble getting ahold of your clerk. She said that your ballot was mailed out yesterday, and it may just be that your clerk does not need any volunteers. I know it's frustrating and it would have been helpful to just receive a call or email back from the clerk telling you that information. I think the clerks are all extremely swamped right now because they are receiving more requests for absentee ballots than ever before, and there is a lot of work to be done by each clerk to make sure polling places are safe and secure this year. I have asked the county clerk for more information about other polling places in your area so that you may be able to volunteer somewhere else. There are some jobs that's don't require you to live in the municipality, but only in the county, and so on. I'll reach out when I hear more from that county clerk!

Thank you SO much for your willingness to work at the polls on April 7th. You are truly helping keep our election system in place, and also helping those at risk say home.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Message
Something I think you should be made aware of. It appears some of the small town clerks have went MIA. (overwhelmed?) I understand with this crisis we all need to do our part. Gov. Evers has stressed this spring election is going to happen. I personally gave our town clerk my information during the February primary to volunteer after one of the workers told me we were short handed for this season. (pre-Co19) Told she had one other name and would be in contact with us for the 2 hour training soon. Nothing. Now this could be a problem with the stay at home situation, totally understand. BUT, she is now totally MIA. Not returning phone messages as we attempted to get absentee ballots so I mailed the forms we received from a mass mailing with needed photo of ID's last week to her with no response. I bring this to your attention because after talking with voters in other small towns, this seems to not be an isolated situation. If widespread, this could have a huge impact on the outcome of some very important elections/issues, not to mention the legal can of worms this could open up. Just thought you should know what's going on.
Praying for your safety and the well being of your loved ones,
Victoria Woyak
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False

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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspending the waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:11 PM
To: deniseschultz@frontier.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Denise,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Denise Ziech <deniseschultz@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Thank you,
Denise Ziech
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Contact Date: 03/31/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Balow, Stephen William swbalow@hotmail.com

2495 Norway Point Rd (847) 910-1073
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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Postpone the election

Description: Hi Mary:

Thank you for your thoughtful response.

I guess we are going to agree to disagree about this. For whatever it is worth,

- What is unmanageable? How can a state issue an order for all citizens to stay home and call rescheduling an election unmanageable.
- Who cares how many ballots have been sent out? Destroy them and inform voters they will have to recast their ballot. I'm sure everybody can easily understand that.
- Extend the election until after the health risk abates … what is so hard about that? Are you seriously saying that the government can restrict people from working but can't figure out when it's safe to hold an election? Don't set a date until you have more information.
- Destroy all votes that have been cast. So what? It takes less than an hour for most people to vote … given the health threats you are creating asking people to endure to vote in the midst of this crisis, it seems trivial to recast a vote. Heck, I'll give you a slogan for free: "Save a life, recast your vote"
- As for the local government positions, make a case-by-case decision. Frankly, given that so much of society is shut down it seems the demand for many of the positions up for election would be diminished. But, here is another simple idea: until the election, current officials serve. And, hopefully we're not talking about anything more than a few weeks or a month … hard to see how that is worth the risk to life an election will cause.

This will be my final email on this subject. I know there are at least five lawsuits regarding the upcoming election. I hope they are all successful. More importantly, if the state is being sued now, imagine the liability if even one person gets Covid-19 from voting. You and the rest of our state government are running a terrible and unjustifiable risk.

I think, in your heart, you know our government is doing the wrong thing. I could care less what the Governor says … he is wrong. The Elections Commission is wrong. There is simply no way to get in to vote and get out quickly without running a high risk of contamination. If there were the state would not be shut down.

Do the right thing.

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Sadly,

Steve Balow

On Apr 1, 2020, at 4:37 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey Steve,

I appreciate you providing this information and taking the time to send me the screen shots as well. That's really helpful. You and I have already talked through this a bit, but I'm hoping I can help explain why people are hesitant to move the election.

- Moving the date in the middle of voting and especially so close to the election date creates so much unmanageable chaos.
- Over 1 million absentee ballots have already been sent out, and the deadline to request one is not until tomorrow, so I am sure we will see that number grow even more. The question becomes, what do we do with all of the absentee ballots that have already been sent and already turned in?
- Here are just some of the other questions that come up when discussing moving the election:
  - How long do we extend the election? Some people have mentioned the May 12th special election date and I totally understand wanting to use that date. What if we are still under social distancing, and have to consider moving the date again?
  - What if something happens between now and then and voters demand they be given the chance to change or re-cast their vote?
  - What do we do for the local government positions that are going to be vacant while we wait for the new election date? What if local governments can't respond to this or another crisis because decision makers aren't in place to make those decisions?

Ultimately, everyone has a fundamental right to respond to their government by voting in elections. I totally understand where everyone is coming from on postponing. Our reality is that the Governor has said the date is not going to move and the legislature cannot move it without him. The Elections Commission has said the date is not going to move, and now the court is signally today that they are not going to order the date to move. Knowing this information, my number one goal and my job right now is to help our amazing clerks run their polling places safely and efficiently, so that everyone can get in to vote, and get out quickly. We have been encouraging anyone and everyone who does not feel safe going out to vote absentee and thankfully so many people are choosing to do that. This means that all of those people are going to stay home on Election Day, making it so much easier to social distance and avoid the spread. The National Guard will be helping man the polls that day, and the Elections Commission is providing extra supplies to clerks, as well as extra COVID specific training. There is also funding included in the federal stimulus package to help with the increase costs of administering the election. If we all continue to work together, we can make sure that voting on April 7th is done safely.

Thank you again for your emails. I know you are reaching out because you care about the safety of everyone in Wisconsin, and I really respect that.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kim and Steve Balow <kimbalow@hotmail.com>; Doug Marhefke <mad264@yahoo.com>; Tracy Sturm <tas11158@yahoo.com>; elections@wi.gov
Subject: More information regarding the upcoming election

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

Last night the University of Wisconsin live streamed a broadcast recording Covid-19 which featured Dr. Nasia Safdar whose qualifications are summarized below:

During the broadcast, Dr Safdar presented the following chart:

I'd like to point out two things:

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- As you can see from the cluster diagram on the right hand side of the chart, early in the outbreak people were not practicing social distancing which made it difficult for medical workers to identify and isolate people who were exposed and could transmit the virus. However, with social distancing this problem has become much less dangerous and our health care professionals are finding they can spend more time on treatment and less time on tracking. This has obvious advantages. However, holding an election with open polling places will put the state back into the early more dangerous cluster model. Given this understanding, holding an election presents an obvious increase to the risk of the public and the health care system which is both irresponsible and intolerable.
- The broadcast was widely watched with over 5,500 live views. This number will increase substantially as the broadcast is available for replay and was first seen only 16 ours ago. You have the opportunity to do the right thing and avoid what is likely to be a crisis of public confidence in our elected officials.

Do the right thing. Reschedule the election.

Stephen W. Balow

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Expand medicaid now

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Walter Brockman <walt.brockman@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please Expand Health Care Access, Please Expand Medicaid Now!

Good afternoon Walter,

All insurance companies have already been covering the costs of testing from very close to the beginning of the pandemic, United States-wide. I have not supported expanding badger care in the past, and do not think now is the time to do that. Those that would be covered by Badger Care expansion can currently receive heavily subsided care from the Federal Exchange. There is not a coverage gap in Wisconsin, so I am confident that access to care here in our state is already available. If you are hearing from people who are having trouble getting signed up, please let me know and my office can help them.

Thank you again for your email and your thoughts. Please feel free to send me your thoughts in the future,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Walter Brockman <walt.brockman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Expand Health Care Access, Please Expand Medicaid Now!

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Hello. I'm writing to encourage Wisconsin to expand Medicaid to help expand coronavirus care in three main ways:
1) We need to broaden eligibility,
2) Ensure that eligible residents are enrolled or do enroll in Medicaid, and
3) Submit additional waivers to CMS seeking greater flexibility in coverage and care access

As your constituent I implore our State Legislature to convene and quickly and bipartisanly act to pass full Medicaid Expansion up to 138% FPL.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Walter Brockman
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Antigo, WI 54409

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Elections

Description: Paulette called back today to say she was unhappy that I characterized the decision to not move the election as in Governor Evers' hands. She said everything she heard is that it's the legislature's fault, and that he wants to move it. After talking her through it, she was getting the election date confused with Governor Evers' call to do mail-in balloting, which I said the legislature does not support. I reiterated that Governor Evers has said repeatedly he will not move the election, so even if every member of the legislature wanted it, he could still veto it. She said some members of the legislature do want it, and I agreed.

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Contact Report

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: suspend the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:05 PM
To: kracer19@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Joe,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Joe Countryman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Social Security issue

Description: NOTE: This issue popped up but was taken care of by the IRS immediately. SS recipients will no longer need to file a return.

Thank you Mary. I sent the question off to him. Louise

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Louise Doescher
Subject: RE: Mary is this true?

Hey Louise,

I have not heard of this from anyone in the district. This is a federal issue, so I would maybe reach out to Senator Ron Johnson to see if his office has heard any complaints. His offices and phone numbers are at the bottom of this website:
https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mary is this true?

https://socialsecurityworks.org/2020/04/01/trump-admin-roadblocking-seniors-people-with-disabilities-and-veterans-from-receiving-their-1200/?fbclid=IwAR2jiNznXLVFvnMkHvCpqJ6r_jIxPQLShneZ20X1nukJRlkLubm-wnALDFA Trump Admin Roadblocking Seniors, People with Disabilities and Veterans From Receiving Their $1200

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 1, 2020
Contact: Linda Benesch, lbenesch@socialsecurityworks.org
(Washington, DC) — The following is a statement from Nancy Altman, President of Social Security Works, in response to the recently released IRS guidance indicating that Social Security beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and veterans receiving pensions can't get their $1200 CARES Act payments without filing a tax return:
"This is outrageous. The $1200 payments could easily be added automatically to the benefits these people already receive every month. The CARES Act specifically gives the Treasury Department the authority to do so. Instead, the Trump Administration is throwing up an unnecessary barrier that will make it harder for seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans to get the payments they desperately need. In the middle of a pandemic to which they are most vulnerable, the groups can't afford any delay.
In 2008, 3.5 million Social Security beneficiaries and veterans never received a stimulus payment that they were owed. They were blocked by the nonsensical requirement that they file a tax return, even though they owed no taxes. The same will happen now; indeed, it is highly likely it will be worse due to the chaos of the pandemic. Millions of people who need these payments won't get them. At best, the payments will be delayed – even though the federal government pays these people benefits right now, each and every month.
The Trump Administration must reverse course immediately and make a clear public statement that all Social Security beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and veterans receiving pensions will get their $1200 payments without filing a tax return. And then the government should pay — without delay — what it owes."

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend the unemployment waiting period

Description: From: Jane Gass <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Jane Gass
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On Apr 1, 2020, at 12:11 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Jane,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

How long will all that take? do you plan to support that legislation? People that are unemployed bc of COVID-19 cannot wait bc the republicans are " playing politics" with our democratic governor.
Please reply
Jane Gass
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2020, at 1:46 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Jane,

Again, as I mentioned, this is not a delay caused by any relationship between the legislature and the governor. The delay has been caused by waiting on legislation from the federal government. I can't comment on how I'd vote on legislation that is not yet developed and I have not seen, but I do support making federal benefits available to people in Wisconsin. We just received the memo I mentioned not minutes ago, so I don't have an exact date for you but we will be convening in the near future.

Thank you for your email,

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Mary

From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Who determines when you "convene"?
Sent from my iPhone

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

The Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader, and the Speaker Pro Tem are all working on it right now to figure out how we can still come into session while still social distancing.

Thank you,

Mary

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: My son is in a prison during the coronoa virus

Description: Sent fwhat is the state doing about the state prison system the over crowding and how can they even think about keeping them safe let alone treat the inmates not only is a problem for the inmates who by the way are human and do have families that are stressed out knowing they are at a very high risk of getting this virus but the community these prison are in the hospital will be the only place they can be treated which in turn will then not be able to help the people in those communities for the love of god send some of them home rom my iPhone

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>> Hi Karen,
>>
>> Thank you for reaching our my office on this issue. Last Monday, under Executive Order #72, the Department of Corrections suspended all admissions to the state's prisons and juvenile facilities. Additionally, the agency has suspended visits and says they are doing all they can to protect the inmate population. As of last Wednesday, the Department of Corrections put out a statement saying that there are no known positive cases for any adults in their custody. The Department has not put out any new updates over the weekend. I appreciate your compassion during this time and please let me know if you have any further questions.
>>
>> Thank you,
>> Mary Felzkowski

> I want to thank you for responding but sorry to say not one word was true they are not doing anything for the inmates or the staff and let's get honest in no way can they handle a out break in the wisconsin prison system and we all know it's going to happen let those that are a year or less out go home to their families thank you but please help do something

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> Karen,
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> I have reached out to the Department to find out more specifics for you. I will let you know when they get

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back to me.
>
> Thank you,
> Mary

I am going to. retain a attorney to sue the state of Wisconsin and the doc they are breaking the law that was put in place on social distancing my son is at Chippewa falls treatment and they are ten to a dorm in no way can the system keep these people safe from the virus they eat 30 at a time and 40 people share the bathroom and shower now again tell me how they are doing everything they can to protect these inmates also these inmates are all within short time to release dates for doing the program I feel anyone that is within two years of release should be sent out free up space and lower the number that can and will be infected we all know it is going to happen just when is the question

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Hi Karen,

I understand that is a very frightening and frustrating situation. The Department is not violating any laws or executive orders. They have implemented a number of changes at their facilities (including eliminating large group dining) to protect against the spread of the virus. The details can be found here: https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/COVID19(Coronavirus)/FAQS/COVID19FAQs.aspx

They do not have the authority to release individuals before their mandatory release date and at this time there is no discussion of amending that. The Department is taking care of individuals in their custody and as of this morning, no one in their care has tested positive for COVID-19.

It must be very difficult to be apart from your son at a time like this. The Department has worked with CenturyLink to set up 2 free weekly 15 minute phone calls for every individual during the length of this crisis and I hope you are able to connect with him.

Please let me know if the website does not answer all your questions and my staff and I will work with the Department to find more information.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: suspend the unemployment waitng period

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:05 PM
To: geneanddawn@outlook.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good afternoon Dawn,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Dawn Horwath <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:58 AM
To: finnyrose@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Rose,

Thank you for reaching out. I hope you are doing well and staying safe. As the Speaker and Senate Majority Leader stated this morning at their press conference, this is something that is currently in the legislative package that we are working on with the Governor's office.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need,

Mary

From: Rose Lynd <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: suspend the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description:

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:25 AM
To: peggyart@newnorth.net
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good morning Peggy,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Peggy McDowell <peggyart@newnorth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Rain Day Fund

Description:

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: rainy day

Hi Bob,

Thank you for reaching out with your thoughts. I understand your point and I don't believe anyone has stated that we will not reach into our rainy day fund to support our communities, businesses and families during this public health emergency. The issue being discussed now is that the state's legislative fiscal bureau is working to analyze how much federal funding we will be getting, and we want to ensure that the funding the state puts in complements the federal funds and goes where it is most needed.

Thank you for your comments as always.

Hope you're staying safe,

Mary

From: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 7:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: rainy day

Representative Felzkowski,
I see there is a debate going on about having enough money currently to support possible new programs to help business and workers in the state.
I'd suggest that denying the need for a program due to a shortage of money denies the fact that money has been put into the general fund or rainy day fund. I believe that the fund is very much for a situation that is developing due to the coronavirus.
Perhaps there is not a need currently, but I think possible scenarios should be developed in case the need for more help is needed. Look at the programs that might be needed and discuss a prudent amount that could be taken from the fund.
Thank you.
Bob

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: suspend the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:25 AM
To: coryplautz@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good morning Cory,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Cory Plautz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
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DNR License | Small Game (2016-2017)

Rohde, Kathy kathyr240@gmail.com

Merrill WI

Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Can we have more data?

Description: From: Kat1 <kathyr240@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: How prepared is Wisconsin?

Thanks for the quick response. After I emailed I did see the addition of the hospitalizations. I didn't go deeper than that yet. I will check that out.
Thanks again!

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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020, 3:31 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Kathy,

Thank you for your email and reaching out! I appreciate you thinking about this. The Department of Health Services finally added to their website with the percentage of positive cases that are currently hospitalized, but I do not believe that is being broken down by county at this time. I did just receive some helpful information from the Wisconsin Hospital Information that includes some of what you are getting at, and I've attached that to this email here: this infographic. WHA is expecting to see more detailed regional information in the coming days. If you click around this site, DHS has added new data today that breaks it down by more than just county, including age bracket, sex, and others. https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm

Regarding respirators, masks, gowns, etc. Yes all of that data is being tracked by the Department of Health Services, although it's more difficult to release the information because it changes so rapidly. Many companies have stepped up to manufacture masks and respirators, so as they produce more, Wisconsin will have more in stock. There is also a statewide effort to collect these types of materials from people and businesses that are willing to donate them. I also know that people at home are allowed to sew masks for hospitals as long as it follows an approved pattern. I also know the Governor just moved to spend several hundreds of millions of dollars on more of the items you listewd. So, rest assured, the tracking is happening on that front, it's just a hard number to get out there.

I hope this is helpful! Thank you again for reaching out. I really appreciate it.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kat1 <kathyr240@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: How prepared is Wisconsin?

I see many Governors talking stats about preparedness, but cannot find much information on Wisconsin. I know the websites that show cases & deaths by county etc., but what are the numbers as far as hospital beds, respirators, masks, gowns, gloves etc.? Does anyone actually know or are we sticking our heads in the sand (inside our homes, of course) and riding this out blind?
A lot of people are looking for this info.. I think many would take it more seriously if they knew how many/few ICU beds were available. I live in Merrill, we haven't had any recorded cases....yet, but the stats would be good if only because it shows someone is actually counting. We here about people in other areas who were told they are "probably positive" but haven't been tested so their families are still going out to the store etc.. That's crazy! We should be better than this.

Is there a resource? If not can you find someone who knows and get them to share?

Thank you!
Kathy Rohde
Merrill, WI

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Hair cuts should be available

Description: Paul called to say that he thinks, from a medical perspective, haircuts should be allowed. He says that people need haircuts for personal hygiene and to stay healthy. He said who knows how many kids will get lice because they can't get a haircut. He is working 24 hour days, and sweating a lot, and he worries about his own health as a doctor if he can't get a buzz cut. I told him that unfortunately the legislature does not have any say in who is or is not essential, and that the Governor's team is making all of those decisions. Gave him WEDC's number so he could call and give them his perspective.

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: (newest message at the top)

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Martin Strandberg <martind1966@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Re:

Martin,

I understand your frustration, but that's just not the case. Federal law supersedes anything we would do on the state level, so it's important that we work in tandem as we address the needs of the pandemic head on. If we were to pass legislation without knowing what is in the federal bill, we would miss changes to current law that we would have needed to pass to make sure federal funding is accessible. A big one would be changes needed to access unemployment insurance benefits passed on the federal level. As you have been laid off, that will certainly impact you and we want to get it right. We have received the memo we were waiting for from LFB on the stimulus package, so we are currently working on finalizing a legislative package that we will pass in Wisconsin very soon.

I can also understand your frustration over being laid off but the legislature did not make the decision to close down your employer. Governor Evers did, and he did it entirely alone without legislator input.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Martin Strandberg <martind1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re:

That's sounds all well and good but people need help now. People are losing there jobs now. It honestly sounds like the Wisconsin state legislature does not care because by the time you act most people will have already lost there jobs and suffered though there waiting week as I have. Waiting for the Feds to act is ridiculous you and your colleagues should have been smart enough to act on your own. I was laid off along with 300 other employees and this was a big topic at our union meeting and you know how they vote and they don't forget.

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020, 6:30 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Martin,

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Thank you for your email concerning unemployment. I totally understand where you are coming from and wanted to let you know it's something that's being discussed for potential legislation from the legislature soon. The delay has occurred because we in Wisconsin needed to wait until the federal legislation was passed and signed. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is currently working on a memo that goes into the federal stimulus in detail, and will tell us exactly where we need to amend state law to be able to adopt what the federal government has passed. Once we know, we can fold some or all of those suggestions into legislation that we will pass on the state level.

I hope this is helpful information. Have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Martin Strandberg <martind1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

I was really disappointed to find out that our state government has yet to suspended the one week waiting period for unemployment. At a time when most Wisconsinites really need it. The Clovid 19 is an unexpected national disaster calling for extreme measure's. Most people know when a layoff is coming, we did not see this coming and our less prepared than normally would be. I as a voting independent in Lincoln county am extremely disappointed our representatives who should be more prepared have not taken care of this issue. If you have done any shopping lately I'm sure you have noticed the price increases, groceries are ridiculous. The only thing cheaper is gas. Sincerely a voting member of your committee. I just find it hard to believe this is not a priority. It's to late for me and my kids this week but please help someone next week.

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: contract - rent issues

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Nancy Teal <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Mary, Question for you

Hey Nancy,

I totally understand where you are coming from. Just to give you another scenario, landlords are not allowed to terminate contracts or evict anyone who cannot pay their rent because of lost income or whatever happens due to COVID, so the order can go both ways. Governor Evers has said that all those who can continue to pay their rent should, just as all landlords must keep their tenants, no matter what, right now, regardless of whether rent is paid. The other avenue available for you is to apply for an SBA loan, so that during this time, you are still able to pay your bills, like rent. Also, on the federal level, the federal stimulus bill was just passed and signed by President Trump. In that legislation, I believe those who are self employed are temporarily allowed to apply for unemployment. We are waiting on a Legislative Fiscal Bureau document that will help us Wisconsin legislators confirm that or not. But I'm guessing that would also be an avenue for you to help with funding while things are shut down?

Again, I totally understand what you are saying, and how, especially in your circumstances, it seems totally unfair. This is happening in a lot of different fields right now. For example, I know a lot of day care centers that have closed are still requiring their families to pay full tuition, even though the kids are not going to the center. The center says they need to keep that income so that there is a day care center to open when this is all over, but for those families, I'm sure they feel it is unfair (which I totally understand). The families have the ability to pull their kids' contracts with the centers so they don't have to pay, but then they also lose their spots for their kids when they day care opens, as a lot of them have waitlists. This kind of the same as your situation. You could decide with the landlord to pull your contract, but then you could lose your spot after things open up again. This is ultimately why DATCP is encouraging people to come to agreements together. Has anyone talked to the

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landlord about cutting rates while closed? That way, you are not paying the full amount, and they are also not taking a full loss.

COVID is causing a lot of impossible situations for people all over. I wish there was an easier answer. Please let me know if you have additional thoughts,

Mary

From: Nancy Teal <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Mary, Question for you

Mary,

Thank you for your response and the time you took to look into this matter for us. It would be commercial rental. If this does not fall under the jurisdiction of the DATCP, what agency would govern commercial rentals in the same manner as residential?

My understanding of your response is, a tenant would be required to continue paying rent for a property that they cannot access, or use to generate income, per the rental agreement. They would be fulfilling their part, while the owner would not. The landlord would then be able to pay expenses and maintain their building, while the tenants would be unable to produce any income to pay their own expenses, in addition to being required to pay for something they have no access to. Given that no one knows how long the mandated closure will last, it could turn out to be a substantial loss / hardship for a single parent raising a family and maintaining a home to meet financial obligations. It is not my intention to submit an argument, but to ask if there is another avenue available to address this issue.

Thanks again,

Nancy Teal

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 6:02 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Nancy,

I heard back from DATCP. They said that residential rental is under their jurisdiction, but commercial rental is out of their authority, so I wasn't sure exactly which one you were using. DATCP said it appears you have a period tenancy based on a month-to-month rental agreement (verbal agreement). They indicated that a tenant like you would still owe rent until either you or the landlord gave notice that the agreement was going to be terminated. Given the Governor's Executive Order, there are no terminations during this time period, so it would appear you would need to continue to pay rent per your agreement.

Governor Evers and DATCP are encouraging all parties to work together during this time to try and reach mutual agreements.

My contact also would also strongly recommend looking into the US Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance packages that are just starting to roll out. I just saw this local news story today (and it includes a link to more information about applying for SBA): https://www.nbc15.com/content/news/SBA-details-disaster-loan-assistance-to-Wis-small-businesses-569260021.html

I hope this is helpful. If it's not, please let me know!

Mary

From: Nancy Teal <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mary, Question for you

Hi Mary,

Want to thank you for the updates. You send to Joe Cordova and he forwards to me. Very informative and well organized.

Question: A hairdresser renting a spot/chair in a beauty salon was locked out from her rented spot, as mandated, 10 days before the end of March. Rent is on a monthly basis, all verbal, no lease or contract. The

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landlord is asking each to again pay rent April 1st, while they are unable to use the location to work and generate income. Is a tenant required to continue to pay rent, with no opportunity to use the shop to generate income during this mandatory shutdown, or risk being terminated as current tenant? Are you able to shed some light on this for us?

Thanks again for all of your help.

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Contact Date: 04/01/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend the unemployment waiting period

Description:

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:46 PM
To: dylanteeples@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good afternoon Dylan,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Dylan Teeples <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why isn't KC doing more?

Description: Hey Mary,

I am still waiting on more information, but it appears Kimberly Clark sold that part of the business in 2018 to what is now Owens-Minor/Halyard. I have asked for more details, but wanted to get this to you for now.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Mary Bach <BachReds1945@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Kimberly Clark asked for a bail out in the past year…they have a medical division that makes masks and other critical supplies. Where are these products? Are they selling them to other countries when we need them?

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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: suspend one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: Jacob,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jacob Countryman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Jacob Countryman
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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Hybrid car registration fee

Description: From: Patrice and Mike Flock <patriceandmike@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 2020 Car License Plate Renewal Increase as a result of buying a hybrid

Dear Rep. Felzkowski:

I recently received my Wisconsin 2020 license plate renewal for my 2018 Toyota Highlander Hybrid and had a somewhat unpleasant surprise. That is, the State of Wisconsin has now decided to charge an additional $75 per year per Wisconsin statute 341.25(1)(L) for hybrid owners. I've attached a copy of my license plate renewal which indicates this.

Can you please tell me what the rational was for our State Government to pass this tax?

I'm now very disappointed and disillusioned that I bought a hybrid vehicle. I can very clearly recall at the time of

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this purchase the car sales person telling me that for the additional $1,200 I was paying for the privilege of owning a hybrid that it might not pay off in my case. Why? Because he said hybrids are better suited for if you do a lot of city driving vs. highway driving.

Well, as you already know, living in the northwoods is primarily about highway driving.

None the less, at the time I thought I don't mind paying a little bit more if I can help our environment out, reduce our country's dependence on fossil fuels, etc.

Now I feel like a complete idiot for having those thoughts!

Again, I would appreciate your feedback on the rational for charging an additional amount for the license plate renewal when any hybrid owner has already paid an additional amount for the privilege of owning a hybrid.

Thank-you.

Mike Flock
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On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 1:15 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Mike,

Thank you for reaching out on the hybrid fee on your 2018 vehicle. I can understand your frustration, but at least wanted to provide you with an explanation for why this was included in the biennial budget. Right now, the vast majority of Wisconsin's funding for road repair and maintenance comes from the gas tax and registration fees. A non-hybrid vehicle currently pays for the usage of that driver on the road through the gas tax. However, a hybrid does not pay as much tax because it does not use as much gas. Therefore, the driver of a hybrid is not paying the same for use of the same roads as a the driver of a vehicle that uses fuel. To help increase that equality, Wisconsin now has a hybrid fee so that all drivers on the road are paying for the system they drive on, through either the gas tax or the registration fees. I have heard this characterized as penalizing those who are more fuel conscious, and it really has absolutely nothing to do with penalizing at all. It's about creating fairness among all drivers.

I hope that makes sense. Over time, with more fuel efficient vehicles, especially with how many companies are now making fully electric vehicles, the gas tax will continue to become less and less effective at providing all of the funds needed for road repair and maintenance. We will need to continue to have these conversations because our transportation and roads will still need funding, regardless of fuel efficiency. I know I have heard from people in the district that support some kind of tolling, which is a mileage based system, but we would need to seek a federal exemption for that. Please let me now if you'd like to discuss this further.

Mary

From: Patrice and Mike Flock <patriceandmike@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: 2020 Car License Plate Renewal Increase as a result of buying a hybrid

Dear Rep Felzkowski:

Thank-you for the very prompt response!

I appreciate the answer but I have to say with that kind of thought process to charge people more for their license plate that get higher gas mileage, than you would think there would be higher license fees for smaller cars and more fuel efficient cars. You would also think that the license plate renewal for a completely electric car should be more than for a hybrid.

I'm curious, do you know what the extra license plate surcharge is for an all electric car that uses no gasoline at all and thus, pays no fuel taxes?

I would also be remiss in not wishing you and your family well during this very strange time of our country.

Take care,

Mike Flock

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On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 2:43 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Mike,

Thank you for response. Yes, there is a fee on electric vehicles. It's actually larger, again because of how much they contribute to pay for the transportation system. They pay $100, rather than $75 for hybrids, because no fuel tax is collected for them at all (as you suspected should be the case).

I understand where you are coming from and think this conversation will continue as more companies are going toward all electric cars. When you talk about fuel economy, who pays more (hybrid, electric, of total fuel) is really dependent on how much a person is driving that particular vehicle. Because you are using your hybrid for long commutes, you are likely not paying as much into the transportation system between your hybrid fee and the gas tax that you do pay as a regular fuel SUV or car that drives the same mileage. I think this is why there have been a lot of different conversations about models Wisconsin could adopt to be the most fair to each driver. There have been discussions about tolling, or about a mileage based system that would actually charge you per mile driven (which would seem to get at the fairness issue you are talking about). However, mileage based, while more fair, would apply only to registered drivers in Wisconsin, not really capturing all the truck and travel traffic from out of state that also impact our road integrity. Tolling would only be allowed on newly constructed bridges and roadways, or we would need a waiver from the Federal government (not likely). It's really a complicated issue, and one that's hard to navigate perfectly, especially when talking about raising fees or taxes on people.

I appreciate your feedback. I know this will come up again, likely next session, so it's something I'll bring me with me when discussing it with other legislators. I also wish your family well, we are all surviving and doing our best to stay healthy.

Mary

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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: child care issues

Description: Good morning Crystal,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. You are absolutely correct that childcare facilities and childcare and early education providers are one of the backbones of our society- and this crisis has shone a bright light on that. We understand and fully appreciate that some of the directives and suggestions from DCF to the child care centers have been unrealistic, and know many child care workers are baffled on how they are supposed to make sure toddlers under their care are social distancing.

I can assure you that all of your suggested policy measures will likely be a part of the conversations the legislature and governor are having as we navigate how the state addresses this situation and assess our state's available resources for the response to COVID-19.

If you would be interested, I know Rep. Felzkowski would love to have a phone conversation with you, and other child care providers in the Northwoods, to hear your suggestions and discuss the situation.

Our office is here to assist you- please continue to reach out if there is anything we can help with.

Thank you,

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From: Crystal Grund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
My name is Crystal. I am the owner at Crystal's Country Childcare in Merrill. 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 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.
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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.
Sincerely,
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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Child Care Providers

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:00 AM
To: mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov
Subject: child care provider

Karen operates Karen's Family Childcare in Merrill.

Karen Grund
716-218-3698

Good morning-

Thank you for taking time to read my letter regarding childcare in Wisconsin! I would be more than happy to

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have a conversation with Rep. Felzkowski. Our situation with the need for childcare in Wisconsin is an issue that needs some attention at the state level.

Thank you for your time!

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:33 AM
To: bskfgrund@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good morning Karen,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. You are absolutely correct that childcare facilities and childcare and early education providers are one of the backbones of our society- and this crisis has shone a bright light on that. We understand and fully appreciate that some of the directives and suggestions from DCF to the child care centers have been unrealistic, and know many child care workers are baffled on how they are supposed to make sure toddlers under their care are social distancing.

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Thank you,

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From: Karen Grund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 6:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
My name is Karen Grund. I am an owner/ operator at Karen's Family Childcare in Merrill. 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 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.

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[ ]
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.
Sincerely,
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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:** Ivanov, Stamena

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Hinz, Todd W toddwhinz@gmail.com

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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: suspend the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:24 AM
To: toddwhinz@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good morning Todd,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Todd Hinz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:36 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Todd Hinz
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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Elections

Description: From: Chris Marlowe <chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Beth Hauser <Beth.Hauser@calumetcounty.org>; League of Municipalities <league@lwm-info.org>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Clerks

Megan

We are going to be in a clerk crisis next. The absentee tracking has completely bogged my office down. County Clerk offices are too lean to absorb this. County Administrations do not support our office enough. I may have to pull the plug on providing WisVote.

Our muni clerks have had it. My best ones are probably in their last term if they will even finish. My new ones are like, "what did I sign up for?"

My office should be subsidized by the state if I am to continue WisVote.

Allison relayed to one of my muni's that they are required by statute to put return postage on return envelopes. I cannot find this in statute. Our Governor appears absolutely clueless on the election process at this time.

Something needs to change. The WisVote program is great but the amount of work it has created has exceeded the clerks wage and manning.

Thank you!

--
Chris

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2020 ELECTION SCHEDULE:
- Spring Primary - Tuesday, February 18th
- Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote - Tuesday, April 7th
- 7th Congressional Special Election - Tuesday, May 12th
- Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 11th
- General Election - Tuesday, November 3rd

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Renn, Rita Lynn

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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Small business and unemployment information

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:02 PM
To: ritarenn87@yahoo.com
Subject: Small Businesses and unemployment

Good afternoon Rita,

Rep. Felzkowski asked me to send you information on small businesses and unemployment. I'm not quite sure exactly what you are looking for, so I am providing some things, and you can let me know if they don't cover your questions.

1. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm: Here is the DWD website on unemployment. It goes into a lot of different FAQs, so if you can look through this and let me know if you have additional questions, that'd be great!
2. Here is more information on Wisconsin Workers Compensation Rate Relief for Employers Who Pay Furloughed Employees: http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001X1nb6n-pbmSXNnFpa4GuVr4laMFCiUrNTUNumWrtSQY1etywXwAGD9xUyZeNB2FvC7VaskEFYKT0sEB8gkunxPcAFpC6QS_89z24rWFGYHDq0df72yw7ZBbClPjm1D2BhhnV4aKFqaewupNCUkZX1jAfztetPIW8XSSK00xUpr8=&c=E8D0K7yDtYkk2J8IoB6wwDYTQOdTk6cuD624LmTCVbUW61YlAOWaSw==&ch=Cm03bj0fVhpiv8hW_LrZaN34AanYo18R5Yujjt9IVkFZVhfBnE7t-w==
3. https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/: Here is the Wisconsin Economic Development Corps (WEDC)'s website which goes into greater detail on Small business loans spearheaded by the Small Business Administration. You can apply for disaster assistance from SBA here: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

Please let me know if you have any questions at all that I can help you find the answers to!

Thank you,

Liz

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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Supports Medical Marijuana

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:53 AM
To: kaedispell@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Support Access to Medical Marijuana

Kaedi,

Thank you for your email. I'm a big supporter of Medical Marijuana and bringing it to Wisconsin. I am the author of the only Republican-led bill at this time. I will continue to fight for this policy in Wisconsin, because I believe it is vital for those who are suffering and looking for ways just to get back to some normalcy as they fight their illnesses.

Thank you for being an advocate for this! I really appreciate the support.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kaedi Spellman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support Access to Medical Marijuana

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
As your constituent, I'm writing to urge you to support efforts that seek to establish a medical marijuana access program in Wisconsin (AB 570 / SB 507).

Passage of this legislation will offer qualified patients state-sanctioned access to a therapy that may offer them significant benefits. Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia already offer similar patient protections. Data from other states finds that the enactment of medical marijuana access is associated with lower rates of opioid abuse and mortality, and does not negatively impact workplace safety, teen use, or motor vehicle safety. Legislation that sought to provide patients with legal access to cannabidiol, a single compound in the marijuana plant, is not sufficiently addressing patients' needs. Wisconsin patients deserve the option to legally access a botanical product that is objectively safer than the litany of pharmaceutical drugs it could replace.
The results of a recent statewide poll commissioned by Marquette Law School show that 83% of Wisconsinites support legalizing medical cannabis. It is time for our state laws to reflect the views of the majority of voters and to address the best interests of our patient community.
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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please suspend the one week waiting period for unemployment

Description:

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:04 PM
To: stamryan@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Ryan,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Ryan Stam <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
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Contact Report

Zelazoski, Corie Lynn

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Contact Date: 04/02/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Checking In with Boys and Girls Club

Description: Good morning Corie,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe! Mary wanted me to reach out and see how the Boys and Girls Club was doing right now and if there was any assistance our office could offer. If you have any questions about any of the emergency orders or need us to connect you to any resources, please let me know and we will do our best.

Thank you,
Stamena

Hi Stamena,

Thank you so much for reaching out. Currently, we are closed until further notice. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to reopen by Summer, but like many organizations we are in limbo. In the meantime, we are distributing food to our families once per week. They pick up 10 meals for the week (2 meals per day for 5 days) on Monday. We have over 131 youth in Langlade County who are picking up and I expect we will have more the longer this continues. We hope that this combined with what the Unified School District of Antigo is providing for food, will help fill the gap of food insecurity in Langlade County.

We have also been trying to connect each week with our youth via phone calls and sending postcards to let them know we are thinking about them. I think the hardest part for us is knowing that some of our kids are at home in a less than ideal situation and depend on the Club for a consistent caring adults.

Again, thank you for reaching out and thank you for all the work that you do in Madison. We truly appreciate your hard work on behalf of the district.

Corie Zelazoski
Director of Operations
Boys & Girls Club of Langlade County
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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:**

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Armstrong, Angel

Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Wisconsin Renters are Worried

Description: Hello!
I was recently added to a Facebook group discussing the recent freeze on evictions and foreclosures. There is a lot of anxiety surrounding what will happen to people who were unable to pay the bills when the freeze is over. Many are worried that the stimulus check will not be enough to cover their basic needs and housing costs if they are forced to come up with backpay.
Many people are calling to "cancel rent" and "give the houses to the tenants". Even as a renter myself, I find this unfeasible and see the potential to create a second blow to the economy as property managers are unable to pay their employees or hire anyone for needed maintenance, property owners unable to pay their property taxes, and so on down the line. I was wondering if you had anything related to this problem in the works, and would like to offer the solution that those of us not prone to socialist delusions and far-left rhetoric had come up with.
Perhaps the state government could work with property owners to cover up to a certain percentage of the backpay if they allow the tenants time to come up with the backpay without a late charge; also, perhaps we could negotiate with banks to tack missed monthly payments onto then expected end of the mortgage.
We know this solution isn't perfect, but we don't want to cripple our local and state economies. We hope this suggestion is the very least helpful in getting a discussion going and a brainstorming started.
Thank you for your time,
Angelica Sack

Hi Angel,

Thank you so much for reaching out to our office. As we start looking into this issue for you, could you provide your address for our records?

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov

I'd rather not give out my personal address, as I am contacting you on the behalf a large group from across the state of Wisconsin.

Thank you

Hi Angel,

I appreciate that. However, it is procedure for us to ask so we can reach out to your representative and work with them on this as well. It is customary in the legislature to do this, since we all represent a different geographic portion of the state and your personal representative might have more information for developments in your area. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to connect you with your legislator- and if that is something you have already done, communicate with them so we are not doubling up on work during this hectic time.

Thank you,
Stamena

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Description: Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Kim Boucha and I live in Tomahawk.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and business is a recipe for disaster.

What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by Washington, DC. Article V of the US Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing needed amendments to the Constitution.

Citizens for Self-Governance has launched the Convention of States Project to call an Article V convention to propose only amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

I support this approach. I want our state to be one of the necessary 34 states to pass a resolution calling for this kind of Article V Convention. You can find a copy of the model resolution and the Handbook for Legislators and Citizens (which explains the process and answers many questions) here:
https://conventionofstates.com/handbook_pdf

I ask that you support the Convention of States Project and consider becoming a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Please respond to my request by informing the national COS team of your position, or sending them any questions you may have: info@cosaction.com or (540) 441-7227.

Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

Kim Boucha
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1916 Co Y, Tomahawk, WI, 54487-9503

Kim,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your support. I am one of the authors of the resolution.

Stay safe and have a great week,

Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:**

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DNR License | Boat Owner (2017-2018)

Issues:

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Federal Issue	Create Article V Convention	In Favor

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Does not think a judge should be able to change elections

Description: Dale called upset that votes will start trickling out on Tuesday, but won't be closed until the 13th, giving both parties the ability to call for more absentee ballots. I let him know that the judge issued a clarification that the votes can be counted, but clerks cannot release the results until April 13th when all ballots are received.

He does not think one man should have the power to change state law like this.

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Response to E-Update

Description: Hey orange boy said only 15 and going away. There is no problem he said. Elections have consequences!!

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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:**

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Dombrowski, Jody Ellen Ellen

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Does not want golf courses reopened

Description: From: Jody-Ellen Dombrowski <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Congressman Mike Gallagher <wi08mgima@mail.house.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: GOLF COURSES

Good morning,

This morning April, 3rd the Greenbay channel 11 news had a story about golf courses and they wanted to open now that it is spring.
They said the golf course association has a petition going around so that golf courses are listed as "essential".
I a furious to say the least!
I do not think I should risk dying so someone can go play golf.

One course owner said she has been in business for 55 years and is not ready to give up. Well there are an awful lot of businesses closed and loosing their incomes now, she would not be alone if she can not open.
If you let golf courses open then all business should open, all businesses are essential to one degree or another!

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN, DO NOT LET GOLF COURSES OPEN UP!

IF YOU DO WISCONSIN IS DOOMED TO BE THE NEXT NEW YORK!!!!

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Thank you,
Jody Dombrowski
Birnamwood, WI

On Friday, April 3, 2020, 09:12:30 AM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey Jody,

Yes there is a petition to reopen golf courses, but only with certain parameters in place, like allowing people to self-pay so there's not a need for people to interact. So it would essentially be a mechanism to allow for people to get some exercise, use their own equipment, and still social distance. I don't believe that the use of carts would be a part of that either. So if it were to happen, I don't think an open golf course pre-COVID would look the same as an open golf course during COVID.

Just wanted to clarify what I've been hearing and why I signed a letter supporting it. I agree with you completely that every business and worker is essential in one way or another, so if we can be thoughtful about how businesses operate, or don't, during this pandemic, we can hopefully continue protecting Wisconsinites, both from getting the illness, and by promoting good mental health, which is also important. If we can do that, we can also reduce the amount of economic fallout that we will all have to deal with together after the outbreak passes.

Thank you again for your thoughts. Please let me know if you have anything else you'd like to discuss! Hope you have a good day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jody-Ellen Dombrowski <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: GOLF COURSES

I am so disappointed in your decision to sign.
Have you been out and about? People are not practicing distancing, go to any store that is open, watch the people. I even have a friend who called and invited us over for steak dinner this Saturday to help them celebrate their anniversary. We have not left the house in weeks and will not go to their house, they don't get it.
People don't get it, and people need the direction that has come down.
Golfing will be there, April is pretty iffy for golfers anyway, why can't they wait until May? Those who are following the safer at home orders are waiting.

Jody Dombrowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Jody-Ellen Dombrowski <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: GOLF COURSES

Jody,

I understand what you are saying, and I am absolutely not saying that people should not social distance. They should be because we need to get to the other side of this. However, what your friend is doing and the suggestion to open golf courses aren't really the same thing. The thing with golf courses is that there's really very little risk of spreading the virus if you're out, walking the course, and using your own equipment. People are cooped up in their own homes going a little (or a lot!) stir crazy, and this would be just one thing people can look forward to that will not negatively impact our ability to fight the outbreak. It's the same reason Governor Evers and the DNR have left all of the State Parks open (and have waived fees!), so that people can get out and about without interacting with each other. I see no problem with that, and actually think it's a good thing.

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Expressing issues with his MCO

Description: Dan has communicated with our office many times on a variety of different issues over the last several months all centering on the care he believes she should be receiving from his MCO. He is unhappy with the level of care he is receiving from Inclusa. We have intervened on his behalf with DHS and to Inclusa directly on many occasions. It has become clear after working with Dan a lot that he is challenging to communicate with for all involved. He can be very demanding and very flippant with those he works with. Most recently, we have tried to help him clarify his needs with us so we can help convey that to Inclusa. This has only caused more issues. Here is as sample correspondence from him this week:

I have told all the things I need help with INCLUDING a need to get my wheelchair up and running,
van repaired,
Clean,
Organize,
Cook food,
Shop,
STair chair,
Ramp,
Lawn care,
my boys rubber stamped,
Social security taken care of as I can't do the stress, etc, etc...
.
Come on people, STOP MAKING BELIEVE I NEVER EVER SAID THIS SHIT IN THE PAST...

As an example, Dan is very angry that Inclusa will not solve his social security issues. It has been explained to him that this is a federal program, and he will need to call them to talk through his issues there. He refuses to do that, and insults his care team for abandoning him.

Dan reaches out to a new person each time he hits a wall with the people he is communicating with at that time (right now, our office and Senator Tiffany's). He is demanding many different types of care that his benefit package through Inclusa does not include. This has been conveyed to him time and time again, but Inclusa also tries to help him obtain what is not covered through other means.

After talking with Senator Tiffany's office, it seems that Dan is best served by continuing to encourage him to work with his management team, where it is clear they are trying to work with him on his needs. We will both continue to monitor the situation to make sure that Dan is not being abused or ignored.

For the future, Inclusa does have a signed release of information for our office in the event that we need them to share details with us. Our contact at Inclusa for him is:

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Here is our contact with the Board on Aging:
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Regional Ombudsman
State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care
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Lincoln, Menominee, Oneida, Price, Taylor, Vilas
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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Grafton, Susan Dianne susan.grafton@wicourts.gov

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Update Election Law

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:
• Automatically mail every registered voter an absentee ballot
• Count all absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day
• Give local election clerks more time to count absentee ballots
In this unusual election, Wisconsin voters and local election officials need to ensure every single voter can safely participate in our democracy.
We need the state legislature to act now.
Susan Grafton
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Birnamwood, Wisconsin 54414

Susan,

Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.

1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.

2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.

5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.

6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.

I wish the Governor had consulted with the Elections Commission before asking the legislature to move in this direction. They could have provided him with valuable information on why this isn't feasible right now, with the election less than a week and a half away. I totally understand where you are coming from and also want to make sure that our election is as safe as possible for everyone involved. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. I will be sending out information later today encouraging low risk, healthy adults (like college students currently back at home) to become poll workers, so that those who don't feel comfortable going to the polls can stay home and vote absentee. The Elections Commission is also offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe.

Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Suspend one week waiting period for Unemployment

Description: Shannon,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Shannon Halverson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Most of us have now been denied a week of unemployment and this only makes the struggle more real. Families that live week to week with little children, sick children, single parents this struggle is real. Please see the issue that you have decided to ignore. Help isn't coming fast enough!
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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Change of Email

Description: Please change my email address from jbharding2@frontier.com to jbharding22@gmail.com

Thanks

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Contact Report

Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Election Law

Description: Hey Tracy,

I just wanted to let you know that we are hearing from a lot of counties and local clerks with the same concerns. It's just not feasible to put something like this in place and the legislature will not be pursuing it. We all care about making sure this election is safe and runs smoothly, and I think a Mail-in ballot system at this point in the election goes in the opposite direction. The items that you mentioned you have no problem with are some items that legislators are currently reviewing.

Thank you again for your time and all the work you are putting in to help this election continue,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Tracy Hartman <thartman@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:05 PM
To: govgeneral@wisconsin.gov; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; meagan.wolfe@wi.gov
Subject: Elections

Good Afternoon,
I received the attached email from Jamie Kuhn, Director of Outreach for Governor Evers, this afternoon. I am very concerned with the Governor's request to Legislature to make changes to elections laws this close to an election. I sent a response to Mr. Kuhn and wanted to send my concerns to you. I hope that I can convey my thoughts in a way that impresses upon you the need to stop moving forward with trying to send absentee ballots to every voter in Wisconsin. Mr. Kuhn stated in his email that the Governor has asked the Legislature to pass legislation for three items.

- Allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted. I have no major issues with this, however, I think the legislation should state they would still need to arrive by the Friday after the election. It was done this way in the past and is doable.
- Extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots. I have no major concerns with this one either as long as the extended timeline doesn't interfere with the Counties ability to complete the Board of Canvass on time.
- Allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter. This raises a number of large concerns for my office and a number of the municipal clerks in the county that I have heard from. In Oneida County we have approximately 24,000 registered voters. In the 2016 April General Election (which is the election that most closely resembles this one) we had 15,492 voters vote. This was the number that I and the municipal clerks used when determining how many ballots to order and have available for April 7. We do not have ballots available for every voter. We do not have envelopes available to mail a ballot to every voter. We do not have the time it would take or the staff that it would take to mail a ballot to every voter. I don't envy the Governor the position that he finds himself in right now with COVID-19 or with this election. I think that you would find that Clerks feel very strongly about making sure that every voter has the opportunity to vote, however, sending ballots to every voter is not the way to do it with less than 2 weeks before the election. In Oneida County we have 21 municipalities and only 3 of those are staffed by full-time clerks. The other 18 of those are part-time clerks, many of whom have other jobs. They are already overwhelmed, overworked and overbudget due to the high volume of absentee requests. To expect them to somehow miraculously get ballots out to every elector is shortsighted, it can not happen. I listened to an interview with the Governor this afternoon and a reporter from our area asked him how Clerks were going to accomplish getting a ballot to every elector when there aren't supplies available to do that. The response from the Governor was that it wouldn't be easy. That is a very flippant response for such a large task that may be asked of our clerks. The interview then went to Ryan from the SEOC (I think that's what he said) and Ryan said that the WEC and SEOC has procured over 600,000 ballots for clerks across the state. That isn't accurate. They ordered and supplied over 600,000 envelopes to clerks and that was amazing, however, that isn't even a fraction of what will be needed if we have to mail a ballot to every elector. In Oneida County I received 7000 envelopes (I am so appreciative of those), however, we have 24,000 voters. In order to mail a ballot to an elector it costs $1.00 per voter. That's $24,000 that our municipalities will have to come up with to send the envelopes. I urge our Legislators to rethink making any law changes that would require an absentee ballot be sent to every voter.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Thank you for your response and for listening to the Clerks. I appreciate that the legislature is listening to our

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concerns.

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Postpone the election

Description: Bob called to express his disappointment that we are not postponing the election. Says he is very old and has lived through a lot of stuff, but has never seen anything like this. Does not understand why would have people packed in lines at the polling places, spreading the virus. I explained the current number of absentee ballots that have been sent out currently, and that that number is almost going to eclipse the total number of voters in previous elections, so there shouldn't be lines at the polling places. Walked through what different clerks are doing, including the drive up option. Talked about Vietnam, and what we would be doing if a bomb fell on Chicago. Talked about the deaths in NYC. I told him more about what Wisconsin is experiencing as far as numbers so far.

He was very grateful someone answered. Says he's tried his Senator, the Governor's office. He hasn't been able to get through to anyone. Is hoping things go well Tuesday, but doesn't think that will be the case.

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: One week waiting period for unemployment

Description: Jeff wanted to know if Mary supports getting rid of the waiting period. I said that broadly, she does support it, but that she hasn't seen the actual legislation yet because it's still in the process of being drafted. He asked why it's taking so long. I explained about needing to see what the federal legislation said specifically so we could draft our legislation accordingly. He then became agitated, and wanted to know if Mary supported getting rid of the waiting period for good. I said that I had not spoken with her about that so I did not know where she stood on it, but that my understanding was the legislation would be a temporary change. He asked a lot of leading questions like "so Mary's not going to fight to have this dropped permanently?" I said I did not say that, but that I was not sure where she stood on the issue. He asked me why the waiting period is in place. I explained why, and he said that we should just fully fund it all the time no matter what.

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: You have all failed

Description: From: dennis patrick <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Senator Tammy Baldwin <do_not_reply@baldwin.senate.gov>; EversInfo@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: You have failed.

Your response to the epidemic is political. Your only interested in your own political gain. People have lost there income but you have no problem collecting your pay. Get real! Government by the government for the government is your belief. Screw you. Show leadership and give up your pay and send those funds to the American people. But you won't because your only interested in your power grab. I'm sure you will not respond because your interested in your own financial gain.
Dennis J Patrick
W4148 County Rd H
Irma, WI 54442

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:57 AM
To: dennis patrick <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: You have failed.

Dennis,

Thank you for your email, I appreciate your time. You and I emailed about this on Tuesday. I understand your frustration, but my office is doing everything we can to help those impacted by the pandemic. While it was not my decision to shut down businesses, I'm trying to help direct people to businesses that are still open, and make sure that everyone has the information they need to make it through the pandemic. If you know of someone that is in need of assistance, please send them my way and we will do everything we can to help.

Thank you,

Mary

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Fire Fighter Certification Issue

Description: From: Nokomis Fire Dept. Don Richert <nokomisfiredept@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Firefighter Certification

Mary, can you tell me what department and person for the state handles Firefighter Cert 1

Thank You
Don Richert

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020, 10:27 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Don,

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That should be the Department of Safety and Professional Services. If you have a particular issue, I could reach out to my liaison at the department to help out. Otherwise let me know what you're looking for and I'll help locate it.

Thanks!

Mary

From: Nokomis Fire Dept. Don Richert <nokomisfiredept@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Firefighter Certification

Mary, have a Tomahawk firefighter who passed written and hands on training for cert 1 but didn't receive his cert due to missing some hours that nicolet messed up on. Trying to help him with this but everyone has been absolutely terrible.

Don

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020, 10:47 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Okay, I'll reach out to DSPS and see if someone can reach out to you directly. Which contact number and email would you prefer?

From: Nokomis Fire Dept. Don Richert <nokomisfiredept@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Firefighter Certification

Email. nokomisfiredept@gmail.com

715-499-3854

Thank you so much

From: Tierney, Michael - DSPS <michael.tierney1@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:32 AM
To: White, Angela <angela.white@wtcsystem.edu>
Subject: FW: Firefighter Certification

Angela,

Please see the email chain below, is the issue more specific to the curriculum and hours set by the Wisconsin Technical College System?

Thank you.

Mike

Hi Mike,
Thank you for forwarding this message string. I have already left a message for Don to obtain more information.
Thanks,
Angie

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Contact Date: 04/03/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: postpone the election

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Walter Schultz <donandmarie1@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

Walter,

Thanks for your email. Yes, a majority of poll workers are elderly, this is exactly why I sent out the email! We are hoping to see more low-risk healthy individuals volunteer so that those at higher risk don't feel bad about saying home. Thankfully, over 1 million absentee ballots have been requested. For reference, the last two elections, the primary election didn't see more than 1.2 million voters statewide (both in person and absentee). So we aren't going to be seeing the lines and packed polling places like we would normally because, thankfully, most people have chosen to stay home and vote that way. I voted absentee, but my husband and I are trying to find a place to volunteer so we can help out. Please let me know if you know of anyone who is interested! Also, anyone who wants to stay home to protect themselves absolutely should.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Walter Schultz <donandmarie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

Change the date! All poll workers are elderly and in vulnerable group.

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Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 12:41 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Contact Report for Last Week
Attachments: Contact Report for Last Week.pdf

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 10:03 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Contact Report from last two weeks
Attachments: Contact Report March COVID-19 Responses.pdf

Not the slow end of session weeks we planned for. Liz has been a hero handling all of these. Let us know if you have any questions.

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Contact Date: 03/13/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: WEEKLY WRAP UP: New Adjuvants, Less Safety; 5G Lawsuit; The Cost of Autism; Toxic Fluoride; Take a Survey; Sonoma Postponed; More.

Description: Thanks for the email, Roger.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Roger Rohe <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: WEEKLY WRAP UP: New Adjuvants, Less Safety; 5G Lawsuit; The Cost of Autism; Toxic Fluoride; Take a Survey; Sonoma Postponed; More.

I know you have a lot to do, but I really wish you would take the time to educate yourself with this website.

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From: Children's Health Defense <team@childrenshealthdefense.org>
To: "roger.rohe@yahoo.com" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020, 01:17:36 PM CDT
Subject: WEEKLY WRAP UP: New Adjuvants, Less Safety; 5G Lawsuit; The Cost of Autism; Toxic Fluoride; Take a Survey; Sonoma Postponed; More.

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New Adjuvants in the Pipeline = More Profits, Questionable Safety
By the Children's Health Defense Team
Many people are particularly worried about the safety of vaccine adjuvants—formulations added to vaccines to increase their potency and efficacy. At the December Global Vaccine Safety Summit, the Coordinator of WHO's Initiative for Vaccine Research candidly conceded that these concerns are justified, acknowledging adjuvants' association with systemic adverse events and stating that vaccines without adjuvants are preferable to vaccines with adjuvants.

Vaccine manufacturers are headed in the opposite direction though, rushing to develop and use more adjuvants because modern synthetic vaccines need more of a "helping hand" to prod the immune system into action. However, vaccine makers are also giddy at new proprietary adjuvants' potential to launch highly profitable next-generation vaccines.

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Seeking Justice Around the Globe: Lawsuit to Stop 5G Filed in the Netherlands

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By Susan Foster and Martine Vriens
The Dutch stop 5G group, Stop5GNetherlands, filed an injunction against the Dutch State on February 25, 2020, invoking an emergency procedure to stop the rollout of 5G. This lawsuit is joining a growing body of litigation against governments around the globe, including the Children's Health Defense lawsuit in the US, to protect the health of their citizens, the wildlife, and their natural habitat from the proven harms of wireless technology radiation, and now, 5G.

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The True Cost of Autism:
Interview with Dr. Toby Rogers
Recently Del Bigtree's The Highwire had an interview with political economist, Dr. Toby Rogers, that should have everyone's attention. Dr. Toby Rogers is a researcher who has looked at the science and added up the costs of autism. It seems that with April's Autism Awareness Month coming up there is nothing to celebrate, especially when it comes to the costs to society. In short, Toby thinks the economics of autism will bury us.

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Fluoridation's Neurotoxicity
By Fluoride Action Network

There is now no question that fluoride is neurotoxic, damaging the brain and central nervous system, as documented by hundreds of recent studies. It can not be declared safe.

"Fluoride seems to fit in with lead, mercury, and other poisons that cause chemical brain drain."
— Philippe Grandjean, MD, PhD, Harvard-funded fluoride meta-analysis co-author

A recently released draft of a 2019 systematic review of 149 human studies and 339 animal studies by the U.S. National Toxicology Program concluded that "fluoride is presumed to be a cognitive neurodevelopmental hazard to humans."

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PFAS: Health Risks and How to Protect Yourself
By Ann Shippy, M.D.

PFAS are fluorinated chemicals used in many industries and consumer products including cookware, clothing, and food packaging. They are known as "forever chemicals" because they don't break down in the environment; instead they can accumulate in ecosystems, animals and humans causing harm.

PFAS have been phasing out of clothing and food packaging since 2015, but I still question the safety of chemicals that are used as replacements. And in the case of PFAS, the damage may already be in motion and continue to expand as the chemicals circulate through the environment.

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Why Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs) Are Getting More Dangerous
By Ben Greenfield

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This article includes a guest post by Dr. Joseph Mercola. It will explain exactly what you need to do to shield yourself from (or at the very least minimize) EMF exposure. You'll also discover where EMFs come from, why they're so dangerous, and why it's becoming increasingly important to take steps to protect yourself (hint: the problem is only going to get worse.)

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Take and Share This Survey about the Greater Good

Please send this survey to a HAND-SELECTED group in your contacts who are neither pro-vaccine, nor vaccine risk-aware, but are more in the middle. Please feel free to take the survey yourself so you will know what is being asked of your relatives/co-workers/friends. It's also OK to share on social media.

Your assistance in helping us reach an outside group of people will help us understand the thoughts regarding ethics and the Greater Good.Thank you!

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POSTPONED—Sonoma International Film Festival
Vaxxed II: The Peoples Truth was to be shown at the Sonoma International Film Festival (SIFF), March 25-29. Therefore, CHD is disappointed to share the following from the SIFF Executive Director, Kevin W. McNeely: "Given the increasing and alarming increase of COVID-19 cases around the world and perhaps soon to affect our wonderful Sonoma community, we have decided to cancel the March 25-29 Festival for the sake of health, wellness and safety of our festivalgoers, sponsors, vendors, donors, volunteers, and employees." CHD will keep you posted when SIFF organizers reschedule the Festival.

Can Baby Teeth Predict Neuro-developmental Disorders?
By Clare Ongera, Focus for Health

Two separate studies using the baby teeth of twins have indicated that exposure to heavy metals at high levels can be toxic for brain development and is linked to autism and its severity.

When considering the fact that approximately 1 in 59 U.S children are identified as autistic by the U.S Center for Disease Control and prevention, baby teeth analysis has groundbreaking potential in the understanding of how autism develops and how it might be prevented.

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Contact Date: 03/13/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why is it taking 3-4 days to get a result for Coronavirus test in Wisconsin?

Description: Why is it taking 3-4 days to get a result for Coronavirus test in Wisconsin? Seems ridiculous!!! It's not that way in other states??
Sent from my iPhone

Hey Andrew,

I looked all over the website to see if there was anything on the length of time for the testing. I'm guessing 3-4 days isn't accurate, but is there anything from DHS I can send our constituent on this?

Sorry to bother you!

Liz

Not a problem at all. The testing itself (i.e. once the specimen reaches the state lab or a private lab) only takes a day or so. However, getting the specimen transported can add additional time. So depending on how far away it's coming from, as well as its order in the testing queue, that is where you might see the full process from start - being seen by a provider - to finish - receiving results - take longer.

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Hey Carol,

Thanks for your email. I actually hadn't seen that statistic. Can you tell me where you saw that? I have reached out to DHS just to see if they have any facts on how long the tests are taking. I guessing that the length of time has improved greatly as more testing sites pop up around the United States.

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

A friend of mine had a test done at our hospital yesterday, and was told she would get results in 2-4 days! Is this the current practice in place? Thank you for your prompt response, I really appreciate it!
Sent from my iPhone

Hey Carol,

I just received this email from the Department of Health Services: "The testing itself (i.e. once the specimen reaches the state lab or a private lab) only takes a day or so. However, getting the specimen transported can add additional time. So depending on how far away it's coming from, as well as its order in the testing queue, that is where you might see the full process from start - being seen by a provider - to finish - receiving results - take longer." Wisconsin is taking in tests from all over the region for the time being, so that transport can be a bigger factor. Once the test is received, it is processed quickly.

I hope this helps!

Mary Felzkowski

My concern is that's a lot of time that more people are being exposed, by not getting a more rapid result response. Why isn't each lab in the state having there own test kits, to do an immediate test/ results? Thank you

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So my understanding is that while the test was taken at the hospital, the specimen must then be transported to a testing site. Because all tests are being sent to that spot, there is then a queue of specimens to be tested, therefore accounting for the estimate of 2-4 days.

Thank you,

Mary

Yes apparently that is the procedure at present time.

I totally understand the concern and think hospitals and the like are doing the best they can with what they have access to at this time. Testing for the virus is not as simple and other more common tests. There are specific chemicals needed to test for coronavirus that are dwindling in supply as the number of tests nationally and globally grows. Rather than spreading those supplies around sparsely, they are concentrating them in one place so that they can be put to the best use. As the confirmed cases are in southern Wisconsin right now, it makes more sense for the testing to also be done in Southern Wisconsin. As the pandemic continues, the response will become more coordinated and streamlined, but the supplies need to be created and dispersed. With everything changing so frequently, it's simply hard to keep up. I think that's why all of us need to be patient and self-quarantine if we believe we've been infected, but otherwise follow CDC recommendations, which is to be really cautious about skin contact and good hygiene.

I hope your friend hears sooner rather than later and that the test comes back negative. Thanks,

Mary

Thank you again for your response even tho it's not the answer I was hoping for. Soo the propaganda that our mostly always untruthful, uneducated, president thinks he know it all, is again spreading misleading information that there are enough kits everywhere. As you maybe can tell I'm not a fan of the con artist and his groupies. How can 1 man have changed our whole government, constitutional values, and respect for others. I'm so

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saddened by what's happening, 1 man can bully with tweets , and make common sense, kindness and laws disappear. I'm sorry just had to vent, I'm hoping some women with values can turn this around, and maybe you can push for better testing practices. Again, I thank you for your response and listening to me. Something or someone needs to step up and change things! Thank you, sincerely, Carol Woody

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

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Zamzow, Tom tzamzow@antigoschools.k12.wi.us

Contact Date: 03/13/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Did the legislature vote on the Governor closing the schools?

Description: I would like to know if the State legislature voted on the Governor's decision to close our school districts? Do you realise the pressure this puts on families in Antigo who do not have daycare arrangements for the next three week?

Good evening,

Thank you for your email. We did not vote on this in the Legislature. Governor Evers has the executive power to make this decision on his own. I totally understand where you are coming from and it's something we are hearing from all over the state, and in the U.S. in general. The Coronavirus is causing a lot of impossible situations that we are all going to have to work through together. I have heard that, with the college campuses also closing, there are a lot of college kids interested in helping with the day care shortage.

Mary Felzkowski

Thank you for responding. I think there needs to be further discussion at the State level on the Governor's power to make these decisions. Is this the new normal? Each year during the flu season there are new viruses that cause illness.

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Kraus, Mary Mueller

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Irma WI 54442-9737

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Contact Date: 03/16/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: Buffet/COVID Issue

Description: Mary left a voicemail yesterday (Sunday) with the concern mapped out in the email I sent Andrew below. After receiving his reply, I gave her a call. She said out of seven people, we were the only ones that gave her a call back and she was very grateful.

Thanks, Liz. Feel free to make the local public health department in that county aware if you have additional details. As part of the Governor's order on gatherings released today, self-service salad bars and buffets are to cease operations. So, if you or your constituent finds that this is not being followed the local health department can be contacted.

Best,

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
Office of the Secretary
Office: 608.261.6978

From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Concern

Hey Andrew,

At this point, I'm not 100% sure what to do with this information, other than send it to you! Do with it what you will.

We had a constituent reach out who said that she went to a grocery store up North. In the buffet area, the glass dividers from the foods were moved or not completely down. Her concern was that it was right at head level for sick kids who are sneezing and coughing on the food. She didn't have any pictures or anything, but just wanted us to pass it along as a public health concern during the COVID response. She suggested requirements that the food be completely protected from the public by glass.

Hope you are all holding up over there!

Liz

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DNR License | Fishing

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Contact Date: 03/16/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why is Trump still in office?

Description: First, when you don't understand the world very well, and when your team lacks skilled officials to compensate for presidential ignorance, you're going to make big policy mistakes.
Because once people decide you're a bumbler, either they take advantage of your ineptitude or they prefer to deal with those who are more reliable. It gives me no joy to say this, but can you blame them?

HOW TRUE AND VISIBLY EVIDENT NOW DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS .

News Source:
https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-donald-trump-incompetent-president-20170718-story.html

Please demand a Letter of resignation from the the current 45th president of the U.S.A.
The sooner the better in my opinion.

Anthony Landowski
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no response

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Contact Date: 03/16/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Ron LEMMER <ronaldalemmer@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Ron,

I am one of the co-authors of this legislation, and am proud to say it passed out of the Assembly. The bill is now in the Senate for a vote before it heads to the Governor's desk.

Thank you,
Mary Felzkowski

From: Ron LEMMER <ronaldalemmer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Dear Rep. Felzkowski:

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’ 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,

Mr. Ron LEMMER
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DNR License | Boat Owner (2016-2017)

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Contact Date: 03/16/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Description: Richard,

I completely agree with you and am one of the co-authors of this resolution.

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your support!

Mary

From: Richard Marien <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 10:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Richard Marien and I live in Antigo.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and business is a recipe for disaster.

What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by Washington, DC. Article V of the US Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing needed amendments to the Constitution.

Citizens for Self-Governance has launched the Convention of States Project to call an Article V convention to propose only amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

I support this approach. I want our state to be one of the necessary 34 states to pass a resolution calling for this kind of Article V Convention. You can find a copy of the model resolution and the Handbook for Legislators and Citizens (which explains the process and answers many questions) here:
https://conventionofstates.com/handbook_pdf

I ask that you support the Convention of States Project and consider becoming a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Please respond to my request by informing the national COS team of your position, or sending them any questions you may have: info@cosaction.com or (540) 441-7227.

Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Thinks COVID is not a big deal

Description: Jeff Daughterman called to say that this is absolutely not an epidemic and that Republicans need to be pushing back on Evers as soon as the 15 days Trump is promoting have passed. He says he's talked to a whole bunch of people that are disappointed that we are not doing anything to prevent this encroachment on our constitutional rights.

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Forss, Dan L

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, essential to everyone's rights to connect and communicate online. Without net neutrality protections, phone and cable companies can block, throttle and otherwise interfere with our access to sites and services online - yet the FCC voted to take away these critical net neutrality protections. As your constituent, I urge you to enact net neutrality legislation at the state level and defend the open Internet.
Dan Forss
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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Galezewski, Kris

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why are you not addressiing all the hoarding that is going on?

Description: Thanks to you republicans we now have a pandemic going on. Guess this virus wasn't after all FAKE NEWS, A HOAX.

Why are you not addressing all the hoarding that is going on? People cannot even buy toilet paper because of your late response to this virus.

SHAME ON YOU!!!!!!!

Kris Galezewski

Kris,

Thanks for your email. I'm not really sure what you are talking about, but is there something my office can help you with? There are a lot of locations that are currently low on supplies, but stores are working diligently to

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constantly restock. Stores themselves are instituting limits on how much of one item can be purchased so they can better control their own stock. Government officials have also been asking the public to buy less as we move through the situation.

Thank you again for your email,

Mary

Seriously, where is your voice regarding testing kits for this virus so healthcare is not impaired? By Republicans promoting this epidemic as a HOAX and FAKE news has shown the American people that your group cannot be trusted. In January when this virus first appeared in the US, you and your party should have immediately began working with the healthcare industry to develop testing kits and not spread propaganda about HOAXES and FAKE NEWS. We are now behind the eight ball with testing kit availability. I was just at the food market today, the meat counters are scarce, milk is becoming scarce. I was told the grocery chain was only receiving about 30 % of their orders. How does this help people like the disabled, indigent, elderly. What is wrong with you. Do you not have any conscience at all!

Kris,

I think literally everyone working on this is just doing the best they can, including stores trying to keep things stocked. The reality of what our daily lives looks like has been changing rapidly. I can tell that you are very upset, and I can certainly understand where you are coming from from your perspective. Federal and state governments continue to work to make sure that all testing is available. Part of the problem is that the actual testing is time consuming, but teams are working on that and each day, response gets better.

If there is something you need help with, please let my team know and we will do everything we can.

Thanks,

Mary

Mary,

I am a healthcare professional, the actual testing has nothing to do with there not being enough testing kits available. You and your party are responsible for this pandemic, for not being pro active. If something would have been done in January there would have been enough testing kits to go around to test everyone.

Kris,

Thank you for everything you are doing to help fight against coronavirus. I'm sorry you feel the way you do, but if you need anything in the future, let me know.

Mary

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Contact Report

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Close all the Casinos

Description: All Casinos in Wisconsin should have to close due to the virus. Not closing them only increases the chances of it to spread rapidly. Thank You Don Guse-Antigo,WI

Don,
Thank you for your email. Governor Evers just announced a ban on gatherings of more than 10 people. I imagine this will apply to casinos, but does especially apply to restaurants and bars inside of a casino.

Thank you again for your email,

Liz
Also, I apologize that I missed your call. I was on the other line with a business owner at the time! Thank you for leaving a message and sharing your opinion.

Liz

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Bad Email

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How can the Governor ban us from gathering?

Description: Hi Representative Felzkowski,

I'm curious, how can the governor ban us from gathering? I've heard we, businesses, can be fined? It's our constitutional right to assemble, I'm confused and don't appreciate it.
Not to put you on the spot, but any applicable information on this topic would be appreciated.
Thanks,
Doug Marhefke

Doug,

Thank you for your email. I totally understand the confusion, the anger, and the true panic for what will happen to our small businesses. I have asked that a legal memo be drafted to specifically answer your question, but I wanted to get back to you with a short answer at first. There is statutory authority that provides precedence for Governor Evers' current actions. Under Wis. Stat. § 252.02 (3), The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (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. 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)).

I will get you the more official memo once I have it, but I hope this information is helpful. I have asked that they address the constitutional concern over the right to assemble, which is a very valid question.

Thank you again for your email, I hope to get back to you soon.

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Can health food stores stay open?

Description: Dear Rep. Mary J. Felzkowski,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, local governments are putting restrictions on businesses in order to prevent the virus' spread. In many cases this is appropriate, but it is equally important that essential businesses such as health food stores stay open. These stores carry products such as dietary supplements, healthy food options, products to replenish electrolytes, and many other such products that can help us stay healthy and boost our immune systems during the pandemic.

Our community needs these stores open. And because space is typically quite limited, community businesses would likely not meet or exceed gathering limits. While the spread of COVID-19 has brought this country to a stop, natural product stores across the country have a unique responsibility to their communities to remain open and provide products that support wellness.

Please allow these important stores to stay open!

Sincerely,

Mr. roger rohe
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roger.rohe@yahoo.com
(715) 623-0353

Roger,

Thank you for your thoughts on this. The legislature is working together with Governor Evers to hopefully put together some things that will be able to help people in Wisconsin. I will make sure to bring this concern up as we make those decisions as a legislative leadership team with our colleagues.

Thank you again and I hope you are staying healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

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DNR License | Boat Owner

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Contact Date: 03/17/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: 50 people gathering comment

Description: Called wanting to make a comment about the Governor banning gatherings of 50 people or more. Said he understands the precautions needed to fight COVID, just does not think Governor Evers has the power to ban anything from his chair, and thinks we need to do everything we can to prevent him from stealing our constitutional rights.

I also sent him a follow up email from Mary just to let him know Mary agrees with his concerns.

Hey Marlon,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for calling. My staff let me know you called with concerns about the 50 person gathering prohibitions. I agree with you that we need to monitor this situation and make sure that the

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Governor is not doing anything to scale back our constitutional rights. I agree with you that we need to take precautions, but that cannot come at the expense of our rights. Rest assured, we will be watching him very closely.

Thank you again and I hope everything is going well for you,

Mary Felzkowski

Thank you for your reply. The problem is that governor Eavers has already broken the law by infringing or denying a constitutional right to freedom of peaceful assembly. I think that any time a constitutional rights infringed it needs to be nipped in the bud and some legal action should be taken against the governors office immediately. Watching him is just letting him get away with infringing the peoples rights. This is not a laughing matter. I realize public safety is of the upmost importance and everyone should be urged very strongly to stick to these guidelines of safety and health. But banning private businesses and private citizens from peacefully assembling is a constitution violation already. Of course those of us who have already been watching governor Eavers know that he has no respect for Constitution or the rights of the people because of course he thinks that he and other socialist know better than we do how to run our lives.

It doesn't matter to me how far any legal action would get in today's world what's important to me is that somebody files it and that it's out in the open for everyone to see so that the governor knows he can't just get away with it without any repercussions. Please take a stand against the banning of free citizens assembling as they see fit and where they see fit it is not the right of the government to tell the citizens what they can and cannot do when it is an issue of constitutional rights.

I think you're doing a great job as are many in our state government level but because people don't take decisive ACTION when these things occur they think they can just get away with it in perpetuity. Another instance is Democrats refusing to remove people from voter rolls when the indications are these people should not be on them. I don't even think it's a difficult issue. These people need to be removed from the elections board if they're not going to follow the law in the court order. And that starts with legal action against Each and everyone who opposes that court order. If we opposed a court order we would be put in jail. The elections board our servants of the people and when they refuse to uphold a court order they are in violation of the law and they should be arrested and put in jail until they decide to change their mind to be in line with the law. Representatives are not above the law and they are not above the citizens and I cannot understand why legal action has not been taken against these lawbreakers already. if we cannot trust our elected and appointed representatives do you have the courage to take legal action when it is necessary then we have lost the battle already. Please let me see some action on this issue I'm sick and tired of elections being dictated by questionable votes. If the timeline Has a cut off for ballots to be cast it needs to be adhered to without excuse. If ballots were lost and not found until after the cut off then it is the clerk and the transporter that should be in legal jeopardy but the boats cannot be counted because the law is the law. I really need to see some forthright courage from my representatives and those of my fellow citizens. No law can be made that is repugnant to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If representatives ignorantly or intentionally make such laws The citizens are not bound to follow them and no officer of the law is required to enforce them. I think every representative should be required to take a constitution 101 course to prove they have knowledge of the peoples rights and proper governance before they can fail to run for office. Hillsdale College in Michigan has free constitution courses available to anyone who signs up. There's no excuse for any representative not to have full knowledge of the constitution and be willing to go as far as laying down their own life to protect it. That's what we hire representatives for. I love my state and my country and treasure my constitution and rights above all else because I know it is unique in all the world and all history there is no other government like it and if we do not protect it vehemently it will cease to exist and we will spiral down into tyranny yet again.

Thank you for your efforts. Please do your best to impress upon all of the other representatives how important this issue is. Our freedom and liberty depends on all of you☐☐

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Insurance Agent | Accident/Health

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Brown, Troy

Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment question

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Troy Brown <Troy.Brown@kretzlumber.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Question

Hey Troy,

Thank you for reaching out on this. It's a question I expect to get frequently now that bars and restaurants have forced closure. We on the Assembly leadership team are working with the Senate and Governor Evers to hopefully put together a legislative plan that will help people all over Wisconsin. This is an idea we have all been asked about and I will make sure it is discussed today as we continue working toward a plan.

Hang in there, Troy. This whole crisis is putting everyone in a lot of impossible situations, and I sincerely hope that you are able to stay open through it all. Thank you for doing everything you can to do that will still being safe. Please reach out again if you have any additional questions in the meantime.

Thanks,

Mary

From: Troy Brown <Troy.Brown@kretzlumber.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Question

Hi Mary-

Taking a shot here, trying to lookout for our employees. Is there a way that legislature could discuss waiving the one-week waiting period for unemployment comp. We are running as long as we can during this time but in the drastic event of a government shutdown on industry a temporary waiver of the one-week period would help people out a lot. We are just trying to prepare for everything.

Have a good one Mary and stay safe!

Troy

Troy Brown
President
Kretz Lumber Co., Inc.
Committed To Be The Benchmark of Excellence

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: temporary licensing issues

Description: From: Andi Burns <Andi@statecollegeofbeauty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: online approval

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Yes! Thank you
Sent from my iPhone

Hey Andi,

I just received this from DSPS. Please let me know that you received it and whether this addresses your concerns. If not, let me know!

Good afternoon,

Due to the disruptions to higher education caused by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the Wisconsin Distance Learning Authorization Board (DLAB) is honoring the U.S. Department of Education's guidance stating that it is "providing broad approval to institutions to use online technologies to accommodate students on a temporary basis." Please see the Department's guidance in its entirety for more information.
https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/030520Guidance4interruptionsrelated2CoronavirusCOVID19

Therefore, institutions not approved for participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement will have the ability to accommodate students using online technologies on a temporary basis with no repercussions from the DLAB. This special accommodation will remain in place until May 31, 2020 and will be reconsidered at that time to determine if an extension to that timeframe is necessary.

Additional information will be posted on the Department website later today regarding this issue.

Thank you.

Mike

From: Andi Burns <Andi@statecollegeofbeauty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: online approval

Hello Representative Felzkowski,

The underlined statement is what Sue Kolve the Owner of the Salon Professional Academy in Onalaska experienced yesterday.
I too have made many calls and sent email with no response.
Shawn Raukman from PHD Academy in Eau Claire has only heard from the EAB which oversees Massage and they granted emergency online approval.
Can you help us with our Cosmetology, Esthiology and Nail Technology Programs?

I reached out to the DSPS yesterday and I was directed to Licensing and Credentials. I am trying to get Temporary Approval of Distance Education. This is the first step in this process. Once we complete this process with the State we are able to move forward with our Accreditors and the Department of Education.
I asked to speak directly to Secretary Crim, Deputy Secretary Trammell, or Assistant Deputy Secretary Hereth....I was told I could only be transferred to a department . I did leave a message have not heard from anyone. Sent email , no response called back and receptionist assured me that she would pass my contact information on to Sam...the Supervisor and he would get this in the hands of the right person. Still no word from anyone.
If you can help me in anyway.....the Governor has ordered all schools to close today at 5pm.With State Approval I am confident that we will be able to continue teaching our students. The theory portion of our curriculum and a little of the practical portion of our curriculum can be taught online. There are 2 textbook companies that provide online formats for the programs we offer. Pivot Point and Milady both offer Cosmetology and Esthetics online curriculum.
This link will take you to a spreadsheet that will show the progress each State has made . I would like to add our State Approval to this sheet!
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1X5-iBQbCKmGupElPO4UtS4IckjZsZeZWSZB94ZXY8e8/edit#gid=0

I am available all day today please let me know if you think this is possible and also if there is any additional information that I can send you.

Thank you,

Andi Burns
School Administrator

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State College of Beauty Culture
Things are looking Good!
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Andi Burns
School Administrator
State College of Beauty Culture
Things are looking Good!
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Contact Date: 03/18/2020
Contact Type: Email

Summary: COVID-19: Are truck rest stops closing?

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:25 PM
To: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Hey Louise,

Your first email actually referenced rest stops, so I reached out to DOT on that point specifically because WIsDOT controls the rest stops, where many truckers choose to sleep overnight. The truck stops are currently closed to dine in, but are still able to provide take out food. My office reached out to the ones in my district last week and many are currently offering take out at this time. Hopefully truckers continue to use the rest stops for sleeping and bathroom breaks.

Thank you again for reaching out, I really appreciate you looking out for those that may not have the ability to reach out to me!

Mary Felzkowski

I didn't write to you about the rest stops. I wrote to you about the restaurants closing..... the truck stops.....where all folks can go to eat. I hope that was clear. I know nothing first hand. Louise

I found this on the internet..... on facebook and I am concerned about the truckers. I have been hearing things from a trucker I know.

Here is the post. Please do what you can to help truckers. Without them goods will not come in and there will be panic in our land.

*** Written by Sean, a local trucker ***
In all this craziness I want you take a minute and think about the American truck driver and pray for them as well in all this chaos! Hours of service rules have been lifted to let truck drivers run longer if hauling supplies directly impacted by covid-19. Yet the government is shutting down rest areas, truck stops are closing there bathrooms and showers. These truckers have no where to pull off to get rest, use a bathroom, or shower. Yet they are expected to do their best to deliver these products on time to make sure we have what we need and have our supplies for our bathrooms, showers, refrigerators etc. A truck drivers life on the road has always been hard, but now it is extremely harder! But as long as they're allowed, you can bet that they will still get the job done and keep America running! Please pray! Better yet call your representatives and demand some help for our truckers. CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES..... regarding the truckers. Help them.(I added this last line) Louise
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Hey Diana,

We just got this from a constituent. Is it true that rest areas are shut down to the point where the truckers are not able to pull off to sleep? If so, is there any guidance from Gov. Evers on what truckers should do in the mean

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time?

Thank you!!

Liz

We'll have a press release coming out later today. No, rest areas are not closed. WI rest areas are open.

I believe this came to be a rumor yesterday when PA closed their rest areas, or so I've heard.

Hey Louise,

Just wanted to get back to you that Wisconsin Rest Areas are open and have not closed. They will be putting out a statement about that later today so truckers know, but WisDOT thinks this became a rumor because Pennsylvania closed their rest areas.

Thank you again for reaching out!

Mary Felzkowski

Thanks for the reply. I hope that they can get food on the road. Rest areas are one thing but they do not have food in them. I know people are concerned about the truckers. This might be a blessing in disguise as they need to appreciate our truckers (and farmers).

A friend of my son who is a trucker, told him that their boss told them to carry a gun if they had a legal one to carry. People are scared.

I do not like President Trump at all, but now finally I think a lot is being done as it should be done. Louise

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Hey Louise,

Your first email actually referenced rest stops, so I reached out to DOT on that point specifically because WIsDOT controls the rest stops, where many truckers choose to sleep overnight. The truck stops are currently closed to dine in, but are still able to provide take out food. My office reached out to the ones in my district last week and many are currently offering take out at this time. Hopefully truckers continue to use the rest stops for sleeping and bathroom breaks.

Thank you again for reaching out, I really appreciate you looking out for those that may not have the ability to reach out to me!

Mary Felzkowski

Hi Mary, I went and read that first mail, and you are correct. I pasted it and clipped it and did not make myself clear. I am sorry. However, I appreciate all you have done. Louise

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
Licensed Occupation | Real Estate Broker

Kordula, Tim timk@karlstransport.com

Karl's Transport Inc.
Antigo WI 54409 7156232033

Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please don't shut down CDL driving schools

Description: Tim reached out to both our office and Senator Tiffany's office. Chris from Tiffany's office reached out to WisDOT. Their response is on top, Tim's original concern is on the bottom.

Hey Christopher –

First, just want to be clear that WisDOT did not close any driving schools.

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And, even though Governor Evers did order schools to close, a CDL school is considered a business.

We prepared the following talking points:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is encouraging drivers to use its online services to the greatest extent possible. https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/home.aspx

Services that are not eligible for online processing, like knowledge tests and CDL licensure, will continue to be handled via DMV service centers. Please visit the online DLGuide before coming to an office to complete your application, submit it electronically and make an appointment. DMV offices are exercising social distancing standards, and having an appointment will ensure your transaction is handled in an efficient manner.

Governor Evers closed public and private Wisconsin Schools. Although called a CDL Training School, your institution is a business which is not covered under the school closing order.
https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/EO/SignedSchoolClosure.pdf

The Governor's executive orders on mass gatherings orders apply statewide. All persons and businesses should review those orders to determine how they apply to any particular business.
https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/UPDATEDOrder10People.pdf

Guidance and information on the concept of social distancing can be found at:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm

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From: Sen.Tiffany - LEGIS <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: CDl School and DMV closures

Hi Diana,

I am passing along an email that we received from Tim Kordula of Karl's Transport. Karl's Transport has worked with the department in the past, and Mr. Kordula offers a number of great ideas in this trying time. Is the DOT taking into consideration any of these issues, and are any of these ideas options that could be considered during this state health emergency?

Thank you very much,

Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District
Christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-266-2509

From: Tim Kordula <timk@karlstransport.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CDl School and DMV closures

Senator Tiffany and Rep Felzkowsi,

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Attached is a letter I am attempting to send to Governor Evers' office. I know we are in trying times, the switchboard has not emptied any voicemails throughout the day, as with everything else this is important and should be addressed. Trucking and trucking education is more critical than ever in this current crisis. If you would please take a look at what we are asking for CDL schools and the DMV, and feel free to contact me at ANY time regarding this.

Thank you for your time!

Respectfully,

Tim Kordula

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Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Reynolds, Terry

ReynoldsT@tomahawk.k12.wi.us

1048 E King Rd
Tomahawk WI 54487-1519

Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How is Tomahawk District doing with COVID?

Description: Thank you for the follow up and the link, Terry. I appreciate it.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Reynolds, Terry <reynoldst@tomahawk.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID Follow up

Hi Mary,
Thanks for reaching out. All of our up dates for the COVID -19 information is on our website, which includes our breakfast and lunch information for our students during this time
https://www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/district/covid-19-updates-and-information.cfm

I believe the measures the Governor Evers has implemented are appropriate, and though it will cause challenges I believe we will be able to meet them.
Thanks again,
Terry

On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 2:25 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Terry,
Thank you for speaking with my staff earlier this week regarding school closures. I wanted to reach out just to see what your district is doing concerning meals during this time and whether the 10 person gathering limit has affected your plans. My office is often contacted about this, so I'm just checking in with my districts to learn more about what is available.

Thank you for everything you are doing! I have been so impressed with each district's ability to adapt so quickly. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Have a great day,

Mary Felzkowski

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Sample, John

John.Sample@maps.k12.wi.us

1111 N Sales St
Merrill, WI 54452-3169

7155364581

Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How is the response for Merrill School District Going?

Description: You're welcome and again, thanks for your continued support!
John

Dr. John Sample
Superintendent
Merrill Area Public Schools
715-536-4581 ext 10002

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On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
John, this is great news! Thank you for the update. Sounds like a really good plan to me to not have families coming to grab meals every day.

Sorry about the lousy timing of your birthday! Maybe it'll warm up a bit more and you can social distance outside doing something fun.

Thank you for all you do, John!

Mary

From: John Sample <john.sample@mapsedu.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID Follow up

Mary,
The Board did approve meals for pickup beginning on Monday. We will be communicating with parents today. Monday they pick up breakfasts and lunches for Monday and Tuesday, on Wednesday the pick up for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. This schedule will repeat each week for as long as needed.

Any ideas for how I can celebrate my birthday next week? After all, it is Spring Break! ☐☐

Thanks again for your support!
John

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On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 9:41 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Okay, thank you, Dr. Sample! Good to know.

Mary

From: John Sample <john.sample@mapsedu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID Follow up

We are asking the Board for authority tonight to begin preparing meals for pickup immediately following Spring Break. Our recommendation is to begin March 30 under the summer school-type reimbursement but they could vote to begin asap. We are prepared for either.
Thanks,
John

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On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 3:01 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Thanks John for the update. Any information on school meals for kids, though?

From: John Sample <john.sample@mapsedu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:48 PM

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID Follow up

Thanks, Mary. We had discussion about capacity today. The Governor's order was clear, much clearer than what we are hearing nationally, with banning 10 or more so our Board meeting tonight has a capacity of 9 physically present. We are utilizing Google Hangout for others to be present and engage in discussion as needed. We are also livestreaming the meeting in an attempt to minimize those dropping in physically. We still need a quorum of five Board members physically present to conduct the meeting. We cannot deny public comment so we have set up a computer for the public to comment virtually from another location in the building.

I appreciate your support!
Thanks,
John

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Mary Felzkowski

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Tags:
Public School Staff | Principal

Schulz, James Alfred jimschulz58@gmail.com

W9709 State Highway 47
Antigo WI 54409-9077 7152193347

Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Can't we limit seating in restaurants instead of closing them?

Description: From: Jim Schulz <jimschulz58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Coronavirus Update

Absolutely NOT. The virus did not originate in Wisconsin, every one infected got it from some one who travelled outside the state and came in/back. Even if you call it community spread, the community spread is happening in areas predominantly of high population density. Italy for example seems to be experiencing the most severe spread. Rome 2.9 million extreme high rate of international tourism, pop. density similar to Milwaukee, but Milan 1.2 million, in the city proper has pop. density in some places near 50,000/sq.mi.. 10 times that of Milwaukee. In rural Wisconsin we are about 15-25 people/sq.mi.. E. coli isn't the fatality rate as high as 15-20%? We don't shut down every restaurant and bar, just the one that got people sick. No proof whatsoever anybody contracted covid 19 from any restaurant, bar, or dental clinic. Population density is the major factor. Quarantine every one who traveled outside the state and shut down Milwaukee and Madison. Look at the demographics of every area in the world or USA, you will see the highest number and rate of spread is in areas of population density exceeding 3000/sq.m.. Thank you for your responses, no need to answer, just keep fighting for what is right.

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On Mar 19, 2020, at 8:57 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Jim,

Thank you for your follow up. Of the cases that are positive in Wisconsin, there are now several that have contracted COVID-19 through community spread, so these are people who have no known connection to someone with COVID or anyone who has travelled. Because of that, they absolutely could have contracted it from a bar, or a dental office, or a restaurant. There is no way of knowing exactly where they contracted it. You are right that none of the cases are yet in Northern Wisconsin and I am grateful for that.

Although I do agree that we need to respond accordingly to make sure this virus does not continue to spread, I am just as concerned as you are that our response is overblown, and that the negative impact to our economy will outweigh the positives. Please know that Republicans are pushing the Governor for answers and questioning absolutely every decision he makes. At the end of the day, he has statutory authority to make every single one of the decisions he has been making.

I'm sorry, I know this is not what you want to hear. We will do everything within our power to protect Wisconsinites, both from COVID and from the economic downturn it has caused.

Mary

From: Jim Schulz <jimschulz58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Coronavirus Update

No one in the state of Wisconsin has contracted covid 19 from a restaurant, bar, or dental office. The latest and closest covid 19 cases to northern Wisconsin were all from people who were returning from international travel. So are the republicans in Madison going to continue to allow a madman impose financial ruin on 232000 Wisconsin citizens formerly employed in restaurants bars and dental clinics? STOP THE MADMAN in Madison!!
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2020, at 9:44 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Jim,

Thank you for your email and the update on how things are going in Antigo. I totally understand where you are coming from. I think a major concern for yesterday was St. Patty's Day. With such a large outpouring of people into the bars to celebrate, I think there was a heightened concern about keeping people home. This is definitely less of an issue in Northern Wisconsin, so I know it can be frustrating that the whole state is being treated the same.

I totally understand where you are coming from and why you are concerned. Thank you for your email and please feel free to continue emailing your thoughts,

Mary Felzkowski

Limiting seating in restaurants seemed to be a reasonable precaution to make. However, closing all restaurants state wide is ridiculous on its face. 72 cases? That's it? Not one covid19 within 100 miles of Antigo, and every restaurant had to close? Sounds more like the work of tyrants and deep state bureaucracy than reasonable precautions. This is wrong!
Sent from my iPhone

I ate lunch at El Tequilla restaurant in Antigo yesterday about 12:45 pm. Out of 14 tables in the north side of the dining area, only 4 tables were occupied. Normally this restaurant is nearly 100% capacity at lunch. It is evident that people who are concerned were already avoiding public places without the restaurant needing to restrict access to '10'. With no covid 19 case within 100 miles, this looks far more like a deep state socialist exercise to ban constitutional rights to free enterprise and right to peaceably assemblies.
Sent from my iPhone

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Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth
Tags:
Attended Listening Session

Story, Joe joestory@dunnfins.com

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Tomahawk WI 54487-1133
7159660261

Contact Date: 03/18/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call
Summary: COVID-19 - What counts as a mass gathering?
Description: Joe called wanting to know more about the order Gov Evers put in place. I sent him some helpful documents via email.
Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/25/2020
Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth
Tags:
Bad Email

Beier, Carlyss M cmbeier@live.com

1352 E King Rd
Tomahawk WI 54487-2005
4143661017

Contact Date: 03/19/2020 **Contact Type:** Email
Summary: Driver's License expiring while she is in Florida
Description: (Newest email first, original email last)

THANK YOU SO MUCH! I will let her know right away.

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From: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Another Constituent Case

The extension is on there, 6/9/20 is the new expiration date!

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From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: RE: Another Constituent Case

Carlyss Beier
1352 East Kings Rd., Tomahawk
Her phone number is 414-366-1017.

Please let me know if you need anything else!

Thank you!

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From: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Another Constituent Case

Hey Liz,

Do you have the constituent's name/ address/ phone number?

Just want to confirm we'll get her the extension.

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From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:11 PM

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To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: RE: Another Constituent Case

Hey Diana,

Based on your latest press release, do you think that this constituent will be covered by the extension? I'd like to get back to her today if possible because it's been a week since she reached out to us.

Thanks!!

Liz

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35th Assembly District
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From: Portz, Elisabeth
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Another Constituent Case

Hey Diana,

We've heard from another constituent on an issue she is having. She called to let us know that her driver's license is expiring on April 10th, but that she is down in Florida for the winter until April 15th. When she contacted the DMV, they told her that she needs to renew in person because she is due for a new photo. She offered to go to the Florida DOT to have a photo taken that could be sent to WisDOT, but the DMV said that is not possible. She is driving back to Wisconsin from Florida, so allowing for the license to expire for the week is also not an option for her.

We did let her know that it seems like the in-person is a department policy, and that she was responsible for taking care of this before leaving for her trip in December. However, we did let her know that we would reach out to DOT to see if there is anything at all she can do. Is there any option for extension, or any way she could use the old photo while also committing to coming in to taking a new one after she gets back? She is still offering to go to the Florida DOT. I'm sure she would be interested in any alternative that would prevent her from needing to come home a week early.

Thank you for your time and looking into this issue! We appreciate any thoughts you have.

Thanks!

Liz

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth
Tags:

Dahlquist, Stephanie sdahlquist@grassrootsmessages.com

1398 Meister Stockley Rd
Pelican Lake WI 54463-9710

Contact Date: 03/19/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Non-profits like the YMCA need state funding help

Description: Thank you for letting us know, Stephanie. It's on a list of things to consider as we look at legislation. I appreciate your input.

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Do you know if you will be keeping the childcare open with the new stay-at-home order in place tomorrow? Thank you!

Mary

From: Stephanie Dahlquist <SDahlquist@ymcanw.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Please support YMCAs in COVID-19 relief proposals

Hello Mary,

Yes our Y is closed (1 branch only) but our childcare is still running.

For A Better Us,

Stephanie Dahlquist
Senior Director of Wellness & Community Initiatives
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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Stephanie Dahlquist <SDahlquist@ymcanw.org>
Subject: RE: Please support YMCAs in COVID-19 relief proposals

Stephanie,

Thank you for reaching out to me. Legislative leaders are currently working with Governor Evers to talk about a legislative package that may be needed to address COVID-19. The federal government did just pass legislation that does extend paid family leave benefits as you suggest. Your emails talk about YMCAs in general, but do you know if the YMCAs in our area have closed?

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

From: sdahlquist@grassrootsmessages.com <sdahlquist@grassrootsmessages.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please support YMCAs in COVID-19 relief proposals

Dear Rep. Felzkowski, I am writing to urge you to support a proposal to address the financial strain YMCAs across the state are currently experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As nonprofits, YMCAs are extremely dependent financially on the money received from their membership, programming and donations. YMCAs have been forced to either close their doors or reduce service capacity in order to help combat the spread of COVID-19. As stewards of healthy living and social responsibility, YMCAs want to open their doors again and continue to serve the local community during and after this crisis. However, many Ys might not be able to do so without substantial financial assistance. As such, I urge you to support a benefits package that calls for the State Government to allow: • Funding for YMCAs to operate during and in the wake of this pandemic; • Access to unemployment insurance when a YMCA exercises an NPI in response to the Governor's call for social distancing, but with some economic relief to the YMCA from the state towards the unemployment insurance costs since no revenue would be generated during the NPI period; and • Expansion of Paid Family Leave benefits to employees for themselves if they are exposed to, exhibit symptoms of, or have officially exposed to COVID-19. Thank you for your valued support! Stephanie Dahlquist 1398 Meister Stockley Rd, Pelican Lake, WI 54463,

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Fleischman, Linda Sue

LindaFleischman2@gmail.com

N5842 State Road 17
Gleason WI 54435-9602

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Contact Date: 03/19/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Description: Linda,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Linda Fleischman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Linda Fleischman
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N5842 State Hwy. 17
Gleason, Wisconsin 54435

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
Bad Email

Kort, Robert Martin

1300 E Main St
Merrill WI 54452-2624

7155817199

Contact Date: 03/19/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19 concerns

Description: Robert owns a bar in town in Merrill. He said they are concerned about having to pay sales tax for the first quarter of the year with no business coming in. He said that they have all of their profits from the first couple months of the quarter, but with their doors closed, they would like to see state funding because the state won't let them operate.

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/19/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Krall, Jeffrey Marvin
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W6614 School Ave
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7155365726

Contact Date: 03/19/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: RE: Honoring a Local Legend and Corona Virus Update

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:06 AM
To: jm krall <jmkrall@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Honoring a Local Legend and Corona Virus Update

Jeff,

Thank you for your email and everything to do to make snowmobiling possible of us and those who travel to our area, Jeff. We couldn't do it without you.

Hope you are all staying healthy,

Mary

From: jm krall <jmkrall@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Honoring a Local Legend and Corona Virus Update

Nice to see Gary being honored for his work with snowmobiling. He deserves it. Too bad he supports/rides a foreign made brand of snowmobile (Ski-doo) that is working diligently to put our two American snowmobile brands (Arctic Cat & Polaris) out of business.

There are so many other snowmobile club members (myself included) that volunteer countless hours and personal resources with little or no recognition. Snowmobiling is an important part of Wisconsin's economy. I feel it's long past time that people who demonstrate a dedicated commitment to the building and maintenance of the trail system deserve something more than just a plaque and a pat on the back. Without us the entire sport and the industry as a whole will collapse.

Thank you for your continued good work, Mary.

Jeff Krall
President, Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club
Merrill, WI

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Ross, Richard J
rossnorthwoods@charter.net

N11820 Tomahawk Trl
Tomahawk WI 54487-9622
7154537922

Contact Date: 03/19/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: RE: HELL-O

Description: Responded same day:
Rick and Myra,

Thank you for reaching out. You are so right that life today is much different than life even a week ago. I'm hoping the weather will improve so people can still distance themselves while getting some fresh air. I think this situation is definitely stressful for all involved, but I think the response has been generally good, especially since most governments, local, state, and federal, have never dealt with something like this before. It's an ever-changing thing, but I think we'll all get through it.

Stay healthy, stay sane!

Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: HELL-O

GOT YOUR CITIZEN EMAIL READ THROUGH IT. DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THIS 19 IS REALLY HURTING THE COUNTRY. NO GOOD NEWS ON TV ALL IT SEEMS TO SAY IS IT IS ONLY GOING GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER. THE PRESIDENT AND VP SURE ARE LOOKING TIRED MUST BE VERY STRESSFUL AS THEY TRY TO KEEP THINGS IN ORDER. TO THINK ONE COUNTRY COULD AFFECT SO MANY REALLY DOES ADD TO THE TYPE OF ILLNESS IT IS AND HOW FAST IT HAS TRAVELED. WHEN IT FIRST BROKE I THOUGHT IT WAS LIKE A STORY THAT WOULD NOT BE AROUND LONG. SURE WAS WRONG THERE. NOT SURE BUT I WOULD THINK IT IS HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME, MAYBE ALL SUMMER. WELL WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP BUSY AND IF THE WEATHER GETS BETTER WE HAVE LOTS TO DO AROUND HERE. TAKE CARE RICK AND MYRA

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Bures, Andrew Paul
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N6071 Rosedale Rd
Deerbrook WI 54424-9321
7155623838

Contact Date: 03/20/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Thank you message

Description: Thank you Andrew!

Have a great week,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Name
Andrew Bures
Email
buresorganicfarm@yahoo.com
Address
N6071 Rosedale Rd
City
Deerbrook
Phone Number
7156230838
Message
Thanks for the update! May God bless you!
Sign up for E-Update
False

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

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Tags:
Dairy Producer

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Kingsley, Brian J BKingsley@co.lincoln.wi.us

N2727 E Shore Dr
Merrill WI 54452-8610

Contact Date: 03/20/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Description: Nope

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 5:46 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Oh I apologize. You stated in your last email that you were going to block my emails. Is that no longer your intent?

This information may be helpful to others in Lincoln County. I would encourage you to send it along. Thanks,

Mary

From: Brian Kingsley <brian.kingsley@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

At a time when the World and community needs to come together, you still find time to send me SPAM emails. Please desist from sending me this

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
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Rohe, Roger William

329 Forrest Ave
Antigo WI 54409-9108

roger.rohe@yahoo.com

7156230353

Contact Date: 03/20/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Add this restaurant to your open list

Description: Thank you Roger!

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
roger rohe
Email
roger.rohe@yahoo.com
Address
329 forrest ave
City
Antigo
Phone Number
7156230353
Message
Linda's Truck Stop/ M&L Restaurant -N2297 Hwy. 45 South, Antigo 715-623-3459 Call for take out orders
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Tags:
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Rohe, Roger William

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Antigo WI 54409-9108

roger.rohe@yahoo.com

7156230353

Contact Date: 03/20/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: EEKLY WRAP UP: Coronavirus: A Global Agenda?; CHD's European Court Brief; 5G AirGig; Protecting Yourself from CoronaVirus; HPV Adverse Events, More.

Description: The Solari Report is very interesting. I hear more & more about the numbers of autistic children. As you have involved yourself in politics, you need to start thinking about where Wi is going to get the $$$ for special needs kids. In schools & as adults. The big drug companies are pushing for mandatory shots for all. No exceptions. Our children are getting sicker & sicker compared to Japan, which dropped the Gardisil - and gives many fewer shots. Stay well. Extra vitamin C -2000 mg morning, noon & nite. Praying for you.

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Children's Health Defense <team@childrenshealthdefense.org>
To: "roger.rohe@yahoo.com" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 05:57:33 PM CDT
Subject: WEEKLY WRAP UP: Coronavirus: A Global Agenda?; CHD's European Court Brief; 5G AirGig; Protecting Yourself from CoronaVirus; HPV Adverse Events, More.

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Does the Coronavirus Pandemic Serve a Global Agenda? – Health Authorities Remain Silent on Efficient Covid-19 Treatment

By Senta Depuydt, Guest Contributor
For those who follow the global immunization agenda and its implementation on different continents, the announcement of a new pandemic didn't come as a surprise. "Pandemic preparedness" has been well-funded and a buzz word for a long time before becoming a priority at the last G7 summits, the Davos World Economic Forum and other meetings of global governance. The latest simulation for preparedness was Event 201, a rehearsal of a coronavirus pandemic organized on October 18, 2019 in New York by Johns Hopkins University, the Gates Foundation and the World Economic Forum.

The Presidential election campaign in the United States and the controversial mandatory measles vaccination law in Germany provided perfect timing. What better than viral terror to influence public opinion and health policies on vaccine battles raging on both sides of the Atlantic?
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CHD's Brief to the European Court of Human Rights

By Mary Holland, CHD General Counsel and Vice Chair
In Europe, when it comes to lawsuits related to human rights, once people have exhausted domestic remedies, they can sue their own country in the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) – and sometimes win, often changing policies across the 49 countries subject to the ECHR's jurisdiction.

The ECHR's Grand Chamber for especially important cases is now reviewing the issue of compulsory vaccine mandates for school attendance in member countries. The case the Court will decide arises from a vaccine mandate law in the Czech Republic. With the assistance of Senta Depuydt and the European Forum for Vaccine Vigilance, Children's Health Defense was able to submit a "friend of the court" brief on this matter.
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5G AirGig: What Is It and Should You Be Worried?

By Dafna Tachover, Director, CHD's Stop 5G and Wireless Harms Project
AirGig is a new technology developed by AT&T to transfer Wi-Fi and wireless data over power lines using 4G LTE and 5G millimeter waves. It turns existing power lines into transmitters. According to AT&T's glowing press releases, AirGig could even replace cell towers.

What AT&T does not spell out in its glossy communications is that AirGig will make it impossible to escape exposure to wireless radiation, even in our homes. AirGig will saturate our environment—every inch of it—with close-proximity, high-intensity radiation.
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Protect Yourself from the Coronavirus (Or Any Virus)

By Hilda Labrada Gore, Weston A. Price Foundation
Today's conversation with Sally Fallon Morell, the head of the Weston A. Price Foundation, empowers us to take our health into our own hands.

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She goes into detail about the foods that nourish and protect our immune system. She discusses the role of vitamins A, D, C, and saturated fats. She covers the role of 5G in weakening the immune system in Wuhan, the epicenter of the virus. And, importantly, she reminds us to stay calm–since stress depletes our vitamin A stores, which are critical for fighting any virus.
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Tamiflu & Influenza Vaccines: More Harm Than Good?

By Allan S. Cunningham Retired Pediatrician, as published by BMJ
Published on February 23rd in BMJ, Allan S. Cunningham's response to "What did we learn from Tamiflu?" asks how can we spend so much money on influenza vaccines and not take into consideration that they actually increase the risk of illness from noninfluenza virus infections?

Furthermore, no one looks at any vaccine adverse effects such as seizures, narcolepsy, Guillain-Barre' syndrome, or oculorespiratory syndrome.
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Special Solari Report: Vaccine Mandates With Mary Holland, J.D.

CHD's Vice Chair and General Counsel Mary Holland recently joined C. Austin Fitts to discuss vaccine and related mandates and what we need to do to prevent them:

- What are vaccine exemptions and vaccine mandates?
- What has been implemented to date?
- Where is the political support for mandates coming from—who is doing this?
- Who and what has been successful in stopping such mandates and why?
- Is the current effort a violation of basic principles—from the Constitution to the Nuremberg Code?
- Why is this a critical aspect of our health freedoms and an issue of concern to everyone?
- What can we do?

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Make Sure Your Friends Are Signed Up With CHD

We are living in strange times of chronic illness—and censorship of those who question the status quo when it comes to children's health. If you received this message via email, it means you have given CHD your email address. Thank you.

Still, there are tens of thousands following us on social media platforms that haven't yet signed up. CHD is very concerned that these platforms may stop carrying our messages. Because an email address is the best way to combat censorship, we ask that you please share this post on your social media. Together we can make sure all of our important communications are heard.

In the words of George R.R. Martin, A Clash of Kings: "When you tear out a man's tongue, you are not proving him a liar, you're only telling the world that you fear what he might say."

SIGN UP! (FREE)

Researchers Find HPV Vaccine Trials Put Safety on the Back Burner

By Frederik Joelving, Slate

A controversial new review of the HPV vaccine, which is recommended for boys and girls to prevent different

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types of cancer, suggests the shot's safety was not adequately tested in the clinical trials leading up to its approval.

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Don't Miss CHD Track on the Environmental Dangers Affecting Our Children

The Children's Health Defense Science Track on Friday, May 22nd at the AutismOne 2020 Conference will feature speakers who courageously bring to light hidden dangers that surround children and families, that can be mitigated so better health outcomes can be achieved. CHD will give you tools to bring healthier children into a brighter future!

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Ross, Donald John

W2802 County Road J
Gleason WI 54435-9752

7158734180

Contact Date: 03/20/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: Unemployment Insurance - COVID 19

Description: Reached out via phone to let us know that he supports waiving the one week waiting period for unemployment insurance.

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/20/2020

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DNR License | Deer-gun

Vasa, Dakota James

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7159214015

Contact Date: 03/20/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How is the stimulus money going?

Description: How is the stimulus checks thing going

Kati,

Thank you for your email. The stimulus package discussion is something going on at the federal level in Congress. It is my understanding that Republicans offered a $1 trillion stimulus package in the Senate. The latest I have seen is that the package was voted on recently, and failed on a 49-49 vote. I am sure they will continue to work on a package, but I would encourage you to reach out to Senator Johnson to learn more about the inner workings of that process.

Thank you again for your email, have a great Monday!

Mary

How do u get a hold of sentor johnson

Kati,

https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator If you go to this link and scroll to the bottom, there are phone numbers listed for each of his offices in Wisconsin. The Oshkosh office would be closest to you. If you would rather email, you can fill out the form on this website as well.

Thank you!

Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

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Reich, John K

N3973 County Road K
Merrill WI 54452-8739

johnreich59@gmail.com

7155361978

Contact Date: 03/21/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Can I still vote in person?

Description: John,

There has been no indication that anything on in person voting has changed. I would recommend reaching out to your municipal clerk to see what they have to say. At this point, Governor Evers has indicated that April 7th will continue to be the election date, so it is up to the polling places to make sure they are doing what they need to for social distancing and safety.

Please let me know if you need any other information after speaking with the clerk! Thank you,

Mary

From: John Reich <johnreich59@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 5:50 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

can i still vote in person @ the merrill town hall?

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Vorpagel, Christine June
dynamo@markerman.com

N2227 Oak Ridge Ave
Merrill WI 54452-9521
7155513189

Contact Date: 03/21/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please add this restaurant to the open list

Description: Thank you Christine! I really appreciate it!

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Name
Christine Vorpagel
Email

Address
N2227 Oakridge Ave
City
Merrill
Phone Number
715-536-2676
Message
Please add:
Merrill
Pine Ridge C-store still has food ready for pick-up 24/7. Thanks for all you do for us your constituents & friends.
Best Wishes Always, Christine
Sign up for E-Update
False

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

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Bessa, Gregory P
kjbessa@gmail.com
N8060 Learman Rd
Deerbrook WI 54424-9276
7156270130

Contact Date: 03/22/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Appreciates your leadership

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:28 PM
To: Greg Bessa <kjbessa@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Thank you for your kind words, Greg!

Hope you had a great weekend,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Greg Bessa <kjbessa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Mary,

Thank you once again for your pro-active leadership. If the people of Wisconsin don't continue to act in a panic mode we can get through this with no problem. Shop as you usually do and the stores won't run out of product. Keep up the good work that you do.

Thanks,

Greg

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Dahms, Kristin M
krissyhendricks@hotmail.com

PO Box 64
Phlox WI 54464-0064
7152160571

Contact Date: 03/22/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Can you please order a shelter in place?

Description: I know this isn't your decision but at a governmental official I beg you to ask the governor to order a shelter in place.

I am a physician assistant and work in Crandon WI. We currently do not have the PPE to take care of Covid patients and we don't have the ability to test outpatients to see who these patients are. We are only testing tier 1 and 2 patients and missing 90% of cases. We cannot wait one more day!! I beg you to save lives. Please please please save Wisconsin citizens and health care providers lives!

Kristin Dahms PA-C
Sent from my iPhone

Krissy,

Governor Evers will be ordering shelter in place, effective tomorrow.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

Tags:
Licensed Occupation | Physician Assistant

Balow, Stephen William
swbalow@hotmail.com

2495 Norway Point Rd
Pelican Lake WI 54463-9544
8479101073

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why don't we have access to more Wisconsin aggregate data?

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: I forgot ...

I've reached out to UW to see if they are already compiling data like this. As it changes so much every day, I'm not sure what the possibilities are, but I'll let you know if that information is already being worked on.

Thanks again,

Mary

From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I forgot ...

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

I forgot to mention a few other bits of information that might be helpful to people:

- Trend lines (we see daily case counts but it's hard to remember what yesterday, much less the beginning of the week looked like);

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- Comparisons to other geographies (is the US more like China or Italy);
- Comparisons to other health hazards (is this worse than the flu or H1N1).

Not that I think there is someone in our district that should be doing this … but, perhaps in the state or even at the University?

I am happy to provide assistance if there was an interest in providing such information.

Again, thanks for the fine work.

Best,

Steve Balow

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update
Date: March 20, 2020 at 6:35:11 PM CDT
To: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

This is the second time I've written but the message is the same: Thanks for the great job you are doing. It helps to think our local Representative is involved and on top of things.

I have a small suggestion as well. Namely, as we move forward it would be helpful to know a bit more about the people who have contracted the virus. For each category (tested, tested positive, recovered and fatality) it would be helpful to know things like:

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Again, thanks for the fine work.

Best regards,

Steve Balow
2495 Norway Point
Pelican Lake, WI 54463

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Contact Report

Balow, Stephen William

swbalow@hotmail.com

2495 Norway Point Rd
Pelican Lake WI 54463-9544

8479101073

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: It'd be great to have more data

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Stephen,

Thank you for reaching out on this. I reached out to the Department of Health Services to see if they have processed the data in the ways you've described, rather than just by county. I will let you know what they say when they get back to me.

Have a great day,

Mary

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Contact Report

Bostrom, Benjamin David
bbostrom@agraind.com
209 W 10th St
Merrill WI 54452-3008
7155519299

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID 19: Is my business essential under the stay-at-home order?

Description: Agra-Industries – 130 employees
bbostrom@agraind.com
715-574-8830- mobile
Ben
Wondering what to do, what to tell his employees
I told him that we don't know anything yet because the Governor's office will not share any information, but that I would email him as soon as I had anything concrete.

Hey Ben,

Here is the order if you haven't received it already! Can you please review this and let me know if you do believe you are covered? My guess is that you are, but I just wanted to check in.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:16 PM
To: bbostrom@agraind.com
Subject: FW: Checking in

Good evening Ben,

I just wanted to email you to let you know I did not forget about your questions from this morning. Unfortunately, Governor Evers has chosen not to provide any information to Legislators as we try to navigate this mess. What I do know is that he plans to sign the order tomorrow. We have asked repeatedly for the essential vs. non-essential list, which he will not give, and I honestly believe he hasn't finished yet. I will update you once I know more, and hopefully that will be midday tomorrow.

Thanks again for reaching out to us,

Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
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Contact Report

Bunge, Delores Mary

N416 Owl Ln
Merrill WI 54452-9231

dell.bunge@aol.com

7155365427

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Description: Hey Delores,

Thank you for your email! You and I have actually already emailed on this before, so I wanted to provide you with that email response in case you missed it in March. Thank you!

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Delores Bunge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, essential to everyone's rights to connect and communicate online. Without net neutrality protections, phone and cable companies can block, throttle and otherwise interfere with our access to sites and services online - yet the FCC voted to take away these critical net neutrality protections. As your constituent, I urge you to enact net neutrality legislation at the state level and defend the open Internet.
Delores Bunge
dell.bunge@aol.com
N416 Owl LN
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Contact Report

Butler, Kyler

xcrunner143@yahoo.com

N7002 US Highway 45
Deerbrook WI 54424-9680

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Please bring medical cannabis to our state

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Kyler Butler <xcrunner143@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please bring medical cannabis to our state

Hey Kyler,

Thank you for your email. You and I have emailed on this topic quite a bit, so you know that I'm a big supporter of Medical Marijuana and bringing it to Wisconsin. I am the author of the only Republican-led bill at this time. I will continue to fight for this policy in Wisconsin, because I believe it is vital for those who are suffering and looking for ways just to get back to some normalcy as they fight their illnesses.

Thank you for being an advocate for this! I really appreciate the support.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kyler Butler <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please bring medical cannabis to our state

Re: Please bring medical cannabis to our state
Dear Representative Felzkowski,
Seriously ill patients cannot afford to wait.
Medical cannabis offers relief to people suffering from cancer treatments, PTSD, multiple sclerosis, seizures, and a host of other debilitating ailments.
Thirty-three states have changed their laws to allow patients with serious medical conditions to safely access medical cannabis from state-regulated providers. Nationwide, 80% to 90% of voters are supportive, and voters have approved medical marijuana laws in some of the most conservative states, including North Dakota, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Utah.
Here in Wisconsin on Election Day 2018, voters approved advisory measures on medical cannabis. In all 11 counties and two cities where questions about allowing medical cannabis were on the ballot, they received between 67% and 89% of the vote.
Please let me know if you will listen to voters and support a carefully crafted, well-regulated medical cannabis bill.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Kyler Butler
xcrunner143@yahoo.com
W10301 Borth Lake Road
Deerbrook, WI 54424
Constituent

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Cleveland, Joshua Scott
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Merrill WI 54452-9053
7152978302

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Stay at Home Order

Description:

From: Joshua Cleveland <jscleveland@icloud.com>
> Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:10 PM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Stay at Home Order
>
>
> Hi Rep. Felzkowski,
>
> I am writing to you concerning the Governor's stay at home order that will be signed. While I understand we need to take precautions over this virus, this goes too far. It will do irreparable damage to our economy. While I am fortunate enough to be able to work from home, many of my family members are not. They will almost certainly lose their jobs over this. I also strongly oppose the Governor's orders as I see this as an abuse of power since he is dictating that private businesses close if they are not what he deems "essential."
>
> I urge you to oppose the Governor's orders.
>
> Thanks,
> Josh Cleveland
> Aniwa, WI

> On Mar 23, 2020, at 12:21 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> Josh,
>
> I 100% agree with you. On Friday, Governor Evers told the state and the legislature that he would not be instituting a stay-at-home order. Our leadership team asked for a breakdown of what essential vs. non-essential businesses would look like, and the Governor's office said they did not have a list like this because they were not considering shutting down businesses. Unfortunately, not three days later, he has changed his tune, and did so without informing the legislature first. I wish I had more information for you and the loved ones you speak of, but I am only learning about this through the news at this point. I am hoping to send out an e-update this afternoon with more details as soon as we receive them from the Governor's office.
>
> Hang in there,
>
> Mary

From: Joshua Cleveland <jscleveland@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Stay at Home Order

Thank you!

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

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Close, Angela Sue
aclose@co.langlade.wi.us

W10388 Monarch Rd
Antigo WI 54409-9362
7156277118

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID 19: What does essential mean?

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:27:22 PM
To: Angela Close
Subject: checking in

Hey Angie,

I just wanted to check in to let you know that I have not forgotten about your request, I just simply don't have the answer. Governor Evers has chosen not to give any information to legislators. We have asked for a list of essential vs. non-esssential repeatedly, but his office will not be sharing anything helpful until tomorrow. I do know that he does plan to put the stay-at-home order in place tomorrow, so I will reach out to you as soon as I can with more details about what defines "essential."

Thank you again for reaching out to me,

Mary Felzkowski

Then provided her with the Governor's Stay at Home Order.

Thank you Mary. I appreciate it. Stay safe and well and let me know if I can help in anyway!!!!

Angie Close
Langlade County Economic Development Corporation
Executive Director
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Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/26/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Corder, Nancy

Allcleanfun@aol.com

N8759 County Rd E
Tomahawk WI 54487

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Description: From: Nancy Corder <Allcleanfun@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Dear Rep. Felzkowski:

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’ 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,

Mrs. Nancy Corder
N8759 County Rd E
Tomahawk, WI 54487
Email Address: Allcleanfun@aol.com

From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/23/20 1:23 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Nancy Corder <Allcleanfun@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Nancy,

I am one of the co-authors of this legislation, and am proud to say it passed out of the Assembly. The bill is now in the Senate for a vote before it heads to the Governor's desk.

Thank you,
Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Dixon, Jessie M

Dixojm@gmail.com

N3172 County Rd S
Antigo WI 54409-8983

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please add restaurant to open list

Description: Thank You so much! It's a great little place.
Thank You and have a great day

Jessie

On Mar 23, 2020, at 1:23 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thank you Jessie! I've added them to the list and will be updating the website today.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: jessie dixon <dixojm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

<image001.png>

Could you please include this to your list of Antigo restaurants. It's a small place that is likely to have troubles due to the temporary shut down.

Thank You

Jessie

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Licensed Occupation | Licensed Practical Nurse

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Geeting, Roxie Jean

105 E Main St
Bowler WI 54416-9702

geetings@frontiernet.net

7157934650

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Re: Your email updates

Description: From: geetings@frontiernet.net <geetings@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Your email updates

I've appreciated your communication with us in the Northwoods. . . Up until the last couple weeks or so, that is. For some weird reason, I stopped getting them and my husband started getting them! Which is fine for him, but I'd also like to be re-placed back on your email updates list, please.

Thank you for what you do for us and for your help in this matter.

Roxie Geeting
geetings@frontiernet.net
Bowler, WI

On Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:29:01 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey Roxie,

Thank you for giving me a heads up! I just checked our files, and you are still subscribed! I'm not sure why they wouldn't be going to you anymore, but I've tried to add one thing to your file that may fix it. I plan to be sending out e-updates this week so if you don't receive those and your husband does, please reach back out to me again and let me know!

I apologize for the inconvenience! Have a great week,

Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Hartley, Barb Rambo

W5437 N Shore Dr
Irma WI 54442-9630

rambobjood@frontier.com

7155366758

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: Thank you for COVID update

Description: Barb called to say the Coronavirus e-update from Mary was the most helpful thing she has received in prepping for the crisis, and she is so grateful and just wanted to thank us.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Hipler, Donald C
don@duckpointresort.com
W5930 Duck Point Rd
Tomahawk WI 54487-2401
7154533489

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: Business losses because of COVID

Description: Don called to explain that he is in the Hospitality Businesses- He is not getting any bookings right now for the summer. He also owns apartments. He has tenants whose businesses are closed, so what is he supposed to do when they inevitably come to him saying they can't pay their rent. He could probably defer, but how is he supposed to re-coup those funds? He said that if the government is going to prvent everyone from operating, they should also be recouping everyone for their business losses. Wanted to talk to Mary so I provided his contact information and she called today.

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Tags:

Hoffman, Roseann M

N2294 County Rd S
Antigo WI 54409-8929

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please make our business essential

Description: This section would also cover you on page 13:

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).

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Roseann Hoffman <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Subject: RE: accounting as an essential business

Good morning,

I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

1. 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.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Roseann Hoffman <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: accounting as an essential business

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Please consider accounting as an essential service. I would love to stay holed up in my home however, my office services MANY small and micro businesses that rely on me and my staff to guide them through these tough storms. The steps and details necessary to receive the available help may appear easy to some of us but, to my clients it could be extremely overwhelming and a matter of their business survival.

The extension of time to file tax returns may relieve some pressure from my office but, as stated by many it is very important to get the refunds back into the hands of the people that need it most. The clients I serve are too complicated for them to try and file their returns themselves. They too will be relying on us to provide this function in as speedy a time as we can.

Please allow me to continue to help my neighbors and community.

Roseann Hoffman, CPA
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Phone: (715) 526-3831
Fax: (715) 526-4237

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Mezei, Linda Louise

W6181 N Rolling Stone Lake Rd
Pearson, WI 54462-8052

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Elections

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Lindy Mezei <lindymezei@rocketmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Hey Lindy,

Thank you for reaching out. I know municipal clerks are working with the Elections Commission on the guidance for April 7th. Governor Evers has stated continuously that he doesn't believe we can move the election date, especially now that absentee ballots are already out there. The other concern is that, if the election date is postponed, you will have vacancies all over the state for local government positions. In a public health emergency, we need to make sure we have people serving in those positions so local governments can vote and make decisions for their area. I would reach out to your municipal clerk to learn more about what they are learning from the Elections Commission. Some of the ideas I've heard include spreading out the voting booths themselves to ensure adequate spacing between people, and some are purchasing pens so that each voter can take the pen with them, rather than having to share pens, as is usually done. I have also heard that the elections commission is also considering training college students who are interested in working at the polls so that some of our more elderly poll workers can stay home if they want to.

With Governor Evers' Stay At Home order coming out later this afternoon, we may learn more on this front, but as of right now, I have heard that nothing is changing for the election. Please let me know if you have more questions I can look into after you speak with the clerk. I'm also attaching a document I received from the Elections Commission.

Thank you and stay safe!

Mary

From: Lindy Mezei <lindymezei@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Hello Mary:

As a poll worker, age 70, I'm wondering if there will be any provisions to guard us from the C-virus. Other than social distancing, will there be some directives regarding the April 7 election?

Thank you.

Lindy Mezei

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Licensed Occupation | Nurse, Licensed Practical

Molley, Daniel daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com

426 E Somo Ave
Tomahawk WI 54487-1536

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment waiting period

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Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:32 PM
To: daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Daniel,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Daniel Molley <daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Daniel Molley
daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com
426 E Somo Ave
Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:32 PM
To: daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Daniel,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Daniel Molley <daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Daniel Molley
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Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

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Schultz, Pam skam128@yahoo.com

N2814 Alexander Lake Rd
Merrill WI 54452

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Allow therapists' phone sessions to be covered by insurance

Description: PLEASE do what it takes to temporarily change the laws to allow therapists to hold counseling sessions over the phone and for them to be billed to insurance.

Mental health crises are already at an all time high - people need to be to able to continue their services to avoid relapses in substance abuse, worsening depression, suicidal thoughts - I urge you for the safety of our therapists and their families to allow counselors to hold sessions over the phone or via Skype. Other medical professionals have masks and gowns that they can wear - therapists do not have that and are in a closed room with individuals who may be sick and yet still need mental health care.

Hey Pam,

I reached out to the Department of Health Services with your concerns. I've also heard other concerns about telehealth, so I am certain DHS is looking into where flexibility can happen without a law change.

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

Please be proactive and do whatever is necessary for people to continue to get the help they desperately need. Our legislators and insurance companies need to make this happen - it is not only everyone's physical health that is at stake, but also their mental health.

Thank you for your time,
Pam Schultz

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

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Contact Report

Servi, Rosemary

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7156272133

Contact Date: 03/23/2020

Contact Type: Phone Call

Summary: COVID 19: Move the elections

Description: Rosemary is the Town Clerk for the Town of Antigo in Langlade County. She is begging for the April 7th and May 12th elections to be postponed. She said that she is having a really hard time getting anyone to want to work the polls, and people don't want to come in to vote knowing they might be exposing themselves. She said the Elections Commission cannot guarantee that every polling location will get the supplies they need. She said this election is not important enough to put everyone, including herself, at risk.

I gave Mary her information so that Mary could call her directly, and I also sent her a document explaining what is allowed under the law when it comes to elections (specifically that the Elections Commission and the Governor cannot unilaterally change the election date). Mary called her that afternoon.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth

Staff Owner: Portz, Elisabeth

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Elected Official | Town of Antigo Clerk

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Sommer, Jonathan Eberhart enterpriseclerk@gmail.com

624 County G
Pelican Lake WI 54463

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why aren't we postponing the election?

Description: From: Jon Sommer <enterpriseclerk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 and the April Primary

Good morning,

As Town Clerk, of the Town of Enterprise in Oneida County, I am writing this to express my concern regarding the status of our upcoming April primary-election.

With insufficient assistance from the WEC, and our own County and local resources being overly strained, I cannot guarantee the safety of my poll workers or citizens on election day. Lack of proper PPE and sanitizing supplies, along with the majority of staff and voters in our community being in a high-risk category, could lead to disastrous consequences. With the importance that has been placed on the COVID-19 issue, at both State and the Federal level, this is an absurd level of risk for our community to take.

WEC guidance in this area has been both lacking in realistic solutions, and blatantly incorrect in some of its' interpretations of CDC guidelines. Frankly, there is no possible way for us to realistically minimize contact between poll workers and voters to a safe level.

I would request that all efforts be made to consider rescheduling the election to a later date, possibly to coincide with the 7th district special election in May.

Thank-you for both your time and consideration in this matter.

Jon Sommer
715-360-0336

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Jonathan E. Sommer
Clerk
Town of Enterprise

Senator Tiffany's office responded via email, and Jon was very upset. Tom then called him personally, and Mary did as well.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Stamm, Christopher Paul

St3chri1224@hotmail.com

205 N Thomas St
Merrill, WI 54452-1759

7152180632

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID 19: How is my church impacted by the stay at home order?

Description: Christopher – Church Council Member – at St. Stevens in Merrill
1. Should we have office staff working from home?
2. Is Pastor allowed to go in on Sunday for live stream for services?

St3chri1224@hotmail.com
715-218-0632
Sent him a copy of the order and the section that should exempt them.

Thank you so very much!!!

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:08:39 AM
To: St3chri1224@hotmail.com <St3chri1224@hotmail.com>
Subject: Governor Evers' Stay At Home Order

Good morning,

As promised, I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

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.

From what you told me on the phone, this should allow for you to offer virtual services, but again I think the recommendation would be for you to have your staff work remotely if they have the ability to do so.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

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Troskey, Todd D

ttroskey@co.oneida.wi.us

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Rhinelander WI 54501-8055

7153696223

Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How does the essential vs non essential order impact us?

Description: From: Todd Troskey <ttroskey@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Thank you Mary,

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I have been contacted by several businesses already asking for clarification of various items in the new Order. I wonder if either, DHS or WEDC will develop FAQ's as we navigate through this period.

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Todd Troskey <ttroskey@co.oneida.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Hey Todd,

We are developing an FAQ as well, but please, if you have questions, reach out to me, or have others reach out to me, and I will do my best to get the answers as soon as I can!

Thank you,

Mary

From: Todd Troskey <ttroskey@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Thank you, I am doing my best to answer as many questions for the restaurant owners and hotels, etc. that I license and inspect, that want to stay open, which I very much can appreciate!

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Todd Troskey <ttroskey@co.oneida.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Todd,

Okay sounds good. Feel free to send anyone my way if there is something you are not sure on. I don't think our FAQs will be out until tomorrow, and they may not cover the questions you are getting frequently asked.

Thanks!

Mary

From: Todd Troskey <ttroskey@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Sorry, one more thing, in case this is not being corrected yet.

The reference on the Order under 13 x. i., is 12b., 12d., and 12e.

There is no 12b., 12d., and 12e on the Order. I think the correct reference is supposed to be 13b., 13d., and 13e.

12 must have been added afterwards, and the reference not corrected. I had two questions from operators on that already.

I sent this to the Governor's office so they know about the error.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

DNR License | Fishing

Zelazoski, Benjamin Eugene

W8320 County Rd W
Antigo WI 54409-9700

7156277363

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Contact Date: 03/23/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID 19- Is my business essential under the stay at home order?

Description: Name
Ben Zelazoski
Email
ben@zwpi.com
Address
835 Ninth Avenue, P O Box 506
City
Antigo
Phone Number
7156274804
Message
Gov. Evers is closing all non-essential businesses starting March 24th. One of our business publications, Woodworking Network, has stated that wood products are considered essential by Homeland Security. Will we be allowed to stay open or do we need to close?
☐
Many of our products are for the brush and broom industry which is vital for the cleanliness of other establishments.
Sign up for E-Update
False

Hey Ben,

As promised, I've attached a copy of Governor Evers' Stay at home order. It is very long, so I wanted to provide you with different sections they may apply to you, depending on how you classify your business.

(on page 13) 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.

(on page 5) 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

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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.

If you aren't sure if either of these will cover you, the next best step will be for you to reach out to WEDC who will help you determine if you are essential. Here is a link for WEDC that might also be helpful: https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/. There is a contact number there you can call to reach out. If you have trouble getting through (I'd give them a few tries. I'm guessing they are being inundated with calls now that the order is specifically out), let me know and we will see what we can do to get you in touch with them.

Thank you!

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

Ben Zelazoski <ben@zwpi.com>
Thank you Elisabeth. We received notices from 2 of our customers advising us that they are considered essential so we will need to keep supplying them. Armed with these notices, and I am sure there will be more, and the statement from Homeland Security, we will remain in production and hope this situation is over very soon.

On March 24th, I also sent his request for essential status to the Governor's office.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
DNR License | Boat Owner

Aden, Charles Frederick
longhook@live.com

N11174 County Road U
Tomahawk WI 54487-9465
7154090328

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID 19- Is he still allowed to vote in person for April 7th?

Description: Charles called to ask if he is still going to be able to vote in person. What I told him is that we can only work with the information we have at this moment, but that Governor Evers has signaled he is not going to postpone the election. Polling places are statutorily required to be open on election day, and there is nothing they can do to not follow the law. So presumably, there is no reason why he cannot vote in person. He said that he does not trust absentee. I totally him I totally understood, but that absentee is the same process. He says he doesn't trust Evers.

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/25/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
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Contact Report

Basuki, Julie Lynn

N2238 Maple Rd
Antigo WI 54409-9014

julie.basuki@yahoo.com

7152160823

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Please add our business to your list

Description:
Name
Julie Basuki
Email
julie.basuki@yahoo.com
Address
N2238 Maple Road
City
Antigo
Phone Number
7152160823
Message
Please add our Taco Johns Restaurants open for Drive thru to your list...

Antigo
Wittenberg
Rhinelander

Thank you !
Sign up for E-Update
False

I responded and we added her Antigo business to the list.

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Tags:
E-Update Subscribe

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Contact Report

Benedict, Jeff L.
JBenedict@churchmutual.com
Church Mutual Insurance Company
Po Box 342,
7155394601

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Insurance should be an essential business?

Description: APPARENTLY THE STATE DOES NOT CONSIDER INSURANCE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE, THOUGH THE FEDERAL GOEVERNMENT DOES. WITH TORNADO SEASON APPROACHING THAT IS A CONCERN WHEN INSUREDS COULD EXPERIENCE LOSSES.
Jeff Benedict
715-482-6515

Jeff,

According to Governor Evers' order, insurance is deemed essential. It's on page 12:

1. 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.

Please let me know if you need anything else! Thanks,

Mary

Hey Jeff,

This is Rep. Felzkowski's legislative email, so she is prohibited by law from discussing campaign related material. If you would like to discuss the campaign, please reach out to her at FriendsofMaryF@gmail.com. We can provide you with contact information but cannot arrange communication with them.

I apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for reaching out!

Liz

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Burns, Jeffrey C
jeffcburns27@msn.com
N5034 Ricks Rd
Irma WI 54442-9688
7193376690

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: is his business essential?

Description: Jeff Burns- President of Wienbrenner Snow Company - Merrill, WI
Suspension of business through April 6th
Contracts with first responders
jburns@weinbrennerusa.com
719-337-6690- cell
I sent him a copy of the order to review. He said that he was not sure based on the order if they are essential. I gave him the contact information for WEDC so he could call them directly to figure out if he is essential or not.

Hey Jeff,

Here is the order. It is 16 pages long. Please go through it carefully, and see if any of what is included as exempt or essential applies to you. If you think it does, nothing more needs to be done. If you don't think it does, then we will need to contact WEDC to see what they say. If they say you are non-essential, then we can make a request from our office to classify your business as essential. There is no guarantee that the request will be granted, but we'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

Thank you!

Liz

Liz,

Thank you for supplying the order.

We've read through the order and have determined that per Paragraph 13 section v, we do provide footwear to the industries we've highlighted on the attached copy. Given this, are we correct in determining we are considered an Essential business?

Sincerely,

Jeff Burns
President

Hey Jeff,

I think you could be covered under that section, but Rep. Felzkowski's office can't really determine that for you, only WEDC can. So at this point if you are unsure, I would recommend reaching out to them directly to see what their determination is. If you go to this link, https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/, it's a good resource and has a contact number at the bottom. I'm guessing they are being inundated with calls, but I would try that number now, and then give it a while if you can't get through immediately. If you're still having trouble getting through to them, that we can try to help you do that.

I hope this helps!

Thank you,

Liz

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Tags:

Close, Angela Sue
aclose@co.langlade.wi.us
W10388 Monarch Rd
7156277118

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Contact Report

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID 19: Can you collect unemployment if you are staying home from work to avoid getting COVID?

Description: From: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: checking in

Another question came up regarding unemployment; Do you have clarification on unemployment eligibility after April 2nd? Example; if a company is considered an essential company and stays open but an employee chooses not to come to work due to the COVID-19 executive order and they feel that the company is not an essential company, would they be eligible for unemployment under the bill that was passed?

Thank you Mary

Angie Close
Langlade County Economic Development Corporation
Executive Director
312 Forrest Avenue
Antigo WI 54409
715-623-5123 (p)
715-610-7118 (c)
aclose@co.langlade.wi.us

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Subject: RE: checking in

Hey Angela,

I reached out to DWD on this and will get back to you when I know more.

Thank you!

Mary

Hey Angie,

I got an answer for you on this. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er.htm This is a site for FAQs DWD is getting. Here is the question that seems to pertain to yours:

Can I stay home if I'm not sick but want to avoid getting sick by not being around others?

- Check with your employer about its policies in this respect. There is no requirement that an employer allow healthy employees to stay home from work, and generally an employee who stays home when not sick has no protection from any adverse employer action taken because that employee stayed home. However, an employer could choose to allow such absences or authorize the use of paid time off for this purpose. Similarly, an employer may allow you to work from home. Check with your employer about work at home options.
- If the employee does not have either a serious health condition, or a family member with a serious health condition whom the employee is caring for, then this type of absence is not protected by state or federal FMLA.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions!

Mary

Thank you Mary, I have shared the link on my business resource page.

Much appreciated.

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Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/26/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Cobb, John David Cobbjohn@hotmail.com

W1556 Robinson Dr 9209177071
Merrill WI 54452-9593

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Are firearms sellers a vital business?

Description: Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Unlike several other Democratic Governors, I do not believe Governor Evers has exempted business that sell firearms and ammunition as essential businesses. I do not know where you sit on that issue, but I can assure you it is a concern for me any many other Wisconsinites. Please push back for these vital businesses. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Cobb

John,

Thank you for your email and your concern. If you look at page 13, firearms and ammunition suppliers are covered as essential.

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.

Please let me know if you have any other concerns!

Mary

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Contact Report

Colloton, Kevin

kecolloton@gmail.com

W8923 Eagle Waters Rd
Tomahawk WI 54487-8976

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Response to Stay at Home Order

Description: Our excuse of a Governor continues to prove he's a clueless empty suit! This Wuhan virus is a medical emergency, but it's not even close to a national or state crisis that warrants a half baked martial law declaration! I have rights, and this empty suit of a governor is not going to infringe on my freedoms!!!

My family and I will follow national guidance for the Wuhan virus, but this clown governor I simply ignore. He's governor due to voter fraud in Dane and Milwaukee county, and due to a Pot referendum! He's illegitimate as far as I'm concerned!!!

My wife and I will be moving to the Tomahawk area this summer and look forward to supporting and having you as our representative in Madison!

Regards

Kevin and Patti Colloton

Kevin and Patti,

Thank you for your email. I totally understand the frustration and I share it. Unfortunately, the Governor has the statutory authority to create all of the orders he's given. My main goal at this point is to make sure that everyone affected has all of the information they need, and that we can all hopefully weather this storm together. One silver lining is that the Governor cannot extend the public health emergency past 60 days without legislative approval.

I am happy to hear you'll be moving to Tomahawk, we will be happy to have you!

Mary Felzkowski

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Contact Report

Drinkwater, Anne Marie

427 Main St
Birnamwood WI 54414-9217

a8h2o@aol.com

7154493301

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: The future of the openInternet has come down to you

Description: Hey Anne,

We have emailed on this before so I wanted to provide you with our previous conversation on this (I attached previous email).

Thank you for reaching out,

Mary

From: Anne Drinkwater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: The future of the openInternet has come down to you

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
The FCC's massively unpopular decision to end net neutrality has sparked a national movement to demand its return. I'm writing to you, my elected official, to ask that you take notice. As your constituent, I urge you to enact local net neutrality legislation to restore the open Internet in our communities.
Anne Drinkwater
a8h2o@aol.com
427 main st
Birnamwood , Wisconsin 54414

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Fisher, Bill bfisher@elchoschool.org

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Elcho School Providing Food for Kids?

Description: Bill,
Thank you for speaking with my staff earlier this week regarding school closures. I wanted to reach out just to see what your district is doing concerning meals during this time and whether the 10 person gathering limit has affected your plans. I know my staff had said that you were already set up for grab and go meals. Is this something you are still able to do with the new Governor's order from yesterday? My office is often contacted about this, so I'm just checking in with my districts to learn more about what is available.

Thank you for everything you are doing! I have been so impressed with each district's ability to adapt so quickly. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Have a great day,

Mary Felzkowski

Thanks Mary for reaching out. It has been very busy managing my two districts. Your office has been very helpful in getting information for me on the rapidly changing school closure orders.

Bill

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

Tags:

Grefe, Laura Jo laura.grefe13@gmail.com

W4651 Pope Rd
Merrill WI 54452-8013

7152189385

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Unsubscribe

Description: -----Original Message-----
From: Laura Grefe <laura.grefe13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unsubscribe request from laura.grefe13@gmail.com

This message was automatically generated by Gmail.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Halbach, Randy R

randy.halbach@gmail.com

506 E 1st St
Merrill WI 54452-2440

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Will we be able to drive to other cities during Safer at Home Order?

Description: Will we be able to drive to cities near where we live?

Hey Randy,

The order technically prohibits all travel except for travel on the "essential travel" list, so it would depend on why you are going to cities near where you live.

According to the order, this is what it says about travel on page 4:

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.

Then on page 15, it explains what Essential travel means:

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.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions. I have also attached a copy of the order for you.

Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

Tags:
DNR License | Class A Bear (2016-2017)

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Jaeger, Clarrissa J
clarissajaeger27@gmail.com

N8003 County Road H
Irma WI 54442-9741
7156123088

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Family is struggling, please help

Description: My family is struggling we need help do something please!

Clarissa,
Thank you for reaching out. Can you please let me know what you and your family are struggling with and I will do my best to help!

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

We are going to run out of LP any day now, and can not afford more at this time. We are currently also without running water for some electrical reason.

Okay thank you for clarifying, Clarissa. Currently, the Public Service Commission is helping with any utilities that are being shut off during the COVID-19 crisis. Your water should not be turned off.

Please go to the following link and contact the PSC who will help you with this: https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ForConsumers/FAQs.aspx. The number listed on the site is 1-800-225-7729 or 1-608-266-2001 (Local).

After you speak with them, if you still need help, please reach back out to me!

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

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Kuhr, David
cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com

w7642 hwy aa
antigo, wi 54409

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why are we not postponing the election?

Description: Mary called him personally and talked him through the situation.

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:52 PM
To: cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

David,

Just wanted to say thank you for your time on the phone today.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

the form Contact form was submitted, this is the list of values it contained, you can turn this email off under workflows in Umbraco Contour
Name
david kuhr
Email
cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com
Address
w7642 cth aa
City
antigo
Phone Number
7156274280
Message
The election must be postponed. the northern 1/2 of the state has a lot of elderly and people who do not have access to the internet to do the bullsh? for an absentee ballot. sounds like something the liberals want to get a liberal judge on the supreme count. This is about as crooked and partisan as it gets.
Thanks, Dave
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Kusserow, Tony

1022 E Main St
Merrill, WI 54452-2503

tonykuss@frontier.com

7155368954

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How is the Stay at Home order going to affect his business?

Description: From: tonykuss@frontier.com <tonykuss@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Grave concern with Safe at Home shutdown

Mary Felzkowski & Tom Tiffany

Please shed some light on Gov. Evers decision to set up "Safe at Home" until April 24th, 2020

I have some grave concern for the extended time verses what our president is announcing?

Thank you

Tony Kusserow
President/Owner
Courtside Furniture
1022 E. Main Street
Merrill, Wi. 54452
715-536-8954
tonykuss@frontier.com

Tiffany's office comments:
Hi,

I gave Tony a call and talked to his business associate. They are concerned that their business will not qualify as essential under the EO, and they wanted more clarification. I recommended that they take a look at the WEDC page regarding essential businesses to see if they could fall under a mentioned essential service, and if not then they should make a designation inquiry on the WEDC page.

Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District
Christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-266-2509

Mary reached out that day and had a phone conversation with Tony.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

E-Update Subscribe

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Contact Report

Matsche, Chris Alan

matsche389@gmail.com

N8425 Kolpack Rd
Bowler WI 54416-9249

7154493416

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Please Oppose Gov. Evers' Gun Control Schemes

Description: Re: Please Oppose Gov. Evers' Gun Control Schemes
Dear Representative Felzkowski,
As your constituent, I urge you to oppose any gun control schemes that Gov. Evers and Attorney General Kaul support, especially any legislation that would allow the seizure of firearms without due process. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Chris matsche
matsche389@gmail.com
N9035 river rd
Birnamwood, WI 54414
Constituent

Chris,

Thank you for the email on this. I 100% support the first amendment and would never support any gun control measures, especially those without due process.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

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Issues:

Category	Issue	Position
Gun Laws	More Gun Control	Oppose

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Morgan, Jeffrey Charles

jeffreycmorgan@charter.net

N12075 County Road L
Tomahawk WI 54487-9483

7152243023

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Description: Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.
The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.
Jeffrey Morgan
jeffreycmorgan@charter.net
N10852 S Country Ct
Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

Jeffrey,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

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DNR License | Fishing

Newman, Jim Dale

Newmanconstruction@verizon.net

W6486 W Kraft Rd
Tomahawk, WI 54487-9215

7156126101

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID 19- Does the Stay at Home Order Make My Business Essential?

Description: From: Jim Newman <newmanconstruction1@wildblue.net>
> Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:59 AM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Note from Jim Newman to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski
>
> Your Name:
>
> Phone Number:
>
> Your Question:good morning,
> Are building trades exempt in this new order? Thank you!!
>
> Jim
>
>
>
> Jim Newman
> Newman Construction
> W7980 State Hwy 86
> Tomahawk, Wi. 54487
> 715-453-9694
> 715-612-6101

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Jim,
>
> Thank you for reaching out. We do not yet know what is deemed essential and non-essential under Governor Evers' order because he will not share that information with the legislature. Once we have that information today, I will reach back out and provide you with what we have! That should be later today.
>
> Thank you!
>
> Mary Felzkowski

Good afternoon,
From what I gather with today's press release I am able to continue carpentry operations? I just want to make sure before continuing with work. Thank you?

Jim

Jim Newman
Newman Construction
W7980 State Hwy 86
Tomahawk, Wi. 54487
715-453-9694
715-612-6101

Good afternoon Jim,

Yes, you should be covered by the order on Page 12:

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.

If you are still in doubt, you should reach out to WEDC who is making "essential" determinations, but the order seems to specifically cover you.

Thank you!

Mary

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Osterberg, Melinda melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu
7152529459

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email
Summary: COVID-19: Unemployment Benefits
Description: (Newest email first, oldest email last)

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Thank you for the rapid response! We will post something on our Facebook page about applying online and keep you posted if we hear more.

Please stay well.

Melinda

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:12:21 PM
To: Melinda Osterberg <melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits

Hey Melinda,

You are absolutely right that the Department of Workforce Development has be overrun with calls as businesses are forced to shut their doors. They did indicate to us that people will have an easier time if they apply online, so that the call lines can be kept open for more complex cases. If you know of people who are experiencing significant delays, have them reach out to me via email and I can check with DWD on my end. Unfortunately, with the increased flow of requests, the delay may be something we all need to be patient with, but I will absolutely call the department on their behalf if they reach out!

Thank you for letting me know about this. If this problem persists, I will put something in my next e-update about it.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Melinda Osterberg <melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits

Representative Felzkowski,

We have been contacted by Lincoln County residents who have had difficulty in accessing unemployment benefits there has been a significant wait times.

I was wondering if you had any suggestions on how to easily access unemployment? I know that the office must be inundated with requests and if there is any education we can provide on how to efficiently access benefits, we would be happy to do so.

It may also be an appropriate topic for your weekly update.

Thank you for all you do. Please take care.

Melinda Osterberg
Marathon and Lincoln County Community Development Educator
UW-Madison Division of Extension
Pronouns: she, her, hers

I am following Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and federal guidelines
due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. I am working remotely and available at:
email: melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu
call/text: (715) 252-9459

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Powers, Mark Thomas
pow100@aol.com
N2754 Rush Ave
Merrill WI 54452-9493
5074592398

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: People can't afford to buy local?

Description: If he keeps this ridiculous order up for the entire period there will be many individuals that will not be able to afford to "Buy Local"

I totally understand where you are coming from, Mark. This has caused a lot of impossible situations. Please let me know if you need anything from me or my office during this time.

Mary

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Rohe, Roger William
roger.rohe@yahoo.com
329 Forrest Ave
Antigo WI 54409-9108
7156230353

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American

Description: Thanks Roger. We are really swamped with responding to businesses trying to navigate this situation, but I will try to look it over soon.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Roger Rohe <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American

Figured I'd send you something to read, since you have nothing to do. :) This site basically lays out everything the drug companies have in store for us. Stay well.

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From: newsnvic@gmail.com <newsnvic@gmail.com>
To: "roger.rohe@yahoo.com" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 08:08:55 AM CDT
Subject: The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American

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The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American
By Barbara Loe Fisher

Scientists at the National Institutes of Health are working with a biotech company to quickly start clinical trials of an experimental messenger RNA vaccine and fast track it to licensure. The FDA has not yet licensed messenger RNA vaccines that use part of the RNA of a virus to manipulate the body's immune system into stimulating a potent immune response. It looks like the coronavirus vaccine will be the first genetically engineered messenger RNA vaccine to be fast tracked to licensure, just like Gardasil was the first genetically engineered virus-like particle vaccine to be fast tracked to licensure.

There likely will be lots of questions about whether the fast tracked coronavirus vaccine was studied long enough to adequately demonstrate safety, especially for people who have trouble resolving strong inflammatory responses in their bodies and may be at greater risk for vaccine reactions. However, there is no question about what will happen if the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all Americans get the newly licensed coronavirus vaccine.

The government has a National Vaccine Plan. It is a Plan designed to make sure you, your child and everyone in America gets every dose of every vaccine that government officials recommend now and in the future.

Read this referenced commentary, watch the video and make a comment here.

CO House Committee Acts to Prevent Investigations of Parents Based Solely on Child's Vaccination History

By Theresa Wrangham

In the Colorado House of Representatives, a bill (HB20-1297) protecting parents from investigations by Child Protective Services and charges of child abuse or neglect based solely on a child's vaccination status cleared its first legislative hurdle on March 13 with a unanimous vote of support from the House Public Health Care & Human Service Committee. Committee chair Representative Jonathan Singer (D) stated that he would renew his request for the Speaker of the House to add him as Co-Prime sponsor with sponsors Representative Mark Baisley (R) and Senator Paul Lundeen (R). The bill's primary House sponsor, Representative Baisley, worked with many members of the committee and stakeholders to win bipartisan support for the bill.

The bill has not been published with amendments passed by the House committee because the Colorado's legislature has suspended activity until March 30. However, the intent of the bill is to clarify and add existing statutory language to appropriately appear under Colorado's Children's Code. The bill prohibits the use of a child's vaccination status from being used as the sole premise to either initiate an investigation of child abuse or neglect, or being used as a determining factor in reaching a finding of child abuse or neglect. The bill also protects parental and guardian decisions to delay or decline one or more vaccines outside of school vaccine exemption status.

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Cry for Vaccine Freedom Wall Reports
Below are two reports posted on NVIC's Cry for Vaccine Freedom Wall describing shaming, coercion and punishment by employers and legislators of Americans defending their human right to exercise informed consent to medical risk-taking.

Nurse Forced to Resign After 40 Years of Service

"After being a nurse for over 40 years I was forced to resign from a profession I loved because I refused to get an Influenzas injection. This was mandated at the hospital, and they would not allow me to wear a mask instead. I also had a letter from my Allergist stating I reacted to the mandated flu injection from the previous year. I left two messages with the hospital's infection control physician who refused to accept my Allergist's letter. She never returned my calls. I resigned rather than being forced to receive another Influenza vaccine."

Fear of Being Hunted Down and Forced to Vaccinate

"Our Senate majority leader has declared 'war' on his constituents after we peacefully protested and voiced our opposition to forced vaccination in order to attend school. He has now introduced legislation that will force vaccination, but will eliminate parental rights and allow minors to have informed consent. We feel very threatened as he is proposing vaccine registries and religious schools to post unvaccinated student rates on every entrance. I feel that they may hunt down myself and my children and force vaccination on us against our will."

In addition to the Cry for Vaccine Freedom Wall, NVIC's website provides visitors with other ways to access, report and share information about vaccination. You can:

* File a vaccine reaction report describing a vaccine reaction, injury or death with NVIC's 36-year old Vaccine Reaction Registry.

* Post a vaccine reaction report describing a vaccine reaction, injury or death and include a photo or video on the online Memorial for Vaccine Victims.

* Post a vaccine failure report if a vaccine failed to protect you or your child from disease on the Vaccine Failure Wall.

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June 4-5, 2020
Sept. 3-4, 2020
Dec. 3-4, 2020

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

June 24-25, 2020

National Vaccine Advisory Committee(NVAC)
June 9-10, 2020
Sept. 23-24, 2020

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7154537922

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Not please about the whole process

Description: Responded same day:
Rick and Myra,

Thank you for reaching out. I am with you on a lot of this and have been talking to a lot of really frustrated people, especially in our area because, you are right, we haven't had any confirmed cases. Yes, I think the short answer is that Governor Evers could have done it differently, but he has chosen not to do that. I know it is a really frustrating, but my main goal is to get everyone the information they need to get through this in one piece.

Thank you for hanging in there. I hope the weather lets you both get some rest,

Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: corona 19

JUST HEARD THE GOV. IS SHUTTING DOWN BUSINESSES THAT ARE NON ESENTIAL. I AGREE THAT IS NECESSARY IN SOME CASES BUT WE HERE IN THE NORTH HAVE NOT HAD A CASE. DO THE ORDERS HAVE TO BE STATE WIDE OR CAN THEY BE AREA WIDE? I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE BARS AND STUFF BUT WHY FORCE WORKERS AND BUSINESSES THAT ARE CLEAN TO SEND HOME THEIR WORKERS? THESE FOLKS DEPEND ON THE PAY CHECK AND IF THERE IS NO SICKNESS WHY? JUST MY THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE. MYRA AND I ARE FINE BEEN WATCHING LOTS OF MOVIES AND HOUSE CLEANING. FUNNY THING THOUGH WE FOUND SOME VERY OLD FREEZER STUFF THAT WE NEVER KNEW WE HAD. IT WAS VERY PAST THE FRESH DATE. MYRA AND SOME OTHER FOLKS ARE SEWING MASKS TO GIVE TO THE NURSING HOMES UP HERE. SOMEONE DONATED THE MATERIAL AND THE SEWING SHOP IN TOWN SENT OUT AN SOS. TAKE CARE. RICK

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Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Supports Evers in the Stay at Home Order

Description:

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:06 PM
To: mjsandholm@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

Martha,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. I appreciate your input.

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Merrill
Phone Number
7155363215
Message
I support Gov. Evers' order for non- essential businesses to close. Anyone who opposes it should be put on a list to not receive access to a ventilator. Dead people will not help much of the economy.
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Sego, Davina
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Tomahawk WI 54487-9553
7159669410

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Absentee Ballot Question and COVID concerns

Description: Davina called with several points.
1. Does the stay at home order prevent her from seeing her family? I told her that, unless she is taking care of someone who is ill, or they live in the same household, then yes technically the order does prevent that. She was very angry and wants to know who Evers thinks he is. I told her that Mary agrees and is equally frustrated.
2. She asked about Absentee Ballots (email I sent her after the call below).

Good afternoon Davina,

Thank you for your conversation today. I called the Elections Commission and I did get clarification on our absentee ballot question. Here is what I found out:
1. You can request an absentee ballot and still vote on election day as long as you do not send your absentee ballot in or turn it into the Clerk at any time.
2. I asked the Commission how they prevent double voting in these scenarios. Here is what they told me:
a. The municipal clerk has a list of every person that was sent an absentee ballot. If one was sent to you, it will say so in the voting book (the book you sign when voting in person). If a voter has already returned their absentee ballot, it will also say that in the voting book and the poll worker will not allow that person to vote again.
b. If the absentee voter turns in their ballot on voting day, then the book would not say whether they have returned the ballot. In that case, the poll worker would ask the voter if they have returned their ballot, to which they will say yes or no. If they say no, the poll worker will let them vote.
c. If a person does double vote, the absentee ballot is still counted, so the voting book will then show that the person turned in a ballot and voted in person. In those cases, that person is then referred to the District Attorney for voter fraud.

I hope this helps! I'm also attaching a copy of the Governor's Stay At Home Order.

Thank you again for your call,

Liz

From: davina sego <dsegos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Elections Absentee Ballot Question

Hi Liz,

Thankyou for getting back to me so quickly.
That clarifies things for me on the voting ballot issue.
I will read through the attachment, and if I have any questions, I will give you a call.

With gratitude

Davina Sego ND.

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Story, Joe

joestory@dunnfins.com

327 W Wisconsin Ave
Tomahawk WI 54487-1133

7159660261

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID 19- is his business essential?

Description: Joe Story -
American Legion - non-profit veterans organization
First Tuesday in April, seven people meeting, they meet so they can provide health care to their veterans. They deliver meals, deliver prescriptions, all sorts of different things for their veterans. He is wondering if they should have the meeting and whether they are essential. The order doesn't speak to them specifically. Provided him with WEDC phone number. Will attempt contact over the next couple days. If he cannot get through, he will let us know.

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Witscheber, Diane Mary

Witchywoman0452@outlook.com

N1795 Balsam Ave
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7155369098

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Will the order impact my ability to take my vacation?

Description: Yes, it does.
Thank you,
Diane
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 5:27 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Diane,

I did want to follow up with you after learning of what Governor Evers said at his press conference related to this. He said that the State Patrol will not be pulling people over asking for proof of where they are going or what they are doing. They are hoping for voluntary compliance, but enforcement is essentially up to local law enforcement.

I hope this helps,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Witchywoman0452@outlook.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Diane,

According to Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order released today, the following enforcement measures are in effect starting tomorrow morning:

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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

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Because his order prohibited non-essential travel, this section of his order would apply to you.

Please let me know if there is more information I can get for you,

Liz

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Message
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Sign up for E-Update
False

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Zimmerman, Ron rdz9795@gmail.com

W6118 Frontage Rd
Tomahawk WI 54487-9462

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: How does the stay at home order affect travel?

Description: From: Ron Zimmerman <rdz9795@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

My son & grandson are suppose to fly to South Carolina to meet us. I assume this means they will not be able to fly out of Madison. Correct?

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 5:36 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Ron,

Thank you for the email. According to the order, this is what it says about travel on page 4:

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.

Then on page 15, it explains what Essential travel means:

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.

If your son and grandson's travel does not fall under any of the essential travel items, then Governor Evers' order would prohibit their travel.

I hope this is helpful! Please let me know if you have any other questions!

Mary Felzkowski

From Ron:
Thank you. Stay safe

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Diane Witchywoman0452@outlook.com

Contact Date: 03/24/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Can I still take my vacation?

Description: Yes, it does.
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Tomahawk WI

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Facebook
Summary: COVID-19: Can I travel to move?
Description: Hey Mary!☺ Question from a lost college student on social media!♀

UW-Stevens Point is having their students move out this weekend. I have a 2 hour slot on Friday, am I still allowed to drive there & do that? I ask because some resources say that you can be fined for not staying home (unless for necessities) and Carson (my bf) was going to help me, and he's even afraid on getting in trouble driving to Tomahawk to help.

I totally understand if you don't have an answer, or apologize if I asked you an obvious question.

I appreciate your continuous work to alert & advocate for our community!☺☐☺☐

Here is what I responded:

So in the order, it does stipulate that you can travel to care for a family member. In my mind, moving a kid out of college is absolutely essential travel, you don't have a choice. Governor Evers said in his press conference yesterday that the state patrol is not going to be pulling people over to give fines, and that he hopes people will voluntarily comply. If UW SP is having their students move out, my guess is law enforcement is aware and will not be giving any families trouble. And because it's your stuff you're moving out, you are absolutely able to travel to do that. If you can't do it by yourself, I would say it's probably save to bring your boyfriend.

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Beversdorf, John Harvey
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N8983 US Highway 45
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7154492105

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Am I still going to be able to in-person vote?

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City
Birnamwood
Phone Number
7154492105
Message
Am I safe in assuming that the polls will be open for in-person voting?

God Bless.
Sign up for E-Update
False

Good morning John,

Thank you for your email and your question. All I can do is give you the information I am working with today. Governor Evers continues to signal that he will not be pursuing an Election Day change for April 7th. Polling places are statutorially required to be open, so based on that, yes, in-person voting should be an option. Everyone is encouraging absentee balloting to promote social distancing as much as possible. I do want to mention that, this morning. Green Bay sued the state of Wisconsin over the election, suggesting that the state needs to move to only mail-in ballots for April 7th. Theoretically, the judge overseeing the case could side with Green Bay and institute that, but there is no information at all to suggest that that will happen. I just wanted to mention it so you have all the information I have.

I hope this is helpful to you, please let me know if you need any help with absentee ballots.

Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Bless, Matthew Allen

2800 Thielman St Unit 15C
Merrill WI 54452-3835

pastorbless@stjohnmerrill.org

6418327253

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Does the Stay at Home Order Prevent Virtual Church Services?

Description: Pastor Bless - Merrill, WI - St. Johns? (responded 3/24)
Looking to do a small communion service with under 10 people and wondering if he can do that.
pastorbless@stjohnmerrill.org
641-832-7253
Emailed him the order and the section of the order that should apply to them.

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020, 11:02 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Good morning,

As promised, I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

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.

From what you told me on the phone, this should allow for you to offer virtual services, as well as holy communion services with fewer than 10 people at a time.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

Thanks to you guys at Rep. Felzkowski's office! You do fantastic work and represent our district well. We appreciate your promptness in getting back to us on this. Thanks again!

-Pastor Bless

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/25/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Cournaya, Karen Rose

N691 Lake Rd
Merrill WI 54452-9235

PKCOURN2013@YANDEX.COM

7155719259

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Why aren't we moving the election date?

Description: Thinks it's crazy that Governor Evers is messing with the election by not postponing it. Does not trust him and absolutely believes he is trying to steal the election. I talked to her about absentee and what the law says about being able to change election dates. Also mentioned the Green Bay lawsuit.

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/26/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
Insurance Agent | Casualty

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Contact Report

Flock, Patrice Elizabeth
patriceandmike@gmail.com

N8917 Water Power Rd
Deerbrook WI 54424-9635
7152755076

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why are we not postponing the election?

Description: Mary reached out to her via phone.

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:53 PM
To: patriceandmike@gmail.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Patrice,

I just wanted to thank you for your time on the phone today.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

the form Contact form was submitted, this is the list of values it contained, you can turn this email off under workflows in Umbraco Contour
Name
Patrice Flock
Email
patriceandmike@gmail.com
Address
N8917 Water Power Road
City
Deerbrook
Phone Number
6085771376
Message
Rep. Felzkowski,

Thank you for the information regarding Governor Ever's safe at home directive.

I have a deep concern regarding the April 7 election. I don't understand why the governor refuses to postpone the election. Many other states have postponed elections until a later date in spring. If Wisconsin is in such dire straits that businesses must close, why continue with the election at this time? In my opinion, it reeks of political subterfuge.

I don't favor only voting absentee and I don't favor eliminating a photo ID.

Is there anything I can do to make sure Wisconsin has a fair election in April?

Yes, I have requested and received my absentee ballot and mailed it today.

Sincerely,
Patrice Flock
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Contact Report

Fronek, Thomas Erwin

tfronek@gmail.com

2086 Terri Ln
Tomahawk WI 54487-8366

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Is ATV use essential activity?

Description: We live up north and enjoy outdoor activity. Is riding around on your ATV/UTV considered outdoor activity and therefore essential?
Sent from my iPhone

Hey, thank you for reaching out. I absolutely think this counts as outdoor activity and is allowed under the order, as long as you are social distancing from everyone that is not in your household (so staying 6 ft away).

Thanks for the question!

Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Hanneman, Donald L

400 N Cleveland St
Merrill WI 54452-2032

7155365479

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: Having issues with his title company and satellite imaging

Description: Lincoln County-
400 North Cleveland Street, Merrill (primary residence)
Cottage: 2559 Lake Bosobic Road (cottage)
Donald Hanneman
715-536-5479
Last year, satellite went over and re-did the map for property lines, had a cottage on Lake Bosobic
Don wanted to sell the cottage, and wanted to get it registered. He went to the title company by the court house.
Title company is telling him: Satellite imaging took 75 feet of his and give it to the neighbor to the north. So there were two owners that have that 75 feet. Another property lost their deck from this process and was given to another property that isn't owned by anyone. There was a major trickle effect amongst all the properties in this area.
Has maps that go all the way back to 1942 that show the property lines that are on his title currently but the title company won't use those anymore, so they won't give him a clean title to sell. This is the same issue others have.

Surveyor said $4000-$7000 to fix the issue because of the domino effect of all the different properties.

He onyl wants to sell for $62,000, so he thinks spending that amount of money on fixing this issue he didn't cause will just eat into the small amount he's getting from the sale.

Asked all these people, mapping people, no one can give him a direct answer on it. Went to the tax people, and says that he's been paying taxes on 75 feet that isn't his? How is he still paying taxes on it. Would like backpay on the taxes he was paying.

I asked him if he had a surveyor come out to locate the stakes. He says he knows where the stakes are. He says his neighbor got a lawyer and they said it would take forever to right this wrong.

If he has owned it for 20 years, then he can claim it for himself. Wants to get a lawyer to take it to court. Is afraid of the negative repercussions and the cost from the lawyer.

The Town of Merrill, owns some property. A 50 ft turnaround was built and the agreement was made between the town and another woman, but not with him, who owns the land and the well on it.

I've reached out to leg council to see if there is any background information on this kind of issue. Will update as I find more.

Status: Open **Closed Date:**

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Hanson, Earl E
63 E Birchwood Ave
Tomahawk WI 54487-2147
sehanson1@frontier.com
7154534311

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID 19: how will this situation affect our ability to vote?

Description: From: Earl Hanson <sehanson1@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: vote

Hi Mary!

My wife and I would like to vote on April 7th, but we do not know how to access the voter registration form and any other necessary information. I'm 83 and my wife is 79 and our children do not live close by to help us. Ron Johnson's office is difficult to access,too. We called Madison, but no return call has been placed to our address. We'll vote absentee if we can or will vote on site if that is possible. Can you help? Our number is715-453-4311

Also, we visit our library often and they do not even have a message that explains how we can access books or papers. At least they could have a message to let us know how they are handling this crisis. Thank you .....Earl and Sandra Hanson

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Good morning Earl,

Thank you for reaching out! I can certainly help you access an absentee ballot for sure. I apologize about you not being able to get ahold of anyone, it's been a crazy time for a lot of places as staff transition from the office to working at home. Here is the information I provided in my e-update that went out yesterday. Please look it over and let me know how I can help you with any of the steps. The easiest way to get your ballots is to go with #1.

Governor Evers has continued to signal that there will be no change to the April 7th Election Date. I wanted to provide you with more information about absentee voting. Social distancing recommendations will be harder to follow on election day – so absentee voting is a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.
For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home. There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:
1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.
2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.
3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.
For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here.
All absentee ballot requests must be made by Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.
Please note that, as of right now, online voter registration remains open until March 30th. You can also register by contacting your local municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

If you would like to be added to my e-update list, please let me know! Also, which library do you go to? I can reach out to them to see what their plans are so you have more information. I think everyone is just trying to figure things out as this is a really unpredecented situation for all of us.

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Heikkinen, Susan E

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7156121117

Contact Date: 03/25/2020

Contact Type: Phone Call

Summary: Needed help with absentee ballots

Description: She called saying the online portal was not finding her name or registration. I looked up her polling place and connected her with her municipal clerk so she could call her directly.

Status: Closed

Closed Date: 03/25/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth

Staff Owner: Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Kickhaver, Victoria
yayagal@frontier.com

PO Box 208
Mattoon WI 54450-0208
7154893694

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why aren't we moving the election?

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Victoria Kickhaver <yayagal@frontier.com>
Subject: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Ms Mary Felzkowski – As a poll worker and being over 65, I am concerned about the upcoming primary election on April 7. Because of the severity and mandated stay at home order, should the primary also be postponed until a later date? We need to keep our voters and poll workers protected also. Thank-you Vicki Kickhaver

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Vicki Kickhaver <yayagal@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Hey Vicki,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. I agree that it does give out mixed signals that everyone must stay home, but let's have a lot of people in the same place for voting. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
DNR License | ATV Owner (2016-2017)

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Micke, Timothy Allen
micke1961@live.com

P3721 Eau Claire River Rd
Aniwa, WI 54408-9404
7154499790

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Convention of States

Description: From: Timothy Micke <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Timothy Micke and I live in Aniwa.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and business is a recipe for disaster.

What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by Washington, DC. Article V of the US Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing needed amendments to the Constitution.

Citizens for Self-Governance has launched the Convention of States Project to call an Article V convention to propose only amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

I support this approach. I want our state to be one of the necessary 34 states to pass a resolution calling for this kind of Article V Convention. You can find a copy of the model resolution and the Handbook for Legislators and Citizens (which explains the process and answers many questions) here:
https://conventionofstates.com/handbook_pdf

I ask that you support the Convention of States Project and consider becoming a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Please respond to my request by informing the national COS team of your position, or sending them any questions you may have: info@cosaction.com or (540) 441-7227.

Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

Timothy Micke
micke1961@live.com
236841 Eau Claire River Rd, Aniwa, WI, 54408-5061

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Timothy Micke <micke1961@live.com>
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Timothy,

I am one of the co-authors of this resolution and completely agree with you.

Thank you for reaching out!

Mary

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Contact Report

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:
Hwy Map Requested

Olson, Richard Michael
richardmolsonjr@gmail.com

N8002 Raspberry Rd
Wittenberg WI 54499-8210
7153705370

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID 19: Can't log into his account for unemployment insurance

Description: Richard Olson
Village of Birnamwood
Applied for unemployment back in 2008
Tried logging in, but the website won't allow him to recover his password. The website pushes him to a phone number he's been trying to call for three days. He sent us an email with screenshots of what he was experiencing.

From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Hey John,

Sorry to bother you! This guy just needs access to his password (he applied for unemployment back in 2008). He's tried to do it online, but 2008 was so long ago that his information is outdated. He's been calling the number in the screenshot below for 3 days with no success. Is there any way to get him in touch with someone so he can do the rest online?

Thank you!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Hey Liz, I'll have someone call him directly. We are creating work arounds with our online system so people with name changes and password issues can take care of that themselves in the future—but that's not up yet□

Rich,
Just heard back from DWD. Someone should be reaching out to you directly! Please let me know if that does not happen.

Thank you again!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
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35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694

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Contact Report

Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

Thank you, Liz - see what I am confused about - it says I am there but am I really?

As an IT guy, I get it and I am swamped to helping everyone work from home.

Some suggestions would be to create a voicemail system or an online chat waiting room for people to wait in - even if it is hours still would not matter.

Appreciate the quick response and support - You and Rep. Felzkowski's office have and always will be great to work with.

Rich Olson

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Contact Report

Reynolds, David

dreynolds5963@gmail.com

W4649 W Shady Shore Rd
Tomahawk WI 54487-9129

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Description: David,

I am one of the co-authors of this resolution and completely agree with you.

Thank you for reaching out!

Mary

From: David Reynolds <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is David Reynolds and I live in Tomahawk.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and business is a recipe for disaster.

What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by Washington, DC. Article V of the US Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing needed amendments to the Constitution.

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Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

David Reynolds
dreynolds5963@gmail.com
W4649 Shady Shore Road West, Tomahawk, WI, 54487

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Skoug, Cheryl A manager@merrillchamber.org

1805 E 6th St
Merrill WI 54452-1610

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Restaurants Open in Merrill

Description: Good Morning,
I have attached a listing of restaurants that could be added to your listing. I have included Merrill and Gleason.

Thanks,

Cheryl!

THIS IS SO HELPFUL! Thank you for putting this together, and doing it in this format. It will help me add them quickly so I can get them on the website more quickly as well.

Thank you again!

Elisabeth Portz

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

Tags:

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Stadler, Debra Lynn
debrastadlergapko@gmail.com

W1787 Center Rd
Merrill WI 54452-9018
7155366684

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why are we not moving the election?

Description: From: Debra Stadler-Gapko <debrastadlergapko@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Day

Thank you so much for taking the time to call me. I emailed Gov. Evers expressing my negative opinion on his decision to go forward with the April 7 election. I fully intended NOT TO VOTE in protest. After talking to you I realized that you were right and it is very important to vote. (I do really know that) so thank you for taking the time to send me the form to request an absentee ballot. My husband and I have filled it out and mailed it. The people in this district are very fortunate to have you as a representative. Senator "Tiny" Krueger was my uncle so I know how important it is to have someone that looks out for the Interest of the people. I am also a 17 year breast cancer survivor. Thank you. Debra Stadler-Gapko

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:54 PM
To: debrastadlergapko@gmail.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Debra,

I just wanted to say thank you for your time on the phone today.

Have a good day,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

the form Contact form was submitted, this is the list of values it contained, you can turn this email off under workflows in Umbraco Contour
Name
Debra Stadler-Gapko
Email
debrastadlergapko@gmail.com
Address
N1014 Leafy Grove Rd
City
Merrill
Phone Number
7154322636
Message
I am more than happy to follow Gov Evers orders to stay at home but totally oppose continuing to hold the election on April 7. That is absolutely ridiculous to put everyone that votes at high risk of contracting the virus. I am an election worker and will not work that day and will not vote.
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Insurance Agent | Credit

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Story, Joe

joestory@dunnfins.com

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Tomahawk WI 54487-1133

7159660261

Contact Date: 03/25/2020

Contact Type: Email

Summary:

Description:

Status:

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Staff Owner:

Tags:
Bad Email

Sturm, Tracy Ann

2601 Uncle Ben Rd
Pelican Lake WI 54463-9589

9202099343

Contact Date: 03/25/2020

Contact Type: Email

Summary: COVID-19: Against Stay-At-Home

Description: From: Tracy Sturm <tas11158@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Governor Evers - Stay at HOME ORDER

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

I am against the extended Safer at Home order that Governor Evers forced on us Wednesday March 25th at 8:00am which will extend until April 24th. I am following the 15 day Stay at Home order the President has issued - this was sensible and smart. Now I feel that we need to GET BACK TO WORK as soon as possible - especially in areas that are not seeing a spike in Covid 19 cases.

WE are not the State of New York! To date we have 5 deaths in the Great State of Wisconsin from Covid-19 and, as of today we have 457 confirmed cases. We have tested 8237 Wisconsinites and if my calculations are correct 94.5% of the the people who were tested DO NOT HAVE THE VIRUS.

Data from the CDC in 2017 shows we lost 11,680 lives to Heart Disease, 11,318 to cancer, Accidents took 3,746 lives. To compare "Apples to Apples" we lost 974 lives to the Flu/Pneumonia in 2017. As of Feb 24th we lost 17 people to Snowmobiling - are we going to outlaw snowmobiles? I feel it is tragic that we lost those 5 lives but what will be the cost of lives when people lose their JOBS and our economy crashes? At some point our employers will not be able to continue to keep us on the payroll - of course all of you in the legislator will continue to get a check. What about the people who work in the service industry - Bartenders, Waitstaff, Retail Employees, Sales Personnel, Salon Workers, etc. Currently a lot of these people are already out of a job! How will these people take care of their families in the long term?

We have approximately 44 Counties who have not seen 1 COVID-19 case as of today. We have 5.7 million residents in the State of Wisconsin and of that 457 have been identified with the Covid-19. How does this justify shutting down our whole state to business and our right to work?

The State of South Dakota is using a County by County order which seems reasonable to me. You can not compare Milwaukee County with Counties who do not even have a single case of this virus.

I am a law abiding citizens that wants to GET BACK to WORK within reason. I expect our Governor to treat us as ADULTS and not Children who need direction. I can make informed decisions and act responsible!

I was lucky to meet you last year at a "Town Hall" and felt that you are a common sense Legislator and we really need to you to help us be heard with our Governor. He has over reacted and needs to get Wisconsin back to work using common sense. For the record my county still does not have one case of Covid-19.

Respectfully.

Tracy Sturm

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Contact Report

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Tracy Sturm <tas11158@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers - Stay at HOME ORDER

Tracy,

Thank you for your email. I totally understand the frustration, and I think it's something a lot of people, especially in the north, are feeling. I wanted to send you the updated outbreak information from today: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm. We are currently at 707 positive tests, with 37 counties currently impacted. The last two days, there has been a jump of 120 positives each day. Ultimately, I agree with you that treating the whole state the same when there are not positive tests in the North can be really frustrating and seemingly unfair. Unfortunately, Governor Evers has chosen to make the stay at home order statewide, and there is nothing the legislature can do to impact that because he has emergency powers to issue these orders. My main goal at this point is to be an information source for my district and make sure that everyone who is impacted can make it to the other side of this situation intact. I hope I can help anyone who is having trouble getting connected with an agency, or finding the answers they need.

Thank you for your email, and I hope that you and your family are doing okay,

Mary Felzkowski

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Closed Date: 03/27/2020
Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth
Staff Owner: Portz, Elisabeth

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Szutkowski, Kathleen kathleenjw20@yahoo.com

P4641 Old Lake Rd
Birnamwood WI 54414-9462

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Is fishing an essential activity?

Description: From: Kathleen Willcome <kathleenjw20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Hi,
We can't seem to determine if one is able to go fishing as far as this Safer at Home order. It seems the DNR is advising people can go fishing but stay close to home. Most are traveling a distance to go fishing. Can you confirm the details as it seems unclear?
Thank you,
Kathleen Szutkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:23 PM
To: kathleenjw20@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Kathleen,

Outdoor activity is essential travel, so yes! Fishing is absolutely allowed. Everyone doing outdoor activity must still utilize social distancing and stay at least 6 feet from anyone not in their household. There is no limit to how far you can travel for outdoor activity. The DNR is simply suggesting staying closer to home, but you can drive over county lines to fish. I think there is a concern that a lot of people may travel to their second homes to congregate, which can create new issues, so the order technically states that you must stay within your primary residence. Having said that, if you travel back to your primary residence after fishing, I don't think any violations of the order have occurred.

Thank you for reaching out! Please let me know if you run into any issues with this or anything else.

Mary Felzkowski

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Woellner, Derek Ray

1503 Jackson St
Merrill WI 54452-3208

7153934100

Contact Date: 03/25/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Merrill Mandating Paid Sick Leave

Description: Mayor Derrick, City of Merrill
A lot of companies that don't offer paid sick leave, and won't be offering it during
Are offered a leave of absence, but can't afford to do it because they are working paycheck to paycheck, and are coming into work sick and getting other workers sick.
As a city, would like to mandate two weeks paid sick leave. But cannot do that because the legislature prohibits it. Would like the legislature to temporarily lift the ban.
715-440-4331

I gave Mary his contact information and she reached out directly.

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Carlson, Paulette V

glacialgardens@gmail.com

W17812 Church Rd
Birnamwood WI 54414-8553

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Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Can we move the election?

Description: Paulette called to express her major concern about not moving the election. She is an elderly poll worker, and her daughter in law is pregnant (so she doesn't want to get infected and then infected her family). I expressed to her that Governor Evers has signaled he his not going to move the date, so now we need to operate within the parameters we have. If she doesn't feel comfortable working, she shouldn't, and she should vote absentee. She said she was going to call her clerk and let her know. I also reached out from Mary to let Paulette know staff told her about the call.

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:25 PM
To: glacialgardens@gmail.com
Subject: Follow Up

Hey Paulette,

Just wanted to let you know my staff let me know you called. Thank you for reaching out on the election. It's a really tough situation but it's looking like the date is not going to move, and ultimately, Governor Evers is making that decision. Please let me know if I can be helpful at all throughout this stay at home order. I know we are all going to have growing pains from the adjustment.

Have a good day,

Mary

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Evert, Kathy evertfam@mac.com

N11782 Post Lake Dr
Elcho WI 54428-9587

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Description: Kathy,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. As you mention in your email, this was an FCC decision made by the federal government. I represent our district in the State Assembly. While we are without a Congressman at the moment, Senator Ron Johnson's office handles the constituent concerns for our district regarding federal actions. You can reach his office at 202-224-5323. As to the state taking action, while some states have passed resolutions or enacted laws at the state level, a federal rule change which took effect on June 11, 2018 preempts states from enacting ISP network restrictions and places primary jurisdiction over internet service providers' network management practices under the Federal Trade Commission.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kathy Evert <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, essential to everyone's rights to connect and communicate online. Without net neutrality protections, phone and cable companies can block, throttle and otherwise interfere with our access to sites and services online - yet the FCC voted to take away these critical net neutrality protections. As your constituent, I urge you to enact net neutrality legislation at the state level and defend the open Internet.
Kathy Evert
evertfam@mac.com
N11782 Post Lake Dr
Elcho, Wisconsin 54428

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Holz, Carol A caholz@charter.net

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Merrill WI 54452-3869

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why aren't we moving the election?

Description: From: Carol Holz <caholz@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Up coming elections

Mary, this is a cry for help. It is NOT political As you know, WI has an election scheduled for April 7. Our Governor is refusing to change that date. Banks, churches, restaurants,beauty and tattoo parlors are closed. Funerals and weddings are postponed. And yet, elections must go on all while using "best practices" . Absentee ballots are encouraged. Wonderful! However, those absentee ballots still need to be processed by poll workers. The majority of poll workers are retirees. And I'm one of them. How can we do our work while practicing "social distancing" and keeping people out of our face?
Please, please let's just make one change. Allow me to simply check off the voter in the poll book. Waive the requirement that he sign the book. This simple change would keep the voter away from my face. A relative small best practice change!

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Please don't force me to choose between my health and what I feel is my civic duty and something I enjoy. Thanks for listening and anything you can do.
Carol Holz

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Carol Holz <caholz@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Up coming elections

Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place.

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Mary

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Leek, Margaret

leet.peggy@gmail.com

7154531912

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Why is my husband's physical therapist closed when Planned Parenthood is open?

Description: Her husband is in pain and isn't being allowed to see his physical therapist because it's considered non urgent but planned parenthood is allowed to be open. She is pissed off. Why are physical therapists shut down but PP is exempt when her husband is in pain.

Note: physical therapists haven't been shut down, it is likely that particular therapist has chosen to stop appointments that are not high priority. It is up to them, not the government.

I left Margaret a voicemail asking for a call back.

Totally understand how frustrating it is that planned parenthood can be open. Their physical therapist hasn't been shut down, he or she is likely just trying to manage their own workload and exposure by limiting appointments to urgent needs only until the peak of exposure passes. Encourage them to have a conversation with their doctor to talk about how they will get through the next month without his appointments, and get suggestions from PT on that so he's not just floating out there with no information. He could also see if there is another physical therapist that does have more availability right now that he could see in the mean time.

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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:**

Tags:

Lewis, Ken

9209601712

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Why are the golf courses closed?

Description: He left a voicemail- did not leave a name. Sounds elderly.
He says he lives in Post Lake. He is furious that the golf courses are closed. This is a form of outdoor recreation and a great way for seniors to be outside and get some exercise. Please re-open them. Illinois closed theirs with their shutdown, but re-opened them 4 days later. Wisconsin needs to do the same.

I left a voicemail for him detailing what you and the Legislature are doing to convince the Governor to re-open the golf courses. Let him know he could call back any time if he has more questions or concerns.

He called back- Ken Lewis. He lives in Elcho and works as a building project manager. Golf is one of his ways to de-stress with his buddies. He ran through how golf works for a long time and explained how you stand apart from people. He is incredibly grateful we called him back, I let him know you signed on to the letter, he really appreciates your attention and what you are doing.

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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:**

Tags:

Mejak, Deborah Lou

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Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

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Summary: COVID-19: Why are we not moving the election?

Description: From: dlmejak@gmail.com <dlmejak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Presidential Primary

I am a poll worker and have decided not to work the election and vote with an absentee ballot. I find that holding this election doesn't make common sense with the stay safe at home order due to the Covid 19 virus. The poll workers in my city are mostly in the at risk category. Why would we put them and the voters at risk? Why isn't the election being postponed or mail only?

Thank you.

Debi Mejak
Summit Lake WI

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:52 AM
To: dlmejak@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Presidential Primary

Debi,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

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Mary

From Deb: Thank you so much for your response. I appreciate your getting back to me.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Contact Report

Pleski, Greg S.

pleski@hotmail.com

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Merrill WI 54452-9364

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Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why are we not extending the election?

Description: From: Greg PLeski <pleski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

I think we need to postpone the upcoming election. Not knowing what the answer is, are ability to have a valid vote is under assault.

Greg Pleski
Merrill

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Greg PLeski <pleski@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Greg,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

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Mary

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Roets, Steve Francis

N840 Chestnut Ave
Merrill WI 54452-9565

7154093485

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: Issues with Stray Voltage

Description: Steve Roets - Merrill, WI
Dairy Farmer, township of Pine River
7154093485-cell

- He has been battling stray voltage for 40 years
- The last battle started in 2010 - boiled down to electricity issues. Had the farm center out there in 2012. Hasn't had a complete herd of cows since 2010 because the stray voltage has killed off his herd. Has 22 cows in the barn. Is in major debt, but still running.
- Dave Hansen in Public Service Commissioner's office has been on his farm.
- He thinks he can finally milk cows again, after replacing power lines, and the harassment from the PSC employees over the last 8 years.
- Says he was investigated by Lincoln County Sheriff's department for animal abuse because of all of this
- He is turning 65, and his wife is turning 63, and both were going to retire soon, but coronavirus has led to them not being able to do that. They need his wife's income to keep the farm going. He blames the PSC because their inadequate testing led to 8 years of lost profit for his farm
- Wanted to talk to Mary directly so I provided her with his contact information.

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Dairy Producer

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Thompson, Craig Michael
cmthomp7@gmail.com

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Antigo WI 54409-8981
7156232124

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Statewide Referendum

Description: Thanks Mary, the information was helpful and I know how I wish to vote on the referendum now.
Craig

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 9:52 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hey Craig,

I'm not 100% sure I'm able to tell you how to vote on this because that could be considered campaigning, but I can provide you with more information on it! Here is the legislative website on the measure. It is referred to as Marsy's Law. https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/sjr2. A nice aspect of the legislative website is that you can read through materials that were presented at the public hearing, which is at this link: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/lcbillhearingtestimonyandmaterials/2019/REG/SJR2. You can also google "Marsy's Law Wisconsin" if you want to find other news sources that can help you decide how you are going to vote.

I hope this helps!

Mary

From: Craig Thompson <cmthomp7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Statewide Referendum

Mary,
What is your position on the statewide referendum question on the April 7 ballot?
I do not completely understand the issue.
Thanks, Craig Thompson

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Vlies, Robert John
townofenterprise@plbb.us

733 Enterprise Creek Rd
Pelican Lake WI 54463-9533
7154875466

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why are we not moving the election?

Description: From: Bob <enterprise@plbb.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone elections

HI, Bob Vlies here, Town of Enterprise Treasurer in Oneida County. I am asking you to knock some sense into Governor Evers to postpone the spring elections until this CORVID-19 is over. It is Ludacris that he orders Safer at Home deal but insists the elections go on. I consider that to be a hypocrite. Please do whatever your powers are to convince him to postpone the elections.

Thank you

Bob Vlies
Treasurer Town of Enterprise

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Bob <enterprise@plbb.us>
Subject: RE: Postpone elections

Bob,
Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. I agree that it does give out mixed signals that everyone must stay home, but let's have a lot of people in the same place for voting. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

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Mary

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Contact Report

Wiedeman, Alan

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Merrill WI 54452-2459

Contact Date: 03/26/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: The future of the openInternet has come down to you

Description: Alan,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. As you mention in your email, this was an FCC decision made by the federal government. I represent our district in the State Assembly. While we are without a Congressman at the moment, Senator Ron Johnson's office handles the constituent concerns for our district regarding federal actions. You can reach his office at 202-224-5323. As to the state taking action, while some states have passed resolutions or enacted laws at the state level, a federal rule change which took effect on June 11, 2018 preempts states from enacting ISP network restrictions and places primary jurisdiction over internet service providers' network management practices under the Federal Trade Commission.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Alan Wiedeman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: The future of the openInternet has come down to you

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),
The FCC's massively unpopular decision to end net neutrality has sparked a national movement to demand its return. I'm writing to you, my elected official, to ask that you take notice. As your constituent, I urge you to enact local net neutrality legislation to restore the open Internet in our communities.
Alan Wiedeman
alan.vader@gmail.com
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Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

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Baker, Darlene A
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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Angry about her radio interview- airborne

Description: From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:37 PM
To: dabaker4@gmail.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Darlene,

Thank you for your email. All of the information we have at this time suggests that COVID is not airborne. Yes, we do know that it can be transmitted through the air from an infected person, say, through a sneeze. That is not the same thing as being an airborne illness, which would allow for COVID to be spread from person to person over long distances. We continue to learn new things about COVID, and I am committed to sharing those facts with my district as they become available. There are a lot of false information sources out there, so I am also committed to avoiding furthering hysteria. I have not seen anything concrete yet, including from the CDC, that would suggest this illness lives in the air. I absolutely agree with you that we need to take this seriously and take precautions. I spent a lot of my time on the radio this morning talking about how we can all do that. Nothing I said on the radio was suggesting we shouldn't be taking precautions, or that we should be ignoring pleas to social distance. I think we can do that without promoting panic.

Thank you for everything you are doing on the frontlines. I absolutely support our health care professionals. I wouldn't have made it through cancer twice without them.

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Name
Darlene Baker
Email
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Address
N11070 Nibler Rd
City
Tomahawk
Phone Number
7154533565
Message
I cannot say how appalling it was to hear you on WJJQ this morning saying Covid 19 is NOT airborne!! People are not isolating as it is! It is Airborne! That's why we as healthcare workers are wearing N95 masks and working in negative pressure rooms! It can remain airborne at least 3 hours. Get your facts straight. We need your support as nurses not your foolish statements. I'm asking you to talk to WJJQ and retract your statement.

Darlene Baker RN
Sign up for E-Update
False

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Licensed Occupation | Nurse, Registered

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Contact Report

03/27/2020
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Merrill WI 54452-8245

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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Help with unemployment?

Description: Dear Mary,

I was referred to you and given your e-mail in regards to my husband having an extremely hard time getting through to unemployment. We are now on day three of attempting to talk to someone. We started the process online as suggested but then towards the end of setting up his account he was told he needed to call and speak to someone to verify his account. We have been trying for days now and we can't get through. We just brought our premature baby home after a nearly 10 week stay at the NICU. She is on oxygen and part of the high risk category for this virus and every virus. We were starting to struggle before but had almost gotten our feet back underneath us when he got laid off from work this week. We need to get through in order to start to file weekly claims online and each day we can't file is another day closer to this having a severe and lasting impact on us. An impact that could be almost if not impossible to come back from. We've also been waiting well over 21 days for our federal tax refund. We can't get ahold of anyone at the irs either. I'm sure you can understand how scary, frustrating and stressful this all is especially with an new preemie baby. Any help or advice you can give us is beyond appreciated. Thank you so much for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Betsy and Garrett Beilke

715-401-0434

1405 Nicklaus drive
Merrill WI 54452

Betsy,

Thank you for your email and letting me know what you are struggling with. Congratulations on your new baby! That is very exciting, but also an added stresser on top of an already unprecedented situation here in Wisconsin. I will reach out to the department and see if I can have someone reach out to you on the unemployment. Regarding the federal tax refund, that unfortunately is not a state issue, so I don't have a contact for you at the IRS. You could contact Senator Ron Johnson on that. What does the website say when you check on the status of your refund? https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp

Congratulations again and I will see if I can get someone from DWD in touch with you. Unfortunately, the current situation has caused an enormous increase in the amount of people trying to file claims, so the staff at DWD are doing everything they can to keep up with the very large volume of calls that come in each day. I know they are also working on issues that arise with the website.

I will be in touch!

Mary Felzkowski

Mary,

Thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly. I truly appreciate it. I understand that these are difficult and unprecedented times and we appreciate you taking the time to help us. Thank you for your kind words of congratulations we are very happy to have her home.

As far as the federal refund I will contact Senator Ron Johnson with my concerns. The irs website and app have said the same thing for 43 days now. It reads " Your tax return is still being processed. A refund date will be provided when available." . Thank you for pointing me in the right direction as to who to contact in that matter.

After speaking with my mom shortly after sending the last email it was brought to my attention that we have actually met. Although it was what feels like a lifetime ago. I was a teenager and a completely different person than I am now. It is funny to look back and see how things change. I do believe you still know my parents though, Rick and Jan Arends.

Thank you again for all your efforts and help. I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Betsy

Status: Open **Closed Date:**

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

Tags:

Bialecki, William Charles

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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Evers wants to send absentee ballots to everyone

Description: Bill called to express that he would be against this. He knows the clerks don't have time to send a ballot to everyone, and it's made even worse by having all those voters on the rolls who have likely moved. Thinks that doing this will just increase the likelihood of misconduct, especially because of counties like Dane and Milwaukee. I told him we are staying on top of it, and that at least the Elections Commission has come out stating that COVID-19 cannot be used as an excuse for being indefinitely confined so that Voter ID does not have to be used.

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Elected Official | Lincoln County Supervisor

Faust, Julia Addrianne

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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Tiffany Office Constituent Contact

Description: This is just an FYI. We did not take this case, Tiffany's office did.
Hi Zach, (from the gov's office)

We have a constituent from Tomahawk who's been trying to get ahold of your office since Tuesday and she said voicemail is full, which we understand during these times.

Constituent:
Julia Faust
Tomahawk, WI
715-966-2678

Julia works at the Rhinelander mill and her husband works at the Tomahawk Mill. They are concerned that when residents are landing at Wisconsin airports or other nearby airports that they are not self-quarantining. Or those coming back on road trips.

She wants to speak to your office about what the Governor is doing to try and educate residents about what to do when they come back.

Best and thanks!

Jen
Office of Sen. Tiffany

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Licensed Occupation | Private Security Person

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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Offering Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

Description: Hello Rep. Felzkowski,

I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist certified in the State of WI. I work for Marshfield Clinic in Merrill, WI. Our clinic will be open 2 days per week beginning next week due to the COVID-19 crisis. I may be providing telehealth services from my home. Per State of WI Medicaid, I use an onsite provider as a "billing override or incident to" when billing for services. Because I will be working from home, I wonder if I will be able to provide telehealth services to this population during the State of Emergency declared by Govenor Evers, given there will not be a provider onsite.

Can you tell me if this Medicaid rule(to bill incident to)is still in place, or if due to the State of Emergency it has been liberalized?

Thank you for your assistance. I hope you are well.

Paula McIntyre RDN CD CDCES
W3311 County Road C
Merrill WI 54452
715-573-5678

Good afternoon Paula,

I don't know the answer to that question, but I will reach out to DHS, specifically Medicaid Services, and see if there is someone that can reach out to you directly! Thank you for letting me know.

Mary Felzkowski

Thanks so much!

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:**

Tags:
Licensed Occupation | Dietitian, Certified

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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Why aren't we moving the election?

Description: From: Carol Holz <caholz@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Up coming elections

Mary, this is a cry for help. It is NOT political As you know, WI has an election scheduled for April 7. Our Governor is refusing to change that date. Banks, churches, restaurants,beauty and tattoo parlors are closed. Funerals and weddings are postponed. And yet, elections must go on all while using "best practices" . Absentee ballots are encouraged. Wonderful! However, those absentee ballots still need to be processed by poll workers. The majority of poll workers are retirees. And I'm one of them. How can we do our work while practicing "social distancing" and keeping people out of our face?
Please, please let's just make one change. Allow me to simply check off the voter in the poll book. Waive the requirement that he sign the book. This simple change would keep the voter away from my face. A relative small best practice change!

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Please don't force me to choose between my health and what I feel is my civic duty and something I enjoy. Thanks for listening and anything you can do.
Carol Holz

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Carol Holz <caholz@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Up coming elections

Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. In reference to the change you suggested, I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them. Your suggestion is interesting, and would be something I'd bring up with your municipal clerk to see if they've talked to the elections commission about flexibility there. It may be that state law prohibits anyone but the voter from signing.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth
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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Phone Call

Summary: COVID-19: Evers want to sign an absentee ballot to everyone

Description: Rosemary called to express that, if the clerks are the ones expected to do this, it is physically impossible to do. The election is a week and a half away and she is already spending all of her nights and weekends putting together absentee ballots as it is. Would not support it. Is still asking us to extend the election.

Status: Closed **Closed Date:** 03/27/2020

Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

Tags:

Elected Official | Town of Antigo Clerk

Stuber, Paul

xystub@gmail.com

Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: Rights Versus Wishes

Description: Thank you for sharing Paul, I appreciate your insights.

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Paul Stuber <xystub@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rights Versus Wishes

Representative Mary Felzkowski:

Rights Versus Wishes by Walter Williams

Sen. Bernie Sanders said: "I believe that health care is a right of all people." He's not alone in that contention. That claim comes from Democrats and Republicans and liberals and conservatives.
It is not just a health care right that people claim. There are "rights" to decent housing, decent food, a decent job and prescription drugs.

In a free an Catherine Abercrombie ad moral society, do people have these rights? Let's begin by asking ourselves: What is a right?

In the standard usage of the term, a "right" is something that exists simultaneously among people. In the case of our U.S. Constitutional decree, we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Kyle T. Yamashita other than the duty of noninterference.

As such, a right imposes no obligation on another.

For example, the right to free speech is something we all possess simultaneously. My right to free speech imposes no obligation upon another except that of noninterference. Similarly, I have a right to travel freely. Again, that right imposes no obligation upon another except that of noninterference.

Sanders' claim that health care is a right does impose obligations upon others. We see that by recognizing that there is no Santa Claus or tooth fairy who gives resources to government to pay for medical services. Moreover, the money does not come from congressmen and state legislators reaching into their own pockets to pay for the service.
That means that in order for government to provide medical services to someone who cannot afford it, it must use intimidation, threats and coercion to take the earnings of another American to provide that service.

Let's apply this bogus concept of rights to my right to speak and travel freely. In the case of my right to free speech, it might impose obligations on others to supply me with an auditorium, microphone and audience.

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It may require newspapers or television stations to allow me to use their property to express my views. My right to travel freely might require that others provide me with resources to purchase airplane tickets and hotel accommodations. What if I were to demand that others make sacrifices so that I can exercise my free speech and travel rights, I suspect that most Americans would say, "Williams, you have rights to free speech and you have a right to travel freely, but I'm not obligated to pay for them!"

A moral vision of rights does not mean that we should not help our fellow man in need. It means that helping with health care needs to be voluntary (i.e., free market decisions or voluntary donations to charities that provide health care.) The government's role in health care is to protect this individual right to choose. As Senator Rand Paul was brave enough to say, "The basic assumption that you have a right to get something from somebody else means you have to endorse the concept of theft."

Statists go further to claim that people have a "right" to housing, to a job, to an education, to an affordable wage. These so-called rights impose burdens on others in the form of involuntary servitude. If one person has a right to something he did not earn, it means that another person does not have a right to something he did earn.

The provision by the U.S. Congress of a so-called right to health care should offend any sense of moral decency. If you're a Christian or a Jew, you should be against the notion of one American living at the expense of another. When God gave Moses the Eighth Commandment — "Thou shalt not steal" — I am sure that He did not mean, "Thou shalt not steal — unless there is a majority vote in the U.S. Congress." Walter Williams, March 11, 2020

Very informative
Paul Stuber

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Assigned: Ivanov, Stamena **Staff Owner:** Ivanov, Stamena

Tags:

Trueblood, Kim kim.trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us

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Contact Date: 03/27/2020 **Contact Type:** Email

Summary: COVID-19: Evers wants to distribute Absentee Ballots to everyone

Description: From: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Elections

Happy Friday Everyone!!

I think it goes without saying that you all know how I feel about these suggestions from the governor. Not only would this be a gross violation of the law requiring photo ID to vote, they would be a logistical nightmare for our municipal clerks. Clerks are already working around the clock to fulfill absentee ballot requests, to ask them to now send a ballot to every registered voter with just over a week to go before the election, would be downright impossible.

I am not AS opposed to his points 2 and 3, simply because the clerks are inundated with so many legitimate requests for absentee ballots that it is going to be a challenge to get them out in a timely fashion for the mail to deliver them by April 7.

An alternative that would provide some relief is to allow clerks to start processing absentee ballots on April 4 for those who have tens of thousands of ballots to process.

Thanks for all you do!!
Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk
kim.trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us
715-261-1501

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From: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV [mailto:jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV <jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

Dear Elected Official,

Thank you for your tireless efforts during these times to serve the people of your community and the people of the state of Wisconsin. Your dedication to ensuring the safety of your communities is noticed, and we appreciate your leadership. We are all in this together, and we know everyone is doing the very best they can to keep people safe.

Today, the Governor asked the legislative leadership to work together on behalf of those performing their constitutional duty to administer the elections and those who are trying to exercise their constitutional right to vote—with the safety of our people as the top priority.

While we cannot mitigate every challenge with the upcoming April election, the Governor believes we can work together to put some measures in place to protect the safety of the people of Wisconsin.

With that in mind, the Governor is asking the legislature to immediately pass legislation to do the following:

- Allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter
- Allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted
- Extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots

The Governor knows we have to act quickly, ensure everyone can safely exercise their right to vote, and keep our people safe.

Please see the Governor's comments today https://vimeo.com/401229352/fecdcfacab

Words cannot express our appreciation for all your work. We know you all are out their creating solutions to challenges.

Thank you again. As this situation impacts every person in the state of Wisconsin, we thank you for your service.

Jamie Kuhn
Director of Outreach
Office of Governor Tony Evers
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pronouns: she/her/hers

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Elections

Kim,

Thank you for your email. Per usual, the Governor is choosing to decimate this information via social media, and not directly to our leadership team. Also per usual, there are no details included, especially on who would be required to send a ballot to everyone. I am already getting calls from town clerks on this and, as always, really appreciate your input.

We'll stay on top of this,

Mary

From: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:27 PM

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Elections

What a guy…….

Thanks for watching out for us – I had no doubts ☐

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk
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Assigned: Portz, Elisabeth **Staff Owner:** Portz, Elisabeth

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Karl's Transport

Commercial Driver CDL Training School

March 18,2020

Governor Tony Evers
115 E Capitol # 1
Madison, WI 53702

Governor Evers,

I am writing to appeal for the immediate and careful reopening of CDL training schools, urge you to keep the State Driver's License Agency open for obtaining the CDL after the student passes the skills test, and urge you to consider Commercial Truck Driving Schools as "essential services" in the event you are considering closing government operations. Right now, critical supplies are required to offset the effects of the coronavirus outbreak. Across the state and all around the United States, commercial motor vehicles are bringing medical supplies, food and other emergency aid to communities. Supplies cannot move without a licensed CDL driver and there is currently a need for new drivers industrywide. Our economy will be greatly impacted by the pandemic and it will be catastrophically exacerbated if new CDL drivers are not permitted to train and test for their Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) or Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL).

DESIGNATE CDL SCHOOLS AS "ESSENTIAL SERVICES" TO SUPPLY CHAIN

Drivers, including future drivers, are as critical to our nation's commerce as the trucks they drive. I request that if there is any state designation of "essential services" to transportation, I request that CDL training schools be added to such a list. The impact of closing of a school or the State Driver's License Agency will have major impacts on our schools and the trucking industry. Keeping CDL schools open is critical because they are essential to both short term needs for drivers moving interstate freight, but also longer term needs of the industry's

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ability to grow once the crisis is over and I emerge from our coronavirus hibernation.

America's driver population is also aging. With the coronavirus impacting older Americans, there is a real danger that those who are moving are freight face a higher danger if infected by coronavirus. The average age of a CDL student is 34. At this age, the complications facing such individuals are greatly reduced. Ensuring schools can train and test younger drivers remains critical to our nation's ability to move goods.

Last, given the financial impact caused by the coronavirus, I also feel that trucking is one industry that can offer employment in this time where hourly workers or other gig economy workers are not working. However, in order to get into trucking, getting training is necessary.

CLP ISSUANCE IS CRITICAL

The ability of students to take the Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) knowledge exam is critical in ensuring the security of our supply chain. In order for a driver to operate on a public road, the "CLP holder is at all times accompanied by the holder of a valid CDL who has the proper CDL group and endorsement(s) necessary to operate the CMV. The CDL holder must at all times be physically present in the front seat of the vehicle next to the CLP holder…." [1] Training is not possible without a CLP. Therefore, it is paramount that states continue to issue CLPs.

CDL TRAINING SCHOOLS WILL ADHERE TO COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

CDL schools are able to teach students while also adhering with COVID-19 safety protocols such temperature-taking, sanitization and social-distancing. Healthy instructors and healthy students must be able to sit together in clean trucks to continue to receive training and to continue to test for their CDL.

[1] 49 C.F.R. § 383.25(a)(1).

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Lastly, as you may know, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has already waived the Hours of Service requirements for trucks carrying needed supplies. I anticipate the FMCSA will grant more waivers pertaining to CLP and CDL licensure timetables.

Thank you for your consideration on these important matters.

Sincerely,

Timothy Kordula
Administrator

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:58 PM
To: "'St3chri1224@hotmail.com'" <St3chri1224@hotmail.com>
Subject: COVID contact

Hey Christopher,

Here is Rep. Felzkowski's email. Hopefully we will speak tomorrow!

Thank you,

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
Chief of Staff
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:23 PM
To: "'ReynoldsT@tomahawk.k12.wi.us'" <ReynoldsT@tomahawk.k12.wi.us>
Subject: COVID Follow up

Terry,
Thank you for speaking with my staff earlier this week regarding school closures. I wanted to reach out just to see what your district is doing concerning meals during this time and whether the 10 person gathering limit has affected your plans. My office is often contacted about this, so I'm just checking in with my districts to learn more about what is available.

Thank you for everything you are doing! I have been so impressed with each district's ability to adapt so quickly. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Have a great day,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:24 PM
To: "'john.sample@mapsedu.org'" <john.sample@mapsedu.org>
Subject: COVID Follow up

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:28 PM
To: "'bfisher@elchoschool.org'" <bfisher@elchoschool.org>
Subject: COVID Follow Up

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:22 PM
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Subject: COVID Follow-up

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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 17th, there have been 72 people who tested positive for 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. Today, 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. Please click this link to join the webinar. If you need a call in, please dial +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 9128. Please note we will be taking questions via chat box, so the web-participation is best. 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

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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. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 13th, and is awaiting U.S. Senate approval, which is expected later this week.

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 will 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, yesterday, 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

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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 is 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. 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

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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.

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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.

On March 15th, the Department of Children and Families issued new guidance for childcare, head start, and pre-K program providers. They also announced rule waivers for childcare providers and Wisconsin Shares eligibility. You can find their updates here.

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 Thursday, 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 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 16, 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

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bring the remaining seven Wisconsinites home as quickly as possible and will provide updates as we get more information.

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. Please see the order for a full list of exemptions and other details. 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

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- 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 Heath 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

Please see FAQs below for additional, specific exemptions and guidance. DHS guidance regarding social distancing should still be followed in these spaces.

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 or 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?

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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.

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.

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

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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 sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

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- 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.
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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 17th, there have been 72 people who tested positive for 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. Today, 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. Please click this link to join the webinar. If you need a call in, please dial +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 9128. Please note we will be taking questions via chat box, so the web-participation is best. 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

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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. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 13th, and is awaiting U.S. Senate approval, which is expected later this week.

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 will 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, yesterday, 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

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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 is 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. 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

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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.

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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.

On March 15th, the Department of Children and Families issued new guidance for childcare, head start, and pre-K program providers. They also announced rule waivers for childcare providers and Wisconsin Shares eligibility. You can find their updates here.

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 Thursday, 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 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 16, 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

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bring the remaining seven Wisconsinites home as quickly as possible and will provide updates as we get more information.

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. Please see the order for a full list of exemptions and other details. 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

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- 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 Heath 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

Please see FAQs below for additional, specific exemptions and guidance. DHS guidance regarding social distancing should still be followed in these spaces.

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 or 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?

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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.

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.

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

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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 sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

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- 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.

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To: Wisconsin State Legislators
From: Hamilton Consulting Group
Re: COVID-19 Legislation Requested Policy Considerations
Date: April 3, 2020

This memorandum includes health-related measures which we'd like to raise with you, for potential consideration to include (or not include) in the Legislature's "COVID-19" response bill.

Healthcare Workforce
(items requested on behalf of the Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants)

1) Suspend the Physician: PA Ratios

- Under MED 8.10(1) of the administrative code, 1 physician may supervise no more than 4 PAs.
- Governor Evers, in Emergency Order 16, raised the ratio from 1:4 to 1:8. Other states, for example, have no such ratios even during "normal" times.
- AB 575, which passed the Assembly on a voice vote in February (Senate concurrence pending) would repeal the existing physician:PA work ratios by repealing MED 8 in its entirety.
- The effective date of AB 575 is first day of the thirteenth month beginning after publication. In short, even if the Senate took up AB 575 and the Governor signed it tomorrow, it would still be a year for MED 8 to be repealed.
- The Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants asked the Department of Health Services (DHS) to suspend MED 8.10 in its entirely, allowing hospitals and other systems more flexibility to utilize and deploy its PAs as the entity sees fit. The hospital or the system – as the employer – would still have the authority to determine ratios (if it wants). And the underlying statutes would still require PAs be supervised by physicians.
- The key is DHS *could* have given hospitals and systems more flexibility than allowed under the rules, and the employer would have greater latitude regarding how to use its PAs (as it deems appropriate to ensure access to care and patient safety and quality of care is maintained).
- If a hospital, e.g., gets overwhelmed, maintaining even a looser 1:8 ratio could be a challenge, and certainly undermines flexibility. Ultimately, if this rule is suspended, the hospital makes the determination if a ratio is needed and, if so, what it is.

Request: For the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, suspend MED 8.10(1) in the COVID-19 legislation. This is already part of AB 575, no need to wait.

2) Suspend the 15-Minute Rule

- AB 575 would repeal the 15-minute rule by repealing MED 8 in its entirety. Again, this doesn't take effect until the first day of the thirteenth month beginning after publication.
- Specifically, under MED 8.10(2) of the administrative code, the supervising physician must be available within 15 minutes for consultation by a PA. The consultation may be either in person or by telecommunications or other means.

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- This, too, WAPA asked DHS to suspend, which did not occur.
- The bottom line is if healthcare systems get overwhelmed and/or physicians are getting sick, maintaining compliance with a 15-minute communication rule could be a challenge.

Request: For the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, suspend MED 8.10(2) in the COVID-19 legislation. Again, no need to wait for AB 575.

3) Remove the Prohibition of PA Self-Employment

- AB 575 would allow PAs to be self-employed (but would *not* allow independent practice). Same delayed effective date: first day of the thirteenth month beginning after publication.
- Other states are loosening (or have already loosened) such restrictions by allowing PAs to be self-employed. Again, the point here is flexibility for the hospitals and the healthcare systems. If Wisconsin allowed PAs to be self-employed, PAs could be utilized as independent contractors (if desired by hospitals and systems) (and they would still be supervised by physicians).
- Governor Evers or DHS Secretary-designee Palm could not do this by order because the statutes ban self-employment, as do the rules.

Request: For the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, suspend MED 8.09 and amend s. 448.21 of the statutes in the COVID-19 legislation to allow PAs to be self-employed.

Overall, PAs would *still* be supervised by physicians under these suggestions. AB 575 would change that, but that seemed a bit much to push right now and we can wait for the Senate to concur in AB 575. If these three suggestions are included in the COVID-19 bill, hospitals and healthcare systems would have a lot more flexibility in how they use their PAs.

Medical Assistance Program
(items requested on behalf of the Alliance of Health Insurers)

1) Temporary changes to Medicaid for State to qualify for enhanced FMAP *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Sections: 75(10))*

- Fiscal implementations, due to increased utilization and enrollment from COVID-19, are currently unknown.
- Under, the Families First Coronavirus Relief (FFCRA) provides for a 6.2% increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for states during the calendar year in which the public health emergency declared remains in place.
- Enhanced FMAP will allow the state to maintain an estimated $150 million per quarter in additional GPR savings.
- The enhanced FMAP will be needed to ensure Medicaid is adequately funded.

Request: Allow DHS to suspend current copayment/premium requirements/the substance abuse treatment needs question for childless adults under MA in order to receive the enhanced FMAP.

2) Preserve actuarially-sound Medicaid managed care rates

- The Department of Health Services submitted a 1135 waiver request to Joint Finance Committee, however statutory authority is needed for DHS to submit the waiver to federal government.
- DHS' 1135 Waiver request includes a broad provision to waive the requirement for actuarially-sound Medicaid managed care rates.
- DHS explained their intent for the inclusion of this item was to ensure smaller, more vulnerable behavioral health providers be paid even if they cannot perform services due to quarantine, presumably to help ensure behavioral health providers financially weather the COVID-19 crisis.

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- Waiving the broad requirement for actuarially-sound Medicaid managed care rates for this narrow reason is unnecessary and jeopardizes a core value of managed care.
- If desired, DHS can provide financial support to smaller, more vulnerable behavioral health providers outside of the managed care rate setting process.

Request: Direct DHS to exclude this provision from the 1135 Waiver prior to submission to the federal CMS. This direction can take the form of a letter request to revise the 1135 Waiver or if necessary, statutory language in COVID-19 legislation. Allow DHS to provide financial assistance to vulnerable providers outside of the managed care rate-setting process.

Commercial Insurance
(items requested on behalf of the Alliance of Health Insurers)

1) Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Sections: 61 & 66)*
- LRB 5920/P2 prohibits cost-sharing for testing for and treatment of (including prescription drugs) COVID-19.
- Health insurance providers are already moving quickly to ensure costs are not a barrier to individuals receiving COVID-19 testing and treatment.
- In addition, these provisions are duplicative of existing requirements in federal law**.**

Request: No inclusion of duplicative cost-sharing provisions.

2) Prohibit Coverage Discrimination Based on COVID-19 *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Sections: 29, 30, 32, 44, 45, 60, 62, 63 & 64)*
- LRB 5920/P2 Creates non-discrimination provisions related to COVID-19 diagnosis, i.e., for enrollment, renewal, basis for cancellation, or basis for rates.
- State and federal law currently provide consumers with robust non-discrimination protections for the issuance, maintenance, and rating of health insurance coverage.
- Duplicative of current law and unnecessary.

Request: No inclusion of duplicative discrimination coverage prohibitions.

3) Prohibit Policy Cancellation During Public Health Emergency for Premium Nonpayment *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Section: 75 (3))*
- LRB 5920/P2 prohibits cancellation of coverage for nonpayment of premiums until 90 days after premium was due (limited to the COVID-19 public health emergency).
- Overly broad and conflicts with federal guidance.

Request: No inclusion of prohibitions of policy cancellations for premium nonpayment.

4) Telehealth Coverage Parity *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Section: 29, 30, 32, 44, 45, 58 & 65)*
- LRB 5920/P2 creates a telehealth coverage parity mandate (not limited to the COVID-19 public health emergency or any other public health emergency).
- Health insurance providers are already taking significant efforts to expand access to telehealth.
- Provisions are unnecessary.

Request: No inclusion of telehealth coverage parity mandate.

5) Prescription Drug Limits *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Sections: 59 & 67)*

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- Under LRB 5920/P2, during a public health emergency, if a pharmacist cannot contact the prescriber, the pharmacist may – one time – extend a prescription without approval by the prescriber. A pharmacist may not extend a prescription if the prescriber has indicated no extensions are permitted. A prescription for a controlled substance may not be extended.
- Potentially harmful to Wisconsin patients and could lead to stockpiling and, ultimately, drug shortages. This result would harm Wisconsin patients.

Request: No inclusion of prescription refill provisions.

6) Out-of-Network Charges and Payments During a Public Health Emergency *(LRB 5920/P2 Bill Section: 57)*

- LRB 5920/P2 creates a "surprise billing" provision such that during a public health emergency, an enrollee cannot be charged more for seeing an out-of-network provider (if an in-network provider is not available) for services related to why the emergency was declared; the plan would be required to reimburse the out-of-network provider 250 percent of the Medicare rate and the out-of-network provider may not balance bill the enrollee (applies to any public health emergency).
- Provision needs to ensure patients are held financially harmless if they must be seen by an out-of-network provider for COVID-19 diagnosis and/or treatment.

Request: Because costs vary by geographic region and types of providers, we ask that you work closely with AHI, AHIP, and WAHP regarding the payment benchmark provision and inclusion of an explicit requirement that the rate be accepted as payment in-full, with no balance bills sent to the patient and that this be strictly limited to the COVID19 public health crisis.

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- Whitehouse and Federal Agencies Clearinghouse https://www.coronavirus.gov

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If Your Business Has Been Impacted

- **Small Business 20/20 –** Businesses with 20 or fewer employees may be eligible for up to $2,000 over two months to cover costs such as rent, payroll, and utility bills to provide relief for fixed monthly expenses. Small businesses must apply for the grant through a local Community Development Financial Institution.

- **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.
    - 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. DHS Emergency Order #12 outlines essential businesses as well as provisions for "manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries." If you are unsure if your business is essential, WEDC recommends reviewing this provision before contacting them. Read the order at https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf.

If You're Wondering How You Can Help

- **Donate Blood–**Right now, Red Cross inventory is at critical levels. Their sites are taking extra precautions to make sure giving blood is safe. If healthy, please consider giving blood by calling 1-800-RedCross or going to redcrossblood.org to find a blood donation location in your zip code.

- **Help Local Businesses-** My office has compiled a list of all the restaurants in our district that are currently offering delivery, carry out, or both. Please help our local small businesses weather the storm by buying a meal out when you can. Head to my website for the list.

- **Take Care Of Your Neighbors-** Offer to pick up groceries or prescriptions for elderly neighbors who should be staying home.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:04 PM
To: Lisa-Antigo Daily Journal <lhaefs@antigojournal.com>
Subject: COVID-19 Resource Guide
Attachments: COVID-19 Resource Guide from Rep. Felzkowski.pdf

Hi Lisa,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe! I wanted to reach out and share a resource guide our office has put together directing our constituents to the resources we are being asked for most often during this time. We have partnered with our local essential businesses to put this guide up at places around town people still visit, like our grocery stores and pharmacies. Our goal is make sure as many people have this information as possible. If the Antigo Daily Journal has space to print any or all of the attached guide, we would appreciate you helping us share these resources.

Please feel free to review, and let me know if this is something your paper would be interested in doing. We know your paper can reach constituents who maybe don't have broadband and access to the internet, and we want to make sure they know where to go if they need help during this uncertain time.

Thanks again Lisa!

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Lower fire risk increases emergency response & firefighter safety

REDUCED FIRE OCCURRENCES



Less human contact increases public safety

= REDUCED COVID-19 EXPOSURE

Campfires for warming or cooking strongly discouraged.

dnr.wi.gov, search "fire"

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WISCONSIN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

To: Wisconsin State Legislature
From: Destinations Wisconsin
Date: April 3, 2020
Re: Governor Evers Tourism Marketing proposals

We are all experiencing the tremendous impact of COVID-19 on our health and our economy. Wisconsin's tourism industry has been decimated with the closing of tourism businesses and cancellations of lodging reservations, conventions, sports tournaments and events. The state's destination marketing organizations (convention & visitors bureaus and chambers of commerce), funded largely by room tax, are facing 30-70 percent budget cuts, laying off staff and slashing marketing budgets for the remainder of their year.

Clearly, there will be a sharp decline in available marketing dollars when the tourism industry, our municipalities, and the State of Wisconsin will need it most, when the outbreak ceases. Very little of the Federal and State recovery programs presented thus far will help Destination Marketing Organizations as most are structured as 501(c)(6) organizations and do not qualify for many of the SBA and WEDC loan and grant programs. Therefore, **Governor Evers proposal to infuse $5 million in destination marketing grants and cooperative marketing programs is vital and we urge your support. We request the legislature include this critical programmatic funding in the COVID-19 bill package.**

We are hopeful that COVID-19 will subside during the summer, Wisconsin's peak travel and tourism season, and restrictions on group gatherings and human movement may be lifted. According to a Longwoods International survey of 1000 U.S. adults this week, 72% are still planning travel within six months and more are considering drive-to versus a fly-to destinations. This is hopeful news for Wisconsin's tourism industry and we need to be prepared.

The Governor's proposed programs will provide much needed marketing grants and cooperative marketing programs to Wisconsin tourism's industry so that they can rebound from the devasting losses as soon as possible. Without these funds, there will not be efficient destination marketing staff and dollars available to invite our visitors when the time is right.

Wisconsin's tourism industry achieves a return on investment of 8 to 1: $8 in tax revenue per $1 promotional spend. In 2018, the tourism economy generated $1.6 billion in state and local revenue and generated 199,000 jobs. By funding these marketing programs, you can help us get this vital Wisconsin industry back on its feet, and in turn help all of Wisconsin.

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To: **Wisconsin State Legislature**
Date: **April 3, 2020**
Re: **Governor Evers Tourism Industry Relief Proposals**

We are all experiencing the tremendous impact of COVID-19 on our health and our economy. Wisconsin's tourism industry has been decimated with the closing of tourism businesses and cancellations of conventions and events.

Governor Evers recently released his second package of comprehensive Legislative proposals providing COVID-19 relief and support. Within the package we would like to highlight seven of the proposals in which TFW has unified support:

1.) **Create and fund a Regional Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program.**
2.) **Create and fund Co-Op Marketing Program Grants.**
3.) **Waive certain parameters related to the Work-Share Program due to a PHE, specifically eliminating the current 20-employee minimum.**
4.) **Provide increased WEDC funds for grants to support small businesses and workers.**
5.) **Provide flexibility for municipalities to implement payment delays and multiple installments of three or more for property taxes.**
6.) **Repeal the one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance (included in the Governor's first proposal).**
7.) **Provide protections for businesses from UI rate increases due to employee layoffs caused by the public health emergency.**

Other items not included in the Governor's proposal that we support are:

1.) **Ensure that reimbursements owed by the state for overpayments of estimated taxes are issued immediately.**
2.) **Provide a 90-day extension for all state tax payments.**

The Tourism industry in Wisconsin has come to almost a complete halt. The cash flow stoppage has forced the vast majority of those involved in the tourism industry to lay off a significant portion of our employees, stopping their ability to meet basic costs of doing business.

The state's destination marketing organizations, funded largely by room tax, are facing 30-70 percent budget cuts, laying off staff and slashing marketing budgets for the remainder of their year. Clearly, there will be a sharp decline in available marketing dollars when the tourism industry, our municipalities, and the State of Wisconsin will need it most, when the outbreak ceases.

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LICENSE	NAME	ADDRESS
2368	PINE CREST NURSING HOME	2100 E SIXTH ST
2734	RIVERVIEW HEALTH SERVICES	428 N 6TH ST
2733	TOMAHAWK HEALTH SERVICES	720 E KINGS RD
0016723	ASPIRUS LANGLADE ADULT DAY CENTER	519 FLIGHT RD
0017335	BAY AT GARDEN VIEW ASSISTED LIVING CENTER (THE)	729 PARK STREET
0015205	OUR SPECIAL FAMILY	734 DELEGLISE STREET
0014923	ASSISTED LIVING AT THE LOG CABIN	W7641 STATE HWY 47
0014921	CARE PARTNERS ASSISTED LIVING ANTIGO I	1417 10TH AVENUE
0014663	CARE PARTNERS ASSISTED LIVING ANTIGO II	1415 10TH AVE
611048	EVERGREEN TERRACE LLC	715 ACKLEY STREET
0013458	PINE MEADOW	525 FLIGHT RD
0008499	ROSALIA GARDENS	519 FLIGHT ROAD
0017994	AUTUMN LANE FAMILY CARE	384 LYONS ROAD
0017997	CADY MEMORIAL HOME	380 MAPLE STREET
0015404	CLOVERLEAF TERRACE LLC	401 CENTER ST
0015395	ROSE MARY MANOR NORTH	309 MARBLE AVE
0014864	ROSE MARY MANOR SOUTH	309 MARBLE AVE
0015506	COTTAGE HOUSE	1104 COTTAGE STREET
0016327	KINDHEARTED HOME CARE	120 S MILL STREET
0015425	PAT WEBER MEMORIAL HOME	1305 CEDAR STREET
610143	BELL TOWER RESIDENCE	1500 O'DAY STREET
0014944	FORWARD HOUSE	700A EUGENE STREET
0014980	KEN CRASS MEMORIAL HOME	700B EUGENE STREET
0008890	WOODLAND COURT ELDER SERVICES LLC	1102 SOUTH CENTER AVENUE
0009754	WOODLAND COURT ELDER SERVICES LLC II	1102 SOUTH CENTER AVENUE #2
0017631	HAVEN HOUSE	W7331 HWY 47
0015140	DEBROUX ADULT FAMILY HOME	W7343 HWY 47
0015263	COUNTRY TERRACE TOMAHAWK	300 THEILER STREET
0017035	MILESTONE SENIOR LIVING LINCOLN	314 E LINCOLN AVEUNE
0017059	MILESTONE SENIOR LIVING LINCOLN CBRF	314 E LINCOLN AVE
0016944	RESCARE RAILWAY	18 S RAILWAY ST

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ANTIGO	LANGLADE	AFH
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MATTOON	SHAWANO	CBRF
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MERRILL	LINCOLN	CBRF
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From: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:07 AM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: DWD Update on Unemployment Insurance Developments

Thank you for all of your service to your constituents. I greatly appreciate your willingness to navigate this unprecedented challenge together to address the needs of the people of our state.

Most of you are already familiar with the Department of Workforce Development's COVID-19 website (available here), which provides answers to frequently asked questions about our programs. While I hope you find this information helpful, I wanted to also provide you with this more detailed update on specific issues related to Unemployment Insurance (UI) to help you respond to your constituents with the most up-to-date information and guidance.

Initial Claims

As you are well aware, Wisconsin has experienced unprecedented numbers of UI claims filed in recent weeks. From Sunday, March 15, when we began to see the effects of Governor Evers' declared public health emergency, to yesterday, March 30, 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.

For the latest daily claim filing numbers, you may visit our newly created webpage here.

Applying online

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. I 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.

Call Volume

Last week, the UI Division received more than 1.5 million calls, an increase of 6,208% over last year's *busiest* weekly call volume. Last Thursday alone, UI received 400,000 calls between 6 and 10 a.m., at times receiving 160 calls per *second*. The unprecedented number of calls overloaded the system, as it was not built to handle this type of call volume. We have since increased their phone capacity to allow 690 simultaneous calls.

Even with that technological improvement and the increased call center staffing and modified call-in requirements I describe below, it is likely that callers will still experience long wait times. I respectfully ask for your and their continued patience and understanding as we try to manage this historic call volume.

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System Efficiencies

We know that one of the greatest frustrations you are hearing from your constituents has been when their online application requires them to call in to verify information and they are not able to get through. I am happy to share that, as of last Friday, applicants will be notified that our staff will call them back within three business days to assist them in completing the claim. We have assigned eight claims specialists the job of making these calls.

Other steps we have taken to reduce the need for claimants to call include the following:

- * Cleared approximately 430,000 usernames that were created between 2012-2016, reducing confusion for claimants who forgot they had usernames from years ago and reducing calls to the IT Solutions Center.
- * Updated our system so that claimants can change their last name using the online Initial Claim or the stand-alone application in our claimant portal, eliminating the need to call a claims specialist to do this for them.
- * Updated videos on "How to Apply for Unemployment," "How to File Weekly Claims," and "How to Create a Username and Password" to reflect the current processes, adding information that has changed due to COVID-19.
- * Modified our policies and programming to allow claimants to back-date initial claims on the internet two weeks without creating an issue. Previously, they were required to do this within the first week.
- * Modified our policies and programming to allow claimants up to 28 days to complete an initial application. Previously, if a claimant started an initial application and was directed to contact us or and got stuck and needed assistance, they had only 14 days to do so before the system would erase their information.
- * Created and updated online FAQs for claimants and employers about the eligibility and application process.
- * Developed pop-up messages on the website that feature the most pertinent information people need to know.

Staffing Levels

Even with these system improvements, the historic number of first-time filers are overwhelming our Help Center. Our current staff are working overtime and we are working to bring on additional staff to address the load. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, our 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. Yesterday, we 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. We are 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 rejects. We also put out a recruitment to hire 36 claim specialists and have already received over 500 applications. We are grateful for the response, but understand that the onboarding will take approximately six weeks.

While we are proud of our efforts so far to grow capacity and build efficiencies, we welcome your feedback and ideas for continued improvement.

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Federal Legislation and the Waiting Week

As you also know, Congress has passed three corona virus-related pieces of legislation in the last month. The latter two contain significant provisions related to paid leave and UI, including the opportunity for claimants to receive an additional $600 per week and to extend benefits to independent contractors and others who are self-employed. Last Saturday, I signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor so that Wisconsin residents can take advantage of these benefits.

As is typically the case after passage of large-scale federal legislation, federal agencies are developing guidance on how states can or must implement the new federal law. Once received, we will program our systems to accommodate the changes. We will continue to update our FAQs on how your constituents can take advantage of these new programs as guidance becomes available. Again, I urge you to remind your constituents that many of their questions can be answered by consulting these FAQs.

One of the most common questions we have received from your offices has been about Wisconsin's "Waiting Week." Currently, Wisconsin state law requires that those who are found eligible for unemployment insurance must wait one week after becoming unemployed through no fault of their own before they can start claiming benefits. The CARES Act provides states full federal funding for the first week of benefits, but *only* for those states that do not impose this waiting period. I urge you to please vote to repeal Wisconsin's waiting period. Doing so will allow your constituents impacted by the pandemic access to this much-needed income during their first week of unemployment, with no impact to Wisconsin's UI trust fund.

Again, thank you for your time, collaboration, and swift action to repeal Wisconsin's one-week waiting period. Please feel free to contact me or DWD's Legislative Liaison John Keckhaver if you would like to discuss any of these topics further.

Sincerely,

Caleb Frostman
Secretary

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 11:57 AM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Education Response Package Questions

Hey Heather,

Hope you're doing well!
Mary just met (via Zoom) with her superintendents in CESA 9 and they brought up several points she wanted to me reach out to you on.

The superintendents are asking for waivers for:

- Wisconsin Educator Effectiveness System
- Wisconsin Civics Graduation Exam
- School Start Date

I notice on the DPI website (**https://dpi.wi.gov/cal/innovation/waivers**), there are COVID-19 waiver options for the educator effectiveness and the civics graduation exam, but according to some of our superintendents, the DPI deputy superintendent told them legislative approval would be needed for some, if not all of these waivers. **Mary wanted to bring this to your attention and see if this is something currently being discussed for the package?**

Additionally, they are asking for flexibility in their summer school start times and programs. This is something I was going to reach out to Leg Council on, but wanted to run past you in case your team already has a plan to address this.

Please let me know if there's anything Liz and I can do to assist during this time.

Thanks,

Stamena

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Speaker Robin Vos

FROM: Joseph T. Kreye, legal services manager

DATE: March 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Election questions

Questions

This memorandum addresses your questions regarding the current declared emergency and how it affects the spring election. Specifically, you asked whether the governor, the Wisconsin Elections Commission, or local officials could change the way the election is administered. In short, neither WEC nor any local official has authority to modify the applicable statutory requirements related to any process concerning election administration. In addition, I do not believe that the governor's powers under a declared state of emergency allow the governor to change the statutorily required process for conducting an election.

Analysis

Current law allows an eligible voter to register prior to an election online, in person, or by mail. The deadlines are as follows: for online registration, 11.59 p.m. on the third Wednesday preceding the election; for in-person registration, 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday preceding the election; and for registrations by mail, the registration must be received or postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday preceding the election.[1] No name may be added to the registration list after the close of registration.[2] This gives the municipal clerk sufficient time to prepare poll books.

In addition to voting at the polling place on Election Day, current law allows an eligible voter to vote by absentee ballot. A request to vote absentee may be made by mail, online, or in person.[3] There are deadlines that apply to receiving absentee ballots as well. An application for an absentee

[1] Wis. Stat. § 6.28 (1) (a).
[2] Wis. Stat. § 6.29 (1). Wis. Stat. § 6.29 (2) (a) does allow an eligible voter to register at the close of business at the clerk's office on the Friday before the election if the clerk has delegated responsibility for maintaining the electronic list to an agent.
[3] Wis. Stat. § 6.86 (1) (a) 1. The statute also allows a person to request to receive absentee ballots for all elections automatically or to receive an absentee ballot by an agent or a special voting deputy dispatched to a residential care facility.

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ballot by mail must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the fifth day preceding the election and the last day for receiving an absentee ballot in person is the Sunday before the election.[4]

Finally, the dates on which regular elections are held are specified by statute. Under Wis. Stat. § 5.02 (21), the spring election is always the first Tuesday in April.

Current law does not give WEC or local government officials authority to modify these procedures. The WEC is currently in the process of helping the local clerks find appropriate, alternate locations for voting and recruit election officials, duties clearly within the WEC's statutory authority. WEC has published the following guidance to the clerks and board of election commissioners regarding the current emergency situation and the upcoming spring election:

WEC guidance

The guidance document is a good summary of what the WEC and the local election officials may to do to prepare for the election under the current circumstances.

With regard to what the governor can do to change the administration of the upcoming election, the governor has issued an executive order declaring a public health emergency under Wis. Stat. § 323.10. Current law enumerates several ongoing duties and powers that the governor may exercise during a state of emergency. The governor may, for example, issue "such orders as he or she deems necessary for the security of persons and property."[5] The governor may also suspend "the provisions of any administrative rule if the strict compliance with that rule would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to respond to the disaster."[6]

Conclusion

Importantly, current law does not give the governor power to suspend statutes during a declared emergency. The legislature granted the governor the power to suspend administrative rules during an emergency. Had the legislature intended to give the governor the power to suspend provisions of the statutes—a significant delegation of the legislature's lawmaking power to the governor—it would have done so in no uncertain terms. This is the legislature's core power and its delegation cannot simply be inferred. For this reason, I do not believe that the authority of the governor to issue orders "necessary for the security of persons and property" is broad enough to allow the governor to suspend statutes and, therefore, the governor may not alter the administration of an election, the administration of which is controlled by statute.[7]

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

[4] Wis. Stat. § 6.86 (1) (b).
[5] Wis. Stat. § 323.12 (4) (b).
[6] Wis. Stat. § 323.12 (4) (d).
[7] WEC has promulgated some rules related to voter registration under Wis. Admin. Code chs. EL 3 and 6, but those rules hew closely to the statutory requirements and generally exist to fill in the details.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:04 PM
To: "'Dsegos@gmail.com'" <Dsegos@gmail.com>
Subject: Elections Absentee Ballot Question
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Good afternoon Davina,

Thank you for your conversation today. I called the Elections Commission and I did get clarification on our absentee ballot question. Here is what I found out:

1. You can request an absentee ballot and still vote on election day as long as you do not send your absentee ballot in or turn it into the Clerk at any time.
2. I asked the Commission how they prevent double voting in these scenarios. Here is what they told me:
    a. The municipal clerk has a list of every person that was sent an absentee ballot. If one was sent to you, it will say so in the voting book (the book you sign when voting in person). If a voter has already returned their absentee ballot, it will also say that in the voting book and the poll worker will not allow that person to vote again.
    b. If the absentee voter turns in their ballot on voting day, then the book would not say whether they have returned the ballot. In that case, the poll worker would ask the voter if they have returned their ballot, to which they will say yes or no. If they say no, the poll worker will let them vote.
    c. If a person does double vote, the absentee ballot is still counted, so the voting book will then show that the person turned in a ballot and voted in person. In those cases, that person is then referred to the District Attorney for voter fraud.

I hope this helps! I'm also attaching a copy of the Governor's Stay At Home Order.

Thank you again for your call,

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 2:01 PM
To: "'toaclerk@dwave.net'" <toaclerk@dwave.net>
Subject: Elections information
Attachments: UPDATED - Clerk comm re FAQ and SVD and Polling Place Procs_3_13_20.pdf

Hey Rosemary,

Thank you so much for your call today and for letting me share some extra information. Here is the document I was referencing on the phone, and I hope to have Rep. Felzkowski give you a call sometime today.

Thank you again for reaching out and sharing your thoughts! I hope you know that Mary really does care about how this is affecting you, and hopefully there is something we'll be able to do something to help. I did just hear on the Governor's press conference that the elections commission is working as quickly as possible to provide all clerks with needed materials like hand sanitizer. Hopefully we will know more about that in the next day or so.

Liz

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:19 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: elections response

Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. In reference to the change you suggested, I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them. Your suggestion is interesting, and would be something I'd bring up with your municipal clerk to see if they've talked to the elections commission about flexibility there. It may be that state law prohibits anyone but the voter from signing.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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Did you guys ever hear back from the elections commission on whether they were going to help train college kids? And now possibly non-essential laid of workers? To help with the polls?

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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

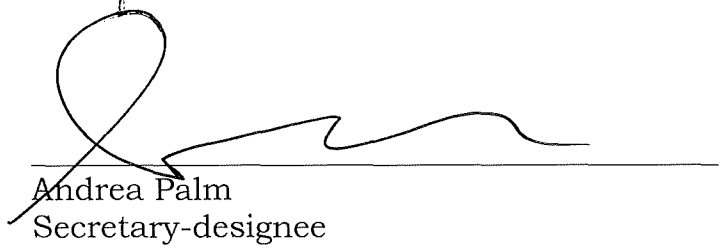
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

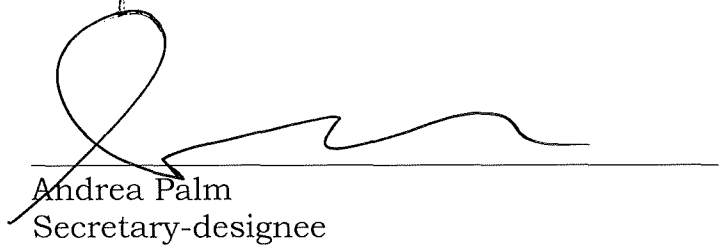
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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    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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

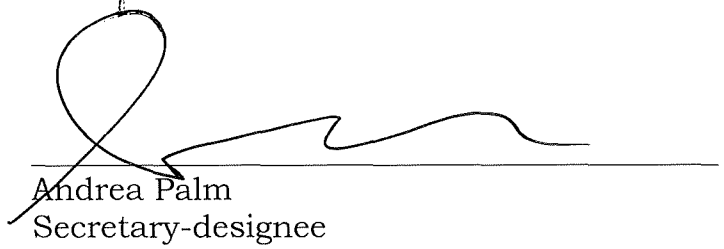
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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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;

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

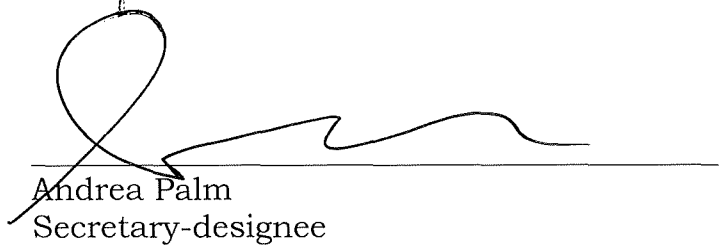
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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State of Wisconsin
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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;

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

03/24/2020

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

Date

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State of Wisconsin
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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;

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

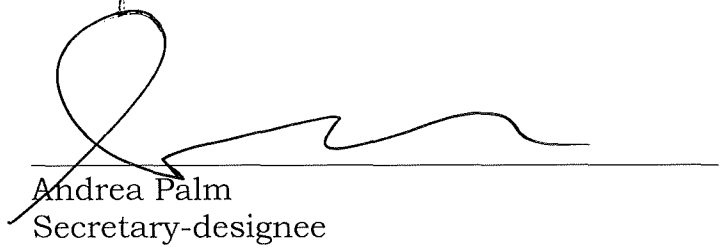
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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    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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

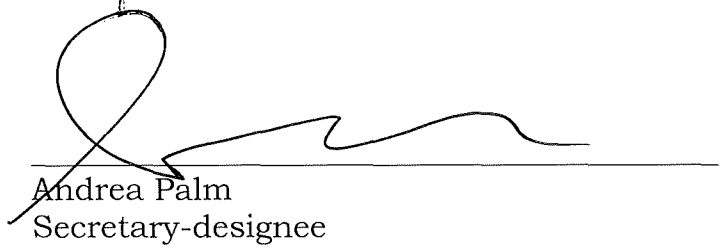
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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State of Wisconsin
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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;

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

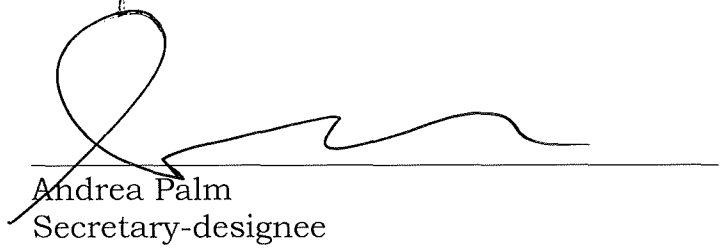
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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State of Wisconsin
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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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    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:

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

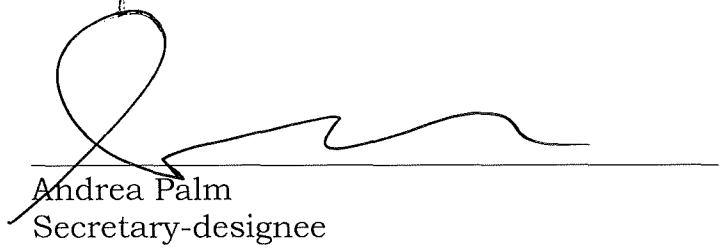
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.
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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.

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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.

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

03/24/2020

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

Date

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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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    b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

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    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

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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.

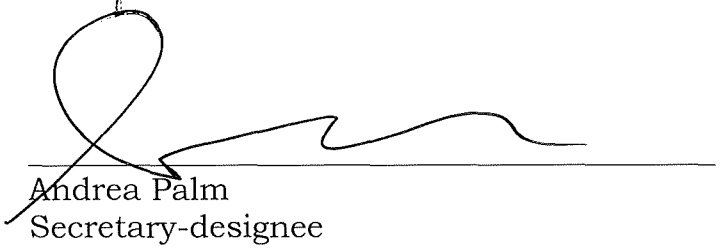
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19. **Supremacy.** This Order supersedes any local order that is in conflict with this order.

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.



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Secretary-designee
Department of Health Services
State of Wisconsin

Date

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State of Wisconsin
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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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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   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.

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    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.

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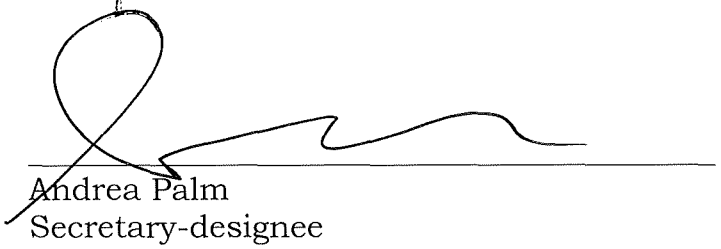
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WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

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;

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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viii. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited.
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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

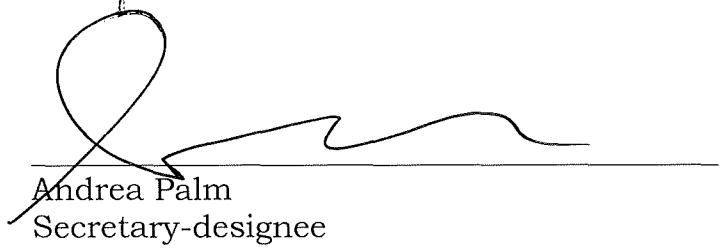
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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    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

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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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

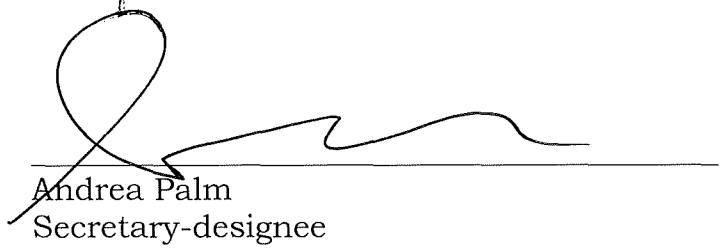
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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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;

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

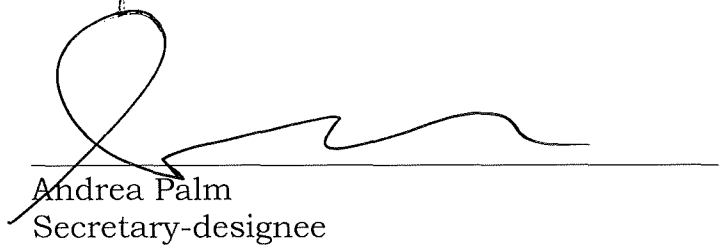
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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State of Wisconsin
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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;

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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).

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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.

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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

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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.

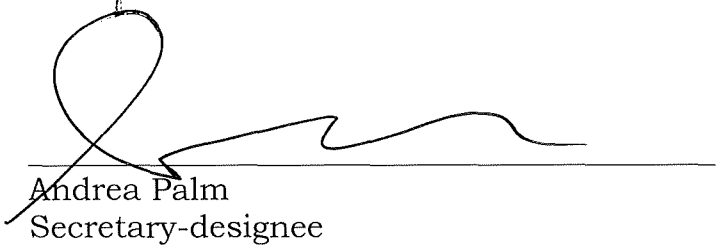
ENFORCEMENT

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.



03/24/2020

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

Date

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The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE 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;

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, 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;

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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;

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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:

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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

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Senate

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee on Education

The committee will hold an executive session on the following items at the time specified below:

Monday, March 30, 2020
9:00 AM
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Pursuant to Senate Rule 25 (4) (am), the Committee on Education will vote by paper ballot on the following items:

Assembly Bill 529

Relating to: grants to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Schraa, Doyle, Ballweg, Anderson, Bowen, Cabrera, Duchow, Edming, James, Kurtz, B. Meyers, Milroy, Mursau, Neubauer, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Ramthun, Rohrkaste, Spiros, Spreitzer, Subeck, C. Taylor, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vruwink and Wittke; cosponsored by Senators Olsen, Bernier and Ringhand.

Assembly Bill 810

Relating to: creating a computerized uniform school budget and accounting system.

By Representatives Felzkowski, Magnafici, Ballweg, Born, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Duchow, Edming, Gundrum, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Krug, Kuglitsch, Loudenbeck, Murphy, Petryk, Plumer, Rodriguez, Sanfelippo, Skowronski, Sortwell, Steineke, Tauchen and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Bernier, Craig, Kapenga, Kooyenga and Stroebel.

Assembly Bill 816

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By Representatives Plumer, Subeck, Skowronski, Allen, Anderson, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Cabrera, Dittrich, Duchow, Goyke, Hesselbein, Hintz, Katsma, Knodl, Kulp, L. Myers, Ohnstad, Ott, Quinn, Pronschinske, Riemer, Rohrkaste, Sargent, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Stubbs, Tittl, Tusler, Vining, Vorpagel, Vos and Vruwink; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Kooyenga, Carpenter, Jacque, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner and Wanggaard.

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By Representatives Thiesfeldt, Kulp, Fields, Ballweg, Dittrich, Felzkowski, Jagler, Knodl, Sanfelippo, Skowronski, Spiros, Steineke, Tusler, Hutton and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Kooyenga and Craig.

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TO: Members
Wisconsin Legislature

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: U.S. House of Representatives Legislation Passed in Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

On March 14, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation in response to the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2. The disease caused by this coronavirus is named "coronavirus disease 2019" or "COVID-19." The bill passed by the House (H.R. 6201), known as the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act," contains provisions addressing a range of the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. This memorandum provides a summary of key provisions of H.R. 6201, as well as the budgetary impact of those provisions on Wisconsin, to the extent that these impacts are currently known. In some cases, the scope and impact of some provisions would be dependent upon guidance and regulations issued by the administering federal agencies. As of the date of this memorandum, H.R. 6201 has not been acted upon by the U.S. Senate.

Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020

H.R. 6201 would apportion $1,000,000,000 to states for administering unemployment insurance (UI) claims. Under the bill, $500 million would be used to provide immediate additional funding to all states for staffing, technology, systems, and other administrative costs. To be eligible to receive administrative grants, the state must: (a) require employers to provide notification of potential UI eligibility to laid-off workers; (b) provide workers with at least two ways to apply for benefits, with available options being in-person application, online, and by phone; and (c) 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. These state requirements would likely not require legislative action.

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The bill would amend the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993 to:

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beginning on the earlier of the date on which the qualifying need for leave concludes or the date that is 12 weeks after the date on which the employee's leave commences.

g. Specify that an employer that is signatory to a multiemployer collective bargaining agreement may, consistent with its bargaining obligations and agreement, fulfill its obligations to provide paid leave after 14 days by making contributions to a multiemployer fund, plan, or program based on the paid leave each of its employees is entitled to while working under the collective bargaining agreement, provided that it enables employees to secure pay from the fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the collective bargaining agreement for paid leave taken related to the coronavirus public health emergency.

h. Specify, with respect to leave taken related to the coronavirus public health emergency, that: (a) parent means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent of the employee, a stepparent of the employee, a parent-in-law of the employee, a parent of a domestic partner of the employee, or a legal guardian or other person who stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was a child; and (b) family member means a parent, spouse, or son or daughter (under 18 years of age) of the employee, an individual who is a pregnant woman, senior citizen, individual with a disability, or has access or functional needs (individuals with access and functional needs may include, but are not limited to, children, older adults, persons with limited English proficiency, and persons with limited access to transportation) and who is also a son or daughter of the employee, a next of kin of the employee or a person for whom the employee is next of kin, or a grandparent or grandchild of the employee.

i. Authorize the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations for good cause to exclude certain health care providers and emergency responders from the definition of eligible employee, and to exempt small businesses with fewer than 50 employees from the requirements of the bill when the imposition of such requirements would jeopardize the viability of the business.

The provisions relating to emergency family and medical leave, above, would take effect no later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of the bill.

Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act

Under the bill, employees would be entitled to paid sick leave for any of the following uses: (a) to self-isolate, if the employee is diagnosed with coronavirus; (b) to obtain medical diagnosis or care for coronavirus symptoms; (c) to comply with a recommendation or order by a public official or health care provider if the employee's physical presence on the job would jeopardize the health of others because of coronavirus or coronavirus symptoms; (d) to care for or assist the employee's family member who is diagnosed with or experiencing symptoms of coronavirus or whose physical presence on the job would jeopardize the health of others because of coronavirus or coronavirus symptoms; or (e) to care for the employee's child, if the school or place of care has been closed or the child care provider is unavailable due to coronavirus. Duration of employment would not be a factor in paid sick time eligibility under the bill. The bill would take effect no later than 15 days after the date of enactment, and its provisions would expire on December 31, 2020.

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Employees who meet the above criteria for paid sick leave would be entitled to 80 hours of paid sick leave for full-time employees, and a number of hours equal to the number of hours that the employee works, on average, over a two-week period for part-time employees. Paid sick leave time would end effective at the beginning of the employee's first work-shift following the termination of the qualified need for sick leave time.

Under the bill, if an employer's policy already provides paid sick leave (on the day before the date of enactment of the bill), paid sick time under the bill would be available to employees in addition to existing paid sick leave policies. Employers could not change their existing paid sick leave policies on or after the bill's enactment or require employees to search for or find a replacement employee while the employee is using paid sick time. In addition, an employer could not require an employee to use other paid sick leave provided to the employee before the employee uses the paid sick time under the bill.

Employers would be required to post notices to employees of the requirements described in the bill in conspicuous places on the premises of the employer, where notices are customarily posted. The Secretary of Labor would be required to make a model of a notice publicly available, no later than seven days after the date of enactment.

Employers could not discharge, discipline, or in any other manner discriminate against an employee who takes leave under the bill or files a complaint or proceeding or testifies under or related to the provisions of the bill. An employer who violates the unlawful termination provision or the unpaid sick leave provision would be considered to have violated the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938 and would be subject to penalties. The bill would not require financial or other reimbursement to an employee from an employer upon the employee's separation from employment for paid sick time under the bill that has not been used by the employee.

Under the bill, if an employer is signatory to a multiemployer collective bargaining agreement, the employer could fulfill its obligations under the bill by making contributions to a multiemployer fund, plan, or program based on the hours of eligible paid sick time under the bill, consistent with bargaining obligations and the collective bargaining agreement, provided that the fund, plan, or program enables employees to secure pay based on hours they have worked under the agreement and for uses specified under the bill. The bill would not be construed to diminish the rights or benefits that employees are otherwise entitled to.

The bill would define the following terms:

"Child" - a biological, foster, or adopted child, a stepchild, a child of a domestic partner, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in *loco parentis* under 18 years of age.

"Coronavirus" - SARS-CoV-2 or another coronavirus with pandemic potential.

"Employer" - a person who is a covered employer (defined below), an entity employing a state employee, an employing office, or an executive agency.

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"Covered Employer" - any person engaged in commerce or any industry or activity affecting commerce that: (a) in the case of a private entity or individual, employs fewer than 500 employees; and (b) in the case of a public agency or any other entity that is not private, employs one or more employees, including persons acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee and any successor in interest of an employer, any "public agency," and the Government Accountability Office and Library of Congress. This section also defines the terms "public agency," commerce," and "persons."

"Family Member" - a parent, spouse, or child of an employee, or an individual who is a pregnant woman, senior citizen, individual with a disability, or has access or functional needs and who is also a sibling of the employee, a next of kin of the employee, a person for whom the employee is next of kin, or a grandparent or grandchild of the employee.

"Paid Sick Time" - an increment of compensated leave that is provided by an employer for use during an absence from employment for a reason described in the bill and is calculated based on the employee's required compensation and the number of hours the employee would otherwise be normally scheduled to work. An employee's required compensation is not less than the greater of the following: (a) the employee's regular rate of pay; (b) the minimum wage rate in effect; or (c) the minimum wage rate in effect for the employee in the applicable state or locality. An employee's required compensation for special rule of care for family members would be two-thirds of the employee's required compensation. In the case of part-time employees with varying schedules (where an employer is unable to determine with certainty the number of hours an employee would have worked if such employee had not taken paid sick time), the employer would be required to use the following in place of such a number: (a) a number equal to the average number of hours that the employee was scheduled per day over the six-month period ending on the date on which the employee takes the paid sick time, including hours for which the employee took leave of any type; or (b) if the employee did not work over such period, the reasonable expectation of the employee at the time of hiring of the average number of hours per day that the employee would normally be scheduled to work. If an employee receives paid sick time under the bill, an employer may require the employee to follow reasonable notice procedures in order to continue receiving paid sick time.

The bill would additionally define the terms "domestic partner" (including the term "committed relationship"), "employee," "FLSA terms" (including "employ" and "state"), "FMLA terms" (including "health care provider" and "next of kin"), "parent," "public health emergency," and "spouse."

Refundable Federal Tax Credits for Qualified Emergency Leave

H.R. 6201 would create refundable tax credits that employers and self-employed individuals could claim for certain paid leave provided in calendar year 2020 against their federal payroll taxes and self-employment taxes. Under state law, Wisconsin provides its own tax credits and generally does not conform to federal tax credits. The following section provides information regarding the federal tax provisions of H.R. 6201.

Sick Leave Credit. H.R. 6201 would provide a refundable payroll tax credit to certain private

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sector and nonprofit employers equal to 100% of the "qualified sick leave wages" paid by the employer in a calendar quarter. Qualified sick leave wages would be defined as wages which are required to be paid by an employer under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA, described previously). The amount of qualified sick leave wages could not exceed $200 for each day that an employee is paid such wages. However, the limit for qualified sick leave wages eligible for the credit would be $511 for any day in which any portion of the day is paid sick time used for: (a) self-isolation because the employee is diagnosed with coronavirus; (b) obtaining a medical diagnosis or care if such employee is experiencing symptoms of coronavirus; or (c) complying with a recommendation or order by a public health official with jurisdiction or a health care provider on the basis that the presence of the employee on the job would jeopardize the health of others because of exposure of the employee to coronavirus or because the employee is exhibiting coronavirus symptoms.

The aggregate number of days for which the payroll tax credit could be claimed could not exceed the excess of ten over the aggregate number of days that an individual is paid qualified sick leave wages for any preceding calendar quarter.

Family and Medical Leave Credit. H.R. 6201 would also provide a refundable payroll tax credit to certain private sector and nonprofit employers equal to 100% of the "qualified family leave wages" paid by the employer in a calendar quarter. Qualified family leave wages would be defined as wages required to be paid by an employer under the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA, also described previously) because of a qualifying need related to a public health emergency. The amount of qualified family leave wages for purposes of the payroll tax credit could not exceed $200 for any day that an individual receives such wages, and could not exceed $10,000 in the aggregate with respect to all calendar quarters.

Credits for Self-Employed Individuals. Both refundable credits described above would also be provided for self-employed individuals against their self-employment taxes owed. A credit would be provided equal to 100% of the "qualified sick leave equivalent amount" of the individual, or 67% of such amounts if the employee uses paid sick leave to care for their family member who is experiencing symptoms of coronavirus or is otherwise deemed to need self-isolation for the reasons described above, or to care for their child if the child's school or place of care has been closed, or the child care provider is unavailable, due to coronavirus. This qualified sick leave equivalent amount would be defined as the number of days during the taxable year that an individual is unable to perform services in a trade or business (for reasons which would otherwise qualify the individual for paid leave under the sick leave credit) multiplied by the lesser of $200 ($511 if the higher limit would have applied under the sick leave credit) or the average daily self-employment income of the individual. The total number of applicable days for which the credit could be claimed could not exceed the excess of ten days over the number of days that an individual is considered unable to work (as described above) in all preceding taxable years.

Another credit would be provided equal to 100% of the "qualified family leave equivalent amount" of the individual. Such amount would be determined by multiplying the number of days (not to exceed 50) during the taxable year that an individual is unable to perform services in the trade or business (for reasons which would otherwise qualify the individual for paid leave under the family and medical leave credit) by the lesser of $200 or the average daily self-employment income of the

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individual.

The average daily self-employment income for both credits would mean an individual's net earnings from self-employment for the taxable year divided by 260.

Each possession of the United States that bases its income tax laws on those of the U.S. and that incurs a revenue loss from implementing the aforementioned provisions would be reimbursed in amounts determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. A U.S. possession that does not base its income tax laws on those of the U.S. would be eligible to be paid amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits that would have been provided under the above provisions had the possession adhered to U.S. income tax laws.

General Provisions. Neither credit described above would apply to any federal, state, or local governmental employer, and neither credit would be allowed against wages for which a federal employer credit for paid family and medical leave is claimed. For self-employed individuals, each credit would be proportionally reduced by the number of days an individual is unable to work but received wages required to be paid by an employer under the EPSLA or EFMLEA. Any such wages required would not be considered wages for purposes of the federal payroll tax.

The Secretary of the Treasury would be required to prescribe any necessary regulations and guidance to fulfill the provisions of each credit. H.R. 6201 would transfer moneys from the general fund to the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Disability Insurance Trust Fund in the amount of money which would have been transferred to each trust fund under current law but would not be transferred as a result of the credits provided under H.R. 6201.

H.R. 6201 would provide $15 million to the Internal Revenue Service for taxpayer services for the purposes of carrying out the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Applicability. Each credit would apply only to wages paid from the date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury under H.R. 6201 through December 31, 2020.

Health Programs

Medical Assistance -- Temporary Increase to the Federal MA Matching Percentage. The bill contains the following provisions relating to a temporary increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), as described below.

Increase to the Federal Medicaid FMAP and the Impact on MA Program Budget. H.R. 6201 would increase the FMAP by 6.2 percentage points during any calendar quarter for which a federal public health emergency is in effect, provided the state meets certain requirements (described below). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary declared a public health emergency, retroactive to January 27, 2020. Consequently, the enhanced FMAP would apply, at a minimum, during the first quarter of 2020 (January to March of 2020), and would continue until the end of the calendar quarter during which the public health emergency declaration order is terminated.

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Under the MA program, the FMAP determines the percentage of eligible benefit costs that are paid by the federal government. Currently, the state's FMAP is 59.36%, meaning the state pays 40.64% of eligible MA benefit costs. As a result of the H.R. 6201, the state's FMAP would increase to 65.56%, decreasing the state's share to 34.44%. At current MA spending levels, this increase to the state's FMAP would shift approximately $150 million of state GPR costs to federal funds for each quarter that the federal public health emergency is in effect, or approximately $600 million for a full year. Therefore, without any changes to total program costs, the state would realize GPR savings relative to the current GPR budget for the program.

However, the net impact on the state GPR budget for MA would ultimately depend upon the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the MA program. The epidemic will likely affect MA expenditures in two ways. First, MA costs will increase as a result of treatment rendered to individuals contracting the disease. Second, the epidemic will have economic impacts resulting in a loss of income and employment for some households. As a consequence, MA enrollment is likely to increase in the coming months as more individuals become eligible for the program. While the health system costs associated with treating COVID-19 illness will eventually subside, the economic impacts of the epidemic, along with its effect on MA program enrollment, may last longer than the public health emergency.

State Requirements for Receiving Enhanced FMAP. In order to qualify for the higher FMAP, states would need to meet certain requirements related to enrollment eligibility standards and processes, applicable during the federal public health emergency. These provisions apply to beneficiaries whose coverage is either provided through the state Medicaid plan (standard eligibility and benefits) or through federal waivers.

First, a qualifying state could not adopt more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for their Medicaid programs than were in effect on January 1, 2020. Second, the state could not charge a higher premium for any eligibility groups than was in effect on January 1, 2020. Third, the state could not terminate or deny the enrollment of any individual for a reason other than a failure to satisfy financial, categorical, or state residency requirements, for the duration of the federal public health emergency. Fourth, the state must provide coverage of COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries without cost sharing. Finally, the state could not conduct periodic income checks, including automated income checks (for the purpose of determining income eligibility), more frequently than once every 12 months.

These provisions would require Wisconsin to modify some MA enrollment and eligibility standards and processes on a temporary basis, although in some areas the nature of these modifications remains uncertain. Department of Health Services (DHS) indicates that the Department is reviewing the legislation and would likely need guidance from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to further evaluate what steps would be needed. In general, this analysis would center primarily on two areas, the applicability of the law to recently implemented provisions of the state's federal waiver for childless adult coverage, and the program's process for reviewing income changes for the purposes of determining program eligibility.

With respect to childless adult coverage, the state implemented some provisions of a federal

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demonstration waiver on February 1, 2020, that have a bearing on childless adult eligibility. Starting on that date, childless adults who newly enroll or renew MA coverage, and who have a household income above 50% of the federal poverty level are required to pay a monthly premium. The premium is $8 per household, or $4 if the childless adult is found to meet criteria for certain healthy behaviors. In addition, as a condition of eligibility, childless adults are required to complete a substance abuse treatment needs question upon enrollment or renewal. Since neither of these provisions was in effect on January 1, 2020, and since both could be characterized as more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures, the state could be found ineligible for enhanced FMAP under H.R. 6201 if their application is not suspended during the federal public health emergency.

With respect to income verification, H.R. 6201 specifies that, as a condition of eligibility for enhanced FMAP, states may not conduct income checks or eligibility redeterminations more frequently than once every 12 months. The state currently uses a 12-month schedule for a comprehensive review of program eligibility, but also uses automated income checks to track any increase in household earnings in the interim period prior to renewal that may make a person ineligible for MA benefits. It remains uncertain if the provisions of H.R. 6201 would prohibit these automated income checks or restrict how they are used in determining eligibility.

This office is consulting with legislative attorneys and DHS to determine what statutory changes, if any, would be needed to comply with these provisions.

MA -- Coverage of COVID-19 Testing Without Cost Sharing. H.R. 6201 would require state Medicaid programs to provide coverage, without cost sharing requirements, for in vitro diagnostic products for the detection of the virus that causes COVID-19.

The bill would allow state Medicaid programs, at the option of the state, to provide coverage for COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals. The FMAP for this coverage would be 100% (no state share). The state would need to submit a state Medicaid plan amendment to CMS to offer this coverage.

Coverage of COVID-19 Testing Without Cost-Sharing. In addition to the provisions relating to testing MA enrollees for COVID-19, as described above, the bill would require other health care plans to provide coverage of COVID-19 testing without cost sharing, including Medicare, private health plans and insurance policies, federal employee health plans, Veterans Affairs health, Tricare, and Indian Health Service.

National Disaster Medical System. The National Disaster Medical System is a coordinated effort by the U.S. DHHS, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to support state and local authorities during and following a public health emergency. The system may be activated to provide health services, health-related social services, and other appropriate human service, including paying claims as reimbursement for health services.

H.R. 6201 would provide $1.0 billion to fund the following services for uninsured individuals: (a) diagnostic products for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes

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COVID-19; and (b) items and services furnished to an individual during health care provider office visits, urgent care center visits, and emergency room visits that result in an order for, or administration of, a diagnostic product, but only to the extent such items and services relate to the furnishing or administration of such product or to the evaluation of such individual for the purposes of determining the need of such individual for such product.

For these purposes, the bill would define an uninsured individual as an individual who is not enrolled in federal health programs specified in the bill or a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered by a health issuer in the group or individual market.

Nutrition Programs

SNAP -- Flexibility for Low-Income Jobless Workers. Under Wisconsin law, able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) are generally required to fulfill the work requirement established under federal rule to ensure ongoing eligibility for FoodShare or supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits. ABAWDs who do not meet the federal work requirement are only eligible to receive FoodShare benefits for three months in a 36-month period.

Under H.R. 6201, during a public health emergency, work requirements for SNAP could not be used to limit eligibility for SNAP, unless an individual does not comply with the requirements of a state work program or workfare program. This prohibition would last through the end of the month subsequent to the month the public health emergency declaration by the DHHS Secretary is lifted.

Additionally, beginning the month subsequent to the month the public health emergency declaration is lifted, the state agency would be required to disregard any period during which an individual received SNAP benefits prior to such month.

SNAP -- Flexibilities in a Public Health Emergency. Under H.R. 6201, in the event of a public health emergency declaration as declared by the DHHS Secretary, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary would be: (a) required to provide a requesting state agency the authority to provide emergency SNAP benefits to existing SNAP households up to the maximum monthly allotment for the household size, if the state agency provides sufficient data to support such a request; (b) authorized to adjust issuance methods and application and reporting requirements under federal law to be consistent with what is practicable under actual conditions in affected areas, if requested by a state agency or by guidance in consultation with the state agencies; (c) required to make publicly available on the USDA website within 10 days of receipt, or issuance, the following information: (1) any request submitted by a state agency under these provisions, (2) the Secretary's approval or denial of each such request, and (3) any guidance issued under part (b); and (d) required to, within 18 months after the public health emergency declaration is lifted, submit a report to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees with a description of measures taken to address the food security needs of affected populations during the emergency, any information or data supporting state agency requests, any additional measures that states requested that were not approved, and recommendations for changes to the Secretary's authority under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to assist the Secretary, states, and localities in preparation for any future health emergencies.

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Free and Reduced-Price Lunch -- Additional SNAP Assistance and Waivers. H.R. 6201 specifies that during fiscal year 2020, if a school is closed for at least five consecutive days during a public health emergency when the school would otherwise be in session, a household containing at least one child who is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal would also be eligible for additional aid under SNAP.

The bill would allow the USDA Secretary to approve state agency plans for temporary emergency standards of eligibility and levels of benefits under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 for households with eligible children. Such plans would be required to provide for supplemental allotments to households already receiving benefits, as well as issuances to households that do not currently receive benefits. The amount of the assistance would be provided in an amount determined by the Secretary, not less than the value of meals at the free rate over the course of five school days for each eligible child in the household. Assistance could be provided through the EBT card system.

The bill would allow the USDA Secretary to authorize state educational agencies and school food authorities administering a school lunch program to release to appropriate officials administering SNAP such information as may be necessary. The Secretary could waive the limits on certification periods, reporting requirements, and other administrative requirements that would otherwise apply. The bill would also allow the Secretary to purchase commodities for emergency distribution in any area of the United States during a public health emergency designation during fiscal year 2020.

The bill would appropriate to the Secretary such amounts as are necessary to carry out this section, including $100 million to remain available through September 30, 2021, for grants to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa for nutrition assistance in response to a COVID-19 public health emergency, if such amounts are designated by Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

The bill would allow the USDA Secretary to grant a waiver of federal requirements under the National School Lunch Act or Child Nutrition Act that would increase federal costs. This provision would apply to a waiver requested by a state or eligible service provider for the purposes of providing meals and meal supplements during a school closure due to COVID-19.

The bill would allow the USDA Secretary to establish a waiver allowing non-congregate feeding under a child and adult care food program, if such waiver is for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements under the program with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID-19. Additionally, the waiver program could relax requirements related to the nutritional content of meals served if the following apply: (a) the waiver is necessary to provide meals and meal supplements under a qualified program; and (b) there is a supply chain disruption with respect to foods served under the program due to COVID-19.

The waiver would apply automatically to any state that chooses to be subject to the waiver. Any state that receives the waiver would be required to submit a report to the Secretary with the following information, not more than one year after the waiver was received: (a) a summary of the

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use of the waiver by the state and by eligible service providers; and (b) a description of whether the waiver resulted in improved services to children. The waiver authority expires on September 30, 2020.

This provision would allow programs serving school lunches or breakfasts or participating in a child and adult care food program or a summer food service program to provide meals under those programs that can be taken and consumed away from the service site. Such meals would not be eligible for federal reimbursement under current federal law. (No such provision applies under state law.) The provision would also provide flexibility in the event of a food supply chain disruption.

WIC Supplemental Food Program -- Waiver of Certain Conditions of Certification. Under federal law, with limited exceptions, women and children who wish to be certified to participate in the women, infants and children (WIC) supplemental food program must be physically present at each certification or recertification determination in order to be eligible for the program. In addition, all WIC participants must be determined to have a nutritional risk, which may require that applicants meet anthropometric (body measurement) and bloodwork requirements.

The bill would permit the DHHS Secretary of the state agency that administers the WIC program [in Wisconsin, DHS] to request a waiver of the physical presence, anthropometric, and bloodwork requirements that WIC applicants would otherwise be required to meet in order to be eligible for WIC. If the waiver request were approved by the USDA, the requirements would not apply during any portion of the emergency period. This waiver authority would expire on September 30, 2020.

If a state waiver is requested and approved, each local WIC agency that uses the waiver would be required to submit a report to DHS that includes a summary of the use of the waiver by the local agency and a description of whether the waiver resulted in improved services to women, infants and children. These reports would be due within one year after the date the local agency uses the waiver. Each state agency that receives a waiver would be required to submit a report to USDA that includes a summary of the information provided by the local WIC agencies.

WIC Supplemental Food Program -- Waiver of Certain Administrative Requirements. Federal law authorizes USDA to implement administrative requirements relating to the WIC supplemental food program. These requirements, codified under 7 CFR Part 246, relate to all aspects of the program, including general provisions, state and local agency eligibility, participant eligibility, participant benefits, state agency provisions, monitoring and review, and other miscellaneous provisions.

H.R. 6201 would permit the state administering agency to request a waiver of any "qualified administrative requirement" relating to the program, which is defined as any regulatory requirement that the USDA Secretary determines: (a) cannot be met by a state agency due to COVID-19; and (b) the modification or waiver of which is necessary to provide assistance under the WIC supplemental food program.

If a state waiver is requested and approved, the state agency must, within one year after the

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date the agency received the waiver, submit a report to USDA that includes a summary of the use of the waiver by the state agency, and a description of whether the waiver resulted in improved services to women, infants and children. The USDA's authority to grant waivers would expire on September 30, 2020.

Aging and Disability Services Programs -- Nutrition Services. The federal Older Americans Act funds a broad range of social services and programs for individuals who are 60 years old and older. These services include supportive services, congregate nutrition services (meals served at group sites), home delivered nutrition services, family caregiver support, community services employment, the long-term care ombudsman program, and services to prevent the abuse, neglect and exploitation of older persons.

Title III of the act authorizes grants for state and community programs on aging. In federal fiscal year 2019-20, the total federal funding amount allocated for services funded under Title III was approximately $1.314 billion, of which Wisconsin's allocation was approximately $23.8 million (approximately 1.8% of the total).

The federal legislation would provide an additional $250 million to increase funding for home-delivered nutrition services ($160 million), congregate nutrition services ($80 million), and nutrition services for Native Americans ($10 million). Based on the current federal fiscal year allocation of these funds, it is estimated that Wisconsin would receive approximately $4.5 million in additional federal funds under Title III.

The Older Americans Act limits the amount of the federal grant award that can be used for eligible purposes, and specifies that the federal funding may pay for up to 85 percent of the total cost of supportive services, senior centers and nutrition services, with at least 15 percent of eligible service costs paid by state and local funds. Under the bill, this state match requirement, as it applies to the supplemental funding, would not apply.

Supplemental Federal Appropriations

Under the title "Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020," the bill appropriates moneys to federal agencies for the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, as identified below. The appropriations are not specific to Wisconsin, but rather for each identified federal agency and program. The bill specifies that the appropriated amounts are designated as being for an emergency requirement under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, but requires that monies are available "only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress."

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Federal Department/Program/Purpose	Amount	Funding Available Through
Agriculture		
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	$500,000,000	September 30, 2021
Commodity Assistance Program (up to $100 million for distribution of commodities)	400,000,000	September 30, 2021
Nutrition Assistance, COVID-19 Grants to the Commonwealths of Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and American Samoa	100,000,000	September 30, 2021
Defense		
Defense Health Program, SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 Items and Services	82,000,000	September 30, 2022
Treasury		
Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Services, Operational Support for Provisions of the Bill	15,000,000	September 30, 2022
Health and Human Services		
Indian Health Services, SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 Items and Services	64,000,000	September 30, 2022
Community Living, Aging and Disability Services, Older Americans Act		
• Home-Delivered Nutrition Services	160,000,000	September 30, 2021
• Congregate Nutrition Services	80,000,000	September 30, 2021
• Nutrition Services for Native Americans	10,000,000	September 30, 2021
National Disaster Medical System, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, Provider Reimbursement	1,000,000,000	Until Expended
Veterans Affairs		
Veterans Medical Services, SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 Items and Services	30,000,000	September 30, 2022
Veterans Medical Community Care, SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 Items and Services	30,000,000	September 30, 2022

The bill specifies that, no later than 30 days after the date of enactment, the head of each agency receiving funding is required to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the anticipated uses of all such funding. Each report is required to include estimated personnel and administrative costs, as well as the total amount of funding apportioned, allotted, obligated, and expended, to date. Further, each plan must be updated and submitted to the committees every 60 days until all funds are expended or expire.

Under the bill, a state and local government receiving funds or assistance must ensure that its state emergency operations center receives regular and real-time reporting on aggregated data on testing and results from state and local public health departments, as determined by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and that the data is transmitted to the CDC.

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DATE: **April 7, 2020**

RE: **Wisconsin Hospital Association Reaction to the Governor's COVID 19 Proposals**

When lawmakers talk about needing to support those on the front lines, they must mean our state's hospitals, physicians, nurses, support staff and other health care providers. In any legislation taken up by the Assembly and the Senate in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, ensuring Wisconsin hospitals have the resources to continue operation should be the state's top priority. As WHA has reviewed legislation proposed by Governor Evers, we wanted to communicate our support of several provisions and offer modifications to others.

Resources for Personal Protective Equipment, Testing Supplies & Other Hospital Related Costs: As hospitals are experiencing significant shortages in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and testing supplies, $100 million in GPR funding included in Governor Evers' proposal will directly help hospitals acquire needed resources to test and treat patients with COVID 19. Wisconsin hospitals are not only experiencing shortages in supplies, they are also experiencing increased prices on those same materials that are in demand.

In addition, hospitals are now being put in the difficult position of identifying staffing needs necessary to respond to the coming emergency while also ensuring that financial resources exist to meet payroll into the future. This funding pool can be used to stabilize current staffing, support staff overtime costs and, when possible, hire additional staff, helping to alleviate this burden.

In addition, it is important for policymakers to realize that the biggest financial stress on hospitals right now are lost revenues from following US Surgeon General and CMS directives to halt elective and certain other scheduled procedures. WHA requests that lawmakers ensure that provisions providing financial support for hospitals allow the use of state funding to make-up for revenue losses.

It is important to note that even after halting certain scheduled and elective procedures, hospitals still do not have enough PPE to meet current demand. Shortages of PPE will directly impact when hospitals can restart elective and scheduled procedures and begin to recover on their own from the staggering financial losses now mounting every day.

Hospital Funding and Stability: Hospitals large and small are facing significant cash flow problems as a result of cancelling elective procedures under government directives to protect the public health, with estimated hospital revenue losses of $170 million per week in Wisconsin. When adding health system physician and clinic

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services, the weekly revenue losses grow to $266 million. Cash flow problems for hospitals result in reductions in health care workforce and reductions in access to care, two consequences Wisconsin cannot afford right now.

We know that support from the federal government will not be enough to ensure our state's hospitals are protected from this crisis. As the Legislative Fiscal Bureau writes in their April 1 memo, "*it is unknown how much funding, if any, Wisconsin healthcare providers will receive"* from the federal CARES Act. From estimates based on AHA recommendations, it appears the proportion attributable to Wisconsin hospitals could be only $275 million – possibly less. At the hospital rate, estimated hospital funding from the CARES Act would cover only 11 days' worth of revenue losses during the public health emergency - which we are now already passed.

We are glad to see that the Governor has already recognized this need and has prioritized hospital funding in his COVID Response package, including another $75 million in supplemental payments to hospitals. Any and all financial resources the legislature can provide to hospitals are needed.

Our neighboring state legislatures and Governors have allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to support their hospitals and health care providers. We ask the legislature to do the same in Wisconsin and prioritize hospitals, the providers on the front lines of defense, during this crisis.

Hospital/Healthcare Data: WHA has consistently supported expanding the collection and reporting of COVID-19 data. This includes aggregated statewide and regional information related to COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals and should include other health care facilities with capacity used to treat COVID-19 patients. The WHA Information Center, operating as the entity under ch. 153 and charged with collecting and reporting hospital and ambulatory surgery center data, could synthesize and facilitate the dissemination of important information to assist with public and private emergency planning efforts. For 16 years, WHAIC has produced accurate and timely hospital datasets, analyses, and reports. Relying on WHAIC's expertise, the legislature could create a new report in ch. 153, that would require WHAIC to produce and publish daily updated public health emergency dashboards based on healthcare emergency preparedness program information the state collects from hospitals.

Safe Harbor Protections for Health Care Providers Throughout a Public Health Emergency: WHA, alongside several physician groups, support the extension of certain liability protections to health care providers during a public health emergency, which many states across the country already have done. Without action to address our liability standards during a public health crisis, physicians and hospital administrators are concerned that some providers will be hesitant to provide care during a very difficult time.

Healthcare Workforce Licensing: We request you incorporate the changes made in LRB 5957 (Sen. Kooyenga/Rep. Kurtz/Rep. Sanfelippo) as an amendment to LRB 5920/P2, which would create a more streamlined recognition of out-of-state licenses for those in good-standing and ensure that health care providers can practice to the top of their education, training and experience as delegated by a physician or established in a health care facility protocol.

The legislation does the latter by clarifying that no credentialing board can sanction a professional as long as the bill's criteria for physician delegation/licensed health care facility protocol are met. *In a time of crisis, providers should not have to fear credentialing sanction for something they are trained and capable of doing under a delegated act or in a licensed health care facility.*

Telehealth Parity - LRB 5920/P2, Section 65: This provision appears intended to require parity for telehealth services, which WHA fully supports especially during a time when the public is practicing social distancing and

staying home. We are concerned that the language in the bill may not allow *all* providers within the insurer's network to provide and be paid for telehealth services. That is, if a patient's usual in-network provider is available and able provide the service via telehealth, that physician should be allowed to do so, and the patient shouldn't have to be required to use a more limited telehealth network. Therefore, we recommend the language in Section 65 be modified. One suggestion for doing so is:

No disability insurance policy or self-insured health plan may deny coverage and payment for any covered health care treatment or service rendered via telehealth by an in-network provider to a patient if the same treatment or service is covered if rendered face-to-face by the in-network provider.

Worker's Compensation Coverage for COVID 19 Exposure: It is the opinion of some, including the state Department of Workforce Development, that health care workers exposed to COVID 19 are not eligible for worker's compensation claims unless they test positive for COVID 19 and can prove the disease was acquired at work. The details on this are important, since the limited amount of testing capacity in our state means some health care workers may not be able to receive a test. Therefore, health care workers *exposed to* COVID 19 and in isolation/quarantine as a result of that exposure should be eligible for worker's compensation benefits.

Although we have not reviewed the recommended statutory language included in the Governor's second proposal, we believe it will create a presumption standard that is appropriate. The legislation can go further by covering employer-required isolation and quarantine as a worker's compensation benefit during the public health emergency.

Out-of-Network (Surprise) Billing – LRB 5920/P2, Section 57: In the context of this emergency, we recognize that there may be unavoidable reasons why patients will be seeking out of network care. For ease of administration and for the time and purposes of this emergency only, we will not oppose the benchmark rate if it remains at 250% of Medicare or higher. However, we remain opposed to a benchmark rate as a long term solution to the issue of surprise billing.

With respect to the specific language in Section 57 of LRB-5920/P2: There seems to be a contradiction between 609.205 (1) (a) and 609.205 (2) (a) and (b). The bill would require that cost sharing be no greater than the enrollee would be pay if in-network; however the latter paragraph requires the health care facility to accept the insurer payment as payment in full, and not charge the enrollee an amount that exceeds the insurer payment.

We recommend that section 609.25 (a) and (b) be modified to allow the provider to collect cost sharing so long as that cost sharing does not exceed the amount the enrollee would pay in-network.

Insurer Payment of Premium - LRB 5920/P2, Section 75 (3): According to this provision, for the duration of the public health emergency, no insurer may cancel any policy of insurance for nonpayment of premiums until at least 90 days after the unpaid premium was due. We recommend clarifying that the policy may not be canceled retroactively, and that the insurer is responsible for payment of all claims for services provided during the 90-day "grace period".

Please contact Eric Borgerding at eborgerding@wha.org or Kyle O'Brien at kobrien@wha.org with any questions or comments.

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:24 PM
To: "'glacialgardens@gmail.com'" <glacialgardens@gmail.com>
Subject: Follow Up

Hey Paulette,

Just wanted to let you know my staff let me know you called. Thank you for reaching out on the election. It's a really tough situation but it's looking like the date is not going to move, and ultimately, Governor Evers is making that decision. Please let me know if I can be helpful at all throughout this stay at home order. I know we are all going to have growing pains from the adjustment.

Have a good day,

Mary

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:26 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: For your review, both Stamena and I have looked this over. Let's talk about it over the phone

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Thank you for reaching out to me on the April 7th election. I wanted to provide more information to explain why I did not support Governor Evers' last minute ask to move the election date.

First and foremost, I do want to say that I absolutely understand where you are coming from and the concerns raised by people that do not think an April 7th election can be done safely. I think that an election like the ones we have seen in the past would be a cause for concern with packed polling places. Thankfully, the state of Wisconsin gives its voters options, and for the last three weeks, we have been encouraging everyone to request their absentee ballot.

Over 1.3 million people have requested their absentee ballot, which is a record-breaking amount of people, especially for a spring election. This means that over 1.3 million people will have already voted and will be staying home, which is great news for our polling places. For reference, just over 1.2 million people total voted in the 2019 spring election. We quite possibly might see more people voting absentee in this election than the total number of voters in the last spring election! So when it comes to in-person voting on Election Day, we are going to see far fewer people going to the polls. I know my polling place and many others are doing drive thru voting, so you don't even have to go into the polling place to vote in person. Many other polling locations have put in place a number of social distancing safeguards, and I truly believe that the image of 'crowds' at the polls is not one that will take place. Our local clerks have been preparing with the Elections Commission to hold this election in a manner tailored to the current public health emergency. Our clerks are doing everything they can to limit person-to-person contact.

Now back to moving the election date. Tomorrow, thousands of local government positions like County Executive, Mayor, City Council, Town Board, and judgeships will be on the ballot. During a global pandemic, it would be extremely dangerous for all of these positions to become vacant with no one in place to make decisions or to allocate funds, especially for such a long, unspecified and unknown period of time. I have heard a lot of people, including Governor Evers, suggest that we could just allow the people currently serving to continue in their positions until the election is rescheduled. **There is no mechanism for the Legislature, the Governor, or local governments to allow for this by tomorrow**. It would require a change to our state's constitution, which would require the legislature to pass a resolution in two consecutive sessions, and then a majority vote in favor by the people on the ballot through referendum. The legislature simply cannot do it, and certainly couldn't do it three days before an election. Even if the legislature were to vote to do this, and the governor were to sign it, it would not be upheld in court. So moving the election date means that our local governments will be immobilized for months.

Governor Evers knows this. He knows that the legislature cannot do what he is asking us to do, and has been saying so publicly for over two weeks. He has been telling legislative leaders and the public for weeks that we cannot and will not move the election for the very reason I just described. And yet, on Friday, three days before the election, he changed his mind. To me, that is not a sign of leadership, but of a last minute effort on his part to shift the blame. Regardless of why, the fact is that we did not come into session on Saturday because there is nothing under the law that would allow for us to do we he asked us to do.

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Almost immediately after Governor Evers announced his plan on Friday, several of the local clerks in my district reached out to me asking me not to approve of his plan. They also cannot do what Governor Evers is suggesting they do. A mail-in balloting system cannot be done in Wisconsin on this kind of timeline, something the Elections Commission has expressed to the Legislature and to Governor Evers.

Please know that I agree with you that this is a serious situation, and we need to take precautions. We haven't seen positive cases in Lincoln or Langlade County yet, and I absolutely want to keep it that way. The fact remains that when I took the oath of office, I swore as your legislator to uphold the law and the constitution. I cannot do what Governor Evers asked me to do, but I can continue to do what I have been doing for the last two weeks, which is everything I can to make sure our poll workers have what they need to run this election smoothly. I have been encouraging people who are at risk or don't feel comfortable to stay home and vote absentee. I am so grateful that our state gives voters options when it comes to voting because it is exactly what will allow for this election to continue safely. I am also grateful for the 2,434 National Guard men and women who are being deployed to support polling places today and tomorrow.

If we continue to work together, we will make it through to the other side. If you want to talk further about this, please let me know and I can give you a call.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 12:13 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Absentee Tracking

Here is the email I mentioned to you on the phone. Thanks!

Liz

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Subject: Absentee Tracking

Hi Meagan

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My office cannot sustain its current load. It is me and my deputy. I also have my own election and campaign to run as well. I would take a beating, from some, if I cut off our muni clerks as our WisVote reliers. The absentee tracking is way too cumbersome.

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I am willing to sit on any committees designed to reconfigure our state voting. I am not suggesting a complete revamp, but maybe that is what will come of it.

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One last thing, I found it ridiculous that anyone can claim that by having the election, we were putting our electors at risk. You had to be living under a rock or coming out of a coma to not have heard about absentee and early voting? Our society cannot keep catering to the "underprivileged/under informed", whom choose to be and stay there! Maybe we could put them to work tracking these abs ballots? It is ironic that some people don't have enough work, and some have too much:)

Thanks for all you do Meagan - I know you are in a tough spot!

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Thank you, Chris. We really appreciate the feedback. I have the utmost admiration for all of the you what was accomplished through an incredible amount of work. I think your idea is a very good one, of a work group to take a look at the current process and the shifts in voter behavior and needs and see what we can suggest in terms of legislative or procedural changes to consider. Especially for those of you in CD7 we should have a discussion soon to see how we might be able to provide additional support or help create additional efficiencies.

Thank you for all you do to support and advocate for your clerks and elections.

Take care,

Meagan

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-- After repeatedly urging voters to request absentee ballots for the April 7 election to avoid going to the polls amid the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Tony Evers today called on the Legislature to change state law so all registered voters could be mailed one.

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In a video message on Twitter, Evers also called for ballots postmarked by Election Day to be counted and for local election officials to be given more time to count them.

The move comes 11 days out from the election. Evers, who has repeatedly rebuffed calls to delay the vote, didn't call for delaying the vote in his message today.

"The bottom line is that everybody should be able to participate in our Democracy," Evers said in the video.

So far, four federal lawsuits have been filed seeking changes to the upcoming April 7 election due to concerns over COVID-19. That includes calls to mail ballots to all registered voters and to push back the deadline for clerks to receive and count absentee ballots. Now, those ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

See more in today's PM Update.

See the tweet: https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1243591395484372992

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-- Wisconsin and national Republicans today asked the U.S. Supreme Court to step into the fight over how absentee ballots will be handled in the state's spring election amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

After a federal appeals court rebuffed their request, Republicans urged the justices to stay a U.S. judge's decision allowing absentee ballots received after Tuesday to still be counted so long as local clerks receive them by April 13.

The state and national Republican parties, along with GOP lawmakers, asked the court to issue a stay no later than Monday to ensure absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be counted.

In today's filing, they argued, "requiring a state to permit unlimited absentee voting for

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almost a week after election day presents significant dangers to election integrity, voter confidence and the orderly administration of an election that already has strained state resources due to the difficult circumstances associated with COVID-19."

U.S. Judge Wiliam Conley ordered three changes to Tuesday's election: pushing back by one day the deadline to request an absentee ballot; extending until 4 p.m. April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be returned; and suspending enforcement of a state requirement that those voting absentee have a witness sign the envelope in which they return the ballot.

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals late Friday rejected the GOP request to overturn the extended deadline for absentee ballots, which normally must be in by 8 p.m. on Election Day. But it also reversed Conley's order on witness signatures.

Conley issued the orders after chiding the gov and lawmakers for not pushing back the election in light of the pandemic, though he added it wasn't his place to do so. His order is also meant to account for the now more than 1.2 million absentee ballots that have been requested. That number now exceeds the number of votes cast overall in last year's state Supreme Court race.

In today's filing, Republicans argued the issue of late-arriving "ballots is premature and could be addressed when and only if the predicted mail delays actually materialize."

Read the application:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200404Application.pdf

See the latest tally from the Elections Commission on absentee ballot requests:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6814

-- Meanwhile, Gov. Tony Evers late this afternoon chided GOP lawmakers after they gaveled in and quickly recessed the special session he called to move to a mail-in spring election that would include pushing back to May the deadlines to request and receive ballots.

Evers urged the public to contact their lawmakers to urge them to push back the election, accusing Republicans of "playing politics with public safety and ignoring the urgency of this public health crisis."

"It's time for every Republican legislator to do their jobs and take a vote on this commonsense proposal to extend the election date so everyone can vote safely from home," Evers said.

After Evers yesterday issued his call for the special session, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, slammed the move as typical of the "feckless" leadership they said Evers has shown during the

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After a federal appeals court rebuffed their request, Republicans urged the justices to stay a U.S. judge's decision allowing absentee ballots received after Tuesday to still be counted so long as local clerks receive them by April 13.

The state and national Republican parties, along with GOP lawmakers, asked the court to issue a stay no later than Monday to ensure absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be counted.

In today's filing, they argued, "requiring a state to permit unlimited absentee voting for

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almost a week after election day presents significant dangers to election integrity, voter confidence and the orderly administration of an election that already has strained state resources due to the difficult circumstances associated with COVID-19."

U.S. Judge Wiliam Conley ordered three changes to Tuesday's election: pushing back by one day the deadline to request an absentee ballot; extending until 4 p.m. April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be returned; and suspending enforcement of a state requirement that those voting absentee have a witness sign the envelope in which they return the ballot.

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals late Friday rejected the GOP request to overturn the extended deadline for absentee ballots, which normally must be in by 8 p.m. on Election Day. But it also reversed Conley's order on witness signatures.

Conley issued the orders after chiding the gov and lawmakers for not pushing back the election in light of the pandemic, though he added it wasn't his place to do so. His order is also meant to account for the now more than 1.2 million absentee ballots that have been requested. That number now exceeds the number of votes cast overall in last year's state Supreme Court race.

In today's filing, Republicans argued the issue of late-arriving "ballots is premature and could be addressed when and only if the predicted mail delays actually materialize."

Read the application:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200404Application.pdf

See the latest tally from the Elections Commission on absentee ballot requests:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6814

-- Meanwhile, Gov. Tony Evers late this afternoon chided GOP lawmakers after they gaveled in and quickly recessed the special session he called to move to a mail-in spring election that would include pushing back to May the deadlines to request and receive ballots.

Evers urged the public to contact their lawmakers to urge them to push back the election, accusing Republicans of "playing politics with public safety and ignoring the urgency of this public health crisis."

"It's time for every Republican legislator to do their jobs and take a vote on this commonsense proposal to extend the election date so everyone can vote safely from home," Evers said.

After Evers yesterday issued his call for the special session, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, slammed the move as typical of the "feckless" leadership they said Evers has shown during the

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-- State Rep. David Bowen, D-Milwaukee, announced today he has tested positive for COVID-19.

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Bowen, who is currently in quarantine at home, is the first state lawmaker to publicly announce contracting the disease. Bowen said he was notified by the Shorewood Health Department he had come in contact with a local elected official who had tested positive and immediately went into quarantine.

After showing symptoms, he was tested. He said it is imperative that people take the pandemic seriously.

“Even if you are young and typically healthy, it's even more important that you heed the call to stay home, take care of your family, and not spread the virus to others who are vulnerable,” Bowen said.

See the release here.

-- Gov. Tony Evers’ chief legal counsel said on a conference call today the coming order requiring Wisconsin residents to largely stay at home is expected to maintain the current policy allowing bars and restaurants to do takeout and delivery.

Gov. Tony Evers earlier today said his order will largely shutter non-essential businesses and travel, but he didn’t offer details.

The guv and his Chief Legal Counsel Ryan Nilsestuen didn’t offer many additional details during today’s conference call on the coming “stay-at-home” order.

Still, the guv pointed out the federal government has created a definition of essential and nonessential businesses, though he said there will be a “Wisconsin vantage point” so the state list won’t be identical.

Evers also said on today’s conference call the order he issues tomorrow will include a “buffer” allowing people time to comply. He didn’t provide specifics.

See more in today’s PM Update.

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The convention had been slated to run from July 13-16.

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“In our current climate of uncertainty, we believe the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds so we can best position our party for a safe and successful convention,” said Joe Solmonese, CEO of the Democratic National Convention Committee in a release. “During this critical time, when the scope and scale of the pandemic and its impact remain unknown, we will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice of health care professionals and emergency responders.”

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The release said the major venues for the convention, including the Fiserv Forum, the Wisconsin Center District and hotel accommodations, remain available for August.

Read the release: https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/democratic-national-convention-committee-announces-date-change-in-response-to-unprecedented-coronavirus-outbreak/

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-- Gov. Tony Evers is asking for more than $800 million to address the COVID-19 pandemic in a sweeping bill that would also halt enforcement of voter ID, ban evictions, and prevent the layoffs of school employees during a public health emergency.

The proposal, which the Evers administration released late Saturday, also would give the Department of Health Services unlimited spending and position authority during a public health emergency.

GOP legislative leaders indicated in a letter earlier today the "current general fund balance can't support" the proposal.

They also urged the Evers administration to move quickly to use the state's share of an estimated $2.3 billion coming to Wisconsin as part of the federal relief package to buy needed personal protection equipment.

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The proposal also calls for a host of provisions to address the impact on state residents amid a ban on nonessential travel and an order that has forced many businesses to close.

Along with suspending the voter ID requirement during a public health emergency, the bill calls for allowing voting by mail and a longer window to register online. The bill also calls for pushing back the deadline for receipt of an absentee ballot. It would have to be postmarked by Election Day rather than received by 8 p.m. on Election Day as currently required.

The bill also would allow the Department of Administration to print absentee ballots for local governments.

The biggest pieces of the package include: up to $300 million for the Department of Military Affairs; up to $200 million for the Department of Administration; $100 million to expand programs for the working poor; and $100 million in grants to health care providers.

The package also would provide local governments with a 1 percent increase in aids for 2020, a boost of about $7.5 million.

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-- Gov. Tony Evers' order shutting down nonessential businesses will kick in at 8 a.m. tomorrow and last through April 24, or until a superseding one is issued.

The order includes a host of businesses that will be allowed to remain open from grocery stores and pharmacies to auto repair shops and banks.

The order also doesn't apply to those businesses that provide food, shelter, social services and "other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals."

Evers' order lays out details of the "safer-at-home" order he previewed yesterday. It also bans nonessential travel.

See reaction throughout the day at WisPolitics.com and in the PM Update.

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-- Gov. Tony Evers will later today issue an order shutting down nail salons, barbers and tattoo parlors.

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Speaking with reporters on a Department of Health Services media briefing, Evers' Chief Legal Counsel Ryan Nilsestuen said personal care businesses "will not be able to be open, period."

DHS Secretary Andrea Palm said Evers' order was designed to provide additional clarity. She said hair salons could remain open to sell shampoo, but giving haircuts "should not be happening anymore."

"It's like restaurants where you can pick up at the counter, that would be allowed," said Palm.

See more in today's Friday Report.

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-- A federal judge late today dismissed a suit Green Bay filed seeking changes to the April 7 election due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ruling he lacked jurisdiction.

U.S. Judge William C. Griesbach noted cities are barred from suing their parent states.

Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich was also included in the suit in his individual capacity. But Griesbach ruled allegations that the mayor may have trouble voting absentee to be too speculative and lack plausibility because of his position.

Griesbach also ruled a claim by one individual was not "enough to create the standing Plaintiffs need to invoke federal intervention in state laws governing elections."

"The court's decision is not intended to minimize the serious difficulties the City and its officials are facing in attempting to conduct the upcoming election," Griesbach wrote. "The court is saying only that the City and its mayor are not the proper parties to bring

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such a claim in federal court."

The suit is one of four that have been filed in federal court seeking changes to the April 7 election. Griesbach noted a group of citizens raising similar issues filed one of them in the Western District of Wisconsin. If the judge in that case finds they have standing, Griesbach wrote, that court will address the questions raised in the Green Bay suit.

The Green Bay suit sought to cancel in-person voting for the April 7 election and instead allow clerks to mail ballots to all registered voters, as a way to fight coronavirus. The city also sought to give local clerks until June 2 to count all returned ballots.

Read the ruling:
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-- A federal judge today refused to delay Wisconsin's April 7 election, but he pushed back to April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be received so they can be counted in the spring races, which include the presidential primaries.

Under current law, today was the final day to request an absentee ballot. U.S. Judge James Conley pushed that back to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

He also enjoined the state from enforcing a requirement that those voting absentee have a witness if they are unable to safely do so.

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-- A federal judge tonight pushed back the deadline to register electronically to vote in the spring election, citing the impact of the coronavirus.

Judge William Conley also denied two other requests from state and national Dems as they sought to relax Wisconsin regulations on absentee ballots. But he reserved the option for Dems to again ask him to extend the deadline for counting absentee ballots if they can show there's a need to do so.

Wednesday was the deadline to register online or by mail ahead of the April 7 election. Those who failed to meet the deadline would've had to appear in person at a clerk's office to register in order to receive an absentee ballot. They also would've had the option to go to the polls on Election Day.

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Conley noted the public health concerns of exposure to the coronavirus in ordering an extension until March 30 to register online, noting the "excruciating dilemma" faced by those who didn't register by Wednesday: "either venture into public spaces, contrary to public directives and health guidelines or stay at home and lose the opportunity to vote."

He didn't extend the deadline to register by mail, as Dems had asked. Conley ruled doing so would've given some voters a "false sense of confidence" their mail-in registration would've been received in time to vote absentee in the April 7 election.

Conley also rejected a request to suspend the photo ID requirements for voting absentee and another requiring voters to provide proof of residency documents with their registration requests until the COVID-19 crisis is over.

Dems also sought to extend the deadline for an absentee ballot to be received in order for it to be counted. Currently, absentee ballots have to be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day. The suit asked that they instead be postmarked by Election Day and received by municipal clerks within 10 days of the April 7 election.

Conley wrote while the argument may have merit, he wants more evidence before granting an extension.

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-- State Sen. Fred Risser, the longest serving state lawmaker in the nation's history, announced today he won't seek reelection this fall after more than six decades in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Meanwhile, state Rep. Chris Taylor, a Madison Dem and member of the Joint Finance Committee, said she isn't seeking reelection to her Assembly seat this fall and won't be running for any other legislative seat in 2020. She had been considered a top candidate to run for Risser's seat once he retired.

See more in today's PM Update.

See the Risser release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/sen-risser-to-retire-after-64-years/

See the Taylor release:

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-- The state Supreme Court this afternoon overturned Tony Evers' order pushing back in-person voting until June, putting the spring election back on hours after he sought to delay it amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Evers' order was enjoined in its entirety in the 4-2 ruling other than a provision calling the Legislature into a special session tomorrow to pick a new date for in-person voting. That provision is now moot with the election moving forward.

The order didn't include the court's reasoning, saying a more comprehensive opinion will follow.

Liberal justices Ann Walsh Bradley and Rebecca Dallet dissented.

Conservative Daniel Kelly didn't participate.

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-- A split U.S. Supreme Court ruled this evening that absentee ballots must be postmarked by tomorrow in order to be counted in Wisconsin's spring election, adding yet another legal twist as voters decide the presidential primary, a Supreme Court race and hundreds of local offices.

Under the court's order, absentee ballots must be postmarked by election day and received by 4 p.m. April 13 or hand-delivered to local clerks by 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The ruling comes after the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals had upheld a lower court ruling that the crush of absentee ballots requested for the spring election would count so long as they were received by 4 p.m. April 13, regardless of the postmark.

Typically, absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to count.

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The 5-4 majority ruled extending the date ballots may be cast an additional six days "after the scheduled election day fundamentally alters the nature of the election."

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-- Declaring "Wisconsin is in the midst of election chaos," the state GOP late this afternoon asked the Supreme Court to rule county clerks don't have the authority to allow all voters to escape the voter ID requirements for absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The filing comes on the heels of four separate federal lawsuits seeking to change the rules for how the April 7 election is conducted, each arguing that the coronavirus outbreak demands changes in procedures to protect voters and poll workers.

Still, the state GOP urged the state Supreme Court to make clear the guv's stay-at-home order "does not and cannot affect the rules and procedures under" Wisconsin's election laws.

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In particular, the suit targets the guidance clerks in Dane and Milwaukee counties have issued that voters can avoid the voter ID requirements for casting an absentee ballot by declaring themselves "indefinitely confined" due to the pandemic.

Under state law, voters who are "indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity or disability" can request absentee ballots without uploading a copy of their voter ID. Once they make the declaration, they will receive an absentee ballot for each election going forward until they are "no longer confined or fail to return a ballot."

The party asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to take original jurisdiction in its suit and issue a temporary injunction ordering the advice to be removed from public display and new statements issued "correcting their interpretation of Wisconsin's election law."

Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell said he hadn't seen the suit and couldn't respond until after conferring with legal counsel. Still, he said he is following advice he has received from the Elections Commission.

"I will fully comply with it, and I am complying with it," he said.

Read the documents:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Memo.pdf
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Motion.pdf
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Petition.pdf

-- Meanwhile, the state's top elections official says it would be inappropriate for voters to use the "indefinitely confined designation" simply as a way to get around the voter ID requirement for those voting absentee.

Still, Elections Commission Administrator Meagan Wolfe wrote in a memo to commissioners ahead of a meeting today it is up to individuals to determine on their own if they meet the standard. She noted the "unique circumstances of the current public health crisis" and the ensuing travel restrictions, which has caused issues for those who have an ID but lack the technology at home to include a copy with their absentee ballot.

The issue has popped up because the clerks for Dane and Milwaukee counties have advised voters they can use the designation if they're having an issue meeting the photo ID requirements for their absentee ballots during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The move has prompted at least one complaint filed with the commission.

Wolfe wrote commission staff has told clerks if they don't believe voters understood the declaration while requesting an absentee ballot, they can contact them for confirmation of their status. Still, clerks should use "appropriate discretion" and any request for information shouldn't be "accusatory in nature."

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The memo begins on page 25:
https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-03/3.27.20%20Commission%20Materials.pdf

-- DHS Secretary Andrea Palm late this afternoon issued an order to simplify healthcare license renewals during the public health emergency.

The order also encourages recently retired professionals with expired licenses to re-enter practice and creates a path for licensed practitioners from other states to work in Wisconsin without first getting a state credential. It also eliminates time limits for temporary licenses.

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-- The state Supreme Court has barred Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell from advising all voters they could qualify as indefinitely confined because of Gov. Tony

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Evers' stay-at-home order, avoiding the requirement to provide a copy of their photo ID when voting absentee.

The court ordered McDonell to refrain from issuing guidance on indefinitely confined status outside the measures approved by the Elections Commission last week.

Under that guidance, voters can claim the status based on age, physical illness, infirmity or being disabled for an indefinite period and cannot use it "simply as a means to avoid the photo ID requirement."

McDonell had argued that he updated his original advice in a March 25 social media post with a stance in line with the advice approved by the Elections Commission. The court noted that didn't prevent McDonell from offering erroneous advice in the future.

Read the order:

https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200331Order.pdf

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:29 AM
To: "Mesec, Joe" <Joe.Mesec@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: April 7th Election concerns

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Pam Schmidt <Pam.Schmidt@co.shawano.wi.us>
Subject: RE: April 7th Election concerns

Hey Pam,

I just wanted to send you a quick note that the legislature will not be moving forward with a mail-in ballot initiative. It just is not feasible for the reasons you listed and more. I have already heard from many clerks, like yourself, that just do not have the manpower to do this, even if it were possible for the state to get the clerks the materials they needed in time.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us! It's really important for us to hear from everyone around the state about this.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Pam Schmidt <Pam.Schmidt@co.shawano.wi.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Tauchen <Rep.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Mursau <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Pam Schmidt <Pam.Schmidt@co.shawano.wi.us>
Subject: April 7th Election concerns

Good Morning Shawano County Legislators

I received an email from Jamie Kuhn, Director of Outreach for Governor Evers, on Friday afternoon. I am very concerned with the Governor's request to Legislature to make changes to elections laws this close to an election. I hope that I can convey my thoughts in a way that impresses upon you the need to stop moving forward with trying to send absentee ballots to every voter in Wisconsin. Mr. Kuhn stated in his email that the Governor has asked the Legislature to pass legislation for three items.

1. Allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted. I have no major issues with this, however, I think the legislation should state they would still need to arrive by the Friday after the election. It was done this way in the past and is doable.

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2. Extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots. I have no major concerns with this one either as long as the extended timeline doesn't interfere with the County's ability to complete the Board of Canvass on time.

3. Allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter. This raises a number of large concerns for my office and a number of the municipal clerks in the county that I have heard from. In Shawano County we have approximately 23,000 registered voters. We do not have ballots available for every voter. We do not have envelopes available to mail a ballot to every voter. We do not have the time it would take or the staff that it would take to mail a ballot to every voter.

I don't envy the Governor the position that he finds himself in right now with COVID-19 or with this election. I think that you would find that Clerks feel very strongly about making sure that every voter has the opportunity to vote, however, sending ballots to every voter is not the way to do it with just over a week before the election. In Shawano County we have 38 municipalities and only 7 of those are staffed by full-time clerks. The other 31 of those are part-time clerks, many of whom have other jobs. They are already overwhelmed, overworked and overbudget due to the high volume of absentee requests. To expect them to somehow miraculously get ballots out to every elector is shortsighted, it cannot happen.

I listened to an interview with the Governor this afternoon and a reporter asked him how Clerks were going to accomplish getting a ballot to every elector when there aren't supplies available to do that. The response from the Governor was that it wouldn't be easy. That is a very flippant response for such a large task that may be asked of our clerks. The interview then went to Ryan from the SEOC and Ryan said that the WEC and SEOC has procured over 600,000 ballots for clerks across the state. That isn't accurate. They ordered and supplied over 600,000 **absentee envelopes** to clerks and that was amazing (Shawano County received 1,000), however, that isn't even a fraction of what will be needed if we have to mail a ballot to every elector. Shawano County would has close to 23,000 registered voters. In order to mail a ballot to an elector, it costs $1.00 per voter for just the postage to send and receive the ballot. That's $23,000 that our municipalities will have to come up with to send the absentee ballots.

I strongly urge our Legislators to rethink making any law changes that would require an absentee ballot be sent to every voter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela Schmidt
Shawano County Clerk

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 11:53 AM
To: "'bhass@wittbirn.k12.wi.us'" <bhass@wittbirn.k12.wi.us>
Subject: FW: April 7th Spring Election Update

Good morning Principal Hass,

A constituent reached out to me on this issue. I'm not exactly sure there is anything I can do since it's a company in NJ, but thought I'd reach out to see if you have any insight.

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

The company is called Voyager International out of Morristown, NJ. My grandson attends Wittenberg/Birnamwood Hign School. I am not sure how many students were going but at least 6. The number for the School is 715-253-2213.

Thank You For Your Help.
Lester Resch

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Lester,

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Mary

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Thank you and have a good night,

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Alex Sabo, the trip director for the school called back

- They know people are upset- it appears most families have made their peace with this
- The company is a private company- they sent out a letter explaining thecancellation and also reminded everyone of the cancellation policy in the contract that was signed- this is covered under that
- The company is a good company that has worked with the school for 26 years- the deposit covers money they had already spent on lodging and what not for the hotels in Europe
- This is what contracts are for and everyone is doing their best- but this is a cut and dry situation
- The school emailed lester and asked for a phone number so Alex could speak with him and run through this
- It doesn't appear the school will be suing the company or anything of the sort
- A contract is a contract
- They know its frustrating
- You can tell him they have emailed and it is our understanding they are reaching out and hope to speak with him over the phone

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 2:35 PM
To: lnkresch@frontier.com
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Lester,

I reached out to the Principal of the school to see what he knows. He said he was not aware of it before so he is going to talk to the band teachers and see what he can figure out.

Thank you again!

Mary

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 3:17 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: April Legislative Conversation with CESA 9 Superintendents

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CESA 9 moved next Friday's breakfast to a video chat version. Are you still able to do it and set up Zoom?

From: Karen Wendorf-Heldt <kheldt@cesa9.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Maggie Cronin <Maggie.Cronin@mail.house.gov>; Rep.Meyers <Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kulp <Rep.Kulp@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bewley <Sen.Bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Peggy Francour <pfrancour@cesa9.org>
Subject: April Legislative Conversation with CESA 9 Superintendents

Good day, Area Legislators,

The superintendents would still like the opportunity to meet with you next Friday, April 3 for our scheduled legislative conversation. We will be meeting virtually and you should have already received a calendar invite for this. That calendar invite has the Zoom connection link for the meeting which starts at 8:30 (and we'll wrap up at 9:00 this month). I am also including the link in this email as well. Looking forward to "seeing" as many of you as possible next week.

https://zoom.us/j/492536620

If you need assistance in connecting via Zoom and/or want to do a test run ahead of the meeting, please contact my assistant, Peggy Francour and she will help you. Peggy's email is pfrancour@cesa9.org

Have a great weekend! Be well!
Karen

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 3:15 PM
To: "Driscoll, Collin" <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Automatic reply: please get back to me

Collin,

I don't think either of us can take this one for you. Mrs. Norah clearly wants you to have the $$.

From: Mrs Norah Jane <norahjane.clarks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: please get back to me

Good Day My Dearest in Christ Jesus,

My name is Mrs.Norah Jane a nationality of United state of America . I am married to late Mr. Alexandria Paul who worked with Kuwait embassy for nine years before he died in the year October 2007. We were married for twenty years with a child. My Husband died after an illness that lasted for four days May his Soul rest in perfect peace Amen.

Before his death we were both born again Christians. When my late husband was alive he deposited the sum of (thirteen Million U.S.Dollars) with one of good private banks here in Turkey presently, this money is still with the bank. Recently my Doctor told me that I would not last for the next two months due to my cancer problem, though what disturbs me most is my stroke. Having known my condition I decided to donate this fund to church or better still a Christian individual that will utilize this money the way I am going to instruct here in. more especially earthquake victims in Haiti and also any organization of your choice, the poor and the motherless babies. I want a person or church that will use this fund to churches, orphanages, research centers and widows propagating the word of God and to ensure that the house of God is maintained.

The Bible made us to understand that blessed is the hand that giveth. I took this decision because I have no child that will inherit this money and my husband's relatives are not Christians and I don't want my family hard earned money to be misused by unbelievers, I don't want a situation where this money will be used in an ungodly manner. Hence the reason for taking this bold decision. I am not afraid of death hence I know that I am going to be in the bosom of the Lord. Exodus! 14 VS 14 says that the lord will fight my case and I shall hold my peace. I will like you to understand that my contact to you is a divine direction from God, I don't want any of my husband family relatives to receive this money but I know that With God all things are possible.

Remain blessed in the name of the Lord.

Yours Sister in Christ

Mrs.Norah Jane.

On Wed, 8 Apr 2020 at 18:01, Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> I will be out of the office until February 20, 2020 at the very least. Please reach out to Stamena Ivanov or Liz Portz at their respective email addresses below:

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Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov

Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov

Thanks,

Collin Driscoll

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:16 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: BREAKING: Evers issues "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

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We could put something like this out now, before your call.

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From: Rep.August <Rep.August@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: BREAKING: Evers issues "Safer at Home" Emergency Order



March 24, 2020

Gov Evers Issues “Safer at Home” Order

Governor Evers has just released the details of his “Safer at Home” emergency order. I just receive
ago. I am in the process of reading it. I wanted to get it out to you as soon as possible.

Below is a link to the document:
https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Health-Order-12-Safer-At-Home.pdf

From my first scan of the document, the order:

- * Directs all individuals to stay at their place of residence, with limited exceptions.

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- * All non-essential business and operations must cease (please refer to the order for the defe "essesntial")
- * All public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single hous living unit are prohibited.
- * Duration: The order is effective at 8am Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and will remain in eff 8am Friday, April 24, 2020.

Finally, the Governor's office communicated the following:

"After reviewing the order if a business still has a question or is not exempted but believes their bu doing essential work, WEDC will be reviewing those cases. Folks can visit https://wedc.org/essent for more information."

If you do not wish to continue to receive my e-update, simply send an email to Rep.August@legis.wi.gov, with the subject line "unsu



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:32 PM
To: "'mrsfries16@gmail.com'" <mrsfries16@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: call for you to make

I just spoke to her AGAIN. She wants you to call her personally. She wanted proof that you have offered to help at the polls.

From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; mary@cisgrp.com
Subject: call for you to make

Liz thinks if you personally call and explain what you meant it would go a long way.

Darlene Goldschmidt
715 337 2437

She left a voicemail, I called her back,
She used to like you but what you said on the radio was plain stupid- college kids should sacrifice themselves?
I tried to explain you were suggesting that low risk healthy individuals such as college kids were stepping up and volunteering and she said bullshit, there is no reason it can't be mail only- none.
She doesn't think you want people to die, but she thought you were one of the smart ones. This is senseless.
We talked for 20 minutes, I barely got a word in.

Her original voicemail:
Why are we blocking people from voting by mail
Evers said we could vote by mail but the republicans aren't letting them
We will get our old people killed
Shame on you, hold you accountable

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Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
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309 North, State Capitol
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:54 AM
To: "'mary@cisgrp.com'" <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: FW: calls to return

From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: calls to return

715 536 8627
Katherine pufahl from Merrill

Supports tony's proposal to do mail only and not have Tuesday
Open polls as usual or extend ballot request time- just an idea of her
Disappointed it appears that we aren't willing to work with tony to protect citizens
Thank you mary, please support negotiations, you do a good job, she likes you
She is scared but calm

715 539 3639
Joan petrowski from Merrill

We shouldn't hold elections now, keeping our corona cases low is a priority
More important to protect ourselves and trust dan Kelly will get in
Our republicans are old and vulnerable, please think of the big picture
thanks

715 350 1243
Donna semic in Merrill

Please support evers' initiative to allow for extension for mail in ballots
And send ballots to all registered voters- this is an unusual situation
The elderly, like her, are supposed to stay at home, they shouldn't gather at voting booths
Has not called us before- first time reaching out to you
Feels very strongly
This will be her first interaction with you- great opportunity

715 453 4056
Lowell pops? (very fuzzy voicemail, unsure of exact name)

None of us are answering our phones in Madison (us or Tom)
Republicans should be working to delay this, morally and ethically wrong- we are the responsible party
Politics is a dirty business but this goes beyond anything
How can we live with ourselves- really wondering
Text from his daughter about conversation she had with town of king clerk:

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4 of 5 election judges are at high risk but still willing to serve
They have sanitizers for hands and wipes and pens
They have safety screens, might as well send our young to protect the older ones
Town clerk has a lung disease- do you feel good making them work?
Longtime hardcore republican- their whole family
Will never vote for another republican as long as he lives- this is really low
What are we doing?
He was calm, no yelling, just frustration, Republican in our database

715 610 2200
Glen butnik

Antigo wi
Vote to extend election date so everyone can vote safely from home
Mary, I can't believe you're doing this, he has supported you
Are you just doing this to support your party? What about your neighbors?
Please represent and support your people, some things are more important

715 536 9632
Chuck stein from Merrill
hostile

He is shocked that we are going against tony in this time of utter despair
Why are we letting this happen
When there is a big turnout, democrats usually win, we are doing this for that
Why are we not allowing people to vote
Do this when we have flattened the curve
We want tom tiffany in there and that's why we're doing this
It is disgusting
We are fighting tony during this time, why?
We don't want a big turnout
We want more people to vote so it is a fair election
Tom tiffany needs to win fairly
Tom is using this to his advantage
History of heart problems and now he has to go to a polling place to vote
Can he? Should he?
Who's responsible if he gets sick?
You can leave this one to me if you want. He is really angry.

608 792 2665
John trap from la crosse

Parent of two high school students who have volunteered to work at polling place
Do not believe we can hold an election that ensures everyone's safety

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Use your power as **asst majority leader** to delay this election
Go badgers
-Only call we got as a member of party leadership
-respectfully refers to Mary as 'Assistant Majority Leader Felzkowski' the whole call
-if you don't want to call him back, skip this one

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 8:41 AM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad
Attachments: VOTE NOW PSA.pdf; ABSENTEE BALLOT.MP3

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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:40 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Representing Wisconsin's 31st Assembly District
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:55 PM
To: "Schweitzer, Alicia" <Alicia.Schweitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: CDl School and DMV closures
Attachments: Corona virus letter.docx

Another idea that came forward! Just wanted you to know about this just in case there are any leadership conversations about things we could be influencing. Sen. Tiffany already sent it to WisDOT and the Gov's office.

Thanks!

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From: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: CDl School and DMV closures

Hi Diana,

I am passing along an email that we received from Tim Kordula of Karl's Transport. Karl's Transport has worked with the department in the past, and Mr. Kordula offers a number of great ideas in this trying time. Is the DOT taking into consideration any of these issues, and are any of these ideas options that could be considered during this state health emergency?

Thank you very much,

Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District
Christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-266-2509

From: Tim Kordula <timk@karlstransport.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Senator Tiffany and Rep Felzkowsi,
Attached is a letter I am attempting to send to Governor Evers' office. I know we are in trying times, the switchboard has not emptied any voicemails throughout the day, as with everything else this is important and should be addressed. Trucking and trucking education is more critical than ever in this current crisis. If you would please take a look at what we are asking for CDL schools and the DMV, and feel free to contact me at ANY time regarding this.

Thank you for your time!

Respectfully,

Tim Kordula

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 6:15 PM
To: "'bbostrom@agraind.com'" <bbostrom@agraind.com>
Subject: FW: Checking in

Good evening Ben,

I just wanted to email you to let you know I did not forget about your questions from this morning. Unfortunately, Governor Evers has chosen not to provide any information to Legislators as we try to navigate this mess. What I do know is that he plans to sign the order tomorrow. We have asked repeatedly for the essential vs. non-essential list, which he will not give, and I honestly believe he hasn't finished yet. I will update you once I know more, and hopefully that will be midday tomorrow.

Thanks again for reaching out to us,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:48 AM
To: "Bruce, Cory" <Cory.Bruce@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Child care in crisis

Hey,

Hope you're safe and well! We were wondering if you guys are responding to Ben on this one and looking into the rural child care center issue for him and Emily?

Thanks!
Stamena

From: Ben Niehaus <niehausb@myflorence.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Emily Payette <emily.payette0118@gmail.com>
Cc: Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Mursau <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wendy Gehlhoff <wgehlhoff@co.florence.wi.us>; Bruce <winchell@chartermi.net>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Nygren <Rep.Nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schwanz, Nathan <Nathan.Schwanz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Child care in crisis

Just another thought this morning on this, and I think it would be worth the "look and see" to justify support for rural providers.

It's my understanding/recollection that no childcare provider can have more than 50 kids, correct? Else, I'll stand corrected.

So, in our urban/suburban, where some may have had well in excess of 50, they had to cut back, but as unfortunately some of those families with kids attending pulled their kids due to layoff, concerns, etc., I'd like to assume that the forced reduction helped to backfill among all providers so they are able to sustain.

Just a thought - again, know you are being overwhelmed with more requests for support and assistance, but trying to look at this through a justified lens and give some ideas for justification for your consideration.

Thanks,

Ben

On Sun, Mar 29, 2020 at 12:39 PM Ben Niehaus <niehausb@myflorence.org> wrote:

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I wonder if this is a matter that can at least be addressed for the very small, rural childcare providers. As example, is this the same challenge in suburban/urban area due to demographics and many more in those areas serving in essential functions, therefore still needing the daycare, where maybe as a percentage, more of our families are employed in non-essential occupations as a percentage. Trying to figure an angle based upon data of what is that could justify how you and any of your colleagues in the legislature could look at this.

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via email.
Regards,
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:19 AM
To: Ben Niehaus <niehausb@myflorence.org>
Subject: FW: Child Care Taskforce & New Resources
Attachments: cc-taskforce-efforts.pdf; tips-for-parents.pdf

Ben,

I know Sen. Tiffany and Rep. Mursau's offices were asking about this for you and they had reached out to the Governor's office. Right as I was emailing to let you know they're keeping us in the loop and Rep. Felzkowski is looking into your concerns, we received this email from the Department of Children and Families.

I hope you are staying safe and please keep letting us know if there's anything we can help with.

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov
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From: DCF MB COVID-19 <DCFMBCOVID19@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:16 AM
To: DCF MB COVID-19 <DCFMBCOVID19@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Cole, Jenifer - DCF <Jenifer.Cole@wisconsin.gov>; Perez-Reyes, Nadya - DCF <nadya.perez-reyes@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Child Care Taskforce & New Resources

Dear Legislators,

Providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the taskforce is working with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources.

DCF is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a request for care through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new child care map.

Please see the attached resources for more information regarding the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce and relevant information for parents. More information for providers, essential workers and families can be found on the DCF COVID-19 Child Care webpage.

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We ask that you please *spread the word about the website and the map in your communities to our essential workforce families in need of child care*. For any questions regarding this effort, please contact dcfmbcovid19@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,
Nadya

Nadya Pérez-Reyes
pronouns: she/her/hers
Legislative Advisor
dcf.wisconsin.gov | **p**: 608.422.7072 |
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:21 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Clearinghouse Rule 19-107 Referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks, and Outdoor Rec.

From: Bruce, Cory <Cory.Bruce@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Cooper, Wyatt <Wyatt.Cooper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Curry, Phil <Phil.Curry@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Flury, Kelley <Kelley.Flury@legis.wisconsin.gov>; George, Mary Beth <MaryBeth.George@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Glaeser, Sascha <Sascha.Glaeser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Heacock, Scott <Scott.Heacock@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hetz, Allison <Allison.Hetz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hyant, Doug <Doug.Hyant@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kanarowski, Patrick <Patrick.Kanarowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Keleher, Marylou <Marylou.Keleher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lange, Alison <Alison.Lange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lauer, Ethan <Ethan.Lauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Letzing, Rachel <Rachel.Letzing@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Longsine, Tyler <Tyler.Longsine@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mesec, Joe <Joe.Mesec@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mietus, James <James.Mietus@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Neigbauer, Ryan <Ryan.Neigbauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Neville, William <William.Neville@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Penterman, William <William.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Pratt, Laura <Laura.Pratt@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Reinemann, John <John.Reinemann@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Milroy <Nick.Milroy@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Mursau <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Pronschinske <Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Sinicki <Rep.Sinicki@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spreitzer <Rep.Spreitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Tusler <Ron.Tusler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schroeder, Ryan <Ryan.Schroeder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Umpir, Evan <Evan.Umpir@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Clearinghouse Rule 19-107 Referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks, and Outdoor Rec.

Committee Members,

The following Clearinghouse Rule from the Department of Natural Resources has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks, and Outdoor Recreation for a 30-day review period:

Clearinghouse Rule 19-107 – relating to the off-highway motorcycle program.

The initial 30-day deadline for Committee review is Wednesday April 29, 2020.

Thank you!

Cory Bruce
Office of Rep. Mursau
Committee Clerk

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Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks, and Outdoor Recreation

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:08 AM
To: "Esser, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Clerks

Are you guys responding to this? Since it went to Megan, we may just not.

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From: Chris Marlowe <chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Beth Hauser <Beth.Hauser@calumetcounty.org>; League of Municipalities <league@lwm-info.org>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Thank you!

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- * Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 11th
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:41 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Clerks

This email isn't addressed to us, but wanted you to see it in case you wanted to give them a call just to let them vent. Jen was thinking about having Tom call too.

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From: Chris Marlowe <chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 AM
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:56 PM
To: "Maas, Diana C - DOT" <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: CLP Waivers
Attachments: Third Party CLP waiver.pdf

Hey Diana,

Hope you are well. Does WisDOT have any update on this waiver and how it will impact WI response?

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Liz

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From: Tim Kordula <timk@karlstransport.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CLP Waivers

Hello Representative Felzkowski,
I hope this finds you safe and healthy!
I did send this to Senator Tiffany as well as Governor Evers,

Yesterday the FMCSA announced a waiver that would allow State third party CDL examiners to administer the Commercial Drivers Learners permits. As you may know, the Statewide Department of Motor vehicles are now on an appointment only and we are having issues getting our current trainees their CLP's. Wisconsin has not come on board with this waiver yet and I don't know that they will unfortunately. With the current situation, we very well could have a driver shortage when this is all over. Some of our drivers are already contemplating leaving the industry and that is just here. We need to keep the new drivers coming in and trained properly, but without a CLP that is impossible.
We will be asking the FMCSA to expand on this to also allow schools to administer this test on a permanent basis. The skills testing is already done solely by third parties in Wisconsin.
Who better to administer a knowledge test than those who actually teach the knowledge.

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Right now though, we need the State to be onboard and allow Wisconsin's third party examiners to administer these tests.
With the Pandemic, keeping drivers and giving them the training they need is definitely a challenge. We have thought outside the box on social distancing and have installed "sneeze" guards in our training trucks and purchased all we need to be compliant. We need our drivers on the road.
I have attached the waiver, and I appreciate all you have always done for us in the past and in the future.
Take care, be safe and have a wonderful Easter!

Tim

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:31 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Complaint from Sen. Bernier
Attachments: Bernier - Letter to Elections Commission.pdf

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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,



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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

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:50 AM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Coronavirus Questions

Hey Andrew!

There is so much information out there right now that I may have missed something you guys have sent out, but this constituent has a lot of specific questions about sanitizing and staying safe. Is there a particular DHS resource or a place you could send me to try to answer some of these questions? I know the CDC was silent on some of these, so I figured I'd ask you first.

Thank you for your help! Sorry to put more on your plate.

Liz

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From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus Questions

Louise Doescher

March 31, 2020

Mary, I watch news and listen to the TV news for hours daily. I have become more and more confused in the protocol to use in staying safe with this virus pandemic.

One thing we certainly do not need is confusion at this dire time. I compiled a few of my own questions here. It sure would be nice if the government local or state or federal would come out with some clear guidelines to help the people.

I am on my 20th day of self-isolation.

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I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT SANITIZING AND HOW LONG THE VIRUS CAN LIVE ON DIFFERENT SURFACES.....AND AND AND...

MAIL: How should we be handling mail?
If we leave it sit in our garage or even in our house for how long, before the virus dies?

DOES the virus die after being on surfaces? I heard a health care worker say that on a surface (forgot which one) it can live up to 7 days. Is this true? Exactly what surfaces should we be the most cautious about?

What might be a way to sanitize mail? Mail carriers do not wear gloves, or might. Mine has done it both ways as I watched. The mail could be contaminated from outside or the contents could be.

GLOVES: Wouldn't it be safer to wear gloves if we go out to stores? Of course if we go from store to store, shouldn't we sanitize the gloves before and after each store? Wouldn't the gloves be safer than our more porous skin with fingernails etc?

What about our clothing and shoes? Do we strip down after every trip out? Take off our shoes and dip them in disinfectant before going into our homes? Italian survivor says shoes carry viruses. Have we thought about that?

MASKS: To wear or not to wear the mask in this pandemic is the question. I believe that I know that wearing masks was

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downplayed to preserve the public from buying and or hoarding masks that the Health Care workers so desperately need.

Something is better than nothing, right? We can sew masks. If we sew them and wash in between uses. But we have been told that masks do not help.

Common sense tells us that any mask might help stop the spread. We would have to decontaminate the mask every time we use it on going out, and we could not count on it 100% but even if it stopped one person from receiving or giving one another he virus, wouldn't it be worth using?

Mixed messages prevail.

And perhaps in another email, I will ask questions about the money that is to come from the government. There is mass confusion also about how this will be distributed as well.

It would be of great service to have answers to my questions. Thanks for doing a great job. Louise

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 11:17 AM
To: "Maas, Diana C - DOT" <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Coronavirus Update

Hey Diana,

We just got this from a constituent. Is it true that rest areas are shut down to the point where the truckers are not able to pull off to sleep? If so, is there any guidance from Gov. Evers on what truckers should do in the mean time?

Thank you!!

Liz

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From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Update

I found this on the internet..... on facebook and I am concerned about the truckers. I have been hearing things from a trucker I know.

Here is the post. Please do what you can to help truckers. Without them goods will not come in and there will be panic in our land.

*** Written by Sean, a local trucker ***

In all this craziness I want you take a minute and think about the American truck driver and pray for them as well in all this chaos! Hours of service rules have been lifted to let truck drivers run longer if hauling supplies directly impacted by covid-19. Yet the government is shutting down rest areas, truck stops are closing there bathrooms

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and showers. These truckers have no where to pull off to get rest, use a bathroom, or shower. Yet they are expected to do their best to deliver these products on time to make sure we have what we need and have our supplies for our bathrooms, showers, refrigerators etc. A truck drivers life on the road has always been hard, but now it is extremely harder! But as long as they're allowed, you can bet that they will still get the job done and keep America running! Please pray! Better yet call your representatives and demand some help for our truckers.

CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES..... regarding the truckers. Help them.(I added this last line) Louise

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 11:02 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19: WI Assisted Living Association
Attachments: WALA Rep Felzkowski Letter 03312020.pdf

Good information for you for your calls to nursing homes if you haven't done that already!

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From: Forbes McIntosh <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19: WI Assisted Living Association

Please find attached a letter from the Wisconsin Assisted Living Association (WALA) explaining provider challenges associated with COVID-19 crisis and policy and funding requests to help alleviate some pressures on the profession.

Thank you,

The Greatest Challenges Affecting Assisted Living

Based on feedback – WALA leadership has identified what we believe are the three highest-priority issues facing the assisted living profession during this COVID-19 crisis:

1) Caregiver and Staffing Shortages

Attracting Employees \ Caregivers. Provide additional funding to assisted living facilities in the Family Care program by way of increased reimbursement to acknowledge the significant increased labor costs now required to attract and retain individuals to work in assisted living facilities during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Providers Cannot Compete with the Recent Increased Unemployment Benefits. The profession requests the Governor and Legislature to consider implementing policies to promote unemployment beneficiaries to seek work in sectors experiencing employee shortages during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Further, we are requesting the state of Wisconsin to consider creative flexibilities and solutions that would allow the additional

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federal unemployment benefit dollars be used instead as temporary wage enhancer incentives for individuals who work at an assisted living facility.

Request Higher Reimbursement and Financial Assistance Regardless of Payor Source. The staffing shortage crisis is affecting all assisted living providers, regardless of whether the population served is comprised of Medicaid \ Family Care or private pay. WALA requests that financial assistance be provided to all assisted living facilities regardless of provider type.

2) Personal Protection Equipment(PPE)

It is important in the effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 in assisted living facilities and in the goal of recruiting caregivers and other staff in assisted living that the state ensure sufficient distribution of appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) to assisted living and all providers of long-term care services. Doing so will protect the residents and employees along with preventing the spread of COVID-19.

3) Regulatory Flexibility

The COVID-19 public health crisis has caused our members to make use with less while providing increased care and services to their residents. We understand the Department of Health Services (DHS) is currently reviewing waivers to some of the regulations that govern our profession. This includes DHS administrative rules under Chapters 83, 88, and 89. We are requesting waivers where our members are unable to comply with the regulations. For example, we are unable to obtain tuberculosis testing for staff as hospitals and clinics are unable to complete these tests at this time. In addition, many assisted living facilities are facing staffing shortages, additional workloads, and higher staff turnover due to COVID-19. We are requesting a waiver or timeline extensions of rules for required staff training be allowed to acknowledge the situation providers are facing and allow them to focus efforts on providing care and services to their residents as quickly as possible.

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:43 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 and the April Primary

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From: Jon Sommer <enterpriseclerk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 and the April Primary

Good morning,

As Town Clerk, of the Town of Enterprise in Oneida County, I am writing this to express my concern regarding the status of our upcoming April primary-election.

With insufficient assistance from the WEC, and our own County and local resources being overly strained, I cannot guarantee the safety of my poll workers or citizens on election day. Lack of proper PPE and sanitizing supplies, along with the majority of staff and voters in our community being in a high-risk category, could lead to disastrous consequences. With the importance that has been placed on the COVID-19 issue, at both State and the Federal level, this is an absurd level of risk for our community to take.

WEC guidance in this area has been both lacking in realistic solutions, and blatantly incorrect in some of its' interpretations of CDC guidelines. Frankly, there is no possible way for us to realistically minimize contact between poll workers and voters to a safe level.

I would request that all efforts be made to consider rescheduling the election to a later date, possibly to coincide with the 7th district special election in May.

Thank-you for both your time and consideration in this matter.

Jon Sommer
715-360-0336

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Jonathan E. Sommer
Clerk
Town of Enterprise

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 10:59 AM
To: Courtney Czaja <cczaja14@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Emergency Orders
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Sent from Samsung tablet.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/24/20 10:36 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

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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 <lisaa.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.

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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
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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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)

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=l2MM9p4K
Questions emailed directly to me will not be answered on this call, they will need to be submitted through the form.

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: COVID-19 Legislation Requested Policy Considerations
Attachments: COVID-19 Policy Items 4-3-2020 FINAL.pdf

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Subject: COVID-19 Legislation Requested Policy Considerations

Legislators,

Please see the attached memo regarding policy considerations from Hamilton Consulting's clients regarding the COVID-19 legislative package. The attached memo includes:

- Policy recommendations to provide hospitals and healthcare systems more flexibility in how they use their PAs during the public health emergency. (Submitted on behalf of the Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants).
- Policy recommendations pertaining to Medicaid funding, maintaining actuarially sound rates in MA managed care, and various commercial insurance provisions. (Submitted on behalf of the Alliance of Health Insurers; AHI is working closely on Medicaid and commercial provisions with America's Health Insurance Plans and the Wisconsin Association of Health Plans).

If there are questions about these proposals, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you and stay well,

Caty

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Subject: FW: Covid-19 Plea

We are starting to get requests like this coming in, relating to future legislation. Please let me know how you would like me to keep you in the loop on what's coming in.

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From: Mark Ruvel <Mark@championhcare.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Izzy Weinberg <Izzy@championhcare.com>
Subject: Covid-19 Plea

Dear Representative Felzowski,

My name is Mark Ruvel. I operate the Champion Care network, with 1 skilled nursing facility (The Bay at Eastview) and 1 assisted living center (The Bay at Garden View) located in your district. In these facilities, I have approximately 75 residents and 90 staffers that are on the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19.

Under the recently passed Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Congress appropriated approximately 580 Million dollars for Wisconsin to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. Congress also passed the CARES Act, which appropriates another $150 billion dollars for state and local governments through a yet to be determined formula. I recognize that there are many competing priorities for the best way to fight the virus, but I want you to realize that our facilities are running critically low on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and staffing needed to keep our residents safe.

To that end, I'm asking that you please reach out to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to urge them to allocate at least 20% of any Congressional funding be used specifically to help the long-term care facilities in the state. We will use these funds to engage new staff, retain existing staff and obtain PPE that is essential in containing the spread of the infection.

If you have any questions or need more facts regarding the situation on the ground, please reach out to me at (347) 409-9617 or via email at mark@championhcare.com.

Representative, you are in a prime position to literally save lives. It's as simple as that. By helping give our heroic staff a voice in obtaining the resources they need to fight this threat, you are helping your

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To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Covid-19 Plea

Hey Zach,

Our office received this request regarding federal funding available through the CARES Act that we wanted to forward to your office.

Thank you,

Liz

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Subject: FW: COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda

From: Scott Manley <smanley@wmc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda

On behalf of Wisconsin's business community, we ask for your thoughtful consideration of WMC's COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda.

The agenda represents policies intended to help employers and employees during a pandemic that is already having unprecedented impacts on our state economy.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these policies, and would be happy to discuss them with your further and answer any questions. In addition, please also visit WMC's COVID-19 resource center for updated information that may be of benefit for your constituents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID19 Legislation: AHI-AHIP-WAHP Memo
Attachments: Joint Trades COVID-19 Letter Regarding GOP Proposal.04 10 20.pdf

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Subject: COVID19 Legislation: AHI-AHIP-WAHP Memo

Representatives and Senators,

Recently, WisPolitics distributed summaries of the Republican Legislature's draft legislation relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Actual bill language has not yet been released.

On behalf of the Alliance of Health Insurers, America's Health Insurance Plans, and the Wisconsin Association of Health Plans, we were glad to see the temporary suspension of Medical Assistance provisions to meet federal conditions for the enhanced federal

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matching percentage, which will help Wisconsin address the COVID-19 public health emergency. We were also pleased to see many unneeded mandates – such as COVID-19 treatments and telehealth coverage parity – were not included. Health plans have been proactive and are already providing such coverage without cost-sharing, obviating the need for new state mandates.

The attached memorandum details concerns with two provisions described in what was released by WisPolitics, one related to the nondiscrimination provisions (which appears to prohibit rating of *groups*, not just individuals, based on COVID-19) and one related to the prohibition on "balanced billing" (the language of which appears would force plans to out-of-network providers *more* than what is paid to in-network providers).

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Subject: FW: DATCP Issues RVP Variance Waiver, Providing Flexibility for Fuel Retailers
Attachments: RVP_Waiver_press_release_3.25.2020.pdf

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Date: March 25, 2020

ontact: Ti Gauger, Public Information Officer, (608) 224-5007, Ti.Gauger@Wisconsin.gov

ON – Governor Tony Evers is allowing the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to
roviding gasoline sellers extra time before they must shift to selling gasoline with low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP).

asures the volatility of gasoline. High-RVP gasoline is desirable for winter starting and operation, while lower RVP levels are he
vapor lock during summer heat. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates the vapor pressure of gasoline s
ions during the summer ozone season to reduce emissions and reduce the effects of ozone-related health problems.

, high-RVP gas (15 psi) cannot be sold after April 1st, when retailers are required to shift to selling low-RVP fuel (13.5 psi). Eff
spread of COVID-19 have led to fewer vehicles on Wisconsin roads, and less gasoline being purchased to power Wisconsin car
e state's fuel infrastructure still contains high-RVP gasoline. The waiver issued today allows fuel up to 15 psi to be sold in the m

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l 1st reduction date is a state requirement of American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) fuel quality specification adop
ATCP 94 of DATCP's Administrative Code. Any waiver beyond April 30th will need to be requested separately and include a r
as the EPA has a mandated RVP reduction effective May 1st. Both conventional automotive gasoline and reformulated (RFG)
ded in the variance. Applicable federal fuel specification requirements continue to apply.

ional information or to file a weights and measures complaint, visit datcp.wi.gov, send an e-mail to datcpweightsandmeasures@
08-224-4942.

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Subject: FW: Destinations WI & Let's Minocqua - Covid 19 Tourism Crisis
Attachments: COVID19_DWtourismmarketingproposal pdf.pdf

Krystal sent this to you Rob, and Tom. She includes her cell phone. I think it would be great if you could call her to touch base.

From: Krystal Westfahl <krystal@minocqua.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep. Tiffany <Rep.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Destinations WI & Let's Minocqua - Covid 19 Tourism Crisis

Hello friends,

Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau + Chamber of Commerce and the entire Wisconsin tourism industry have been decimated with the required closing of tourism businesses and limitations on group meetings resulting in cancellations of lodging reservations, conventions, sports tournaments and events. The state's destination marketing organizations, funded largely by room tax, are facing 30-70 percent budget cuts. Many are laying off staff and slashing marketing budgets for the remainder of their year including our organization.

In **Minocqua, Arbor Vitae, and Woodruff (our room tax zone)** we are expecting room tax revenue losses to be 40%. Cancelled group travel events, festivals, and run economic impact revenue loss is expected to be roughly $500,000 and counting. Our organization is expecting to furlough and layoff employees mid-May and many of our businesses are terrified of never opening again after they close up shop due to no revenue stream. This is dire straights for us and our Northwoods economy.

Frankly, very little of the Federal and State recovery programs presented thus far will help Destination Marketing Organizations. Most are structured as 501(c)-(6) organizations and do not qualify for many of the proposed SBA and WEDC loan and grant programs.

I was pleased to see that Governor Evers has proposed to infuse $5 million in destination marketing grants and cooperative marketing programs. These programs will be essential to **Let's Minocqua** and Wisconsin's tourism industry and I ask that you support keeping these programs in any final legislation.

I am hopeful that COVID-19 will subside during the summer, Wisconsin's peak travel and tourism season, and restrictions on group gatherings and human movement may be lifted. According to a Longwoods International survey of 1000 U.S. adults this week, 72% are still planning travel within six months. This is hopeful news for Wisconsin's tourism industry and we need to be prepared. Without these funds, there will not be efficient marketing dollars and campaigns available to invite our visitors when the time is right.

Wisconsin's tourism industry achieves a return on investment of 8 to 1: $8 in tax revenue per $1 promotional spend. In 2018, the tourism economy generated $1.6 billion in state and local revenue

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and generated 199,000 jobs. By funding these marketing programs, you can help us get this vital Wisconsin industry back on its feet, and in turn, help all of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available at any time if you would like to speak with me personally. My mobile number is 920-740-5122.
Keep up the great work and I hope you are and yours are safe and healthy.

Best,

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Cc: Ruby, Erin A - DNR <Erin.Ruby@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: DNR Burning Permit Suspension

Good morning,

In order to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Wisconsin, the Department of Natural Resources is suspending all DNR burning permits, effective today, until further notice.

https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5071

In order to help you respond to questions you may receive from your constituents, please see attached for talking points and a graphic that can be shared on social media.

The DNR will continue to evaluate wildfire and pandemic risks as the situation evolves.

Thank you!

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As you know, the federal government has passed several COVID-19 response packages. As part of these developments, some Wisconsinites will be able to access additional unemployment benefits. We are updating our systems and creating the tools necessary to provide these.

We expect to take applications for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program the week of April 21, 2020. PUA temporarily expands UI eligibility to those who are otherwise ineligible for state UI benefits, including those who are self-employed, free lancers, independent contractors, and part-time workers impacted by COVID-19. Workers will be eligible for

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retroactive benefits (as far back as Feb. 2, 2020) and can receive benefits for up to 39 weeks. The PUA benefit amount is calculated as 1% of last year's total income earned, with weekly minimum and maximum benefit rates of $163 and $370, respectively.

The CARES Act also created the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, which provides an additional $600 per week through July 31, 2020 to those who are eligible for UI or PUA benefits. Wisconsin hopes to take initial claims the week of April 21, 2020 and start making these payments the week of April 26, 2020.

Our website will contain information on these new programs and how and if one needs to apply in order to receive them. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/

We also continue to update our FAQs: https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm. We urge you to share these resources with your constituents.

UI Application Process

We thought it might be useful to describe the steps involved in the UI process, and to provide typical timeframes for those steps, as a way of informing your constituents of what they can expect. First, applicants apply by making an "initial claim." Approximately 99 percent of the time, this occurs online. If need be, someone can apply by phone as well. In some cases, when someone applies online, they may need to follow up with our staff to verify some information. If that occurs, they will receive a call from our UI staff within five business days. The claimant is told that they will get a call from UI staff within that timeframe.

After that initial claim, the first week of eligibility is known as the "waiting week." During this time, an eligible claimant does not receive a benefit. After the waiting week passes, a claimant will file their first "weekly claim." Payments are typically sent out within a few days of that first weekly claim. The vast majority of payments are made by direct deposit, with the remainder by issuing reloadable debit cards.

If someone's application is lacking important information or if there is something that needs to be investigated, that can add several days or more to the process, depending on how quickly that information is obtained. Claimants are told those issues will be resolved within 21 business days. Approximately 97 percent of those adjudications are taking place within 21 business days. Some cases are more complex than others.

Several helpful documents and videos on how to apply can be found at the website as well.

COVID-19 Resources in Spanish and Hmong

We recently released new links for COVID-19 information in Spanish and Hmong.

Translated links in English, Spanish, and Hmong can be found below:

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Unemployment Insurance Division

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-s.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-h.htm

Division of Employment and Training (Information on Job Center updates, assistance with JobCenterofWiscosin.com, and apprenticeship information.)

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/det.htm
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Equal Rights Division (Information on Emergency Order #13, layoff notice requirements, sick leave, and FMLA.

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er.htm
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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr-s.htm
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Worker's Compensation Division:

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/wc.htm
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UI Applications/Call Volume and Benefits Paid

Between March 15 and April 6, 2020, the total number of new applications submitted for unemployment benefits was 313,068, with weekly claims reaching 589,616. The total amount in unemployment benefits distributed equaled $68,759,104.

By comparison, during the same period in 2019, the total number of new applications totaled 17,748, with weekly claims of 155,148. The total amount of unemployment benefits distributed during this period last year was $39,597,111.

We also wanted to give you a sense of the call volume experienced at our call centers in recent weeks.

- * Week of 3/15 – received 86K calls – answered 68K calls
- * Week of 3/22 – received 1.4M calls – answered 295K calls
- * Week of 3/29 – received 2.8M calls – answered 497K calls
- * Week of 4/5 (incomplete)– received 1.7M calls – answered 336K calls

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Currently, those whose calls are being completed are experiencing a wait time of approximately one hour.

DWD Staffing Measures

To handle the record volume of unemployment claims, DWD has taken extensive internal steps to meet the demand. For example:

- * Over 150 unemployment Insurance Division's (UI) employees are working overtime.
- * Trained and transferred 35 employees from another DWD division to assist the UI call center, with an additional 45 being trained for part-time assistance.
- * Recruiting to hire 36 claim specialists.
- * Hiring up to 25 positions to work on manual tasks for claims and 60 limited-term employees to process paperwork.
- * Assigned eight employees to make outgoing calls to applicants whose online applications required contact with DWD staff.
    - * Online claimants who were previously instructed to call DWD now receive a message that a claims specialist will call them back within five business days to assist them in completing their initial claim. These claim specialists have cleared more than 1,000 claims since this began on March 27.
- * Successfully recruited UI retirees to return to DWD to help as limited-term employees.

DWD IT Measures

- * Extended allowable time to complete application filing to 28 days (was 14 days).
- * Updating FAQs on a consistent basis.
- * Acquired additional trunk to allow for greater call inbound and outbound center functionality during excessive call periods.
- * Updated videos on "How to Apply for Unemployment," "How to File Weekly Claims," and "How to Create a Username and Password."
- * Claimants can change their last name using claimant portal.

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We expect to take applications for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program the week of April 21, 2020. PUA temporarily expands UI eligibility to those who are otherwise ineligible for state UI benefits, including those who are self-employed, free lancers, independent contractors, and part-time workers impacted by COVID-19. Workers will be eligible for

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retroactive benefits (as far back as Feb. 2, 2020) and can receive benefits for up to 39 weeks. The PUA benefit amount is calculated as 1% of last year's total income earned, with weekly minimum and maximum benefit rates of $163 and $370, respectively.

The CARES Act also created the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, which provides an additional $600 per week through July 31, 2020 to those who are eligible for UI or PUA benefits. Wisconsin hopes to take initial claims the week of April 21, 2020 and start making these payments the week of April 26, 2020.

Our website will contain information on these new programs and how and if one needs to apply in order to receive them. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/

We also continue to update our FAQs: https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm. We urge you to share these resources with your constituents.

UI Application Process

We thought it might be useful to describe the steps involved in the UI process, and to provide typical timeframes for those steps, as a way of informing your constituents of what they can expect. First, applicants apply by making an "initial claim." Approximately 99 percent of the time, this occurs online. If need be, someone can apply by phone as well. In some cases, when someone applies online, they may need to follow up with our staff to verify some information. If that occurs, they will receive a call from our UI staff within five business days. The claimant is told that they will get a call from UI staff within that timeframe.

After that initial claim, the first week of eligibility is known as the "waiting week." During this time, an eligible claimant does not receive a benefit. After the waiting week passes, a claimant will file their first "weekly claim." Payments are typically sent out within a few days of that first weekly claim. The vast majority of payments are made by direct deposit, with the remainder by issuing reloadable debit cards.

If someone's application is lacking important information or if there is something that needs to be investigated, that can add several days or more to the process, depending on how quickly that information is obtained. Claimants are told those issues will be resolved within 21 business days. Approximately 97 percent of those adjudications are taking place within 21 business days. Some cases are more complex than others.

Several helpful documents and videos on how to apply can be found at the website as well.

COVID-19 Resources in Spanish and Hmong

We recently released new links for COVID-19 information in Spanish and Hmong.

Translated links in English, Spanish, and Hmong can be found below:

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Unemployment Insurance Division

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-s.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-h.htm

Division of Employment and Training (Information on Job Center updates, assistance with JobCenterofWiscosin.com, and apprenticeship information.)

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/det.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/det-s.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/det-h.htm

Equal Rights Division (Information on Emergency Order #13, layoff notice requirements, sick leave, and FMLA.

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er-s.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er-h.htm

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr-s.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr-h.htm

Worker's Compensation Division:

- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/wc.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/wc-s.htm
- https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/wc-h.htm

UI Applications/Call Volume and Benefits Paid

Between March 15 and April 6, 2020, the total number of new applications submitted for unemployment benefits was 313,068, with weekly claims reaching 589,616. The total amount in unemployment benefits distributed equaled $68,759,104.

By comparison, during the same period in 2019, the total number of new applications totaled 17,748, with weekly claims of 155,148. The total amount of unemployment benefits distributed during this period last year was $39,597,111.

We also wanted to give you a sense of the call volume experienced at our call centers in recent weeks.

- * Week of 3/15 – received 86K calls – answered 68K calls
- * Week of 3/22 – received 1.4M calls – answered 295K calls
- * Week of 3/29 – received 2.8M calls – answered 497K calls
- * Week of 4/5 (incomplete)– received 1.7M calls – answered 336K calls

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Currently, those whose calls are being completed are experiencing a wait time of approximately one hour.

DWD Staffing Measures

To handle the record volume of unemployment claims, DWD has taken extensive internal steps to meet the demand. For example:

- * Over 150 unemployment Insurance Division's (UI) employees are working overtime.
- * Trained and transferred 35 employees from another DWD division to assist the UI call center, with an additional 45 being trained for part-time assistance.
- * Recruiting to hire 36 claim specialists.
- * Hiring up to 25 positions to work on manual tasks for claims and 60 limited-term employees to process paperwork.
- * Assigned eight employees to make outgoing calls to applicants whose online applications required contact with DWD staff.
    - * Online claimants who were previously instructed to call DWD now receive a message that a claims specialist will call them back within five business days to assist them in completing their initial claim. These claim specialists have cleared more than 1,000 claims since this began on March 27.
- * Successfully recruited UI retirees to return to DWD to help as limited-term employees.

DWD IT Measures

- * Extended allowable time to complete application filing to 28 days (was 14 days).
- * Updating FAQs on a consistent basis.
- * Acquired additional trunk to allow for greater call inbound and outbound center functionality during excessive call periods.
- * Updated videos on "How to Apply for Unemployment," "How to File Weekly Claims," and "How to Create a Username and Password."
- * Claimants can change their last name using claimant portal.

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 12:34 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: ECS COVID-19 resources updated

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From: Joel Moore <jmoore@ecs.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Mandy Zatynski <mzatynski@ecs.org>; Deven Scott <dscott@ecs.org>; Lauren Freemire <lfreemire@ecs.org>; Gabriela Rodriguez <grodriguez@ecs.org>
Subject: [educ-l] ECS COVID-19 resources updated

Hi, LESN friends,

I hope that you and your families, friends, and coworkers are all safe and healthy out there!

I know that all of you are in varying stages of legislative session—whether you're already out sine die, taking an extended recess, or plowing onward. I wanted to pass along Education Commission of the States' updated COVID-19 resource, which includes passed and pending state and local responses to COVID-19, including how states are addressing items such as instructional time, teacher training, assessments, meals, and continuity of services for all types of student. You can find that resource here. It will also be updated weekly.

If you don't subscribe to EdClips, ECS' daily roundup of education policy news, I recommend that as well. Beyond EdClips' traditional focus on education policy news, we'll be including more timely COVID-19 updates there. You can sign up for EdClips and other ECS mailings here.

Finally, if you or one of your legislators has a question about COVID-19 response or anything else, please don't hesitate to reach out! We're also happy to make connections between you or a legislator and a policymaker in another state so that you can talk things out one-on-one.

Here to help,

Joel

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:19 PM
To: "'wendy.underhill@ncsl.org'" <wendy.underhill@ncsl.org>
Subject: FW: Education Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski
Attachments: Task Force Discussion Points(wHI).pdf

Hi Wendy,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe. I know it's been a hectic time, but I wanted to check in and see if this is something NCSL would be able to help us with?

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:52 PM
To: wendy.underhill@ncsl.org
Subject: Education Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski

Hi Wendy,

I hope you're doing well! Rep. Felzkowski had a research question that she thinks will affect multiple states and was wondering if this is something NCSL would be able to look into for us. Would you be able to forward this to the Education Research Team?

Last week, she met with a coalition of rural superintendents who shared that they were incredibly concerned about the Higher Learning Commission's ruling on increased training hours for teachers. Our state, like many others in the Midwest and around the country, is struggling with a lack of individuals entering into the teaching profession. This problem is dually exacerbated for rural school districts who have an even more difficult time recruiting new teachers. Representative Felzkowski's question is this: **How are other states reacting to the increased requirements and approaching what appears to be an undue burden on an already burdened profession?**

Below is a portion of an email from one of the superintendents which might help kick-start your research (the attachment is also from the superintendent's email). Please let me know if you think this is something NCSL will be able to look into for us.

Thank you!

Stamena Ivanov
Office of Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
Assistant Majority Leader

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1) HLC's rules are set, they are not wavering in this and there's nothing that will change their position. The following is a link to their website as to who the HLC is, etc.:

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https://www.hlcommission.org/

2) As the first attached document shows, the adverse implications of this matter are going to be catastrophic throughout Wisconsin and our collective efforts to curtail post-secondary debt, and time to work, contributing to the plight that is facing all public and private businesses and entities, and that's finding talent. I do not need to comment any further as to how this all ties together in the growth and progression of our state, you're well aware I know, as it's what you all strive to do in your work each day...to move our economy and society forward.

Coincidentally, this email just came from Midwestern Higher Education Compact
- https://www.mhec.org/

The matter at hand as you can see is well beyond the borders of only Wisconsin, and I'm proud to say that Wisconsin is already ahead in this work due to the efforts of NEWERA (Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance) - https://www.neweraonline.org/

NEWERA has already put a database/locator together for interested teachers, yet even with this, there are challenges, ESPECIALLY in math. Math content courses are far and few, very high-level and with minimal availability. My math teacher has been tirelessly trying to pursue courses, yet those available in his schedule are found out of state, and defer to those interested, or they are offered during his workday. Additionally, and it is what it is, the courses are very rigorous...he began on this past year and dropped after a week as it was consuming any and all of his time he had outside of teaching and the other roles he serves to the school and school-community.

Yet, to also put into perspective, what we're up against, are the following numbers completed by a survey of NWTC of its certified high school instructors at this time in their technical college region here in Northeast Wisconsin - I can assume you'll see similar in any other region throughout the state:

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE = 154 General Studies Transcribed credit teachers in NWTC's entire region of service

ONLY 18 currently meet HLC (only 12% of the teachers currently offering dual credit)

14 are undecided if they are pursuing HLC credentials

50 **are not** pursuing HLC credentials (so 1/3 aren't even interested in pursuing, even with free tuition - most schools have moved away from models of compensation that offer greater compensation solely

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based on credit attainment, hence why we're proposing an incentive model as shared in my previous email today)

32 will start pursuing HLC credentials

40 have not responded with their plan (I assume this means they're likely not interested in this matter, hence no reply)

So, based on the above, and making some fair assumptions, Northeast Wisconsin alone will likely lose more than **one-half** of it's currently accredited instructors that offer post-secondary coursework at the secondary level - CATASTROPHIC!!!

Hoping we can continue moving this conversation forward.

Best,

Ben

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Jenny Parks** <jennyp@mhec.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 10:02 AM
Subject: MHEC looking for institutional feedback re graduate coursework for concurrent enrollment teachers
To: concurrentenrollment@lists.mhec.org <concurrentenrollment@lists.mhec.org>

Dear Colleagues,

MHEC is working on creating a searchable database high school teachers can use to find the graduate courses they need to qualify under HLC guidelines to teach concurrent enrollment courses in high schools. We are seeking feedback from folks at institutions who run such graduate courses and programs and those who run concurrent enrollment programs. If you are such a person, or if you know such a person and can forward this request to that individual, please consider taking a look at the two documents linked below:

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Please use this link to access the document explaining the work: https://docs.google.com/document/d/17iu_opY2grlK49ScAvuMKF0nZTLriyQUdc7moKdpz0g/edit?usp=sharing.

Please use this link to access, try, edit, and offer comments on the spreadsheet: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lP9I5-FrdZ5YjbNuP-yCsAABnub44sYP/view?usp=sharing.

We are asking for feedback on the spreadsheet which will help us create the right fields in a searchable database. We are eager to make this a user-friendly and not overwhelming product. Please let us know if there is something missing, mislabeled or misworded, and if there are superfluous fields by April 1, 2020.

Kind regards,

Jenny

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:28 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: elections

FYI, wanted you to see this email the Towns association sent out to its members encouraging them to ask for the election to be postponed. I agree with Chris that we will see a big influx of people calling and emailing.

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From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: elections

Excellent, that is great to hear! And just an FYI, we had a constituent send us this as a heads up that our offices may start getting even more contacts regarding postponing the election.

WTA WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION
Empowering Town Officials

Town Clerks, Chairs, and Supervisors:

Our staff cannot recall a time in the last two decades where we have received as many phone calls and emails as in the last 10 days. Out of the hundreds of questions and concerns, a great number have pertained to the election. Every single person that has

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called our legal hotline with an opinion about elections has asked for them to be postponed. They have cited, among other things, severe lack of poll workers, mental stress, and obvious physical dangers. Yesterday, one town had all 9 poll workers quit in mass. That town currently has none.

I have personally spoken with several of you who are currently in fine shape. You have plenty of poll workers and feel your town can adequately address the need to protect mental and physical health while ensuring nobody is disenfranchised. Unfortunately, this is likely the anomaly.

Our election system is only as strong as the weakest link. For reasons outside of their control, many towns have serious doubts about the viability of an April 7th election. If even a few towns falter, the whole system's integrity is in jeopardy.

At the request of the Board of Directors, I am offering you the opportunity to sign a letter that will be delivered to the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, and Assembly Speaker. It will also be released to the media. If you would like your name to appear on the letter, please email Sandy Wanta at sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com or call her at 715-526-3157 **no later than 3pm on Friday March 27th**. Please indicate your name, town name, town position, and county.

We are also requesting that you contact your legislators and the Governor directly with your opinion, regardless of what that is (postpone or not), if you are so inclined. You can find out who your legislators are here - http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/?single=y&lat=&lon=&address= The Governor's office phone number is 608-266-1212.

Stay Safe!

Mike

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:20 PM

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To: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: elections

Okay sounds good! I just talked to them and apparently they are putting out new online training materials that people can use. Our office might be pushing that out on FB and stuff if it makes it a lot easier to get certified, and encouraging people that want to work the polls to do so others who are not comofrtlabe can stay home.

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From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: elections

Hey Liz,

We have not heard back from WEC regarding that question. We will follow up with the commission and let you know as soon as we get an answer.

Chris

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: elections

Did you guys ever hear back from the elections commission on whether they were going to help train college kids? And now possibly non-essential laid of workers? To help with the polls?

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 1:25 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Elections

FYI, I already responded to Kim, and we also got a call from another town clerk on this already. Per usual, Evers is releasing this kind of stuff via social media with no details. He doesn't say WHO would be sending out these ballots, and we are already hearing from the clerks that it would be impossible for them to do it. The election is only a week and a half away.

Just wanted to keep you in the loop!

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From: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Elections

Happy Friday Everyone!!

I think it goes without saying that you all know how I feel about these suggestions from the governor. Not only would this be a gross violation of the law requiring photo ID to vote, they would be a logistical nightmare for our municipal clerks. Clerks are already working around the clock to fulfill absentee ballot requests, to ask them to now send a ballot to every registered voter with just over a week to go before the election, would be downright impossible.

I am not AS opposed to his points 2 and 3, simply because the clerks are inundated with so many legitimate requests for absentee ballots that it is going to be a challenge to get them out in a timely fashion for the mail to deliver them by April 7.

An alternative that would provide some relief is to allow clerks to start processing absentee ballots on April 4 for those who have tens of thousands of ballots to process.

Thanks for all you do!!

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk
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From: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV [mailto:jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV <jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

Dear Elected Official,

Thank you for your tireless efforts during these times to serve the people of your community and the people of the state of Wisconsin. Your dedication to ensuring the safety of your communities is noticed, and we appreciate your leadership. We are all in this together, and we know everyone is doing the very best they can to keep people safe.

Today, the Governor asked the legislative leadership to work together on behalf of those performing their constitutional duty to administer the elections and those who are trying to exercise their constitutional right to vote—with the safety of our people as the top priority.

While we cannot mitigate every challenge with the upcoming April election, the Governor believes we can work together to put some measures in place to protect the safety of the people of Wisconsin.

With that in mind, the Governor is asking the legislature to immediately pass legislation to do the following:

- Allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter
- Allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted
- Extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots

The Governor knows we have to act quickly, ensure everyone can safely exercise their right to vote, and keep our people safe.

Please see the Governor's comments today https://vimeo.com/401229352/fecdcfacab

Words cannot express our appreciation for all your work. We know you all are out their creating solutions to challenges.

Thank you again. As this situation impacts every person in the state of Wisconsin, we thank you for your service.

Jamie Kuhn
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 12:05 PM
To: "Esser, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Essential Businesses

Mary asked me to send this to you!

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From: Rostan, Jason <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:47 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential Businesses

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/124hLyoRocG1dW3n8iI1zl4NJBMssfBmdTgZdG59WniU/edit?usp=sharing

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:56 PM
To: "'mary@cisgrp.com'" <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: FW: Executive Order #74
Attachments: EO074-SuspendingInPersonVotingAndSpecialSession.pdf

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 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>
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: 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: Monday, April 6, 2020, 5:32 PM
To: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: extend voting

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From: Jim l <jfljml2002@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: extend voting

approve the gov,s request to vote by mail, and extend balloting to may 19.
thanks

Sent from Outlook Mobile

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:01 AM
To: "somolake47@yahoo.com" <somolake47@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Federal Stimulus Legislation

Laurie
Here is the breakdown of the federal stimulus bill, I will get y more information as we get it
Stay Strong
Mary

Sent from Samsung tablet.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Lang, Bob" <Bob.Lang@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/26/20 9:51 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: *Legislative Everyone <LegEveryone@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Federal Stimulus Legislation

Last evening, the US Senate unanimously passed a bill in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has prepared a summary of the Senate Bill as it affects states. The NCSL summary begins with an overview section and provides some detail on each of the bill's major provisions. The link to the NCSL document is https://www.ncsl.org?NCSL-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx Our office will review the federal legislation and provide any Wisconsin specific information to you as it becomes available.

Bob Lang, Director
Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 11:03 AM
To: "Tierney, Michael - DSPS" <michael.tierney1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Firefighter Certification

Hey Michael,

Is this a DSPS matter? If so, can someone from that division and bureau give our constituent a call directly to talk over the issues they are experiencing?

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Nokomis Fire Dept. Don Richert <nokomisfiredept@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Firefighter Certification

Email. nokomisfiredept@gmail.com

715-499-3854

Thank you so much

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020, 10:47 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Okay, I'll reach out to DSPS and see if someone can reach out to you directly. Which contact number and email would you prefer?
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> Elisabeth Portz
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> 35th Assembly District
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Firefighter Certification

Mary, have a Tomahawk firefighter who passed written and hands on training for cert 1 but didn't receive his cert due to missing some hours that nicolet messed up on. Trying to help him with this but everyone has been absolutely terrible.

Don

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020, 10:27 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Don,
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> That should be the Department of Safety and Professional Services. If you have a particular issue, I could reach out to my liaison at the department to help out. Otherwise let me know what you're looking for and I'll help locate it.
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> Thanks!
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> Mary
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> **From:** Nokomis Fire Dept. Don Richert <nokomisfiredept@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 9:42 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Firefighter Certification

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Mary, can you tell me what department and person for the state handles Firefighter Cert 1

Thank You

Don Richert

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From: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 12:57 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow-Up: COVID 19 Briefing Call with State & Local Elected Officials

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Hello everyone,
I wanted to forward along the latest communications from the White House.
Best,

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:46 PM
Subject: Follow-Up: COVID 19 Briefing Call with State & Local Elected Officials

THE WHITE HOUSE

State & Local Leaders –

Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Vice President Mike Pence and Senior Administration Officials on Wednesday, March 18. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to address COVID-19 and recognize the important role you play in keeping Americans safe and healthy. As an immediate follow-up to the call, we hope that you will share CDC's mitigation guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread** – publicly through social media, newsletters, and other channels. We also want to highlight a few key actions on items discussed on the call. ***As a reminder, response and recovery is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported***. Please continue to work with your local emergency management offices up through your State Emergency Management Agencies (**here**), all of which are in close coordination with FEMA and HHS.

Expanding Testing Accessibility

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- The FDA issued emergency approval for new commercial coronavirus tests to significantly expand testing across the country.
- The President signed legislation that will ensure Americans are able to be tested for free (more **here**).
- Admiral Brett Giroir – the Assistant Secretary for Health and head of the Public Health Service – has been appointed to coordinate coronavirus testing efforts.
- The Administration is actively working with state and local partners and the private sector to open up drive-through testing sites.
- The Administration is working with the private sector to develop a website that Americans can utilize to determine whether they need a test and, if so, where to get it.
- HHS is providing funding to help accelerate the development of rapid diagnostic tests for the coronavirus.
- The FDA cut red tape to expand testing availability. Today, Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced the approval of existing drugs to test a COVID-19 treatment. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here**.
- The FDA is empowering states to authorize tests developed and used by laboratories in their states. Every state laboratory is empowered to conduct testing.
- The President signed legislation requiring more reporting from state and private labs to ensure our public health officials have the data they need to respond to this outbreak.

Strengthening Essential Medical Supplies

- The President issued an Executive Order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here**.
- The President signed a memorandum directing his Administration to make general-use face masks available to healthcare workers (more **here**).
- HHS announced it will be purchasing 500 million N95 respirators for the Strategic National Stockpile (more **here**).
- The Department of Defense announced it will be providing 5 million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to assist.
- The President signed legislation removing restrictions that prevented manufacturers from selling industrial masks – which can readily protect healthcare workers – directly to hospitals.

Informing the Public

- The Administration launched a website – coronavirus.gov – to keep the public informed about the outbreak.
- The President launched a partnership with the Ad Council, media networks, and digital platforms to communicate public services announcements about the coronavirus.
- The President announced guidelines (outlined below) for Americans to follow and do their part to stem the spread of the virus.
- The Task Force is holding nearly daily press conferences to provide the American people with the latest information. Press conferences can be viewed **here**.
- The Task Force has recommended mitigation strategies (outlined below) to heavily impacted communities, like those in New York, Washington, and California.
- CMS announced guidance to protect vulnerable elderly Americans and limit medically unnecessary visits to nursing homes (outlined below).

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Below, please find additional information that highlights significant recent Administrative actions and provides key guidance by agency. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information



Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that the threat of serious illness to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our stakeholders informed. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here**). You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

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- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here**)
- Community Guidance
    - The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread (**here**)
    - HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here**)
    - Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here**)
    - What is Social Distancing (**video**)
- Informational Videos
    - President Donald J. Trump: Strong & United, We Will Prevail (**here**)
    - First Lady Melania Trump: A Message from First Lady Melania Trump (**here**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Urgent Need – Health Americans Should Continue Donating Blood (**here**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: How Can Millennials Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (**here**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Is It Still Safe to Donate Blood? (**here**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Engage in Social Distancing? (**here**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Keep the Most Vulnerable Safe from Coronavirus (**here**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Message to Young People (**here**)
    - Dr. Deborah Birx: How Can Millennials Fight the Coronavirus (**here**)
    - Dr. Deborah Birx: What Should Schools Do About (**here**)
    - Dr. Deborah Birx: Where Can the Coronavirus Live? (**here**)
    - Dr. Deborah Birx: Who Needs to be Tested for Coronavirus? (**here**)
    - Dr. Deborah Birx: Protect the People Around You (**here**)

What You Need To Know

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here**)
- Situation Summary (**here**)
- Travel Information (**here**) – State Department: International Travel (**here**)
- Avoid Scams (**here**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here**)
- Laboratories (**here**)
- Communication Resources (**here**)

Local Preparedness & Response Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. Local officials should coordinate requests through their State Emergency Management Agencies.
    - A list of State emergency management agencies can be found **here**.
    - FEMA guidance on public assistance for States, local governments, tribal governments, and eligible non-profits can be found **here**.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information through social media, newsletters, and other avenues:
    - CDC Mitigation Guidance – **15 Days to Slow the Spread**
    - HHS/CDC **guidance for families, businesses, and schools**
    - HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework**

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- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Inventorying resources and proactively coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing and implementing local preparedness plans and strategies.

Agency Resources and Contact Information

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources *– Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here**)
- Federal Trade Commission (**here**)
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration (**here**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here**)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (**here**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here**)
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**here**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here**)

Contact Information *– Response to COVID-19 is locally executed, stated managed, and federally supported. Local elected officials should collaborate with and work through their local emergency management office up through the State Emergency Management Agency, which works in collaboration with FEMA and HHS. Should particular issues arise outside of these appropriate channels, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)

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- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread* can be found **here**. "My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts," President Trump stated. "With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made."

FEMA Releases Guidance On Public Assistance for States, Local Governments, and Eligible Non-Profits
The Administration continues to place its full weight and resources behind the response to COVID-19. FEMA currently has over $500 million in available balances in the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) Base to support all 56 States and Territories for COVID-19 response efforts, including for direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs. On March 17th, the Administration submitted a request to Congressional Appropriators for additional fiscal year (FY) 2020 funding in the amount of $45.8 billion and the necessary authorities to address ongoing preparedness and response efforts. Included in this request is $2 billion in the Disaster Relief Fund Base Account to ensure there are resources available to support continued disaster operations. State, Territorial, Tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. States, Tribal and Territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration. The emergency declaration will reimburse for eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or other federal agencies. More **here**.

Department of Homeland Security Releases Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. Thursday, March 19, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency released guidance on the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here**.

President Trump Announces Fast-Track Treatments for Coronavirus
Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced the approval of existing drugs to test a COVID-19 treatment. The drugs will be used in a clinical trial. "We have to remove every

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barrier or a lot of barriers that were unnecessary and they've done that to get the rapid deployment of safe, effective treatments and we think we have some good answers," the President said. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here**.

President Trump Signs Legislative Package Providing Extensive Assistance to Americans Impacted by the Coronavirus
Wednesday, March 18, President Trump signed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need (more **here**). The President and Administration worked tirelessly with Congress to secure the legislative package, which includes the following:

- Provides free coronavirus diagnostic testing for the American people, regardless of their economic circumstances or health coverage;
- Establishes tax credits to provide paid sick and family leave for coronavirus-related employment interruptions;
- Incentivizes States to ease access to unemployment benefits, assisting Americans who may be unemployed due to the impact of the virus;
- Provides funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

President Trump Issues Executive Order Invoking the Defense Production Act
Wednesday, March 18, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here**.

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19
The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority (**President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus**). On Friday, March 13, President Trump **declared** a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act") (***Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act***). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.**. *Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and***

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through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance. You can read more about the disaster recovery process here.

Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov**.
- Guidance
    - CDC released their **Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission**. This is a guide for communities describing possible coronavirus transmission. Community mitigation strategies are often the most available interventions to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 in communities.
    - CMS released guidance for nursing homes. The guidance can be found **here**. The Press Release can be found **here**.
    - CDC released updated **guidance** on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers. Healthcare workers are fighting this outbreak on the front lines, and this guidance is intended to provide assistance to healthcare settings that are handling suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. This guidance is applicable to all U.S. healthcare settings.
- Regulatory Flexibilities - The President's emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state and local communities' ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.
    - *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies*: The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit **here**.
    - *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities*: CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit **here**.
    - *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance*: As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found **here** (3/9). The Press Release can be found **here** and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here**.

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    - *Expanded Telehealth Coverage* (3/17): The Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. More **here**.
- Testing - As part of the ongoing and aggressive commitment to address the coronavirus outbreak, the FDA **updated** a policy originally issued on Feb. 29 on diagnostic testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) in order to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the U.S. The guidance provides more specific details for the laboratory and commercial manufacturer communities, including:
    - First, FDA is putting in place a policy for states to take responsibility for tests developed and used by laboratories in their states, similar to the action the FDA granted to the New York State Department of Health last week. States can set up a system in which they take responsibility for authorizing such tests and the laboratories will not engage with the FDA.
    - Second, FDA is expanding who the policy outlined in the Feb. 29 guidance applies to. The policy was originally applicable only to laboratories that are certified to perform high-complexity testing consistent with requirements under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments. Under the update published today, the agency does not intend to object to commercial manufacturers distributing and labs using new commercially developed tests prior to the FDA granting an EUA, under certain circumstances.
    - Finally, FDA's updated policy provides recommendations for test developers who may wish to develop serological tests for use during this coronavirus outbreak. Serological tests measure the amount of antibodies or proteins present in the blood when the body is responding to a specific infection.
- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced** the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here**.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities **here**.
- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available **statewide** to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.

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- Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.
- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
- For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at **SBA.gov/Disaster**.

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see **a letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- On Friday, March 20, the Department of Education announced the suspension of federal student loan payments and waiving interest during the national emergency. All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. More **here**.
- The Department has provided additional information for families and communities including:
    - Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;" (more **here**)
    - Information regarding services to children with disabilities; (more **here**)
    - A **fact sheet** from the Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and a short **webinar** on Online Education and Website Accessibility;
    - Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students (more **here**);
    - Information for Accrediting Agencies Regarding Temporary Flexibilities Provided to Coronavirus Impacted Institutions or Accrediting Agencies (more **here**).
- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.

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- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
- On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more **here**.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance** for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more **here**.
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement **guidance** for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more **here**.
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed individuals. Learn more **here**.

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- The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) issued a **National Interest Exemption Memorandum** to further facilitate response efforts for COVID-19. OFCCP will grant a limited, three-month exemption and waiver from some requirements of the laws administered by the agency.
- The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has developed frequently asked questions documents highlighting application of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Family and Medical Leave Act during a public health emergency. Learn more **here**.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More **here**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, Secretary Carson, in consultation with the Coronavirus Task Force, **announced** the suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortages for 60 days. The guidance applies to homewoekrs with FHA-insured Title II Single Family forward and Home Equity Conversion (reverse) mortgages, and directs mortgage servicers to:
    - Halt all new foreclosure actions and suspend all foreclosure actions currently in process; and
    - Cease all evictions of persons from FHA-insured single-family properties.
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers**.
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found **here**.
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.

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    - USDA and President Trump have been in communication with Food and Grocery Stakeholders and Executives to discuss the impact COVID-19 has on America's food supply chain. *More* **here**.
    - USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. *More* **here**.
    - Businesses or groups interested in helping should email: **feedingkids@usda.gov**.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis.
- The food supply chain remains strong. Critical services, including Food Safety Inspections Services (FSIS), Animal Plan Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), continue to serve the American people. More **here**.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus**.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- The Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus. These measures include outreach to Veterans and staff, clinical screening at VA health care facilities, and protective procedures for patients admitted to community living centers and spinal cord injury units.
- Any Veteran with symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. You can find the closest VA facility **here**. VA urges Veterans to call before visiting. Veterans can sign into **My HealtheVet** to send a secure message to VA or use **telehealth options** to explain their condition and receive a prompt diagnosis.
- The VA has setup a website for veterans here: **https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.
    - On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg,

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Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation*.

    - In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984**, **9992**, **9993**, and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a **Notice of Arrival Restrictions** requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More **here**.
- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency issued guidance and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here**.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with DHS Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin are urging the U.S. Postal Service inspector general to investigate "irregularities" in the delivery of absentee ballots

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for the state's spring election.

In a letter addressed to USPS IG Tammy Whitcomb, the pair said mail played an "outsized role" in the April 7 election due to a surge in absentee ballot requests over the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Unfortunately, there have been numerous accounts from the state that USPS failed to fulfill that critical function for some voters," the letter read. "It is critical that you quickly identify what has gone wrong and propose solutions that USPS can swiftly implement."

The letter then cited reports of tubs full of absentee ballots meant for Appleton and Oshkosh that turned up in a Milwaukee processing center after the polls had already closed and the ballots were obsolete, as well as reports from the Village of Fox Point that USPS returned "multiple batches" of ballots without an explanation.

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200409LETTER.pdf

-- In the wake of Bernie Sanders ending his presidential campaign, Rep. David Bowen says the Vermont Independent will be "key on the campaign trail" to helping Joe Biden defeat President Trump.

But Bowen told WisPolitics.com he believes the extent to which Sanders' supporters embrace Biden depends on how willing the former vice president is to fold Sanders' progressive policies into his agenda.

"I would say that's one of the things that was very, very hard to see and get done in 2016," the Milwaukee Dem said in an interview. "He has a huge opportunity to bring everybody into the fold and to make sure that the agenda reflects the will of the Democratic Party's base."

Sanders on Wednesday announced he would suspend his presidential campaign but stay on the ballot to continue collecting delegates for the August Dem convention in Milwaukee in order to "exert significant influence over the party platform."

Bowen said he backed the move, noting a number of outstanding primary elections ahead of the convention. He conceded that "we all know Joe Biden is the nominee" but added: "It's important that people still get a chance to vote the way they want to."

"There's still people just like me that really appreciate the chance to be able to vote for his agenda and his leadership," he said.

Still, Bowen said he believes Sanders will be an active surrogate supporting Biden, noting he did the same for Hilary Clinton after conceding the Dem presidential nomination in 2016.

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"I would see it no different this time around," he said. "I know that he's going to do everything he can to defeat Donald Trump."

-- A coalition of business groups, led by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, is asking Gov. Tony Evers to set a "firm" date to begin reopening the state's economy as the guv's stay-at-home order expires later this month.

In a letter, the trade groups and chambers of commerce argued that "no one expects that our economy would go back to 'business as usual' on April 24." But choosing a date would allow businesses to prepare a "strategic and well-planned approach" to put the economy back on track. That includes time to recall furloughed employees, restock supplies and reengage supply chains.

In the letter, the business groups noted the state's unemployment rate is estimated at around 13.4 percent, which would be a state record.

"Businesses and their employees find themselves in times of unprecedented hardship and uncertainty," they wrote. "Wisconsin needs to bring certainty to workers and businesses alike by setting a firm date to begin the process of reopening our economy on April 24 -- the end date for the Safer at Home order."

When asked if the stay-at-home order would be extended, DHS Secretary Andrea Palm said in a webinar that the goal is to "get to a place where we are very actively managing this outbreak with the tools we have like contact tracing, like testing, to manage it in an active way so that folks can begin to return to normal life and normal business."

"I do not think folks should expect that we're going to flip a switch and that's all going to happen at once," she said.

The guv's office didn't immediately respond yesterday afternoon to a request for comment.

See the letter: http://www.wmc.org/wp-content/uploads/Restarting-WI-Economy-Letter-4-9-20.pdf

-- Retired Maj. Gen. Albert Wilkening, who was Wisconsin's adjutant general during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, has died after a long fight with cancer.

Wilkening was the deputy adjutant general when he was elevated to lead the state's National Guard on Sept. 11, 2001, because the adjutant general was undergoing scheduled surgery.

See more:

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https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/news/2020news/20052

-- Rep. Jim Steineke in this week's GOP radio address said Republican lawmakers are asking Gov. Tony Evers to spend the federal coronavirus stimulus package on "things that will matter the most to our state."

The Kaukauna Republican said Evers has "sole discretion" over the incoming federal aid of some $2 billion. And he said a GOP letter to Evers recommends the money go towards healthcare, businesses, workers and local governments.

"With families already struggling, now is not the time for tax increases or other economically detrimental policies," he said.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-steineke-weekly-radio-address-on-cares-act/

-- In this week's Dem address, Gov. Tony Evers thanked all voters and poll workers who participated in the April 7 spring election.

But he also slammed "legislative inaction and disappointing decisions" for requiring an in-person election to go forward in the first place.

"From Milwaukee to Green Bay to Eau Claire, Wisconsinites had to make the difficult decision between protecting their health and safety or exercising their fundamental right to vote," Evers said. "Folks, that's a choice nobody should ever have to make."

The guv recommended people maintain social distancing and monitor themselves for possible COVID-19 symptoms over the following weeks.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-weekly-dem-radio-address-on-public-health-after-the-april-7-spring-election/

-- The fourth federal coronavirus package will include aid specific for farmers and other vulnerable communities that were overlooked in the previous three packages, according to U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan.

Speaking to constituents during a tele-town hall last night, the Town of Vermont Dem said the package set to come out at the end of April would also include aid for teenagers who were put out of work by the virus but are still dependents of their parents.

Pocan also said he is working on reopening the Affordable Care Act enrollment period

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and providing other healthcare alternatives for those who remain uninsured and worry about contracting the virus. He aims for coronavirus tests to be free to all Americans, no matter the status of their healthcare.

Pocan urged constituents to be patient, explaining that Wisconsin is not receiving the necessary amounts of protective equipment at this time, because the hotspots of the virus are being prioritized at the federal level.

"We'll get through this, we're Wisconsin," said Pocan.

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April 16: WisPolitics.com/Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon with State Party Chairs

WisPolitics.com and the Milwaukee Press Club are holding a virtual event on the spring election during the lunch hour on Thursday with state GOP Chair Andrew Hitt and state Democratic Party Chair Ben Wikler.

They will answer questions from a panel of three journalists starting at noon and going until 1 p.m. Adrienne Pedersen, host of WISN-TV's "UpFront" program, WTMJ-TV anchor Charles Benson, and Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief Craig Gilbert will ask questions of the party chairs.

You must register in advance using the form below. Then you will be sent a link on Thursday morning to view the event live.

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TOP HEADLINES

As Evers closes some state parks, local officials urge users to follow health guidelines
... Evers closed 40 state parks, forests and recreational areas in the state, primarily in southern and southeastern Wisconsin, because of unprecedented crowds, litter and vandalism. ... Though Evers' "safer at home" order kept local parks open, playgrounds within local parks are closed. Also, all sports courts and golf courses are off limits. ... "It's up to us to do the right thing, so that we can get out of this sooner and healthier and quickly," [city parks'] Shea said. ... said piers at boat launches ... are starting to be installed. Only one person should be on a pier at one time. ... using zip ties to make basketball hoops inaccessible, but has removed the hoop entirely in some locations. ... "We are now even more so watching the number of people accessing these lands," [county's] Hicklin said. "It's yet to be seen the impact of the state closures on county land." ... "It's amazing the use we're having in our parks now and the value parks have to our community," [county parks'] Marsh said. "People are so appreciative. ... Bring whatever you need to be self sufficient. There's going to be little services available to you. Whatever you carry in, carry out." ... "We continue to see team sports in parks, parties in people's homes, and other unwise -- and prohibited -- gatherings. This is not okay," Rhodes-Conway said. "We cannot let up our efforts on physical distancing." ... "we share the concern about maintaining 6 feet social distancing while being outdoors and engaging in recreational activity," [UW's] McGlone said in a statement. "Now more than ever, Badgers need to look out for each other and for the most vulnerable members of our community."
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WI's state parks and the DMV become latest coronavirus closings, but some Easter services will go forward
... [DHS] is tracking new cases to determine whether it was spread among voters during Tuesday's spring election. ... [rehash park closures] ... All vehicle-related transactions, including [plates, registration, title] can be done online. Driver licenses scheduled to expire during the pandemic are extended for 60 days. ... emissions testing requirements have also been extended ... churches and other religious may hold drive-in services and small services of 10 people or fewer, according to new guidance from Evers. ... after questions from [WILL] and religious groups. ... With businesses closing due to pandemic ... unemployment rate could rise to 27 percent. But the impact on home sales

won't be clear for four to six weeks because of delays between accepted purchase offers and closings, said GM Realtors'] Ruzicka ... Foxconn is joining forces with Medtronic to build ventilators at its Mount Pleasant facility. Foxconn didn't answer questions about when production will begin, when hospitals can expect the ventilators and how many workers are needed.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/09/5123212002/

DHS: 2,885 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
114 People Have Died ... 31,424 people have tested negative [129 more cases, 13 more deaths, 1,309 more negative test since Wednesday] ... 843 people have been hospitalized [29% of cases, 53 more since Wed. DHS doesn't know the hospitalization history of 20% of cases.] ... cities are seeing the highest number of positive cases ... confirmed cases in 61 of 72 counties [Sawyer reported first case], except Burnett, Forest, Green Lake, Langlade, Lincoln, Pepin, Polk, Price, Taylor, Vernon and Washburn.
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-2-885-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Coronavirus Continues To Hit Hard In Milwaukee
... 1,193 known positive cases of COVID-19 in the city [at least half the cases are black]. ... 68 of [115 deaths] have been in Milwaukee County. Of those 68, 45 were black or African American. ... [Milwaukee health commissioner Kowalik] said as the outbreak stretches on, the data on patients' race and ethnicity has become more and more incomplete. She blames more labs doing testing, and patient preference, "A patient may not want to provide their race and ethnicity data. This is something that's being investigated right now." ... In 2019, Milwaukee County declared racism to be a public health crisis. Kowalik said that many public health issues more heavily affect the African American community, including childhood lead poisoning, infant mortality, obesity, "What we started seeing over time is that what really elevated this was these underlying disparities that were tied to inequity, tied to racist policies and practices playing out in these health outcomes," added in-person primary voting to its disease surveillance system, "So we can track if there's another wave of cases that will come out of in-person election activities."
https://www.wpr.org/coronavirus-continues-hit-hard-milwaukee

[DHS] tracking whether new coronavirus cases are tied to Tuesday's in-person voting
... "We will continue this important work to ensure that every case is followed up on, contacted, and anyone who may have been exposed notified," DHS Secretary Andrea Palm said in a statement. "We hope the extraordinary efforts taken by local clerks, public health, voters, and poll workers helped minimize any transmission but we stand prepared to respond if that isn't the case." ... There's evidence that transmission could be as simple as touching a ballot or a pen that someone else had held and then your face. New research shows it could even spread during conversation between two people standing just a bit too close. Columbia prof. Pei, Speaker Vos on safety of in-person election.
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WI election a lesson for the nation, but legal experts divided on what that lesson is

... Wisconsin is the only state in the nation to hold a presidential primary election in April, when the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to surge. Ten other states have put primaries on hold or moved to mail-in voting. "I think every other state made the right call," said [OSU Law prof.] Foley ... [rehash pre-election court rulings] ... [UW Law prof. Yablon said voters sickened at election likely can't sue those who permitted the election,] "Those officials typically have at least partial immunity from suits for damages." [said Karofsky, if close loser, unlikely to succeed in court] "Those courts have been willing to tolerate a fair bit of imperfection in electoral processes. She would likely need to offer fairly compelling evidence of misconduct, such as officials improperly rejecting lawfully cast ballots." ... Karofsky has already hinted at the possibility of litigation. "It's too early right now to think about what legal remedies may be available" ... [Voces' Norman said Voces-LOWV et.al. "soon" to discuss suit] "As we did in (last week's) lawsuit, we would likely work in alliance with other organizations rather than go it alone." ... [UW prof. Schweber said,] "The key event here was the Republicans declining to postpone the election -- it is generally impossible in our system to bring a claim against a government for not doing something." ... [US Supreme's 5-4 ruling] "is an ominous sign ... Imagine also that the president, continuing to minimize the threat posed by the virus, tells his supporters that they should go out and vote anyway. Monday's decision suggests that the Supreme Court wouldn't care," [wrote U-Mich. Law prof.] Litman. [Foley said unanimous upholding April 13 ballot acceptance is good sign,] "Wisconsin has done us a favor," he said. [but outstanding absentees outnumbering win margin would complicate matters] ... "I think judges -- on both the legal left and the legal right -- try to call them as they see them," [WILL's Esenberg] said ... "because of differences in constitutional philosophy, not partisanship." ... [UW prof. Owens said] arguments might center on racial disparities and the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. ... "U.S. Supreme Court already showed that it thinks the federal courts should tread very carefully here. ... If Wisconsin law does not allow the Governor to do what he did, they should direct their ire at ... the Governor, the legislature, the mayors and city councils across the state." Yablon: "When the right to vote is threatened and courts fail to help safeguard it, the public's faith in the judiciary likely takes a hit, especially when the public suspects that partisan motives may have been at work."
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Liberals contend they were shut out of WI Supreme Court election deliberations

... Court rejected a request from Pines to submit a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of [SEIU] and others that wanted to see the election delayed. The justices didn't grant the request because they determined it was submitted too late. ... "There are rules that the Supreme Court requires all people who appear before them to follow -- except when they don't enforce the rules," Madison attorney Lester Pines said. "It does certainly lend an appearance of favoritism." ... "If Mr. Pines wanted to be heard, he needed to get his submission done immediately because the court is under no obligation to wait for him," [WILL's] Esenberg said by email. "He could have done what we did. He did not." ... Court spokesman Tom Sheehan said none of the communications, including those from

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conservatives, arrived in time ... did not say whether the court would handle future filings the way it had in the election case. [RPW, Counties'] Attorneys ... did not immediately respond Thursday to Pines' criticism or say why they submitted letters rather than friend-of-the-court briefs.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/09/5124668002/

US Sens. Baldwin, Johnson call for USPS to investigate undelivered absentee ballots
... [letter to IG Whitcomb] citing reported delivery failures in Appleton, Oshkosh and Fox Point Village and saying they are "concerned there may be more examples" of missing ballots. ... How many ballots were not delivered is the big unanswered question. ... [probe needed] so absentee voting procedures are "strictly and effectively followed" during upcoming elections. WEC cited record 1.3M absentee ballots requested, about 235K had not yet been returned as of Thursday. ... [unknown how many] were completed by voters and mailed back ... [rehash Feyen, Albrecht, Botcher] ... [liberal] Better Wisconsin Together ... received > 2,000 reports of missing ballots through a website it created to track them. ... Attorneys monitoring the election have said voters who didn't get the ballots as requested could have grounds to sue [atty. Poland comments]. No lawsuits have been filed to date. ... [most likely after Monday's announced results, especially if races are close]. WEC's Wolfe said all online requests were transferred to proper clerk. USPS' Sheehan said ballots hard to trace without tracking number. Voters who didn't get their ballots and then had to vote in person said they were angry at having to risk infection, like Minority Leader Hintz, "I complied with the public health order, as did many of my constituents. You either have a once in a hundred year pandemic or you don't."
https://madison.com/wsj/bc2e459f-f7b1-51ac-b5be-ec846a1f9c20.html

WI Unemployment Projected To Be 27% Amid Efforts To Slow COVID-19
... DWD reported [> 313K] new applications ... between March 15 and April 6 -- with weekly claims reaching nearly 590K. Total UI benefits paid nearly $69M. "The fact that initial claims ballooned by more than 1600 percent illustrates the unprecedented nature of this pandemic and its effect on our economy," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said ... During a Facebook Q&A Thursday, Frostman said additional staff have been transferred to UI call center to try to keep up with ... "sustain[ed] call volumes of up to 100,000 calls per hour, sometimes 160 calls per second. ... these truly are unprecedented times," encouraged online UI claims, as most are filed, though 25K/day volume has crashed their web, leading DWD to extend application deadline to 28 days, said USDOL agreement will allow ... additional federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. ... "to workers who aren't typically eligible for (unemployment insurance) including the self-employed, independent contractors and freelancers," said Frostman, after lawmakers repeal the 1-week wait, which Evers and GOP leaders have said is part of COVID-19 relief package. WMC, other biz orgs and 33 local CoC's wrote Evers asking him to release a plan to reopen businesses starting April 24, when his safer-at-home order expires. WMC chief Bauer: "Restarting our economy will not happen overnight, and it likely will not be all at once. That is why the business community and Gov. Evers need to work together on a plan ... with a timeline."

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for the state's spring election.

In a letter addressed to USPS IG Tammy Whitcomb, the pair said mail played an "outsized role" in the April 7 election due to a surge in absentee ballot requests over the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Unfortunately, there have been numerous accounts from the state that USPS failed to fulfill that critical function for some voters," the letter read. "It is critical that you quickly identify what has gone wrong and propose solutions that USPS can swiftly implement."

The letter then cited reports of tubs full of absentee ballots meant for Appleton and Oshkosh that turned up in a Milwaukee processing center after the polls had already closed and the ballots were obsolete, as well as reports from the Village of Fox Point that USPS returned "multiple batches" of ballots without an explanation.

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200409LETTER.pdf

-- In the wake of Bernie Sanders ending his presidential campaign, Rep. David Bowen says the Vermont Independent will be "key on the campaign trail" to helping Joe Biden defeat President Trump.

But Bowen told WisPolitics.com he believes the extent to which Sanders' supporters embrace Biden depends on how willing the former vice president is to fold Sanders' progressive policies into his agenda.

"I would say that's one of the things that was very, very hard to see and get done in 2016," the Milwaukee Dem said in an interview. "He has a huge opportunity to bring everybody into the fold and to make sure that the agenda reflects the will of the Democratic Party's base."

Sanders on Wednesday announced he would suspend his presidential campaign but stay on the ballot to continue collecting delegates for the August Dem convention in Milwaukee in order to "exert significant influence over the party platform."

Bowen said he backed the move, noting a number of outstanding primary elections ahead of the convention. He conceded that "we all know Joe Biden is the nominee" but added: "It's important that people still get a chance to vote the way they want to."

"There's still people just like me that really appreciate the chance to be able to vote for his agenda and his leadership," he said.

Still, Bowen said he believes Sanders will be an active surrogate supporting Biden, noting he did the same for Hilary Clinton after conceding the Dem presidential nomination in 2016.

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"I would see it no different this time around," he said. "I know that he's going to do everything he can to defeat Donald Trump."

-- A coalition of business groups, led by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, is asking Gov. Tony Evers to set a "firm" date to begin reopening the state's economy as the guv's stay-at-home order expires later this month.

In a letter, the trade groups and chambers of commerce argued that "no one expects that our economy would go back to 'business as usual' on April 24." But choosing a date would allow businesses to prepare a "strategic and well-planned approach" to put the economy back on track. That includes time to recall furloughed employees, restock supplies and reengage supply chains.

In the letter, the business groups noted the state's unemployment rate is estimated at around 13.4 percent, which would be a state record.

"Businesses and their employees find themselves in times of unprecedented hardship and uncertainty," they wrote. "Wisconsin needs to bring certainty to workers and businesses alike by setting a firm date to begin the process of reopening our economy on April 24 -- the end date for the Safer at Home order."

When asked if the stay-at-home order would be extended, DHS Secretary Andrea Palm said in a webinar that the goal is to "get to a place where we are very actively managing this outbreak with the tools we have like contact tracing, like testing, to manage it in an active way so that folks can begin to return to normal life and normal business."

"I do not think folks should expect that we're going to flip a switch and that's all going to happen at once," she said.

The guv's office didn't immediately respond yesterday afternoon to a request for comment.

See the letter: http://www.wmc.org/wp-content/uploads/Restarting-WI-Economy-Letter-4-9-20.pdf

-- Retired Maj. Gen. Albert Wilkening, who was Wisconsin's adjutant general during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, has died after a long fight with cancer.

Wilkening was the deputy adjutant general when he was elevated to lead the state's National Guard on Sept. 11, 2001, because the adjutant general was undergoing scheduled surgery.

See more:

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https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/news/2020news/20052

-- Rep. Jim Steineke in this week's GOP radio address said Republican lawmakers are asking Gov. Tony Evers to spend the federal coronavirus stimulus package on "things that will matter the most to our state."

The Kaukauna Republican said Evers has "sole discretion" over the incoming federal aid of some $2 billion. And he said a GOP letter to Evers recommends the money go towards healthcare, businesses, workers and local governments.

"With families already struggling, now is not the time for tax increases or other economically detrimental policies," he said.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-steineke-weekly-radio-address-on-cares-act/

-- In this week's Dem address, Gov. Tony Evers thanked all voters and poll workers who participated in the April 7 spring election.

But he also slammed "legislative inaction and disappointing decisions" for requiring an in-person election to go forward in the first place.

"From Milwaukee to Green Bay to Eau Claire, Wisconsinites had to make the difficult decision between protecting their health and safety or exercising their fundamental right to vote," Evers said. "Folks, that's a choice nobody should ever have to make."

The guv recommended people maintain social distancing and monitor themselves for possible COVID-19 symptoms over the following weeks.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-weekly-dem-radio-address-on-public-health-after-the-april-7-spring-election/

-- The fourth federal coronavirus package will include aid specific for farmers and other vulnerable communities that were overlooked in the previous three packages, according to U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan.

Speaking to constituents during a tele-town hall last night, the Town of Vermont Dem said the package set to come out at the end of April would also include aid for teenagers who were put out of work by the virus but are still dependents of their parents.

Pocan also said he is working on reopening the Affordable Care Act enrollment period

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and providing other healthcare alternatives for those who remain uninsured and worry about contracting the virus. He aims for coronavirus tests to be free to all Americans, no matter the status of their healthcare.

Pocan urged constituents to be patient, explaining that Wisconsin is not receiving the necessary amounts of protective equipment at this time, because the hotspots of the virus are being prioritized at the federal level.

"We'll get through this, we're Wisconsin," said Pocan.

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April 16: WisPolitics.com/Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon with State Party Chairs

WisPolitics.com and the Milwaukee Press Club are holding a virtual event on the spring election during the lunch hour on Thursday with state GOP Chair Andrew Hitt and state Democratic Party Chair Ben Wikler.

They will answer questions from a panel of three journalists starting at noon and going until 1 p.m. Adrienne Pedersen, host of WISN-TV's "UpFront" program, WTMJ-TV anchor Charles Benson, and Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief Craig Gilbert will ask questions of the party chairs.

You must register in advance using the form below. Then you will be sent a link on Thursday morning to view the event live.

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TOP HEADLINES

As Evers closes some state parks, local officials urge users to follow health guidelines
... Evers closed 40 state parks, forests and recreational areas in the state, primarily in southern and southeastern Wisconsin, because of unprecedented crowds, litter and vandalism. ... Though Evers' "safer at home" order kept local parks open, playgrounds within local parks are closed. Also, all sports courts and golf courses are off limits. ... "It's up to us to do the right thing, so that we can get out of this sooner and healthier and quickly," [city parks'] Shea said. ... said piers at boat launches ... are starting to be installed. Only one person should be on a pier at one time. ... using zip ties to make basketball hoops inaccessible, but has removed the hoop entirely in some locations. ... "We are now even more so watching the number of people accessing these lands," [county's] Hicklin said. "It's yet to be seen the impact of the state closures on county land." ... "It's amazing the use we're having in our parks now and the value parks have to our community," [county parks'] Marsh said. "People are so appreciative. ... Bring whatever you need to be self sufficient. There's going to be little services available to you. Whatever you carry in, carry out." ... "We continue to see team sports in parks, parties in people's homes, and other unwise -- and prohibited -- gatherings. This is not okay," Rhodes-Conway said. "We cannot let up our efforts on physical distancing." ... "we share the concern about maintaining 6 feet social distancing while being outdoors and engaging in recreational activity," [UW's] McGlone said in a statement. "Now more than ever, Badgers need to look out for each other and for the most vulnerable members of our community."
https://madison.com/ct/316cc8df-6ae8-573b-8c86-7a0b73af6cb6.html

WI's state parks and the DMV become latest coronavirus closings, but some Easter services will go forward
... [DHS] is tracking new cases to determine whether it was spread among voters during Tuesday's spring election. ... [rehash park closures] ... All vehicle-related transactions, including [plates, registration, title] can be done online. Driver licenses scheduled to expire during the pandemic are extended for 60 days. ... emissions testing requirements have also been extended ... churches and other religious may hold drive-in services and small services of 10 people or fewer, according to new guidance from Evers. ... after questions from [WILL] and religious groups. ... With businesses closing due to pandemic ... unemployment rate could rise to 27 percent. But the impact on home sales

won't be clear for four to six weeks because of delays between accepted purchase offers and closings, said GM Realtors'] Ruzicka ... Foxconn is joining forces with Medtronic to build ventilators at its Mount Pleasant facility. Foxconn didn't answer questions about when production will begin, when hospitals can expect the ventilators and how many workers are needed.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/09/5123212002/

DHS: 2,885 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
114 People Have Died ... 31,424 people have tested negative [129 more cases, 13 more deaths, 1,309 more negative test since Wednesday] ... 843 people have been hospitalized [29% of cases, 53 more since Wed. DHS doesn't know the hospitalization history of 20% of cases.] ... cities are seeing the highest number of positive cases ... confirmed cases in 61 of 72 counties [Sawyer reported first case], except Burnett, Forest, Green Lake, Langlade, Lincoln, Pepin, Polk, Price, Taylor, Vernon and Washburn.
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-2-885-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Coronavirus Continues To Hit Hard In Milwaukee
... 1,193 known positive cases of COVID-19 in the city [at least half the cases are black]. ... 68 of [115 deaths] have been in Milwaukee County. Of those 68, 45 were black or African American. ... [Milwaukee health commissioner Kowalik] said as the outbreak stretches on, the data on patients' race and ethnicity has become more and more incomplete. She blames more labs doing testing, and patient preference, "A patient may not want to provide their race and ethnicity data. This is something that's being investigated right now." ... In 2019, Milwaukee County declared racism to be a public health crisis. Kowalik said that many public health issues more heavily affect the African American community, including childhood lead poisoning, infant mortality, obesity, "What we started seeing over time is that what really elevated this was these underlying disparities that were tied to inequity, tied to racist policies and practices playing out in these health outcomes," added in-person primary voting to its disease surveillance system, "So we can track if there's another wave of cases that will come out of in-person election activities."
https://www.wpr.org/coronavirus-continues-hit-hard-milwaukee

[DHS] tracking whether new coronavirus cases are tied to Tuesday's in-person voting
... "We will continue this important work to ensure that every case is followed up on, contacted, and anyone who may have been exposed notified," DHS Secretary Andrea Palm said in a statement. "We hope the extraordinary efforts taken by local clerks, public health, voters, and poll workers helped minimize any transmission but we stand prepared to respond if that isn't the case." ... There's evidence that transmission could be as simple as touching a ballot or a pen that someone else had held and then your face. New research shows it could even spread during conversation between two people standing just a bit too close. Columbia prof. Pei, Speaker Vos on safety of in-person election.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/09/5126212002/

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WI election a lesson for the nation, but legal experts divided on what that lesson is

... Wisconsin is the only state in the nation to hold a presidential primary election in April, when the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to surge. Ten other states have put primaries on hold or moved to mail-in voting. "I think every other state made the right call," said [OSU Law prof.] Foley ... [rehash pre-election court rulings] ... [UW Law prof. Yablon said voters sickened at election likely can't sue those who permitted the election,] "Those officials typically have at least partial immunity from suits for damages." [said Karofsky, if close loser, unlikely to succeed in court] "Those courts have been willing to tolerate a fair bit of imperfection in electoral processes. She would likely need to offer fairly compelling evidence of misconduct, such as officials improperly rejecting lawfully cast ballots." ... Karofsky has already hinted at the possibility of litigation. "It's too early right now to think about what legal remedies may be available" ... [Voces' Norman said Voces-LOWV et.al. "soon" to discuss suit] "As we did in (last week's) lawsuit, we would likely work in alliance with other organizations rather than go it alone." ... [UW prof. Schweber said,] "The key event here was the Republicans declining to postpone the election -- it is generally impossible in our system to bring a claim against a government for not doing something." ... [US Supreme's 5-4 ruling] "is an ominous sign ... Imagine also that the president, continuing to minimize the threat posed by the virus, tells his supporters that they should go out and vote anyway. Monday's decision suggests that the Supreme Court wouldn't care," [wrote U-Mich. Law prof.] Litman. [Foley said unanimous upholding April 13 ballot acceptance is good sign,] "Wisconsin has done us a favor," he said. [but outstanding absentees outnumbering win margin would complicate matters] ... "I think judges -- on both the legal left and the legal right -- try to call them as they see them," [WILL's Esenberg] said ... "because of differences in constitutional philosophy, not partisanship." ... [UW prof. Owens said] arguments might center on racial disparities and the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. ... "U.S. Supreme Court already showed that it thinks the federal courts should tread very carefully here. ... If Wisconsin law does not allow the Governor to do what he did, they should direct their ire at ... the Governor, the legislature, the mayors and city councils across the state." Yablon: "When the right to vote is threatened and courts fail to help safeguard it, the public's faith in the judiciary likely takes a hit, especially when the public suspects that partisan motives may have been at work."
https://madison.com/ct/9dde11ca-3455-5ba2-ba97-3921e7dc92e5.html

Liberals contend they were shut out of WI Supreme Court election deliberations

... Court rejected a request from Pines to submit a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of [SEIU] and others that wanted to see the election delayed. The justices didn't grant the request because they determined it was submitted too late. ... "There are rules that the Supreme Court requires all people who appear before them to follow -- except when they don't enforce the rules," Madison attorney Lester Pines said. "It does certainly lend an appearance of favoritism." ... "If Mr. Pines wanted to be heard, he needed to get his submission done immediately because the court is under no obligation to wait for him," [WILL's] Esenberg said by email. "He could have done what we did. He did not." ... Court spokesman Tom Sheehan said none of the communications, including those from

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conservatives, arrived in time ... did not say whether the court would handle future filings the way it had in the election case. [RPW, Counties'] Attorneys ... did not immediately respond Thursday to Pines' criticism or say why they submitted letters rather than friend-of-the-court briefs.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/09/5124668002/

US Sens. Baldwin, Johnson call for USPS to investigate undelivered absentee ballots
... [letter to IG Whitcomb] citing reported delivery failures in Appleton, Oshkosh and Fox Point Village and saying they are "concerned there may be more examples" of missing ballots. ... How many ballots were not delivered is the big unanswered question. ... [probe needed] so absentee voting procedures are "strictly and effectively followed" during upcoming elections. WEC cited record 1.3M absentee ballots requested, about 235K had not yet been returned as of Thursday. ... [unknown how many] were completed by voters and mailed back ... [rehash Feyen, Albrecht, Botcher] ... [liberal] Better Wisconsin Together ... received > 2,000 reports of missing ballots through a website it created to track them. ... Attorneys monitoring the election have said voters who didn't get the ballots as requested could have grounds to sue [atty. Poland comments]. No lawsuits have been filed to date. ... [most likely after Monday's announced results, especially if races are close]. WEC's Wolfe said all online requests were transferred to proper clerk. USPS' Sheehan said ballots hard to trace without tracking number. Voters who didn't get their ballots and then had to vote in person said they were angry at having to risk infection, like Minority Leader Hintz, "I complied with the public health order, as did many of my constituents. You either have a once in a hundred year pandemic or you don't."
https://madison.com/wsj/bc2e459f-f7b1-51ac-b5be-ec846a1f9c20.html

WI Unemployment Projected To Be 27% Amid Efforts To Slow COVID-19
... DWD reported [> 313K] new applications ... between March 15 and April 6 -- with weekly claims reaching nearly 590K. Total UI benefits paid nearly $69M. "The fact that initial claims ballooned by more than 1600 percent illustrates the unprecedented nature of this pandemic and its effect on our economy," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said ... During a Facebook Q&A Thursday, Frostman said additional staff have been transferred to UI call center to try to keep up with ... "sustain[ed] call volumes of up to 100,000 calls per hour, sometimes 160 calls per second. ... these truly are unprecedented times," encouraged online UI claims, as most are filed, though 25K/day volume has crashed their web, leading DWD to extend application deadline to 28 days, said USDOL agreement will allow ... additional federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. ... "to workers who aren't typically eligible for (unemployment insurance) including the self-employed, independent contractors and freelancers," said Frostman, after lawmakers repeal the 1-week wait, which Evers and GOP leaders have said is part of COVID-19 relief package. WMC, other biz orgs and 33 local CoC's wrote Evers asking him to release a plan to reopen businesses starting April 24, when his safer-at-home order expires. WMC chief Bauer: "Restarting our economy will not happen overnight, and it likely will not be all at once. That is why the business community and Gov. Evers need to work together on a plan ... with a timeline."

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- A coalition of groups has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to delay the April 7 election until at least after Gov. Tony Ever's stay-at-home order expires.

The suit, filed late yesterday, also wants the deadline pushed back to June 2 for

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municipal clerks to count all ballots returned by mail.

It is the fourth federal suit filed seeking changes to the upcoming April 7 election due to concerns over COVID-19. Gov. Tony Evers and GOP legislative leaders have resisted calls to push back the election. Instead, they have encouraged those concerned about being exposed to coronavirus at the polls to vote absentee.

So far, a federal judge has pushed back until Monday the deadline to register online to cast a ballot in the spring election. Meanwhile, the judge in a suit filed by Green Bay said yesterday he expects to issue a ruling by Monday on the city's request to cancel in-person voting, push back the election and allow clerks to mail ballots to registered voters.

The new suit was filed by a coalition that includes groups such as Souls to the Polls, an alliance of more than African-American church leaders in the Milwaukee area, the American Federation of Teachers and SEIU Wisconsin State Council. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, which is also a party in a separate suit challenging witness requirements for absentee ballots, is also a plaintiff.

It argues the COVID-19 pandemic is leaving municipalities "functionally unable" to comply with orders from the Wisconsin Elections Commission to conduct in-person voting at all of their polling sites due to factors such as workers who are begging off for fears of being exposed to the virus.

What's more, the suit argues, the crush of absentee requests has resulted in long delays sending ballots to voters. This raises the potential they will be disenfranchised if they don't return them by 8 p.m. Election Day, the plaintiffs say.

Along with pushing back the election, the suit seeks the suspension of several election laws such as voter ID until at least after Evers' stay-at-home order ends April 24.

Read the suit:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Suit.pdf

Click here for links to coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The state's workplace smoking ban that will have been in effect for a decade this July was one of Sen. Fred Risser's signature legislative accomplishments.

In a 2010 interview on the eve of the statewide ban going into effect, Risser noted he authored legislation two decades prior that banned smoking in the Capitol.

"The caucus rooms were so smoke-filled that you couldn't concentrate," Risser said.

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Risser, 92, announced yesterday he will retire.

Risser is in his 64th year as a Wisconsin legislator, making him the longest-serving state or national legislator in U.S. history. His office also said he is the last World War II veteran still remaining in either the state or nation's legislatures.

Risser, an attorney, was elected to the Assembly in 1956 before winning his Senate seat in 1962 and going on to serve in various leadership roles in the chamber, including Senate president.

Read more about Risser and the Madison Dems considering a run for his seat here: https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/madison-dems-looking-at-risser-seat-as-longtime-incumbent-announces-retirement/

Read the 2010 interview with Risser here: https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/interview-with-sen-fred-risser-july-2010/

-- Former state Rep. Kelda Roys, D-Madison, formally announced this morning that she's running for Risser's seat.

Roys tweeted her announcement this morning.

"Exciting news! I'm running for State Senate, to succeed Sen. Fred Risser. His service is an inspiration, and I'm excited to get to work building a Democratic majority and enacting progressive legislation for Wisconsin," she wrote.

She has run for Congress and governor.

Three Dems had already registered to run for Risser's seat prior to his announcement: William Henry Davis III, a write-in candidate for lt. guv in 2018; Nada Elmikashfi, whose website says she will graduate from UW-Madison in May and is a member of the Sustainable Madison Committee; and Aisha Suraya Moe, who graduated from UW-Madison in December.

Others considering a bid include state Rep. Shelia Stubbs, D-Madison, and longtime Dem activist Scot Ross.

See the tweet: https://twitter.com/keldahelenroys/status/1243512448801538051

-- The Wisconsin Elections Commission says a third party mailer by a Washington, D.C.,-based firm is confusing voters for its similarities to an absentee ballot request form.

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The mailer is labeled a "Vote at home ballot form" and encourages voters to request absentee ballots. The form is actually from the "Center for Voter information," which has a Madison return address but is based out of D.C.

"If you have already requested an absentee ballot, you do not need to return this request form," said the commission's Meagan Wolfe, "You can go online to MyVote.WI.gov, and check the status of your existing absentee ballot request."

Third party mailers are legal and may encourage voters to request absentee ballots, but the commission recommends voters examine the mailers closely, "especially the instructions on where to send registration forms or applications."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200326WEC.pdf

-- AG Josh Kaul and 27 attorneys general are demanding the U.S. Department of Education provide financial protections for student loan debtors during the national economic downturn.

The AGs in a letter requested Education Secretary Betsy DeVos implement emergency measures to: halt collections; enroll all borrowers at risk of delinquency in a $0-per-month Income Driven Repayment plan; and extend relief availability to all affected by the current COVID-19 economic crisis.

"We should be doing what we can to provide relief to those whose ability to repay student loan debt has been impacted by the coronavirus," Kaul said in a statement. "The federal government should act to implement these emergency measures."

See more:
https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/ag-kaul-and-multistate-coalition-fighting-emergency-relief-federal-student-loan

-- Gov. Tony Evers discussed the details of his "Safer at Home" order in this week's Dem radio address.

Evers highlighted how the stay-at-home order to prevent the spread of coronavirus doesn't ban people from walking their dogs or riding a bike outside. But he did recommend people "don't take any unnecessary trips" to limit potential exposure.

"Issuing a Safer at Home order isn't something I thought we'd have to do, it's not something I wanted to do, and it's not something I take lightly," He said. "We're all in this together, and we need to help stop the spread of COVID-19... to ensure our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers have the opportunity to do their important work."

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See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-delivers-weekly-radio-address-concerning-safer-at-home-order/

-- In this week's GOP address, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos thanked Wisconsinites "for coming together in this crisis."

"Whether you agree or disagree with Gov. Evers' 'Safer at Home' order, we have to follow it," the Rochester Republican said. "We all want Wisconsin to reopen as soon as possible."

Vos also said it was "good to hear" that national lawmakers are close to passing another stimulus bill that would offer funds to businesses, people and state and local governments.

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TOP HEADLINES

DHS: 707 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
... [up from 585 yesterday] ... 11,583 negative tests. ... 10 people in Wisconsin have died of COVID-19 as of 2 p.m. Thursday. ... one death each in Fond du Lac, Ozaukee and Dane counties, and seven in Milwaukee County. ... [rehash Evers' stay-at-home order] Without further restrictions on movement, DHS officials said they believe 22,000 residents would test positive ... by April 8, and 440 to 1,500 people would die ... [DHS Sec. Palm hosted] Facebook Live event on Thursday. Many viewers asked why [non-essential] businesses ... are still open. ... how they can report [non-compliance.] Palm said their essentiality rule was general, "If we detailed every single scenario, that thing would have gone on for hundreds of pages. And so we couldn't, in an order, answer every single question," punted to WEDC "to sort through the order and decide about whether they are essential or not." Palm said local cops, sheriffs could enforce the order, but did not say how people can report violations.
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WI's coronavirus death toll jumps to 12 as UI skyrockets, governments scramble to give aid
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to convene on April 7, while the Medical Examining Board plans a Friday teleconference. ME, IA loosening restrictions. WhiteHOuse.gov petition to allow "full practice authority in all clinic and hospital settings" needs 100K signatures to advance, only has 2,500.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/03/physician-assistants-want-to-help-fight-coronavirus/

Fred Risser, Nation's Longest-Serving State Legislator, To Retire
Madison State Senator Has Served In Legislature For 64 Years ... Risser, who is 92, was first elected to the state Assembly in 1956. ... elected to the Senate in 1962. ... Legislature's last surviving veteran of World War II. ... worked with 13 governors ... never missed a roll call ... work on the state's building commission as one of his biggest accomplishments ... [successor scramble] won't include Rep. Chris Taylor .. [ex-OWN chief Ross and ex-rep. Roys] confirmed Thursday that they are considering runs. UW student Elmikashfi, UW grad Moe also running.
https://www.wpr.org/fred-risser-nations-longest-serving-state-legislator-retire

Rep. Taylor not seeking another term after nearly 10 years on the state Assembly
... joined the Assembly after a 2011 special election and became known for her passionate floor speeches and advocacy for liberal issues such as abortion rights, gun control and programs for sexual and domestic violence victims. ... F-35 jets at Truax ... declined to comment for this story, but in a statement said her role in the Legislature has been "one of the greatest honors of my life. I have been humbled by the trust my district has placed in me, and it has been a true privilege to serve in some of the most difficult and divisive political times in our state's history, including during this COVID-19 crisis. ... I promised the people of my community that I would always stand up for them, and I believe I was true to this promise." Taylor volunteer Driscoll weighing run. Supv. Chawla declined to confess consideration for Taylor or Risser seats, but added "whoever runs for those seats will have incredibly big shoes to fill."
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WNG Col. James V. Locke stripped of command duties
... statement said [Adj. Gen.] Knapp had lost confidence in Locke, based on command climate, poor judgment and alleged misconduct. An investigation is underway. "A decision like this is never easy to make, but it is the right thing to do and is in the best interest of the organization," Knapp said. ... Guard declined to comment Thursday ... still trying to recover after federal investigators last year revealed they had found multiple problems with how the Guard handles sexual harassment and sexual assault complaints. Rehash Dunbar's resignation, Evers appointing Knapp.
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- 9 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.: Thompson Center: "Protecting Democratic Institutions from Threats to Liberty." Event is to be held online. Panelists are to discuss the state of global freedom and democracy. The event includes an examination of the cases of the USSR, Russia, and Venezuela, along with a look at America's role on the world stage. https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu/conferences/

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-- A coalition of groups has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to delay the April 7 election until at least after Gov. Tony Ever's stay-at-home order expires.

The suit, filed late yesterday, also wants the deadline pushed back to June 2 for

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municipal clerks to count all ballots returned by mail.

It is the fourth federal suit filed seeking changes to the upcoming April 7 election due to concerns over COVID-19. Gov. Tony Evers and GOP legislative leaders have resisted calls to push back the election. Instead, they have encouraged those concerned about being exposed to coronavirus at the polls to vote absentee.

So far, a federal judge has pushed back until Monday the deadline to register online to cast a ballot in the spring election. Meanwhile, the judge in a suit filed by Green Bay said yesterday he expects to issue a ruling by Monday on the city's request to cancel in-person voting, push back the election and allow clerks to mail ballots to registered voters.

The new suit was filed by a coalition that includes groups such as Souls to the Polls, an alliance of more than African-American church leaders in the Milwaukee area, the American Federation of Teachers and SEIU Wisconsin State Council. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, which is also a party in a separate suit challenging witness requirements for absentee ballots, is also a plaintiff.

It argues the COVID-19 pandemic is leaving municipalities "functionally unable" to comply with orders from the Wisconsin Elections Commission to conduct in-person voting at all of their polling sites due to factors such as workers who are begging off for fears of being exposed to the virus.

What's more, the suit argues, the crush of absentee requests has resulted in long delays sending ballots to voters. This raises the potential they will be disenfranchised if they don't return them by 8 p.m. Election Day, the plaintiffs say.

Along with pushing back the election, the suit seeks the suspension of several election laws such as voter ID until at least after Evers' stay-at-home order ends April 24.

Read the suit:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Suit.pdf

Click here for links to coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The state's workplace smoking ban that will have been in effect for a decade this July was one of Sen. Fred Risser's signature legislative accomplishments.

In a 2010 interview on the eve of the statewide ban going into effect, Risser noted he authored legislation two decades prior that banned smoking in the Capitol.

"The caucus rooms were so smoke-filled that you couldn't concentrate," Risser said.

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Risser, 92, announced yesterday he will retire.

Risser is in his 64th year as a Wisconsin legislator, making him the longest-serving state or national legislator in U.S. history. His office also said he is the last World War II veteran still remaining in either the state or nation's legislatures.

Risser, an attorney, was elected to the Assembly in 1956 before winning his Senate seat in 1962 and going on to serve in various leadership roles in the chamber, including Senate president.

Read more about Risser and the Madison Dems considering a run for his seat here: https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/madison-dems-looking-at-risser-seat-as-longtime-incumbent-announces-retirement/

Read the 2010 interview with Risser here: https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/interview-with-sen-fred-risser-july-2010/

-- Former state Rep. Kelda Roys, D-Madison, formally announced this morning that she's running for Risser's seat.

Roys tweeted her announcement this morning.

"Exciting news! I'm running for State Senate, to succeed Sen. Fred Risser. His service is an inspiration, and I'm excited to get to work building a Democratic majority and enacting progressive legislation for Wisconsin," she wrote.

She has run for Congress and governor.

Three Dems had already registered to run for Risser's seat prior to his announcement: William Henry Davis III, a write-in candidate for lt. guv in 2018; Nada Elmikashfi, whose website says she will graduate from UW-Madison in May and is a member of the Sustainable Madison Committee; and Aisha Suraya Moe, who graduated from UW-Madison in December.

Others considering a bid include state Rep. Shelia Stubbs, D-Madison, and longtime Dem activist Scot Ross.

See the tweet: https://twitter.com/keldahelenroys/status/1243512448801538051

-- The Wisconsin Elections Commission says a third party mailer by a Washington, D.C.,-based firm is confusing voters for its similarities to an absentee ballot request form.

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The mailer is labeled a "Vote at home ballot form" and encourages voters to request absentee ballots. The form is actually from the "Center for Voter information," which has a Madison return address but is based out of D.C.

"If you have already requested an absentee ballot, you do not need to return this request form," said the commission's Meagan Wolfe, "You can go online to MyVote.WI.gov, and check the status of your existing absentee ballot request."

Third party mailers are legal and may encourage voters to request absentee ballots, but the commission recommends voters examine the mailers closely, "especially the instructions on where to send registration forms or applications."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200326WEC.pdf

-- AG Josh Kaul and 27 attorneys general are demanding the U.S. Department of Education provide financial protections for student loan debtors during the national economic downturn.

The AGs in a letter requested Education Secretary Betsy DeVos implement emergency measures to: halt collections; enroll all borrowers at risk of delinquency in a $0-per-month Income Driven Repayment plan; and extend relief availability to all affected by the current COVID-19 economic crisis.

"We should be doing what we can to provide relief to those whose ability to repay student loan debt has been impacted by the coronavirus," Kaul said in a statement. "The federal government should act to implement these emergency measures."

See more:
https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/ag-kaul-and-multistate-coalition-fighting-emergency-relief-federal-student-loan

-- Gov. Tony Evers discussed the details of his "Safer at Home" order in this week's Dem radio address.

Evers highlighted how the stay-at-home order to prevent the spread of coronavirus doesn't ban people from walking their dogs or riding a bike outside. But he did recommend people "don't take any unnecessary trips" to limit potential exposure.

"Issuing a Safer at Home order isn't something I thought we'd have to do, it's not something I wanted to do, and it's not something I take lightly," He said. "We're all in this together, and we need to help stop the spread of COVID-19... to ensure our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers have the opportunity to do their important work."

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See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-delivers-weekly-radio-address-concerning-safer-at-home-order/

-- In this week's GOP address, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos thanked Wisconsinites "for coming together in this crisis."

"Whether you agree or disagree with Gov. Evers' 'Safer at Home' order, we have to follow it," the Rochester Republican said. "We all want Wisconsin to reopen as soon as possible."

Vos also said it was "good to hear" that national lawmakers are close to passing another stimulus bill that would offer funds to businesses, people and state and local governments.

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... Wisconsin requires a physician to supervise each PA ... no more than four PAs at once. Wisconsin is among 39 states with limits on physician-PA ratios. ... most ... had the similar 4-1 ratio ... Eight states had ratios below 4-1. ... scope of practice [in WI] ... is restricted to that of their supervising physician [unlike 38 other states] ... If not for regulatory barriers, PAs, who are trained as generalists, could "step in and mitigate this gap we might have in health care coverage," said [Froedert PA] Silkey [noting shift to ICU would require PA to find another supervising doc] ... [pandemic delayed Senate action on Assembly-passed bipartisan bill loosening restrictions, which now has support of med groups] ... [Oshkosh PA] Malkowski said the Barton Associates recruiter told her that [hiring required doctors] is a costly proposition. ["very frustrated" she cannot contribute more to the effort] ... [Barton] did not respond ... on a press call Tuesday, Evers said his administration was examining "all issues relating to the ability of us to relax regulations in this circumstance," but did not offer details. [DSPS] "working with Evers "on potential orders" ... Pharmacy Examining Board last week granted a request to allow pharmacists to reuse [PPE] ... Board of Nursing planned Wednesday to discuss potential legislation and rules changes ... Council on Physician Assistants is scheduled

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to convene on April 7, while the Medical Examining Board plans a Friday teleconference. ME, IA loosening restrictions. WhiteHOuse.gov petition to allow "full practice authority in all clinic and hospital settings" needs 100K signatures to advance, only has 2,500.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/03/physician-assistants-want-to-help-fight-coronavirus/

Fred Risser, Nation's Longest-Serving State Legislator, To Retire
Madison State Senator Has Served In Legislature For 64 Years ... Risser, who is 92, was first elected to the state Assembly in 1956. ... elected to the Senate in 1962. ... Legislature's last surviving veteran of World War II. ... worked with 13 governors ... never missed a roll call ... work on the state's building commission as one of his biggest accomplishments ... [successor scramble] won't include Rep. Chris Taylor .. [ex-OWN chief Ross and ex-rep. Roys] confirmed Thursday that they are considering runs. UW student Elmikashfi, UW grad Moe also running.
https://www.wpr.org/fred-risser-nations-longest-serving-state-legislator-retire

Rep. Taylor not seeking another term after nearly 10 years on the state Assembly
... joined the Assembly after a 2011 special election and became known for her passionate floor speeches and advocacy for liberal issues such as abortion rights, gun control and programs for sexual and domestic violence victims. ... F-35 jets at Truax ... declined to comment for this story, but in a statement said her role in the Legislature has been "one of the greatest honors of my life. I have been humbled by the trust my district has placed in me, and it has been a true privilege to serve in some of the most difficult and divisive political times in our state's history, including during this COVID-19 crisis. ... I promised the people of my community that I would always stand up for them, and I believe I was true to this promise." Taylor volunteer Driscoll weighing run. Supv. Chawla declined to confess consideration for Taylor or Risser seats, but added "whoever runs for those seats will have incredibly big shoes to fill."
https://madison.com/wsj/0b1764ec-43c9-54d8-8754-53eed18cc184.html

WNG Col. James V. Locke stripped of command duties
... statement said [Adj. Gen.] Knapp had lost confidence in Locke, based on command climate, poor judgment and alleged misconduct. An investigation is underway. "A decision like this is never easy to make, but it is the right thing to do and is in the best interest of the organization," Knapp said. ... Guard declined to comment Thursday ... still trying to recover after federal investigators last year revealed they had found multiple problems with how the Guard handles sexual harassment and sexual assault complaints. Rehash Dunbar's resignation, Evers appointing Knapp.
https://madison.com/wsj/27354847-2a12-5040-9f4c-a268d14f4bfc.html

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https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

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- 9 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.: Thompson Center: "Protecting Democratic Institutions from Threats to Liberty." Event is to be held online. Panelists are to discuss the state of global freedom and democracy. The event includes an examination of the cases of the USSR, Russia, and Venezuela, along with a look at America's role on the world stage. https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu/conferences/

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"The way he envisions this, the election really goes on and does not end until the 13th," the former GOP lawmaker said. "That would have been fine if he would have told us to go ahead and stop election night reporting."

The commission split 3-3 on pursuing an appeal, but members agreed they needed guidance on how to handle counting ballots.

Under state law, county clerks must post unofficial Election Night returns within two hours after receiving them from municipal clerks. But neither Dems nor Republicans on the panel felt comfortable publishing returns before the deadline to cast a ballot.

Dem Mark Thomsen indicated the commission intended to send a letter asking Conley to affirm his ruling could be interpreted to allow the counting of ballots to be done ahead of the new April 13 deadline but to not have "running counts."

Thomsen said he anticipated the court would provide guidance by tomorrow if the panel delivered the letter in the morning.

-- Within hours of yesterday's ruling, both the state and national Republican parties and GOP lawmakers had filed notice of their intention to appeal the decision pushing back the deadline for absentee ballots to April 13.

State GOP Chair Andrew Hitt argued Conley's decision to push back the deadline for absentee ballots to be received, without adding a date by which they must be postmarked, had the effect of pushing back the entire election.

"Such a substantial decision normally left to our elected officials requires the review of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals," Hitt said.

The state and national Republican parties were allowed to intervene in the suit, while GOP lawmakers weren't.

In their notice, the Republican legislators indicated plans to file an emergency appeal seeking to stay Conley's order while it is reviewed. They also want his decision rejecting their motion to intervene reversed.

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Read the RPW and RNC notice:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Notice.pdf

Read the notice from GOP lawmakers:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Motion2.pdf

-- Gov. Tony Evers praised the decision for including the "common-sense solutions that I've been advocating for."

During the early stages of the outbreak, Evers repeatedly said the April 7 election should move forward as planned, arguing a delay could leave scores of local offices vacant during a public health emergency after their terms expire later this month.

A week ago, he called on lawmakers to immediately convene and change state law to allow absentee ballots to be mailed to all registered voters. On Tuesday, his administration filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the combined lawsuit seeking changes to the election, recommending the federal judge extend various deadlines for absentee ballots. Then late Wednesday, the guv said in a statement he'd have changed the election date if he had the sole authority to do so.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, knocked Evers' call to change the law to allow an election conducted largely by mail as "fantasy" and slammed the guv saying he'd have changed the election date. He said Evers had "not once" mentioned moving the election before Wednesday.

Late yesterday, Evers said it was great news that voters will have more time to request and submit an absentee ballot, while clerks will have more time to count them.

"In the absence of the Legislature doing its part to ensure a fair and safe election, I appreciate that the court chose to implement some of the common-sense solutions that I've been advocating for," Evers said.

-- Robert Cherry Jr., the chief development and partnership officer for Employ Milwaukee, is taking over as deputy secretary at the Department of Workforce Development following the retirement of JoAnna Richard.

The agency said Cherry's tenure at Employ Milwaukee, the Milwaukee County workforce development board, included creating the Office of Career Exploration. It is dedicated to improving the job skills of those 18-24.

Richard, who retired March 26, served eight years with the agency under Gov. Jim Doyle.

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See the release:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/news/2020/200402-deputy-secretary-announcement.htm

-- Madison Ald. Marsha Rummel and Heather Driscoll, a local advocate, have announced plans to run for the Assembly seat of fellow Dem Chris Taylor, who isn't seeking reelection this fall.

Driscoll ran unsuccessfully for the Dane County Board in 2018 and has been active on issues such as the environment and gun violence prevention.

Rummel, who served as Common Council president in 2017-18, works at the state Department of Revenue.

Republican Patrick Francis Hull and Thomas Charles, who lists his political affiliation as the Freeman Party, have both registered to run for the heavily Dem seat.

See the Driscoll release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/driscoll-campaign-announces-her-candidacy-for-the-open-76th-state-assembly-district-seat/

See the Rummel release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rummel-campaign-madison-alder-announces-bid-for-state-assembly/

-- Thirty-one GOP lawmakers have asked DHS Secretary Andrea Palm to close standalone abortion facilities as part of the stay-at-home order she's issued, arguing the services offered there are non-essential.

Abortion opponents around the country have called for a suspension of the procedure amid the public health emergency, arguing it drains resources such as gloves and masks that could be used by health care professionals battling COVID-19. But abortion rights supporters have countered those procedures are time-sensitive and can't be delayed. Federal judges this week blocked officials in Ohio, Texas and Alabama from stopping abortions during the pandemic.

In yesterday's letter, the Wisconsin lawmakers argued abortion was a non-essential procedure.

"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," they wrote.

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/legislative-republicans-letter-to-dhs-secretary-

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designee-andrea-palm-about-covid-19-response/

-- Gov. Tony Evers in this week's Dem radio address said the bottom line in his "Safer at Home" order is keeping healthcare workers and the public as safe as possible during the rapidly changing COVID-19 crisis.

"And that's always going to be the bottom line for me: keeping people safe," Evers said. "At the end of the day, folks, we are all in this together and during the most difficult times, we are called upon to remember our Wisconsin values of kindness, compassion, empathy and respect."

Evers explained how the order still allows people to take walks outside but recommends people only travel when absolutely necessary, such as a trip to the grocery store or the doctor.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-and-lt-gov-barnes-dem-weekly-radio-address/

-- In this week's GOP radio address, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos broke down the Cares Act federal stimulus package recently signed into law by President Trump.

The Rochester Republican said the law will inject $2.2 trillion into the U.S. economy through payments to families and small businesses, as well as increased unemployment insurance benefits and expanded funds for the healthcare industry to combat the coronavirus.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is projecting Wisconsin will receive $2.2 billion of the package for state and local governments.

"I want to thank the Wisconsin congressional delegation and especially, President Trump, for providing such comprehensive assistance to the American people when we need it," Vos said.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-vos-gop-weekly-radio-address/

-- The Wisconsin congressional delegation is joining Gov. Tony Evers' request for a federal disaster declaration due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In a letter to President Trump, the delegation highlighted predictions by the Department of Health Services and the Department of Workforce Development that hospitals could

be soon overrun and unemployment has skyrocketed since the outbreak began.

The letter requests federal aid through the Stafford Act, a law Trump invoked that could deliver disaster relief to state and tribal governments.

See the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402JOHNSON.pdf

See coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wisconsin-coronavirus-resources/

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DHS: 1,730 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
33 People Have Died. 20,317 negative tests, 461 hospitalization. 180 more cases, 4 more deaths, 1,498 more negative tests since Wednesday. 2 new deaths from Milwaukee County. [JSOnline reports 22 county deaths, 41 statewide.] Confirmed cases in 52 WI counties. Cases, deaths in Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine, FdL, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan counties. Caseless counties: Barron, Burnett, Florence, Forest, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Pepin, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vernon, Washburn and Waushara. DHS CMO Westergaard has no plan to begin releasing data on recovered patients since they don't require follow-up testing, "If we presented numbers on how many people have recovered it would be a guess."
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-730-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Health officials ask for patience as cases climb, efforts appear to be working
... "Folks need to continue to be patient, continue to take seriously 'safer at home,'" [DHS Sec.] Palm said. "What we know about the illness is that many of the cases we are seeing now and the escalation we are seeing are folks who were infected before 'safer at home.' I want you to not think that what we're doing isn't having the impact that it needs to have." ... [CMO Westergaard] said a peak in positive cases likely won't be realized for two to three more weeks, but ... "History hasn't been written yet," he said. "We don't know what the epidemic curve looks like until it's over, and our goal is to make the peak as low as it possibly can." WEDC's Hughes noted 4K calls re: non-essential businesses, half in Week 1, "We know this is tough for businesses." DWD yet to update Feb.'s 3.5% UI rate, despite > 200K initial claims in past 2 weeks. DOA announced 250 new FTEs to handle UI caseload. DWD Sec. Caleb vowed swift hiring, training, deployment. MU Law poll found 10% lost job, 22% had reduced hors due to Evers' order. Evers, GOP still negotiating COVID relief bill, including axing UI week-wait.
https://madison.com/wsj/b0c43771-df64-55cc-bc6f-8742d32fae71.html

Democratic National Convention Postponed Amid COVID-19 Concerns
... [July 13-16 event] will instead be held the week of Aug. 17, but for how many days is unknown. DNCC CEO Solmonese statement: "In our current climate of uncertainty, we believe the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds so we can best position our party for a safe and successful convention. During this critical time, when the scope and scale of the pandemic and its impact remain unknown, we will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice of health care professionals and emergency responders. I have always believed that American innovation and ingenuity shine brightest during our darkest days, and for that reason, I'm confident our convention planning team and our partners will find a way to deliver a convention in Milwaukee this summer that places our Democratic nominee on the path to victory in November." Mayor Barrett hailed postponement not cancellation as "really good news, at a time when everyone needed to hear really good news," confident the city's hotels and businesses will be happy to accommodate, held "a great deal of hope, that by mid-August, this will serve as a shot in the arm, for our local businesses."

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Rehash Biden Wednesday expecting postponement, original estimated $200M economic impact, the NBA/Ryder Cup summer WI would have had [Ryder Cup is still on for Sept.], DNC Chair Perez choosing Milwaukee.
https://www.wpr.org/democratic-national-convention-postponed-amid-covid-19-concerns

First Biden, now Sanders, endorse 2 school referendums
... Biden ... announced on Tuesday that he was in support of the referendums in Milwaukee and Racine. Sanders ... added his backing on Thursday. The Milwaukee referendum would cost taxpayers $87 million while the one in Racine comes with a $1 billion price tag. They are among more than 40 districts across the state seeking more than $1.6 billion in referendums in Tuesday's election.
https://www.channel3000.com/first-biden-now-sanders-endorse-2-school-referendums/

Dunn County golf courses allowing members to play despite Evers' order
... A letter ... dated Tuesday and signed by Menomonie Police Chief Eric M. Atkinson, Dunn County Sheriff Kevin Bygd and Dunn County Public Health Director KT Gallagher ... which was posted on social media by the Menomonie Golf and Country Club, describes [distancing] guidelines and says that courses following them are not in violation of the governor's order. ... also states local law enforcement is responsible for ensuring the guidelines are followed. ... Golf courses are not specifically mentioned in Evers' order, but [Baldauff for Evers email] listed golf courses as businesses that would close. EC Sheriff Cramer said he and other sheriffs have heard from their county courses, "I don't know that their exemption is accurate. ... Until we hear the governor making an exemption for golf courses, they are to be closed. We're just asking people to be responsible and patient. This is a different time in our life." ... A petition on change.org asking for courses to be opened has more than 60,000 signatures as of Thursday afternoon. [OH courses open under their order]
https://madison.com/wsj/37811973-acef-5a6a-861a-d63b491d3b8b.html

Despite COVID-19 Concerns, Judge Won't Postpone WI's April 7 Election
... Judge William Conley issued his ruling Thursday, a day after hearing arguments and five days before voters are scheduled to go to the polls. ... said based on his reading of U.S. Supreme Court rulings, it was not within his power to postpone the election. ... Conley extended absentee receipt deadline to 4 p.m. Monday, April 13, no specific postmark date, extended absentee request until 5 p.m. Friday, grant WEC leeway to decide whether to extend that deadline on its website, will permit absentee without witness if voter affirms they were unable to get witness, "it will be left up to the individual discretion of clerks as to whether to accept a voter's excuse." WEC immediately set 8 p.m. meeting to discuss the case. DPW chair Wikler cheered, "Today's ruling is a victory for voters, for public health, and for democracy itself. Every voter must count, even during crises, and this ruling gives voters critical time to vote safely by mail." RPW, RNC vowed appeal. RPW chair Hitt decried lack of postmark date, "Such a substantial decision normally left to our elected officials requires the review of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. We hope the appeals court defers to the Wisconsin legislative and executive branches and stays the district court's decision." Conley praised WEC staff efforts to accommodate election amid COVID, "If there is a hero to this story, it is the

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(Elections Commission) Administrator, her staff and municipal workers, all of whom continue to improvise election practices."
https://www.wpr.org/despite-covid-19-concerns-federal-judge-wont-postpone-wisconsins-april-7-election

Families of inmates fear coronavirus as researcher says control is 'nearly impossible'
... "The bottom line is that it's nearly impossible to do infection control in prisons," said [Yale prof.] Gonsalves ... The best option is to reduce the prison population, he and other epidemiologists agree. Some states have begun to do that by releasing elderly and ill prisoners, people serving time on noncriminal probation and parole revocations and people like McKinney, who don't have much time left on their sentences. Baldauff for Evers touted plans to release 65 supervised release violators from the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility Thursday, sent there for treatment in lieu of return to prison, "We are working with stakeholders and reviewing options to safely reduce the prison population. We are taking our time to get this right because we have concerns about public safety and also about ensuring that vulnerable and at-risk individuals would have access to care and resources in their communities," does not mention compassionate release or parole commission review. Only 28 released so far. WPHA, WALHDB wrote urging Evers to release low-risk prisoners, "And these staff and other individuals live in communities where community spread of COVID-19 is occurring." Waupun, Columbia, Milwaukee Secure each have staffer tested positive. DOC website says no COVID-positive inmates, but does not say how many have been tested. DOC did not respond. Inmate's fiance' said his severe cough goes untreated and he still works in library. 18 Waupun inmates isolated after contact with infected doctor, but no word on if they were tested. 1 of the 18 said no test, only temp check 5 days later, described isolation without shower for a week, released March 24 with advice to wash hands. Doc returned to work March 31. UW prof. Klingele details options to release inmates, prioritize low risk, elderly, ill, approaching release date, though some have nowhere to go, "These are hard questions, but they're ones that we need to answer quickly." WISDOM's Liners argued that Evers and prison officials have several legal options to release inmates. Forum for Understanding Prisons has staged Capitol protests, spoken to DOC Sec. Carr. "By failing to release people before COVID-19 spreads throughout Wisconsin prisons, Gov. Evers is effectively signing death warrants on hundreds or thousands of prisoners," [FUP's] Turk said in a statement. Heussner comments on inmate partner's plight.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/02/5097246002/

WI GOP urge state health officials to temporarily close abortion clinics
... 31 lawmakers [13 sens [with Jacques, Fitzgerald, Darling], 18 reps [with NYgren] argued in a letter Thursday [to DHS Sec. Palm], would bolster safety and ensure abortion providers aren't needlessly "using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites." [until Evers order expires] ... other states [including OH, AL, OK, IA, TX] have shut down abortion procedures for the short term largely by classifying them as medically unnecessary ... spurred a series of lawsuits that are largely still making their way through the courts [TX ban won appeal] ... [Evers order

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lists medical clinics in general as essential. PPW has 24 clinics, but only Madison, Milwaukee and Sheboygan clinics offer abortions]. Palm remains unconfirmed, perhaps due to hiring a PPW-er as Deputy. Evers, DHS, PPW did not respond.
https://madison.com/ct/02434a03-cd5f-5e3f-b718-547b7d7bc66b.html

Systems Pres. Cross updates Regents on pandemic, 'significant financial cost'
... already "significantly greater than anything I've seen in my 42 years of higher education." ... expressed gratitude for [$94M from fed] stimulus bill ... a "powerful down payment" to address immediate concerns, and laid out plans to continue analyzing coronavirus-related costs until June 1. [rehash room-board refunds] ... "The costs of COVID-19 are just starting to come in, and one of the few things we know for sure is that the full cost will not be known for some time," Cross told the board. "We will continue to track these unbudgeted costs to keep our shared mission of providing every student the opportunity to attend our exceptional campuses. ... Our decision to transition our teaching platforms to alternative delivery methods largely online was a necessary step. ... But it does have serious consequences. ... truth is we don't know what's next. ... an evolving time with many gray areas. That doesn't mean we shouldn't start planning for what could be next." System was already facing 26% reduction in enrollment, mirroring nat'l trend. UW-Madison's McGlone "cautiously optimistic" about fall admissions.
https://madison.com/ct/b3741d9d-6dbc-5c44-8c3d-c30a3e2392c3.html

Senate Democratic leader Jennifer Shilling won't seek re-election
... because it's "time to put my family first" noting time with her school-aged sons "is fading. ... I do not leave with regrets, I leave with wonder -- wonder about the future, about what will be," she said in a statement. "Wonder about what lies ahead, and a wonder of new ways that I will continue to be able to serve my community, and others." Dem Sens. Hansen, miller, Risser also retiring. Kapanke-R, whom Shilling unseated in a 2011 special, who lost to her by 56 votes in 2016, is already running, giving hope for GOP veto-proof majority. Speaker Vos touted "a ton of respect ... her efforts to make Wisconsin a better place. ... After two decades of public service, the legislature's loss is her family's gain." Minority Leader Hintz hailed "a true public servant to her constituents ... championing the values of opportunity and fairness."
https://madison.com/ct/8b660159-49b1-58fe-a1a2-e6deaab26129.html

'You've been served': WI hospitals sue patients over debt -- even during pandemic
... at least 104 lawsuits in small claims court since Gov. Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency on March 12 ... Froedtert "suspended filing small claims suits" as of March 18 in response to COVID-19. ... Yet court records show at least 18 lawsuits filed on the hospital's behalf since then, including 15 filed on March 31 alone. ... [Froedert's] Schooff did not explain the discrepancy. [Froedtert atty. Bilka] declined comment. ... at least six additional health systems have also sued patients during the pandemic. [UW Health 19, Marshfield Clinic at least 14, Bellin 11, Gundersen 10, Aspirus 3, Froedtert South 1] ... UW Health, Gundersen, Marshfield, Aspirus and Froedtert South ... have since paused certain legal actions [UW Health's Russell, Aspirus' Napgezek, Froedtert

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South's Duncan, Gundersen, Marshfield reps comment. Bellin did not] ... More than a quarter of U.S. adults say they or someone they know has faced trouble paying a medical bill, according to a 2016 survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the New York Times. ... Some hospitals have stopped ... following investigative reporting by MLK50 and ProPublica. ... [Legal Action's Roulette] said most people facing medical debt and hospital lawsuits are "underinsured" ... [ABC For Health's Peterson said Evers] "should strongly encourage that all action cease." Evers did not respond. Feature highlights Blanche Jordan, an "essential" caregiver being sued for medical bills related to breast cancer treatment.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/04/hospitals-sue-patients-during-pandemic/

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- 9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.: Thompson Center: Achieving Greater Independence for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Michael Morris, executive director of the National Disability Institute and The ABLE National Resource Center, will deliver the keynote address.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-achieving-greater-independence-for-adults-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities/

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"The way he envisions this, the election really goes on and does not end until the 13th," the former GOP lawmaker said. "That would have been fine if he would have told us to go ahead and stop election night reporting."

The commission split 3-3 on pursuing an appeal, but members agreed they needed guidance on how to handle counting ballots.

Under state law, county clerks must post unofficial Election Night returns within two hours after receiving them from municipal clerks. But neither Dems nor Republicans on the panel felt comfortable publishing returns before the deadline to cast a ballot.

Dem Mark Thomsen indicated the commission intended to send a letter asking Conley to affirm his ruling could be interpreted to allow the counting of ballots to be done ahead of the new April 13 deadline but to not have "running counts."

Thomsen said he anticipated the court would provide guidance by tomorrow if the panel delivered the letter in the morning.

-- Within hours of yesterday's ruling, both the state and national Republican parties and GOP lawmakers had filed notice of their intention to appeal the decision pushing back the deadline for absentee ballots to April 13.

State GOP Chair Andrew Hitt argued Conley's decision to push back the deadline for absentee ballots to be received, without adding a date by which they must be postmarked, had the effect of pushing back the entire election.

"Such a substantial decision normally left to our elected officials requires the review of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals," Hitt said.

The state and national Republican parties were allowed to intervene in the suit, while GOP lawmakers weren't.

In their notice, the Republican legislators indicated plans to file an emergency appeal seeking to stay Conley's order while it is reviewed. They also want his decision rejecting their motion to intervene reversed.

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Read the RPW and RNC notice:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Notice.pdf

Read the notice from GOP lawmakers:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Motion2.pdf

-- Gov. Tony Evers praised the decision for including the "common-sense solutions that I've been advocating for."

During the early stages of the outbreak, Evers repeatedly said the April 7 election should move forward as planned, arguing a delay could leave scores of local offices vacant during a public health emergency after their terms expire later this month.

A week ago, he called on lawmakers to immediately convene and change state law to allow absentee ballots to be mailed to all registered voters. On Tuesday, his administration filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the combined lawsuit seeking changes to the election, recommending the federal judge extend various deadlines for absentee ballots. Then late Wednesday, the guv said in a statement he'd have changed the election date if he had the sole authority to do so.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, knocked Evers' call to change the law to allow an election conducted largely by mail as "fantasy" and slammed the guv saying he'd have changed the election date. He said Evers had "not once" mentioned moving the election before Wednesday.

Late yesterday, Evers said it was great news that voters will have more time to request and submit an absentee ballot, while clerks will have more time to count them.

"In the absence of the Legislature doing its part to ensure a fair and safe election, I appreciate that the court chose to implement some of the common-sense solutions that I've been advocating for," Evers said.

-- Robert Cherry Jr., the chief development and partnership officer for Employ Milwaukee, is taking over as deputy secretary at the Department of Workforce Development following the retirement of JoAnna Richard.

The agency said Cherry's tenure at Employ Milwaukee, the Milwaukee County workforce development board, included creating the Office of Career Exploration. It is dedicated to improving the job skills of those 18-24.

Richard, who retired March 26, served eight years with the agency under Gov. Jim Doyle.

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See the release:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/news/2020/200402-deputy-secretary-announcement.htm

-- Madison Ald. Marsha Rummel and Heather Driscoll, a local advocate, have announced plans to run for the Assembly seat of fellow Dem Chris Taylor, who isn't seeking reelection this fall.

Driscoll ran unsuccessfully for the Dane County Board in 2018 and has been active on issues such as the environment and gun violence prevention.

Rummel, who served as Common Council president in 2017-18, works at the state Department of Revenue.

Republican Patrick Francis Hull and Thomas Charles, who lists his political affiliation as the Freeman Party, have both registered to run for the heavily Dem seat.

See the Driscoll release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/driscoll-campaign-announces-her-candidacy-for-the-open-76th-state-assembly-district-seat/

See the Rummel release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rummel-campaign-madison-alder-announces-bid-for-state-assembly/

-- Thirty-one GOP lawmakers have asked DHS Secretary Andrea Palm to close standalone abortion facilities as part of the stay-at-home order she's issued, arguing the services offered there are non-essential.

Abortion opponents around the country have called for a suspension of the procedure amid the public health emergency, arguing it drains resources such as gloves and masks that could be used by health care professionals battling COVID-19. But abortion rights supporters have countered those procedures are time-sensitive and can't be delayed. Federal judges this week blocked officials in Ohio, Texas and Alabama from stopping abortions during the pandemic.

In yesterday's letter, the Wisconsin lawmakers argued abortion was a non-essential procedure.

"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," they wrote.

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/legislative-republicans-letter-to-dhs-secretary-

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designee-andrea-palm-about-covid-19-response/

-- Gov. Tony Evers in this week's Dem radio address said the bottom line in his "Safer at Home" order is keeping healthcare workers and the public as safe as possible during the rapidly changing COVID-19 crisis.

"And that's always going to be the bottom line for me: keeping people safe," Evers said. "At the end of the day, folks, we are all in this together and during the most difficult times, we are called upon to remember our Wisconsin values of kindness, compassion, empathy and respect."

Evers explained how the order still allows people to take walks outside but recommends people only travel when absolutely necessary, such as a trip to the grocery store or the doctor.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-and-lt-gov-barnes-dem-weekly-radio-address/

-- In this week's GOP radio address, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos broke down the Cares Act federal stimulus package recently signed into law by President Trump.

The Rochester Republican said the law will inject $2.2 trillion into the U.S. economy through payments to families and small businesses, as well as increased unemployment insurance benefits and expanded funds for the healthcare industry to combat the coronavirus.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is projecting Wisconsin will receive $2.2 billion of the package for state and local governments.

"I want to thank the Wisconsin congressional delegation and especially, President Trump, for providing such comprehensive assistance to the American people when we need it," Vos said.

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-vos-gop-weekly-radio-address/

-- The Wisconsin congressional delegation is joining Gov. Tony Evers' request for a federal disaster declaration due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In a letter to President Trump, the delegation highlighted predictions by the Department of Health Services and the Department of Workforce Development that hospitals could

be soon overrun and unemployment has skyrocketed since the outbreak began.

The letter requests federal aid through the Stafford Act, a law Trump invoked that could deliver disaster relief to state and tribal governments.

See the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402JOHNSON.pdf

See coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wisconsin-coronavirus-resources/

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DHS: 1,730 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
33 People Have Died. 20,317 negative tests, 461 hospitalization. 180 more cases, 4 more deaths, 1,498 more negative tests since Wednesday. 2 new deaths from Milwaukee County. [JSOnline reports 22 county deaths, 41 statewide.] Confirmed cases in 52 WI counties. Cases, deaths in Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine, FdL, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan counties. Caseless counties: Barron, Burnett, Florence, Forest, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Pepin, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vernon, Washburn and Waushara. DHS CMO Westergaard has no plan to begin releasing data on recovered patients since they don't require follow-up testing, "If we presented numbers on how many people have recovered it would be a guess."
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-730-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Health officials ask for patience as cases climb, efforts appear to be working
... "Folks need to continue to be patient, continue to take seriously 'safer at home,'" [DHS Sec.] Palm said. "What we know about the illness is that many of the cases we are seeing now and the escalation we are seeing are folks who were infected before 'safer at home.' I want you to not think that what we're doing isn't having the impact that it needs to have." ... [CMO Westergaard] said a peak in positive cases likely won't be realized for two to three more weeks, but ... "History hasn't been written yet," he said. "We don't know what the epidemic curve looks like until it's over, and our goal is to make the peak as low as it possibly can." WEDC's Hughes noted 4K calls re: non-essential businesses, half in Week 1, "We know this is tough for businesses." DWD yet to update Feb.'s 3.5% UI rate, despite > 200K initial claims in past 2 weeks. DOA announced 250 new FTEs to handle UI caseload. DWD Sec. Caleb vowed swift hiring, training, deployment. MU Law poll found 10% lost job, 22% had reduced hors due to Evers' order. Evers, GOP still negotiating COVID relief bill, including axing UI week-wait.
https://madison.com/wsj/b0c43771-df64-55cc-bc6f-8742d32fae71.html

Democratic National Convention Postponed Amid COVID-19 Concerns
... [July 13-16 event] will instead be held the week of Aug. 17, but for how many days is unknown. DNCC CEO Solmonese statement: "In our current climate of uncertainty, we believe the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds so we can best position our party for a safe and successful convention. During this critical time, when the scope and scale of the pandemic and its impact remain unknown, we will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice of health care professionals and emergency responders. I have always believed that American innovation and ingenuity shine brightest during our darkest days, and for that reason, I'm confident our convention planning team and our partners will find a way to deliver a convention in Milwaukee this summer that places our Democratic nominee on the path to victory in November." Mayor Barrett hailed postponement not cancellation as "really good news, at a time when everyone needed to hear really good news," confident the city's hotels and businesses will be happy to accommodate, held "a great deal of hope, that by mid-August, this will serve as a shot in the arm, for our local businesses."

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Rehash Biden Wednesday expecting postponement, original estimated $200M economic impact, the NBA/Ryder Cup summer WI would have had [Ryder Cup is still on for Sept.], DNC Chair Perez choosing Milwaukee.
https://www.wpr.org/democratic-national-convention-postponed-amid-covid-19-concerns

First Biden, now Sanders, endorse 2 school referendums
... Biden ... announced on Tuesday that he was in support of the referendums in Milwaukee and Racine. Sanders ... added his backing on Thursday. The Milwaukee referendum would cost taxpayers $87 million while the one in Racine comes with a $1 billion price tag. They are among more than 40 districts across the state seeking more than $1.6 billion in referendums in Tuesday's election.
https://www.channel3000.com/first-biden-now-sanders-endorse-2-school-referendums/

Dunn County golf courses allowing members to play despite Evers' order
... A letter ... dated Tuesday and signed by Menomonie Police Chief Eric M. Atkinson, Dunn County Sheriff Kevin Bygd and Dunn County Public Health Director KT Gallagher ... which was posted on social media by the Menomonie Golf and Country Club, describes [distancing] guidelines and says that courses following them are not in violation of the governor's order. ... also states local law enforcement is responsible for ensuring the guidelines are followed. ... Golf courses are not specifically mentioned in Evers' order, but [Baldauff for Evers email] listed golf courses as businesses that would close. EC Sheriff Cramer said he and other sheriffs have heard from their county courses, "I don't know that their exemption is accurate. ... Until we hear the governor making an exemption for golf courses, they are to be closed. We're just asking people to be responsible and patient. This is a different time in our life." ... A petition on change.org asking for courses to be opened has more than 60,000 signatures as of Thursday afternoon. [OH courses open under their order]
https://madison.com/wsj/37811973-acef-5a6a-861a-d63b491d3b8b.html

Despite COVID-19 Concerns, Judge Won't Postpone WI's April 7 Election
... Judge William Conley issued his ruling Thursday, a day after hearing arguments and five days before voters are scheduled to go to the polls. ... said based on his reading of U.S. Supreme Court rulings, it was not within his power to postpone the election. ... Conley extended absentee receipt deadline to 4 p.m. Monday, April 13, no specific postmark date, extended absentee request until 5 p.m. Friday, grant WEC leeway to decide whether to extend that deadline on its website, will permit absentee without witness if voter affirms they were unable to get witness, "it will be left up to the individual discretion of clerks as to whether to accept a voter's excuse." WEC immediately set 8 p.m. meeting to discuss the case. DPW chair Wikler cheered, "Today's ruling is a victory for voters, for public health, and for democracy itself. Every voter must count, even during crises, and this ruling gives voters critical time to vote safely by mail." RPW, RNC vowed appeal. RPW chair Hitt decried lack of postmark date, "Such a substantial decision normally left to our elected officials requires the review of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. We hope the appeals court defers to the Wisconsin legislative and executive branches and stays the district court's decision." Conley praised WEC staff efforts to accommodate election amid COVID, "If there is a hero to this story, it is the

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(Elections Commission) Administrator, her staff and municipal workers, all of whom continue to improvise election practices."
https://www.wpr.org/despite-covid-19-concerns-federal-judge-wont-postpone-wisconsins-april-7-election

Families of inmates fear coronavirus as researcher says control is 'nearly impossible'
... "The bottom line is that it's nearly impossible to do infection control in prisons," said [Yale prof.] Gonsalves ... The best option is to reduce the prison population, he and other epidemiologists agree. Some states have begun to do that by releasing elderly and ill prisoners, people serving time on noncriminal probation and parole revocations and people like McKinney, who don't have much time left on their sentences. Baldauff for Evers touted plans to release 65 supervised release violators from the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility Thursday, sent there for treatment in lieu of return to prison, "We are working with stakeholders and reviewing options to safely reduce the prison population. We are taking our time to get this right because we have concerns about public safety and also about ensuring that vulnerable and at-risk individuals would have access to care and resources in their communities," does not mention compassionate release or parole commission review. Only 28 released so far. WPHA, WALHDB wrote urging Evers to release low-risk prisoners, "And these staff and other individuals live in communities where community spread of COVID-19 is occurring." Waupun, Columbia, Milwaukee Secure each have staffer tested positive. DOC website says no COVID-positive inmates, but does not say how many have been tested. DOC did not respond. Inmate's fiance' said his severe cough goes untreated and he still works in library. 18 Waupun inmates isolated after contact with infected doctor, but no word on if they were tested. 1 of the 18 said no test, only temp check 5 days later, described isolation without shower for a week, released March 24 with advice to wash hands. Doc returned to work March 31. UW prof. Klingele details options to release inmates, prioritize low risk, elderly, ill, approaching release date, though some have nowhere to go, "These are hard questions, but they're ones that we need to answer quickly." WISDOM's Liners argued that Evers and prison officials have several legal options to release inmates. Forum for Understanding Prisons has staged Capitol protests, spoken to DOC Sec. Carr. "By failing to release people before COVID-19 spreads throughout Wisconsin prisons, Gov. Evers is effectively signing death warrants on hundreds or thousands of prisoners," [FUP's] Turk said in a statement. Heussner comments on inmate partner's plight.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/02/5097246002/

WI GOP urge state health officials to temporarily close abortion clinics
... 31 lawmakers [13 sens [with Jacques, Fitzgerald, Darling], 18 reps [with NYgren] argued in a letter Thursday [to DHS Sec. Palm], would bolster safety and ensure abortion providers aren't needlessly "using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites." [until Evers order expires] ... other states [including OH, AL, OK, IA, TX] have shut down abortion procedures for the short term largely by classifying them as medically unnecessary ... spurred a series of lawsuits that are largely still making their way through the courts [TX ban won appeal] ... [Evers order

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lists medical clinics in general as essential. PPW has 24 clinics, but only Madison, Milwaukee and Sheboygan clinics offer abortions]. Palm remains unconfirmed, perhaps due to hiring a PPW-er as Deputy. Evers, DHS, PPW did not respond.
https://madison.com/ct/02434a03-cd5f-5e3f-b718-547b7d7bc66b.html

Systems Pres. Cross updates Regents on pandemic, 'significant financial cost'
... already "significantly greater than anything I've seen in my 42 years of higher education." ... expressed gratitude for [$94M from fed] stimulus bill ... a "powerful down payment" to address immediate concerns, and laid out plans to continue analyzing coronavirus-related costs until June 1. [rehash room-board refunds] ... "The costs of COVID-19 are just starting to come in, and one of the few things we know for sure is that the full cost will not be known for some time," Cross told the board. "We will continue to track these unbudgeted costs to keep our shared mission of providing every student the opportunity to attend our exceptional campuses. ... Our decision to transition our teaching platforms to alternative delivery methods largely online was a necessary step. ... But it does have serious consequences. ... truth is we don't know what's next. ... an evolving time with many gray areas. That doesn't mean we shouldn't start planning for what could be next." System was already facing 26% reduction in enrollment, mirroring nat'l trend. UW-Madison's McGlone "cautiously optimistic" about fall admissions.
https://madison.com/ct/b3741d9d-6dbc-5c44-8c3d-c30a3e2392c3.html

Senate Democratic leader Jennifer Shilling won't seek re-election
... because it's "time to put my family first" noting time with her school-aged sons "is fading. ... I do not leave with regrets, I leave with wonder -- wonder about the future, about what will be," she said in a statement. "Wonder about what lies ahead, and a wonder of new ways that I will continue to be able to serve my community, and others." Dem Sens. Hansen, miller, Risser also retiring. Kapanke-R, whom Shilling unseated in a 2011 special, who lost to her by 56 votes in 2016, is already running, giving hope for GOP veto-proof majority. Speaker Vos touted "a ton of respect ... her efforts to make Wisconsin a better place. ... After two decades of public service, the legislature's loss is her family's gain." Minority Leader Hintz hailed "a true public servant to her constituents ... championing the values of opportunity and fairness."
https://madison.com/ct/8b660159-49b1-58fe-a1a2-e6deaab26129.html

'You've been served': WI hospitals sue patients over debt -- even during pandemic
... at least 104 lawsuits in small claims court since Gov. Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency on March 12 ... Froedtert "suspended filing small claims suits" as of March 18 in response to COVID-19. ... Yet court records show at least 18 lawsuits filed on the hospital's behalf since then, including 15 filed on March 31 alone. ... [Froedert's] Schooff did not explain the discrepancy. [Froedtert atty. Bilka] declined comment. ... at least six additional health systems have also sued patients during the pandemic. [UW Health 19, Marshfield Clinic at least 14, Bellin 11, Gundersen 10, Aspirus 3, Froedtert South 1] ... UW Health, Gundersen, Marshfield, Aspirus and Froedtert South ... have since paused certain legal actions [UW Health's Russell, Aspirus' Napgezek, Froedtert

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South's Duncan, Gundersen, Marshfield reps comment. Bellin did not] ... More than a quarter of U.S. adults say they or someone they know has faced trouble paying a medical bill, according to a 2016 survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the New York Times. ... Some hospitals have stopped ... following investigative reporting by MLK50 and ProPublica. ... [Legal Action's Roulette] said most people facing medical debt and hospital lawsuits are "underinsured" ... [ABC For Health's Peterson said Evers] "should strongly encourage that all action cease." Evers did not respond. Feature highlights Blanche Jordan, an "essential" caregiver being sued for medical bills related to breast cancer treatment.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/04/hospitals-sue-patients-during-pandemic/

TODAY'S CALENDAR
https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

- 9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.: Thompson Center: Achieving Greater Independence for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Michael Morris, executive director of the National Disability Institute and The ABLE National Resource Center, will deliver the keynote address.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-achieving-greater-independence-for-adults-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities/

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-- Wisconsin's first deaths from COVID-19 are a Fond du Lac County man in his 50s and an Ozaukee County man in his 90s.

Gov. Tony Evers announced the deaths last night, offering his sympathies to their loved

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ones and all who are suffering from the virus.

The release didn't include details of how the men contracted the virus or when they first tested positive.

DHS has so far confirmed 155 cases in the state since last month. The counties with the most positive cases are: Milwaukee (62); Dane (27); Fond du Lac (14); and Waukesha (12).

"We are committed to fighting the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and I want to recognize the hard work and bravery of our nurses, doctors, state health officials, and all those on the front lines in the effort to save lives," Ever said. "Together we will get through this historic health challenge."

According to the release, the state is prioritizing the critically ill and healthcare workers for coronavirus testing due to "a shortage of ingredients needed to run the tests."

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-confirms-two-covid-19-deaths-in-wisconsin/

See links to state and national coronavirus resources here:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett is in self-quarantine after coming into contact with someone who tested positive for the coronavirus, he said in a statement last night.

"I have consulted with public health officials and they have recommended 14 days of self-quarantine and therefore that's what I will be doing," Barrett said.

Barrett said he is self-isolating and will continue working from home.

"In an effort to maintain social distancing the last several days, I have been continuing my duties and responsibilities by teleconference and videoconference and I expect to do the same during this time of self-quarantine," he said.

-- A Better Wisconsin Together Political Fund, an offshoot of a new progressive group announced earlier this year, has launched a $700,000 digital buy in the state Supreme Court race.

The group's filing with the Ethics Commission shows the money was split evenly between supporting Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky and opposing conservative Justice Daniel Kelly.

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A spokesman for the group didn't immediately return a message seeking a copy of the spot.

But one spot WisPolitics.com saw on a website read Kelly was "endorsed by an extreme group that would ban birth control." Clicking on the digital ad led to a website that read across the top, "How extreme is Daniel Kelly? Too extreme."

It shows a picture of Kelly Scott Walker; the site says the former GOP guv "handpicked" the justice. The site also says Kelly "supports making all abortions illegal, banning birth control" and "supports Betsy DeVos' agenda to send our taxpayer dollars to private schools."

A Better Wisconsin Together was officially launched in January as an advocacy organization. It also created an affiliated 527 to focus on elections.

See the website:
http://www.abwt-pf.org/extreme/

-- U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson's sale earlier this year of his ownership stake in the plastics company he helped found netted him between $5 million and $25 million, according to a filing with the Senate.

A spokesman said the move stemmed from a previously announced sale, not the coronavirus pandemic.

Johnson's filing yesterday came as some of his U.S. Senate colleagues came under intense scrutiny for dumping millions in stock after briefings on the disease.

In February, the San Francisco-based private equity firm Gryphon Investors announced it had signed an agreement for what it called a "strategic investment" in Oshkosh-based Pacur LLC. That announcement said the company's management team -- including the senator's brother and company CEO Barry Johnson -- would continue to manage the business while the family would "remain significant owners." The release didn't mention the senator.

"The transaction was the result of an investment by a private firm in Pacur that was months in the making and was unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic," said Johnson spokesman Ben Voekel, adding the senator and his wife no longer have an ownership stake in the company.

The filing with the U.S. Senate shows Johnson completed the transaction March 2 for between $5 million and $25 million.

The mass selling that propelled the stock market into bear territory began Feb. 24.

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National media reported several U.S. senators sold significant amounts of stock before the market began to tumble. They include U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, R-North Carolina, who made 33 separate transactions selling between $628,000 and $1.7 million of his holdings on Feb. 13, according to ProPublica. The Senate Intelligence Committee he chairs was receiving regular updates on the disease at the time.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin's assets are in a blind trust.

See Johnson's filing:
https://efdsearch.senate.gov/search/view/ptr/3877f56e-ceb3-4e34-9659-cf52ba9efc5d/

See the February announcement of the deal:
https://www.gryphon-inv.com/news-article/gryphon-signs-agreement-to-make-strategic-investment-in-pacur/

-- Gov. Tony Evers in this week's Dem radio address said he was "proud, but frankly, not surprised" of Wisconsinites' efforts to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

Evers cited community spread of the virus within the state, meaning people have tested positive who have no known connection to out-of-state travel.

He recommended people practice social distancing to protect themselves and loved ones and lessen the potential exposure for healthcare workers.

"Your assistance and patience will be critical to protecting you, your family and friends, and our communities," Evers said. "We're in this together, Wisconsin. Thank you."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-delivers-democratic-weekly-radio-address-on-covid-19-public-health-emergency-2/

-- In the GOP address, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos thanked Wisconsinites "for doing their part" to move the state forward during COVID-19's spread.

The Rochester Republican asked people to support small businesses affected by a Department of Health Services order limiting mass gatherings to less than 10 people. He also said the state needs blood donations and the elderly need people to check in on them.

"I think we all can agree the residents of Wisconsin are resilient," Vos said. "We can and will get through this crisis together."

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Gov. Tony Evers announced the deaths last night, offering his sympathies to their loved

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ones and all who are suffering from the virus.

The release didn't include details of how the men contracted the virus or when they first tested positive.

DHS has so far confirmed 155 cases in the state since last month. The counties with the most positive cases are: Milwaukee (62); Dane (27); Fond du Lac (14); and Waukesha (12).

"We are committed to fighting the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and I want to recognize the hard work and bravery of our nurses, doctors, state health officials, and all those on the front lines in the effort to save lives," Ever said. "Together we will get through this historic health challenge."

According to the release, the state is prioritizing the critically ill and healthcare workers for coronavirus testing due to "a shortage of ingredients needed to run the tests."

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-confirms-two-covid-19-deaths-in-wisconsin/

See links to state and national coronavirus resources here:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

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-- A Better Wisconsin Together Political Fund, an offshoot of a new progressive group announced earlier this year, has launched a $700,000 digital buy in the state Supreme Court race.

The group's filing with the Ethics Commission shows the money was split evenly between supporting Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky and opposing conservative Justice Daniel Kelly.

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A spokesman for the group didn't immediately return a message seeking a copy of the spot.

But one spot WisPolitics.com saw on a website read Kelly was "endorsed by an extreme group that would ban birth control." Clicking on the digital ad led to a website that read across the top, "How extreme is Daniel Kelly? Too extreme."

It shows a picture of Kelly Scott Walker; the site says the former GOP guv "handpicked" the justice. The site also says Kelly "supports making all abortions illegal, banning birth control" and "supports Betsy DeVos' agenda to send our taxpayer dollars to private schools."

A Better Wisconsin Together was officially launched in January as an advocacy organization. It also created an affiliated 527 to focus on elections.

See the website:
http://www.abwt-pf.org/extreme/

-- U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson's sale earlier this year of his ownership stake in the plastics company he helped found netted him between $5 million and $25 million, according to a filing with the Senate.

A spokesman said the move stemmed from a previously announced sale, not the coronavirus pandemic.

Johnson's filing yesterday came as some of his U.S. Senate colleagues came under intense scrutiny for dumping millions in stock after briefings on the disease.

In February, the San Francisco-based private equity firm Gryphon Investors announced it had signed an agreement for what it called a "strategic investment" in Oshkosh-based Pacur LLC. That announcement said the company's management team -- including the senator's brother and company CEO Barry Johnson -- would continue to manage the business while the family would "remain significant owners." The release didn't mention the senator.

"The transaction was the result of an investment by a private firm in Pacur that was months in the making and was unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic," said Johnson spokesman Ben Voekel, adding the senator and his wife no longer have an ownership stake in the company.

The filing with the U.S. Senate shows Johnson completed the transaction March 2 for between $5 million and $25 million.

The mass selling that propelled the stock market into bear territory began Feb. 24.

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National media reported several U.S. senators sold significant amounts of stock before the market began to tumble. They include U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, R-North Carolina, who made 33 separate transactions selling between $628,000 and $1.7 million of his holdings on Feb. 13, according to ProPublica. The Senate Intelligence Committee he chairs was receiving regular updates on the disease at the time.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin's assets are in a blind trust.

See Johnson's filing:
https://efdsearch.senate.gov/search/view/ptr/3877f56e-ceb3-4e34-9659-cf52ba9efc5d/

See the February announcement of the deal:
https://www.gryphon-inv.com/news-article/gryphon-signs-agreement-to-make-strategic-investment-in-pacur/

-- Gov. Tony Evers in this week's Dem radio address said he was "proud, but frankly, not surprised" of Wisconsinites' efforts to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

Evers cited community spread of the virus within the state, meaning people have tested positive who have no known connection to out-of-state travel.

He recommended people practice social distancing to protect themselves and loved ones and lessen the potential exposure for healthcare workers.

"Your assistance and patience will be critical to protecting you, your family and friends, and our communities," Evers said. "We're in this together, Wisconsin. Thank you."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-delivers-democratic-weekly-radio-address-on-covid-19-public-health-emergency-2/

-- In the GOP address, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos thanked Wisconsinites "for doing their part" to move the state forward during COVID-19's spread.

The Rochester Republican asked people to support small businesses affected by a Department of Health Services order limiting mass gatherings to less than 10 people. He also said the state needs blood donations and the elderly need people to check in on them.

"I think we all can agree the residents of Wisconsin are resilient," Vos said. "We can and will get through this crisis together."

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"Governor Evers just proposed procuring, printing, verifying, and mandating the mailing of millions of ballots within ten days. Even he knows that's not logistically feasible," the Juneau Republican said in a statement.

Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, said his preference is to delay the election, but he understands "even that action has consequences and lacks the immediate support necessary to happen in time for the April 7 election."

"We now need Republican leadership to step up and recognize that acting to best protect our democracy and keep people safe is both necessary and possible," Hintz said.

Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling, D-La Crosse, tweeted, "We are living in an unprecedented time and I appreciate that Gov. Evers is proposing solutions to ensure full and fair elections on April 7th. Our democracy is strongest when everyone can make their voice heard and Democrats are committed to ensuring every single vote is counted."

In a video message on Twitter, Evers also called for ballots postmarked by Election Day to be counted and for local election officials to be given more time to count them.

The move comes 11 days out from the election. Evers, who has repeatedly rebuffed calls to delay the vote, didn't call for delaying the vote in his message today.

"The bottom line is that everybody should be able to participate in our democracy," Evers said in the video.

So far, four federal lawsuits have been filed seeking changes to the upcoming April 7 election due to concerns over COVID-19.

Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty President and General Counsel Rick Esenberg in a statement said the measures might have made sense had the state deactivated the registrations for some 200,000 voters who may have moved.

"Mailing ballots to those addresses would put those 200,000 ballots in the hands of individuals not entitled to them," Esenberg said.

He also noted the Dane and Milwaukee county clerks have urged those mailing back absentee ballots to list themselves as "indefinitely confined" to avoid having to upload an ID.

"We cannot do things that might be reasonable in other contexts when the officials who are supposed to ensure fair elections refuse to do their duty, and evade the law," Esenberg said. "Given the circumstances under which Wisconsin elections are being run, we need to take every precaution to ensure a fair election and that does not leave room for Governor Evers' current proposal."

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See Evers' tweet:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1243591395484372992

See the Fitzgerald statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/sen-fitzgerald-rejects-evers-idea-as-fantasy/

See Esenberg's statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisconsin-institute-for-law-liberty-statement-from-rick-esenberg-president-general-counsel/

**See a story below on a Legislative Reference Bureau memo saying it "would not be appropriate" for voters to avoid presenting voter ID when requesting an absentee ballot by claiming they are indefinitely confined due to Evers' stay-at-home order.*

-- President Trump today signed a sweeping $2 trillion coronavirus relief package just hours after it cleared the House.

The chamber approved the package by voice vote, meaning members of the Wisconsin delegation weren't on the record. Still, two of the state's Republican lawmakers expressed tepid support on the floor during the more than four hours of debate ahead of the vote.

U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil, R-Janesville, labeled the package "far from perfect" but added lawmakers "cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good."

Speaking nearly two hours later, U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman knocked the package's price tag as being "too high" and he was concerned an unemployment insurance provision "delays the recovery."

Still, the Glenbeulah Republican said Congress "must act to calm the panic and move back to normalcy."

Speaking ahead of the vote to Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher said the package "may be well spent if we can prevent the death of hundreds of thousands and keep the economy tied together with a little bit of duct tape."

But the Green Bay Republican said lawmakers couldn't continue to infuse dollars back into the country at the rate they are currently and mirrored Grothman's concerns about a "dramatic expansion" of unemployment benefits.

"I think that's a dangerous disincentive and an unintended consequence of moving so quickly and trying to strike that balance with getting relief right now versus not setting off unintended consequences," he said.

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On the other side of the aisle, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-La Crosse, and Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee, praised the package.

In a statement, Kind praised the package as an "important step toward getting businesses, working families, and health care providers the support they need."

Moore highlighted a number of aspects in the package but added "more work needs to be done."

Spokesmen for U.S. Reps. Mark Pocan, D-Town of Vermont, and Jim Sensenbrenner, R- Menomonee Falls, were not immediately available for comment.

See the Steil speech:
https://www.c-span.org/video/?470724-1/house-approves-2-trillion-coronavirus-economic-relief-bill&start=3712#

See the Grothman speech:
https://www.c-span.org/video/?470724-1/house-approves-2-trillion-coronavirus-economic-relief-bill&start=10918#

See the Kind statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/u-s-rep-kind-statement-on-todays-bipartisan-vote-to-bring-economic-relief-to-wisconsins-workers-families-small-businesses-and-health-care-system/

See the Moore statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/u-s-rep-moore-applauds-the-passage-of-families-workers-first-coronavirus-response-package/

-- While the state is much better prepared to handle economic turmoil than it was during the Great Recession, current reserves and coming federal aid may not be enough to manage a prolonged downturn, state and local finance experts say.

Former state budget director Michael Heifetz, who served under Republican Gov. Scott Walker, told WisPolitics.com the state is "reasonably well-prepared" for a slipping economy in the short term. But he said it wouldn't be able to sustain funding beyond "weeks or a short number of months" without assistance from the federal government.

"It's hard to plan for a complete shutdown of the U.S. economy," said Heifetz, who currently works as health care chief executive for Infinite Policy Solutions. "It's all hands on deck. Anything that isn't a necessity is probably being very critically analyzed."

Congress this week passed a $2 trillion economic stimulus package that would deliver roughly $150 billion to state and local governments. It unanimously passed the Senate and passed the House today by voice vote. See an NCSL analysis of federal aid to

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state and local governments: https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx

Pew Research Center's Stateline service reported today that the money in the bill for state and local governments allows "some flexibility" on how it could be spent but does not address diminished tax collections caused by the slowing economy.

Pew said the money would be distributed to states based on population, but that every state would receive at least $1.25 billion, with 45 percent of a state's money saved for local governments over 500,000 residents.

While exact numbers per state have yet to be determined, Heifetz estimated Wisconsin might see around $3 billion if the disbursement formula is similar to previous federal programs.

"It's hard to say, but depending on how long this lasts and how we rebound as a community and a society, if it happens in the near term that'll be enough money," he said. "That just tells you the ambiguity."

Gov. Tony Evers' budget director, Brian Pahnke, didn't respond to a request for comment.

Wisconsin Policy Forum Research Director Jason Stein said the combination of the rainy day fund and remaining general revenue amounts to slightly less than 10 percent of the state's roughly $17.5 billion in 2019 GPR expenditures.

He called the numbers a "huge improvement" from Wisconsin's situation going into the 2007-08 Great Recession with under 2 percent GPR expenses in reserves and close to nothing in the rainy day pot. But he added that ultimately wouldn't be enough if nothing changes in the coming months.

"If you weren't taking in revenue at all, and you were spending out of the general fund at your average daily rate, that would last you roughly five weeks," Stein said.

Stein said the "clear answer" is Wisconsin does not have enough in reserve to withstand any significant recession without aid from the feds.

Before current events, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau announced at the beginning of the year that the state was expected to collect an additional $818.2 million in tax revenue over the biennium, with about half going into the rainy day fund. The budget stabilization fund totaled $654 million at the end of February, according to the latest State Investment Fund earnings report.

A recent Pew analysis of rainy day funds by state ranked Wisconsin 40th in how many days it could run on total balances (35.3). But the research did find this was the highest balance relative to spending for the state in the last 20 years.

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However, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, this week said the projected revenue is "gone" thanks to the coronavirus pandemic, and that the state must be judicious in maintaining a balanced budget.

Stein added the state unemployment insurance fund is in its strongest position in decades with more than $2 billion, including $1.9 billion in cash. But a February U.S. Department of Labor report found the fund still fell short of federal unemployment insurance recommendations and ranked 30th among states on that metric.

"We're in much better shape than we were, but the difference is we were among the least prepared states in the country and now we're in the middle of the pack," Stein said. "That's a big improvement, but it's not the same as being top of the class."

The Department of Workforce Development so far received 159,029 UI applications since March 15, 1.5 times the entire population of Green Bay.

Meanwhile, a record 3.3 million people filed for unemployment benefits nationwide last week. The previous weekly record was 695,000 set in 1982.

Stein warned the state could take up to a 14 percent GPR hit in a "moderate-to-severe" recession scenario. And local governments, which he said typically operate with razor-thin budgets already, wouldn't be able to get significant stimulus from the state due to its own economic troubles.

Wisconsin Counties Association Research Director Dale Knapp told WisPolitics county budgets "have been tight for quite a number of years and this is obviously going to put some strain on them."

He estimated up to a 13 percent decline in county sales tax revenue due to Evers' stay-at-home order and the loss of hotel and restaurant sales, in addition to a spending hike in services.

"At first blush it doesn't look like a big hit, but when you're already operating at tight margins you have got to figure out how to deal with those types of productions," Knapp said. "Any hit to your revenue source is cause for concern."

Analysts largely agreed that although the dropoff is steep, it's a real possibility that the economy could see a quick rebound whenever the pandemic is tamed. Heifetz highlighted this as one key difference between today and 2008.

"When the Great Recession was occurring, I'm not sure if we knew there was a bottom or if there was a known end," he said. "The economy itself today is foundationally strong. We can get back when this is gone, and that wasn't the case in 2008."

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https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2020/03/18/states-financial-reserves-hit-record-highs
https://wispolicyforum.org/research/ready-for-recession-recent-financial-gains-will-help-but-may-not-be-enough/
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-stats.htm

-- Evers today directed DHS to temporarily suspend evictions and foreclosures amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the order, landlords are prohibited 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." It also prevents foreclosures for 60 days.

The guv's office noted the order doesn't relieve anyone's obligation to pay their rent or mortgages.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-suspends-evictions-and-foreclosures-during-public-health-emergency/

-- The Legislative Reference Bureau says it "would not be appropriate" for voters to avoid presenting voter ID when requesting an absentee ballot by claiming they are indefinitely confined due to Gov. Tony Evers stay-at-home order.

This comes after Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell and Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson early this week urged anyone struggling to upload a photo of their voter ID to the state's MyVote website to utilize the "indefinitely confined" option. Under that process, voters are exempt from the ID requirement.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, today blasted that move, saying in a statement "it's no surprise the liberal clerks in Dane and Milwaukee counties are encouraging people to vote illegally by not providing proper identification."

"At a time when our state should be coming together, it's sad that liberal clerks see it as an opportunity for political gain," the pair said.

In a memo prepared at Fitzgerald's request, the bureau today highlighted a number of exemptions to Evers' order and concluded those loopholes "demonstrate that not all Wisconsin residents are indefinitely confined to their homes."

"For this reason, it would seem inconsistent with current law for a clerk or other election official to suggest that every individual in this state is indefinitely confined for purposes of receiving an absentee ballot," the bureau said.

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The memo concludes there are a number of penalties facing those who intentionally neglect their duties, including criminal charges and a five-year disqualification from serving as a clerk.

Wisconsin Elections Commission spokesman Reid Magney told WisPolitics.com under state law, only a poll worker can "challenge an absentee ballot for failure to adhere to voting requirements."

McDonell and Christenson were not immediately available for comment.

See the LRB memo:
http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/13/fitzgerald/media/1401/absenteeballotquestions_fitzgerald_03262020.pdf

-- GOP state Sen. Kathy Bernier has filed a complaint asking the state Elections Commission to order the clerks in Dane and Milwaukee counties to reverse their calls to use the "indefinitely confined" option to avoid the voter ID requirement for absentee ballots.

Bernier, a former Chippewa County clerk, urged the Commission to not allow local elections officials to make a decision "that will disenfranchise electors in other areas of the state!"

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Bernier.pdf

-- The liberal A Better Wisconsin Together and the conservative Republican State Leadership Committee are both out with new six-figure media buys as the Supreme Court race begins the home stretch.

The buys include one spot from the Republican State Leadership Committee's Judicial Fairness Initiative that touts President Trump's endorsement of conservative Justice Daniel Kelly.

The RSLC Judicial Fairness Initiative, which made a strong final push in last year's Supreme Court race, is spending $824,446 on TV ads, according to a filing with the state Ethics Commission. The group also reported a $16,000 text message campaign supporting Kelly.

The group is out with two ads, both of which start with the narrator describing Karofsky as "dangerously soft on crime" and charging as a prosecutor she went easy on criminal predators like no jail time for a "monster" who sexually assaulted a 5-year-old girl.

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Both ads say Karofsky has dangerously bad judgment.

One then switches to Kelly, calling him the "conservative choice." The narrator says Kelly is endorsed by Wisconsin law enforcement and Trump before showing a clip of the president at one of his Wisconsin rallies.

"Go vote for Justice Daniel Kelly to defend the rule of law in Wisconsin," Trump says.

The other ad doesn't mention the president's backing. Instead, after knocking Karofsky, the narrator in that ad calls Kelly the "safer choice." The narrator says Kelly "fought to protect victims of sexual assault and punish predators."

"Daniel Kelly, protecting Wisconsin and the rule of law," the spot concludes.

See the ads:
https://youtu.be/wpSwxlLBLVQ
https://youtu.be/SGMquslpZZE

-- A Better Wisconsin Together praises Karofsky and knocks Kelly in its three new ads.

The group said two of the spots are running on broadcast TV in Green Bay and Milwaukee, while the third is a digital ad. The group declined to say how much it spent on the buy other than it was "significant."

But a filing with the state Ethics Commission shows A Better Wisconsin Together Political Fund has now spent $737,656 on TV, digital ads and mail supporting Karofsky and opposing Kelly.

Yesterday, the National Democratic Redistricting Committee announced it had given A Better Wisconsin Together Political Fund $150,000 to support its efforts backing Karofsky, a Dane County judge.

A 30-second TV spot charges Kelly has a "real bad" record on fighting corruption, including voting against rules to help stop it and repeatedly refusing to recuse himself "from cases where he has a major conflict of interest."

The narrator then says, "We need an independent Supreme Court justice" before going on to praise Karofsky. The spot says she's been honored for standing up for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and isn't "beholden to an extreme agenda."

The second TV spot is a 15-second ad that has a similar line about Karofsky being honored for standing up for victims, noting she's a former prosecutor backed by "Wisconsin nurses, teachers, law enforcement and judges."

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The digital ad features Patti Seger, who says she's been a domestic violence advocate for the past 36 years and has worked closely with Karofsky. She says a recent ad that implies "Jill is somehow not good on victim rights" is "completely false and a bald-faced lie."

"Jill has my respect, because she is so strong on victim advocacy, so strong in her support for victim rights," Seger says.

See the ads on TV:
https://youtu.be/N_HCh08PK2s
https://youtu.be/dna8Ud_3ci8

See the digital spot:
https://youtu.be/M2LeMe5qOrE

-- New polling from the conservative Restoration PAC has President Trump with a slight edge over Dem frontrunner Joe Biden among registered Wisconsin voters.

The poll found 48.7 percent backed the president, while 45.3 percent supported Biden.

Against Bernie Sanders, Trump was at 50.3 percent compared to 42.8 percent for the Vermont senator.

The poll, conducted March 17-19, also found Trump's job approval was 52.2 percent with 45.7 percent disapproving of his performance.

It also found a large swatch of Wisconsin voters undecided on this spring's Supreme Court race. Conservative Justice Daniel Kelly was backed by 36.3 percent, compared to 29.2 percent who supported liberal Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky.

Restoration PAC commissioned the poll, which was conducted by Hodas & Associates of Springfield, Ill. It sampled 600 registered voters via telephone with 70 percent of the live interviews done over landlines and the rest via cellphone.

The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/restoration-pac-trump-leads-in-pa-wi-trails-in-michigan-as-restoration-pac-begins-monthly-polling-in-pivotal-states/

Political TV
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"UpFront" is a statewide commercial TV news magazine show airing Sundays around

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the state. This week's show, hosted by ADRIENNE PEDERSEN, features BRIAN JACOBSEN, chief portfolio strategist for Wells Fargo Funds Management, on the economic impact of the coronavirus and federal efforts to shore up the economy; Workforce Development Secretary CALEB FROSTMAN on the spike in jobless claims and what people who have been laid off should do right now; and ARTHUR IRCINK, creator and producer of the "Wisconsin Foodie" program, on whether restaurants can bounce back from restrictions imposed upon them. *See more about the program here: http://www.wisn.com/upfront/
*Also see a recap of the show online each Monday at WisPolitics.com

"Rewind," a weekly show from WisconsinEye and WisPolitics.com, airs at 8 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. on Sundays in addition to being available online. On this week's episode, WisPolitics.com's JR ROSS and WisconsinEye's STEVE WALTERS discuss developments over the past week in the COVID-19 pandemic and the retirement of state Sen. FRED RISSER.
*Watch the show later today at https://www.wispolitics.com/

"The Insiders" is a weekly WisOpinion.com web show featuring former Democratic Senate Majority Leader CHUCK CHVALA and former Republican Assembly Speaker SCOTT JENSEN. This week, the two consider how the COVID-19 pandemic is reshaping political organizing and the issues important to voters.
*Watch the video or listen to the show:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisopinion-com-the-insiders-discuss-covid-19s-impact-on-politics/

"Meeting in Middle America," with STEVEN OLIKARA, founder and president of the Millennial Action Project, features an interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's CRAIG GILBERT. The two talk about issues surrounding the April 7 election amid the coronavirus pandemic. This week's version is audio-only.
*Listen to the show here:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/meeting-in-middle-america-features-the-milwaukee-journal-sentinels-craig-gilbert/

On the latest episode of the new "Battleground Wisconsin Now" web show, Edge Messaging LLC President BRIAN FRALEY and Cap Times Opinion Editor JESSIE OPOIEN discuss the state and federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic as Gov. Tony Evers issues a stay-at-home order.
*Watch the show:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/battleground-wisconsin-now-with-fraley-and-opoien-for-march-24/

Wisconsin Public TV's "Here and Now" airs at 7:30 p.m. Fridays. On this week's program, anchor FREDERICA FREYBERG speaks with Department of Health Services Secretary ANDREA PALM for an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. And U.S. Rep. MARK POCAN talks about the emergency stimulus package which includes direct payments to individuals, hundreds of billions of dollars to hospitals and states.

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http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/proposaltext/2017/REG/top

AB 1018: Sponsors of nutritional counseling education programs and repealing and modifying administrative rules related to sponsors of nutritional counseling education programs. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1019: Creating a flood mitigation program in the Department of Transportation, Granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1020: Income tax deduction for flood insurance premiums. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1021: Bonding for the soil and water resource management program and granting bonding authority. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1022: Human trafficking awareness certifications for lodging establishments and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1023: Interns employed by assembly and senate offices, the governor, and the Department of Justice, an intern placement program administered by the Department of Workforce Development, and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1024: Creating a human trafficking council. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1025: Aids for certain highways damaged by a disaster. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1026: Funding for the municipal flood control program and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1027: Disaster assistance payments and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1028: Medically accurate information. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Ab 1029: Right to choose an abortion and elimination of certain abortion-related regulations. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1030: Violence prevention grants and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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AB 1031: Construction and renovation of a veterans village, granting bonding authority, and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1032: Authorized activities and operations of credit unions, automated teller machines of financial institutions, and repealing rules promulgated by the Department of Financial Institutions. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1033: Allowing certain rehired annuitants to elect to not become new participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System for a defined period. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1034: Suspension of the waiting period for collection of unemployment insurance benefits. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1035: Regulating the sale of certain drugs and medical supplies below cost. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1036: Juvenile court jurisdiction; the serious juvenile offender program; extending out-of-home care to 21 years of age for certain persons; juvenile interrogations; deferred prosecution agreements and diversion services for juveniles; the authority of school districts and school resource officers to respond to school-based behavior;; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; providing an exemption from rule-making procedures; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 1037: The length for a declared state of emergency; reporting of arrests for a violation of an order relating to the control of an outbreak or epidemic; requiring legislative approval of any statewide order mandating individuals to stay at home for reasons related to an epidemic, pandemic, or communicable disease; requiring a written report to the legislature detailing the justification for any ban of gatherings of 50 or fewer individuals. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/west/news/wauwatosa/2020/03/27/coronavirus-wauwatosa-city-enforce-safer-home-order/2926426001/

State Journal: 'There's no words': families separated, memorials postponed as health emergency hits mourning rituals
https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/health-med-fit/there-s-no-words-families-separated-memorials-postponed-as-health/article_64e64000-1f47-58ad-a922-72b12428d534.html

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Roll Call: Fifth lawmaker tests positive for coronavirus
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https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-depression/a-u-s-recession-probably-depression-only-if-the-virus-is-untamed-idUSKBN21E2X8

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Quotes of the Week

The bottom line is it is going to be on April 7 and we're asking people to vote absentee. We have a democracy to participate in. I talked to the mayor of Green Bay and in the Fox Valley; they may not like it, but they're committed to make it happen.
- Gov. Tony Evers, who has so far resisted calls to delay the April 7 election, including a plea today from a bipartisan group of Fox Valley mayors. Postponing the election would require action from the Legislature and the governor, or a court order.

I no longer believe that we are able to fairly and properly administer this election without delay or postponement. I believe we're putting people at risk.
- Elections Commissioner Ann Jacobs, a Dem appointee. The commission

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deadlocked on a proposal that would have asked Evers and the Legislature to convene a special session to give the agency flexibility to run elections safely in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's important to maintain continuity in local government. ... That's why it's so vitally important. We're going to have an election, and it's already underway.
- Elections Commission Chair Dean Knudson, a Republican appointee.

I just said I don't think that where we're at with the number of cases escalating and with the age of most of the Senate that it would be wise to pull in 120 people for the calendar, which can wait.
- Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald on his decision to postpone Tuesday's floor period. Fitzgerald said part of his thinking when Senate Republicans caucused was none of the bills awaiting Senate action are so urgent that they couldn't wait a couple of months if needed.

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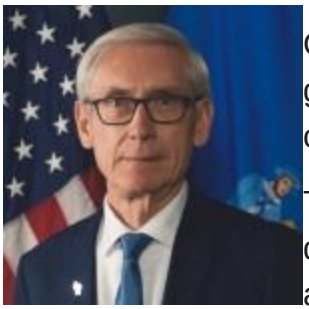
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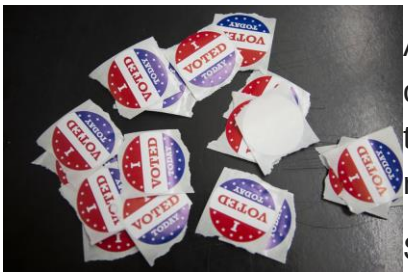
Gov. Tony Evers today updated his ban on mass gatherings to shutter a wide-ranging array of personal care businesses.

The update released this afternoon orders hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities to close by 5 p.m today.

Department of Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm said hair salons could remain open to sell shampoo at the counter with appropriate social distancing, but giving haircuts “should not be happening anymore.”

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Fox Valley mayors call for spring election delay, switch to entirely mail-in voting



A bipartisan group of Fox Valley mayors are calling on the Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers to delay the April 7 elections and promote mail-in ballots in response to COVID-19.

Separately, the head of the state’s municipal clerks organization said she backs the move.

But the guv and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, continued to insist the spring election will go forward as planned.

Dem Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich told reporters in a teleconference today that conducting the election with the normal approach would be “a logistical trainwreck,” due to the close quarters of polling stations and because many poll workers are in the most at-risk age group for the virus. He also did not rule out legal action.

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U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson says he's opposed to the federal government making direct payments to individuals as part of a sweeping coronavirus relief plan.

Johnson, R-Oshkosh, today told a call hosted by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce that he believes in a problem-solving approach and not to "pander to the crowd, not to just give away money." He argued the coronavirus has created a supply-side economic problem, not a demand-side issue.

"Just giving people checks is going to do nothing when they're hunkered down, bunkered down in their own home," he said on the call. "They don't have places to spend money on."

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Unemployment fund expected to 'take a hit' as claims increase amid outbreak

The state's unemployment insurance trust fund is expected to suffer losses as many Wisconsinites are laid off due to coronavirus impacts.

"I don't think there's any doubt that the unemployment insurance fund is going to take a hit," said John Mielke, president of Associated Builders and Contractors and a member of the state's unemployment insurance advisory council.

During the council's webinar meeting Thursday, Unemployment Insurance Program Administrator Mark Reihl said the number of claims has increased significantly this week after Gov. Tony Evers declared a public health emergency.

Between Sunday and Thursday of this past week, about 46,000 unemployment insurance claims were filed in the state, according to preliminary federal figures. That's compared to just under 4,500 for the same period of 2019.

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The state GOP has covered a $6,500 forfeiture for former Gov. Scott Walker after his campaign accepted excess contributions from the Wisconsin Realtors Association in the 2018 race, according to a settlement obtained by WisPolitics.com.

Walker emptied out his campaign account in June 2019 when he transferred $16,166 to the state GOP. That left nothing in his coffers to cover the forfeiture that was part of a settlement with the Ethics Commission

It was finalized earlier this month.

The state GOP declined comment on the arrangement. Meanwhile, the Realtors said it was an oversight that led to the group's PAC giving Walker $92,500 over the four-year cycle, $6,500 more than the state limit.

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A May 28 WisPolitics.com luncheon with former Lt. Gov. REBECCA KLEEFISCH and Emerge Wisconsin leader ERIN FORREST will feature a discussion on the recruitment and training of female political candidates. The event coincides with the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the U.S. Register here.

Due to coronavirus concerns, the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service has rescheduled its April 6 discussion with former Trump administration National Security Advisor JOHN BOLTON. The event is now scheduled for June 6 at the UW Center for Civic Engagement in Wausau. Bolton, a key figure during President Trump's impeachment proceedings, will speak on populism, national security and U.S. foreign policy. See more.

PETER WELCH, the chief operating officer and lobbyist with the Wisconsin Medical Society, is joining the Welch Group as chief operating officer. The business was started by his father BOB WELCH, a former GOP state lawmaker. Peter Welch previously worked as director of public affairs and university partnerships at Concordia University.

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Subject: FW: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Hey Andrew,

Hope you are hanging in there! We had a constituent reach out that was interested in more information about the positive cases. Do we have any additional information other than the counties each positive case is in? I'm sure you get into PII issues if you do it by county, but any aggregate data as a state?

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

This is the second time I've written but the message is the same: Thanks for the great job you are doing. It helps to think our local Representative is involved and on top of things.

I have a small suggestion as well. Namely, as we move forward it would be helpful to know a bit more about the people who have contracted the virus. For each category (tested, tested positive, recovered and fatality) it would be helpful to know things like:

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Again, thanks for the fine work.

Best regards,

Steve Balow
2495 Norway Point
Pelican Lake, WI 54463

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 4:06 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

From: mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com <mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Hi Stamena,

Hope you're well also! Wow, it's kind of sad, but we only have 3 of them. We also have Russ Davis Wholesale as an allied member—they have a warehouse in Merrill. They may be helpful to you as well. The contact there is Mark Maloney, mmaloney@russdaviswholesale.com.

Butch's SUPERVALU
Butch & Tammy Gilbert
115 S. Superior Street, Antigo
715-623-5417
No email

Dave's County Market
David Bonnell
300 E First St., Merrill
715-536-2571
owner1514@svharbor.com

Trig's
Bob Jaskolski, President
662 N. 4th St., Tomahawk
715-453-2174
Bobj@tasolberg.com

Michelle Kussow
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10 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 205
Madison, WI 53703
Direct: 608.210.3304
Cell: 608.225.7477
www.wisconsingrocers.com

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https://www.wisconsingrocers.com/covid-19

From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:22 PM
To: mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com
Subject: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Hey Michelle,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe! I was reaching out to you in your capacity as lobbyist for the WI Grocers Assn. We were wondering if you happened to have a directory or list of grocers in our district? Mary was hoping to reach out to them to partner on getting information out to our constituents.

Thank you!

Stamena Ivanov
Policy Advisor
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:03 PM
To: "Sen.Tiffany" <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>;
"'rep.swearingen@legis.wi.gov'" <rep.swearingen@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Help Unemployment

Hey Everyone,

I already sent this to DWD, just trying to push through the cases. Sorry!

Liz

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-----Original Message-----
From: mike maass <mmmaass2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Help Unemployment

Thanks. I've also contacted Tiffany and Swerengen. We're in Harshaw.

Mike Maass
Mike's mobile 262-227-9267

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 12:11 PM, Rep.Felzkowski
<Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey Mike,
>
> I also need Delores' address.
>
> I totally understand the frustration. Wisconsin has experienced unprecedented numbers of UI claims filed in recent weeks. From Sunday, March 15, when we began to see the effects of Governor Evers' declared public health emergency, to yesterday, March 30, 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. Last week, the UI Division received more than 1.5 million calls, an increase of 6,208% over last year's busiest weekly call volume. Last Thursday alone, UI received 400,000 calls between 6 and 10 a.m., at times receiving 160 calls per second. The unprecedented number of calls overloaded the system, as it was not built to handle this type of call volume. We have since increased their phone capacity to allow 690 simultaneous calls.
>
> You are right that you do not need to look for a job right now to be able to file, one because a lot of people will be returning to their jobs, and two, because employees at DWD are needed to answer the massive call log and cannot go through the paperwork required for job search confirmation.

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However, the need for a resume was always stated by DWD, so I'm sorry your wife received false information on that. I'm so sorry that someone has not been able to reach her, but I will get her on the list so someone can call her directly.
>
> Please provide her address and I will get this off to DWD right away!
>
> Mary Felzkowski
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: mike maass <mmmaass2002@yahoo.com>
> Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:40 AM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Help Unemployment
>
> Thank you. Dolores' phone 262-227-9267
>
> We know these are challenging times. We're all going to learn a lot about how our government is prepared for challenges like this going forward and I expect there will be some analysis when this all shakes out. Dolores was able finally to talk to someone by telephone today. Here is an update for you-
>
> I wrote to you about Dolores Maass' unemployment and inability to get answer as to why her benefits were held up. Finally after 40+ telephone calls and 3-weeks she was able to talk to someone at unemployment.
>
> People applying were advised that going out on job search was not required due to the emergency. Dolores in turn did not complete the resume part on the application expecting to return to work when given all clear by employer. This held up her benefits when she needed this money to pay bills. She was unable to contact the DWD as to why benefits were withheld.
>
> Now they are telling her she has to go to appeal, more work made for people in the DWD of course. And that the best outcome is benefits will be extended on the back end by 2-weeks. So by not helping Dolores complete her application in a proper manner and not being at her service, the DWD basically tricked her into getting screwed out of 2-weeks unemployment compensation. The 2 weeks on the back end will probably not help as she will probably be back at work by then.
>
> She needed the money to pay bills 3 weeks ago. Is this how our state government serves its residents, by tricking them out of benefits?
>
> Mike Maass
> Mike's mobile 262-227-9267
>
>
>
>> On Apr 6, 2020, at 10:23 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Hey Mike!
>>
>> We can absolutely help with that. Would you mind sending me your wife's phone number and address? I will send that to DWD and get her on a call list. You are right that the website has had some kinks. We have seen absolutely

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unprecedented numbers of people filing, so the department is doing everything they can to answer the increased call log.
>>
>> Thank you!
>>
>> Mary Felzkowski
>>
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: mike maass <mmmaass2002@yahoo.com>
>> Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:59 AM
>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>> Subject: Help Unemployment
>>
>> My wife Dolores Maass has been laid off from her job at Roughing it in Style (Harshaw) for three weeks now and she hasn't seen a penny in unemployment compensation. I think her coworkers are experiencing the same. Dolores says the website is a fiasco and she's called about 40 times to no avail.
>>
>> Somebody needs to be motivated down in Madison or wherever. Is there anything you can do to help your residents out here?
>>
>> Mike Maass
>> Mike's mobile 262-227-9267
>>
>>
>>
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 8:51 AM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Help with unemployment please!

Hey John,

With the increased call logs for you guys, what should I tell constituents like this to do? It looks like they've been trying for a few days to get through but haven't been able to and I think they are a little stressed because of their new baby situation.

Would love your thoughts!

Thanks,

Liz

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From: betsy beilke <betsylouwho@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:09 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Help with unemployment please!

Dear Mary,

I was referred to you and given your e-mail in regards to my husband having an extremely hard time getting through to unemployment. We are now on day three of attempting to talk to someone. We started the process online as suggested but then towards the end of setting up his account he was told he needed to call and speak to someone to verify his account. We have been trying for days now and we can't get through. We just brought our premature baby home after a nearly 10 week stay at the NICU. She is on oxygen and part of the high risk category for this virus and every virus. We were starting to struggle before but had almost gotten our feet back underneath us when he got laid off from work this week. We need to get through in order to start to file weekly claims online and each day we can't file is another day closer to this having a severe and lasting impact on us. An impact that could be almost if not impossible to come back from. We've also been waiting well over 21 days for our federal tax refund. We can't get ahold of anyone at the irs either. I'm sure you can understand how scary, frustrating and stressful this all is especially with an new preemie baby. Any help or advice you can give us is beyond appreciated. Thank you so much for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Betsy and Garrett Beilke

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715-401-0434

1405 Nicklaus drive
Merrill WI 54452

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 5:06 PM
To: 'Crystal Potts' <crystal.potts@wisc.edu>
Subject: FW: I forgot ...

Hey!

This is kind of a shot in the dark, but is there anyone at UW working on aggregate data like this with the cases already confirmed? Since it's changing so much daily, I don't know what the possibilities are, but I just figured I'd ask on behalf of our constituent if it was already being done.

Thanks!

Liz

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From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I forgot ...

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

I forgot to mention a few other bits of information that might be helpful to people:

- * Trend lines (we see daily case counts but it's hard to remember what yesterday, much less the beginning of the week looked like);
- * Comparisons to other geographies (is the US more like China or Italy);
- * Comparisons to other health hazards (is this worse than the flu or H1N1).

Not that I think there is someone in our district that should be doing this … but, perhaps in the state or even at the University?

I am happy to provide assistance if there was an interest in providing such information.

Again, thanks for the fine work.

Best,

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Steve Balow

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update
Date: March 20, 2020 at 6:35:11 PM CDT
To: "Rep.Felzkowski"
<Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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Best regards,

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2495 Norway Point
Pelican Lake, WI 54463

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Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:26 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: i sent a cbs report with you
Attachments: bruce on cbs hourly carona story april 2020.mp3

FYI, she did this interview today.

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From: Bruce Marcus <brucemarcusnet@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:40 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: i sent a cbs report with you

thanks for everything

bruce marcus

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:34 PM
To: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Interim Process for Issuing Temporary Milk Producer Licenses and Grade A Permits

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I hate these emails because they come multiple times a day and they look like spam. For the report maybe.

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From: WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection <datcp@service.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Interim Process for Issuing Temporary Milk Producer Licenses and Grade A Permits

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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The Division of Food and Recreational Safety has discontinued normal inspection activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure that new and reinstated milk producers are able to sell milk during this period, the department will use a modified version of the current Temporary License process outlined in the Dairy Plant Resource Manual. This includes issuance of a Temporary Grade A permit.

The process is as follows:

1. 1. Field representatives can email the milk producer license application (F-fd-10) to the Eau Claire office at datcpecdairy@wisconsin.gov.
2. 2. A temporary license will be issued by Eau Claire staff upon receipt of the following documents:

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- * Completed and signed milk producer application.
- * Negative water test result within the past two years.
- * Negative cooling water test result within the past six months (if applicable, it must be posted in the milkhouse).
- * Signed dairy plant field representative's inspection report.
- * Social security numbers for individuals or married couples.
- * Farms with nonpressurized storage vessels (NPSV), spring boxes or wells that are not in compliance with NR812 are **not eligible** for a temporary license at this time, unless the application includes a copy of a DNR or a DNR agent's written approval.

3. 3. A temporary license/permit must be issued prior to the first milk pickup on the farm. The license/permit is effective on the day of the first milk shipment.
4. 4. Eau Claire staff will send the temporary licensee information to the assigned dairy sanitarian.
5. 5. The assigned sanitarian will conduct a licensing inspection as soon as possible after normal inspection activity resumes.
6. 6. If normal inspection activity does not resume within 40 days of issuance, the temporary license/permit will be extended by Eau Claire staff.

If you have any questions, please email our Eau Claire staff at datcpecdairy@wisconsin.gov.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Division of Food and Recreational Safety
https://datcp.wi.gov

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 1:59 PM
To: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

FYI. We just received this request

From: Patricia Yacob <pyacob@nypublicradio.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

From: Patricia Yacob
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

Hello,

I'm a producer for Politics with Amy Walter from WNYC. I'm writing to ask if Representative Mary Felzkowski has 15 minutes for an interview on Thursday April 2nd. We're hoping to discuss Wisconsin's upcoming elections.

A bit about the program, in case you're not familiar with it: The Takeaway is an award-winning daily news show produced by WNYC and Public Radio International. The show airs across the country on more than 280 stations, reaching 2.7 million listeners nationwide.

Amy Walter is National Editor at the non-partisan Cook Political Report and a regular contributor to the PBS NewsHour, where she offers her perspective weekly on "Politics Monday." Known as one of the most insightful political journalists covering Washington, she is the former political director of ABC News, and appears regularly on NBC's Meet The Press, CBS' Face The Nation, and FOX News' Special Report with Bret Baier.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Patricia

Patricia Yacob | Associate Producer

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Politics with Amy Walter from the Takeaway
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:42 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Issues with State Patrol

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Issues with State Patrol

Liz,

Correct, that is the direction we gave and continue to give as it relates to the "Safer at Home" order with not only the State Patrol but all state law enforcement.

I will flag this both for DOT and the SEOC.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
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To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Issues with State Patrol

FYI. This is a video of the Superintendent on twitter reiterating that patrol will NOT be pulling people over. Zach also said they will have him address the issue that we raised.

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https://twitter.com/WisconsinDOT/status/1244721629592039425

This just got posted, and we will follow up with Superintendent Burrell about the issue you raised.

ZM

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 1:33 PM
To: "somolake47@yahoo.com" <somolake47@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Landscaper Update

Laurie
Landscaping is now a essential business
Mary

Sent from Samsung tablet.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rostan, Jason" <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/31/20 1:04 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Landscaper Update

Hello Everyone,

As you may know from an email I sent out last week, landscaping was not deemed essential by the Governor's office under his Shelter-at-home order. I wanted to update everyone on some new developments.

Under the Governor's order, Section 13a exempts any profession that is included in the federally compiled CISA list. The order specifically references the March 23rd version of this list, but also includes any subsequent versions of the list.

On March 28th, version 2.0 of the CISA list was released, and under the header Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services, landscapers were included.

With this change on the federal CISA list, landscapers would now be considered an essential business under the state order.

Under WEDC guidance, employers do not need WEDC approval if after reading the state order they believe they are considered essential.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Jason Rostan
Policy Advisor
Rep. Tyler August's Office

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 11:55 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Liability for Triage Protocols During Pandemic Crisis

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FYI, I talked to Kyle on this. He said that they are working with Rep. Ott (as Judiciary Chair) and Leadership on language for this that would be included in the final package. He said they've gotten good feedback from everyone they've talked to, so if you're comfortable telling Aspirus you'd support it, I can respond.

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From: Sean Joyce Whipp <Sean.JoyceWhipp@aspirus.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Liability for Triage Protocols During Pandemic Crisis

Dear Senator Tiffany and Representative Felzkowski,

I'm writing to you today to ask for your assistance with passing some kind of legislation — or executive action or SOMEthing — to protect hospitals and healthcare workers from liability for making necessary and proper triage decisions during a surge of patients due to the coronavirus crisis.

Here at ALH, we have been creating guidelines with our Aspirus system partners for how to allocate potentially scarce resources (hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators, etc.) when the demand exceeds our supply. These guidelines are similar to those that have previously been published by states (New York, Utah, Michigan), and they're similar those of nearly every other hospital and healthcare system everywhere. Part of my role at ALH has been to ensure that all of these guidelines are in conformity with Catholic moral thought. They are. God help us that we ever reach the point of having to put these guidelines into play.

I want to emphasize this: we sincerely desire to continue to care for our patients and families the very best way that we can. I'm not asking you for unreasonable protection---several other states have provided this kind of protection within their states for folks who are acting in good faith according to established guidelines. These are difficult times, with professionals legitimately worried about having enough PPE, bringing infections home to their families, having to work longer hours in less than optimal conditions. I'm just asking you to lighten the load by removing the threat of potential lawsuits against professionals operating in good faith. The Journal of the American Medical Association, too, Is advocating for these kinds of protections.

Thank you for your consideration and your advocacy.

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Thanks, too, for visiting us here in Antigo back in December. I trust that you know that we're doing good work here for the good people of Wisconsin.
Gratefully,
Sean

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 8:49 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Liability Protections for Essential Businesses
Attachments: Liability Protection Request 04-20.pdf

FYI.

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From: Kathi Kilgore <kilgore@swandby.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Liability Protections for Essential Businesses
Importance: High

Rep. Felzkowski,

Please see the attached memo from the Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association regarding liability protection for essential businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have not seen this issue addressed in the Legislature's draft proposal and ask for its inclusion in the legislative package.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Kathi

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Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:35 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: List
Attachments: District 35 Facilities.xlsx

Here are the assisted livings and the nursing homes for the list. Let's hold off on calling anyone on the list until after we get these out the door. First priority would be to get this letter mailed Monday or Tuesday, and to get all of the emails in the inbox responded to right away Monday morning. I'll write a template for how we are going to respond to the elections emails and get it approved by Mary since it's a bit more sensitive. Each person that called should get a call back if possible.

Can you work on a cover letter that will go out with the COVID info just explaining why we are sending it and what we hope they will do with it? That will cover us in case we get inundated with other stuff this week and can't make as many calls as we'd like.

Thank you!!

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From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Hi Liz,

Assisted living sites are attached.

Best,

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
Office of the Secretary
Cell: 608-590-3089

From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Hi Liz,

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I'll get in touch with DQA and see what they can do.

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Cell: 608-590-3089

From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: List

Hey Andrew,

Would it be possible at all for Alfred or someone in DQA to pull the nursing homes and Assisted Living sites in the 35th district? If it's possible, would it be something we could have soon? Just trying to manage our project.

Thank you for your thoughts!

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:16 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Local Government Issue

Just for your reference if you need it!

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From: Brauer, Andrea <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Moore, David <David.Moore@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

Hi Liz,

Because Oneida County has declared a state of emergency , it has the power to act under s. 323.14 (4) (a), Stats., which states that:

> "The emergency power of the governing body conferred under s. 323.11 includes the general authority to order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the local unit of government in the emergency and includes the power to bar, restrict, or remove all unnecessary traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, from the highways, notwithstanding any provision of chs. 341 to 349."

Pursuant to s. 323.14 (4) (b), Stats., if the governing body is unable to meet because of the emergency, the chief executive officer can also exercise the above power by proclamation.

I think that normally when a local government exercises the power to restrict highway traffic, it is in response to a flood or storm rather than for the purpose of public health, but the statute itself doesn't limit the authority to that purpose.

Note that the statute requires the local government to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or proclamation in order to exercise its power under a state of emergency. I cannot find anything online that shows that Oneida County has adopted an ordinance or resolution (or that the county executive has issued a proclamation) ordering that the county borders be closed. Without that kind of formal action, the county would not be able to order that its borders be closed.

Because the language of the statutes is so broad, the limits to a local government's authority to adopt such an ordinance, resolution, or proclamation would be based mostly on constitutional considerations such as due process. If there was a legal challenge, a court would look at whether the emergency is significant enough to warrant the restrictions imposed by the local government.

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We will also see what new restrictions are ordered by the governor later today.

Let me know if you have any other questions about this.

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Moore, David <David.Moore@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Brauer, Andrea <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

I think Oneida was mentioned but I don't know where he was going or coming from. I can ask for clarifying information if necessary!

Thank you guys!

Liz

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To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Brauer, Andrea <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Local Government Issue

Hi Liz,

Andrea and I can put our heads together and look into this. Do you know which counties he was trying to cross from and into?

David

On Mar 23, 2020, at 5:23 PM, Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey David,

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I have a question for you both! We had a constituent reach out that he was going to go fishing today, and when he was attempting to cross county lines, a county sheriff stopped him at the border of the county and told him that they were closing the borders and he could no longer leave. Rep. Felzkowski wanted me to reach out to see if local governments have the ability to do this or not.

Thank you for any thoughts you may have!

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:17 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Local Government Issue

Hey!

Mary told me this came up on the conference call today so I just wanted to send you what Leg Council sent me in case any other members ask about it.

Thanks,

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:32 AM
To: "'tony.langenohl@capitolconsultants.net'" <tony.langenohl@capitolconsultants.net>
Subject: FW: Marshfield Clinc 1135 request - Minocqua Hospital
Attachments: 2020_03-18 1135 MQA DHS.pdf

Hey Tony,

We just got this from Ryan. Can you let me know if there is something specific you think our offices could be doing to help with the Minocqua hospital opening? Please let us know if there are some action items we can work on.

Thanks,

Liz

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From: Natzke, Ryan J <natzke.ryan@marshfieldclinic.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Marshfield Clinc 1135 request - Minocqua Hospital

Hello Sen. Tiffany and Rep. Felzkowski,

At Marshfield Clinic Health System we have submitted several 1135 waivers related to the current COVID pandemic. I know the state has been bombarded with these requests and Tony Langenohl will soon be submitting to JFC members a consolidated list of the submissions we have made to DHS and CMS so far. Most all of these relate to ensuring we can meet the potential capacity of hospital beds that will be needed when COVID becomes more prevalent in our area of the state.

One item that I wanted to particularly bring to your attention is our request relating to opening up our new hospital in Minocqua. We have been scheduled to open up on May 1st but believe we could open up in April if we get the proper state and federal regulatory sign offs. Given the concern about people heading to their cabins or second homes from other areas, it could potentially place more healthcare needs on a more rural area that doesn't have as many health care services. These extra beds could potentially be a big help at this time. Any help you are able to provide in getting this approved is much appreciated. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I have attached our request that was submitted to the state.

Thank you for all the tireless work that you and other state employees have put in during this time. Please know that it is appreciated and we look forward to working with you.

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Ryan

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:16 PM
To: "Steine, Bradford - DATCP" <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Mary, Question for you

Hey Bradford,

Not sure if this would technically be DATCP from the landlord perspective, but I thought I'd ask. I know evictions are on hold, but Governor Evers did say at his press conference about that that everyone is who is renting should still be making payments. Does that apply for those who literally can't access what they've rented? My guess is yes, but wanted to double check.

Thanks!

Liz

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From: Nancy Teal <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mary, Question for you

Hi Mary,

Want to thank you for the updates. You send to Joe Cordova and he forwards to me. Very informative and well organized.

Question: A hairdresser renting a spot/chair in a beauty salon was locked out from her rented spot, as mandated, 10 days before the end of March. Rent is on a monthly basis, all verbal, no lease or contract. The landlord is asking each to again pay rent April 1st, while they are unable to use the location to work and generate income. Is a tenant required to continue to pay rent, with no opportunity to use the shop to generate income during this mandatory shutdown, or risk being terminated as current tenant? Are you able to shed some light on this for us?

Thanks again for all of your help.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:31 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Massive Medicaid flaw in FFCRA and CARES will cripple states and increase dependency

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I was almost going to delete this but thought it was actually really interesting…. Not sure if it's true or not. Thought you'd want to see.

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From: Tom Newell <tnewell@thefga.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Massive Medicaid flaw in FFCRA and CARES will cripple states and increase dependency

The COVID-19 pandemic should not be an excuse to grossly expand Medicaid. But that's exactly what's happening.

The Medicaid funding in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) has big strings attached for states. States will only be able to receive the new funding if they agree not to remove any enrollees, including **ineligible enrollees**. This means that many states will have to choose between drastically compromising the integrity of their Medicaid programs (and exploding their budget) or rejecting the new Medicaid funding.

This will have dire financial consequences for states whose budgets are already collapsing.

FGA's newest research isn't just timely—it's crucial. States need the flexibility to protect Medicaid for the most vulnerable Americans.

CARES only made the problem worse, expanding Medicaid even further by allowing individuals filing for unemployment to receive an additional $600 per week on top of their normal unemployment compensation. Typically, unemployment benefits are considered income for Medicaid eligibility purposes. **However**, CARES exempted this extra $600 per week from these rules. Now, many individuals qualify for Medicaid rather than exchange subsidies. This new Medicaid income exemption allows some able-bodied adults earning nearly **three times** the poverty limit to enroll, which means that millions more individuals could soon overrun state Medicaid programs.

And because of the language passed in FFCRA, states can't remove them, even

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when they go back to work and become ineligible for Medicaid.

This sneaky attempt to expand Medicaid and increase government dependency must be reversed. FGA's newest research explains how.

Congress has the opportunity to correct these policies and prevent them from hurting your state's fiscal health. Reach out to your congressional delegation and urge them to reverse this.

Tom Newell
Government Affairs Director
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 11:43 AM
To: "Hunter, Tarna - ETF" <Tarna.Hunter@etf.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from AntigoFSR
Attachments: SAntigoFSR20040810040.pdf

Good morning Tarna,

I had a constituent reach out this morning on this. I don't exactly understand what they are trying to do, but could you look over this email and let me know if you need any more information from the constituent before looking into this? They indicated they have tried to work with ETF with little success in the past, but that's all I know.

Her contact information is below, and her address is included in the document attached.

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Dan Jackson <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from AntigoFSR

Rep Felzkowski,

Attached are documents provided to the Wisconsin retirement system that would provide the lump sum distribution that was requested by me last December 2019. If you could contact that office to request a status. I have been in this process for over 3 months and wonder if I have not completed the forms correctly. My contact information is on the attached forms in the PDF. My online access is limited and I am receiving help from Daniel Jackson who is acting as my broker in this transaction.

Thank you for your assistance.

Linda Walter
414-303-3532

From: djackson@Covantagecu.org <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Dan Jackson <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Subject: Message from AntigoFSR

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 8:21 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: MON AM Update: 11 mayors ask Evers administration to stop in-person voting; Republicans appeal absentee ballot case to U.S. Supreme Court

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From: WisPolitics-Publishing <info@wispolitics.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: MON AM Update: 11 mayors ask Evers administration to stop in-person voting; Republicans appeal absentee ballot case to U.S. Supreme Court

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-- With the spring election now before the U.S. Supreme Court, 11 Wisconsin mayors are pressing Gov. Tony Evers' administration to stop in-person voting

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after Republican lawmakers declined to take up his last-minute request for a mail-in election with new deadlines in May.

But a source close to the guv says Evers doesn't believe his administration has that power. And any attempt to move it without legislative approval would end up before the conservative-dominated state Supreme Court, which his administration believes would slap down the move.

The 11 mayors sent the letter to Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm, urging her to use her emergency powers to stop the state from "putting hundreds of thousands of citizens at risk by requiring them to vote at the polls while this ugly pandemic spreads."

The mayors -- including those of Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay -- acknowledged Palm doesn't have the authority to approve the modifications that would be necessary to conclude the election if polls were closed. To address that, they called on the Legislature to meet in special session today. They argued the "most logical way" to conduct the election amid a stay-at-home order would be to mail every registered voter a ballot.

"The lives of our constituents depend on it," they wrote.

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405Letter.pdf

-- Republicans have asked U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh to decide by today whether to put on hold a lower court ruling allowing absentee ballots to be counted so long as they are received by 4 p.m. April 13.

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals late Friday upheld a lower court ruling pushing back the deadline for absentee ballots to be returned, as well as adding an extra day to request one. Typically, absentee ballots have to be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

In their response to Saturday's filing by Republicans, the state and national Dem parties, along with others, on Sunday warned a backlog on processing absentee ballot requests means thousands of Wisconsin voters won't even receive them until after Election Day. Without the order extending the deadline to April 13 to return the ballots, the brief argues, thousands of voters would be disenfranchised.

The brief notes the backlog of processing requests had reached 21,590 as of Thursday. Meanwhile, it's taking a full week or more to deliver mail in Wisconsin due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also warns a stay could exacerbate the growing pandemic in Wisconsin, because voters not confident their absentee ballots would be counted would show up at the polls tomorrow, increasing person-to-person contact. The brief argues U.S. Judge William

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Conley's ruling extending the deadline for absentee ballots to be received is intended to decrease that person-to-person contact in the middle of a pandemic.

"A stay would negate these reasonable remedies for the extreme, unprecedented circumstances that tens of thousands of Wisconsin voters are likely to face: either they venture out to vote in person and risk their health and the health of others, or they forfeit the right to vote through no fault of their own," Dems argue.

In a response filed late yesterday, Republicans countered while a limited number of voters -- "by no fault of their own" -- would miss the deadline if they had to have their ballots postmarked by Election Day, they could seek relief through the courts. But the district court's order "allows anyone to vote after election day, even those who have had their absentee ballots in hand for days or weeks."

See the Dem filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405Filing.pdf

See the GOP response:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405GOPReply.pdf

See more on Saturday's filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/republicans-file-appeal-with-u-s-supreme-court-in-absentee-ballot-case/

-- The Elections Commission has notified clerks that every absentee ballot for the spring election must include a witness signature in order to be counted, even if it was mailed during the approximately 24 hours when a judge's ruling suspended that requirement.

In a communication to clerks yesterday, the commission addressed ballots that were mailed between Conley's order, issued Thursday afternoon, and a ruling from the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Friday evening reversing that piece of his decision.

The commission told clerks to "make their best effort" in contacting those who failed to include a signature on their ballot of options to provide the missing information. That includes the voter appearing with the original witness in the clerk's office or polling place on Election Day to provide the signature.

Voters also have the option to correct the issue by mail by asking the clerk to send the unopened absentee ballot back to them along with a new envelope to return it. Voters would then have to open the original envelope, verify their ballot, seal it in the new envelope and obtain a witness signature.

Read the communication to clerks:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6816

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-- Assembly Republicans are asking Gov. Tony Evers to ease his stay-at-home order to allow churches and temples to hold Easter or Passover services this week, even if it's outside.

"For many of us, being a part of these services will offer much-needed solace during these uncertain times," Republicans wrote.

Evers spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff said the state is heading into the worst of this public health crisis and instead called on GOP lawmakers to "do their part to ensure public health and safety."

"The governor understands that for many Wisconsinites their faith is a source of comfort, especially in these difficult times, but in order to protect the health and safety of all Wisconsinites he will not be rolling back the provisions of the Safer at Home order," Baldauff said.

-- The request was part of a letter Assembly Republicans sent Evers laying out their priorities for the state's share of the $2.2 billion headed to Wisconsin as part of a federal stimulus package.

They noted the $1.9 billion the state is slated to receive comes with no legislative oversight.

Those priorities include:

*the needs of hospitals and healthcare facilities. As part of that, Assembly Republicans renewed their objections to allowing abortion providers to continue operating and insisted "firmly" that no federal stimulus money go to abortion providers.

*safeguards for business owners and workers. The letter says Assembly Republicans support repealing the one-week waiting period before those laid off can begin collecting unemployment checks. They asked Evers to consider providing unemployment assistance for business owners, as well as helping them and farmers "stay afloat in these difficult times."

*assistance to local government, if allowed under the bill. That includes vouchers to help local governments find alternative housing for the homeless as well as supporting food pantries.

They also insisted in the letter that "tax increases or other economically detrimental policies cannot and should not be an option."

The letter was signed by every member of the Assembly GOP caucus except for Scott

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Allen, of Waukesha, and Loren Oldenburg, of Viroqua.

See the release and the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-vos-assembly-gop-send-governor-list-of-priorities-for-federal-stimulus-dollars/

-- Two Dem appointees to the Elections Commission called Republicans' failure to address voter safety during Saturday's special session "unconscionable" and an "abdication of your constitutional responsibilities as our leaders."

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos yesterday, Ann Jacobs and Mark Thomsen wrote "we simply cannot guarantee" the safety of those who didn't request an absentee ballot and need to vote on Election Day or to register at the polls.

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The Dem commission members noted a lack of staffing that has resulted in 111 municipalities as of last week without sufficient workers to open a single polling site. They also pointed out Milwaukee plans just five polling sites rather than the usual 180, while Neenah is planning just one rather than six and Waukesha just one rather than 15.

On Saturday, Republicans quickly gaveled in the special sessions in nearly empty chambers and then recessed until today.

"In the face of a deepening and escalating COVID-19 crisis, forcing an in-person election on Tuesday not only threatens the voters, the clerks, and election staff, it threatens everyone those people subsequently come into contact with at home and elsewhere," they wrote. "A single asymptomatic virus-carrying poll worker could transmit the virus to hundreds of people on
election day, creating a disease vector that would devastate a community."

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405Letter2.pdf

-- Meanwhile, Dean Knudson, a former GOP lawmaker and the current chair of the Elections Commission, insisted the election must go on as planned.

Knudson noted on Twitter that elections still went on after the British invaded Washington, D.C., in 1814, during the Civil War and amid the 1918 influenza pandemic.

He pointed out the number of absentee ballots already mailed, saying the election will

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be 80 percent mail-in compared to normally being 80 percent in-person, a switch that occurred in a matter of weeks. Knudson said that "demonstrates the flexible and adaptable nature of Wisconsin's voting laws."

"Everything is in place for our elections to go forward," Knudson wrote. "Don't let fear and panic derail our democracy. Instead let's pull together to help ensure we minimize health risks in polling places while protecting the integrity of our elections."

See the thread:
https://twitter.com/deanknudson/status/1246546123952709634

-- The Department of Administration says the Capitol will be open to the public starting at 9 a.m. today for the special session.

The building has been closed to the public since March 26, but was opened Saturday for the special session. It will close again one hour after the special session.

-- Gov. Tony Evers announced over the weekend the president has approved a major disaster declaration for the state as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-wisconsin-granted-federal-disaster-declaration-due-to-covid-19-pandemic/

-- Both Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders have now endorsed Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky in this spring's Supreme Court race.

Biden announced his endorsement Friday evening. Earlier in the day, President Trump suggested Gov. Tony Evers called for moving Wisconsin to a mail-in election with deadlines in May because of his endorsement of conservative Justice Daniel Kelly.

Trump had earlier praised Kelly at a Wisconsin rally with video of that playing prominently in the TV ad of one outside group. Around noon Friday, the president sent a tweet stating Kelly had his "complete endorsement." Hours later, Trump claimed his endorsement of Kelly via social media had sent the justice's poll numbers "through the roof."

Trump, who questioned why Evers didn't call for delaying the election two weeks ago, also expressed his opposition to allowing ballots to be mailed in, saying voters should have to cast ballots at the polls while presenting a voter ID.

See video of Trump's answer:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT_P4Hpw2c4&feature=youtu.be

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-- Assembly leaders split on the question of moving forward with Tuesday's election, with Majority Leader Jim Steineke saying this is no time to "upend" things, and Minority Leader Gordon Hintz warning of "catastrophic consequences" of going ahead with the vote during a pandemic.

Both lawmakers appeared Sunday on "UpFront," produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

Gov. Tony Evers on Friday called a special session, asking lawmakers to meet on Saturday to delay the election until May, and move it to all mail-in balloting. Republicans rejected his request, and the session was quickly gaveled in and out on Saturday.

"To come in at the last minute and try to upend things, and do an election in a completely different way that we just don't have the infrastructure for right now, or the security just to secure the votes, just doesn't make sense," said Steineke, R-Kaukauna.

Steineke knocked the governor for "feckless leadership" for waiting until roughly 100 hours before the election to call for delaying it.

"He's got to give some people some certainty. ... (Y)ou've got to take some strong positions and stick to them to give people some certainty on how things are going to go," Steineke said. "And that's one of the frustrations that we've had."

"UpFront" host Adrienne Pedersen about the wisdom of asking people to show up and vote during a deadly pandemic.

"This is a challenging time for all of us. When it comes to this election process, we looked at everything. There is no good answer," Steineke said.

-- In a separate interview, Hintz said there is still time for lawmakers to meet and move the election. He said asking people to go to the polls on Tuesday goes against everything that state officials are telling them with a stay-at-home order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"This is increasingly looking like a terrible decision and certainly by Tuesday there will be significant risk of transmission, spreading of the virus, and obviously overwhelming our hospitals, which I think are already feeling the weight of how fast this is spreading," said Hintz, D-Oshkosh.

"We can still act, and we can prevent this from happening in a legally certain way," he said about the Legislature. "We have the ability to act."

Pedersen asked Hintz why other states had been able to postpone their elections, and

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not Wisconsin. Hintz said other states have different statutes and had a longer time frame in which to act. Wisconsin lacked a "clear path," he said.

"I think we'll really regret going through with this," Hintz said.

-- In another segment, two political strategists said the race for Wisconsin Supreme Court is a "coin flip" heading into Tuesday. Democrat Joe Zepecki and Republican Brian Reisinger discussed the effect of the outbreak on the election and the campaigns.

See more from the program:
http://www.wisn.com/upfront.

-- Lawmakers last week circulated one bill for co-sponsorship, with JFC Co-chair John Nygren pushing a bill that would require the executive branch to notify the Legislature and his committee when it takes action to deal with a public health emergency.

That notification would include the start and end dates of the plan, as well as procedures and actions taken.

See the Association of Wisconsin Lobbyist's summary of last week's bills circulated, including links to the co-sponsorship memos:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405AWL.pdf

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DHS: 2,267 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
... increased by 155 cases from Saturday to Sunday. ... five additional deaths in Milwaukee County reported by local officials, bringing the statewide total to 73 deaths [40 more since Friday] ... 624 people have been hospitalized [163 more since Friday]. 25,169 negative tests [4,852 more since Friday]. Confirmed cases in 57 of 72 counties [5 more since Friday]. No cases: Burnett, Forest, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Pepin, Polk, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vernon, Washburn and Waushara.
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-2-267-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Citing Public Health Emergency, Evers Calls For Delay Of April Election
... after evaluating the growing "surge" of COVID-19 cases ... coupled with a dramatic decrease in polling places. [Milwaukee Election Commission on Friday announced poll worker shortage cut polling places from 180 to 5.] ... Evers announced Friday that he was calling a special session of the Legislature to extend the election, just three days before Wisconsin voters were scheduled to head to the polls. ... send absentee ballots to millions of registered voters who hadn't requested them already. Voters would then have until May 19 to return the ballots. ... "Yeah, it's late in the game, there's no question," Evers told reporters at a media briefing Friday [conceding he hadn't yet spoken to Speaker Vos, Leader Fitzgerald]. "I'm hopeful that common sense will prevail. ... "The virus sets the timetable, not me, not Robin Vos and not Scott Fitzgerald," Evers said. "So the time is now." Vos-Fitzgerald statement said too late, "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." Rehash Conley rulings, upheld in part [April 13 extension] by Seventh Circuit, struck down [witness-less ballots]. Vos and Fitzgerald said Friday night that they planned to appeal the April 13 extension to the U.S. Supreme Court. Asked if he could stop election unilaterally, Evers said, "If they take no action, we'll be looking at whatever

action we can take."
https://www.wpr.org/citing-public-health-emergency-evers-calls-delay-april-election

Evers denies Assembly GOP request to allow in-person Easter and Passover services
... "It is more important than ever that we allow Wisconsinites to observe their individual faiths," [Speaker Vos, GOP caucus] wrote in a Friday letter to Evers. "To that end, we ask that you work with Wisconsin churches and temples to allow them to hold Easter or Passover services, even if it's outside." Evers declined ... "As a state and as a nation, we are heading into the worst of this public health crisis," [Baldauff for Evers] said. "The governor understands that for many Wisconsinites their faith is a source of comfort, especially in these difficult times, but in order to protect the health and safety of all Wisconsinites he will not be rolling back the provisions of the Safer at Home order. ... We continue to call on Republicans in the legislature to do their part to ensure public health and safety."... "This disease does not have a religious exemption," [Mayor] Barrett said. "As much as I would love this disease to have a religious exemption, a family exemption, a voting exemption, it does not. And it's not just the people who would attend these services, but it would be the people that they would infect. ... It is disappointing that somehow we have so many people in state government right now who want to make believe that we're exempt from this thing. It's just ... it's mind-boggling." ... request came one day before Republicans ... stalled Evers' move to push back Tuesday's election ... On Saturday, they quickly adjourned a special legislative session about the matter. Surgeon General Adams urged staying home, "The next week is going to be our Pearl Harbor moment ... our 9/11 moment ... if we want to flatten that curve and get through to the other side ... you've got to be Rosie the Riveter, you've got to do your part."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/05/2950830001/

Mayors across the state ask DHS Sec. Palm to stop in-person voting
... asking the Wisconsin Legislature to respect Governor Evers' request for a special session and create a solution that protects public health and the right to vote. ... "We believe the most logical way to accomplish an election that maintains the safer-at-home order is to mail every registered voter a ballot." ... [noted] Wisconsin is the only state that has not reached a solution for voting in an April election without endangering their citizens. Signed by Mayors Barrett, Genrich, Palmeri, Kabat, Antaramian, Mason, Hanna, Rhodes-Conway, Mischel and Ehley.
https://www.tmj4.com/news/coronavirus/mayors-across-the-state-ask-dhs-secretary-andrea-palm-to-stop-in-person-voting

Vos, Fitzgerald Reject Election Postponement; Will Appeal Other Changes To US Supreme Court
... Evers, a Democrat, called a special session of the Legislature for 4 p.m. Saturday [to convert to mail-in election, extend date]. By 4:05 p.m., the session was adjourned until Monday, though legislators signaled they didn't plan any action then, either. Evers tweeted, "Republicans in the Legislature are playing politics with public safety and ignoring the urgency of this public health crisis. It's wrong. No one should have to

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choose between their health and their right to vote. ... It's time for every Republican legislator to do their jobs and take a vote on this commonsense proposal to extend the election date so everyone can vote safely from home. I urge every Wisconsinite to contact their legislators and demand a vote." Vos, Fitzgerald seek stricter absentee rules, "We accept that clerks need more time to count ballots. We still have grave concerns about election security by allowing votes to be postmarked or submitted after Election Day, and plan to appeal that issue to the United States Supreme Court." Milwaukee Elections Commissioner Albrecht fretted disenfranchisement, "I'm hopeful this state, as it should, can move forward with that April 13 deadline [Conley's date for returning absentee ballots]. Any type of a reversal on that extension ... would further compromise the integrity of this election." Poll worker shortage has led to fewer precincts, raising possibility of large crowds and unsafe conditions.
https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-gop-leaders-take-no-action-election-changes-seek-block-absentee-balloting-extension

Biden: Democratic National Convention 'may be virtual'
... "Well, we're going to have to do a convention. We may have to do a virtual convention. I think we should be thinking about that right now. The idea of holding the convention is going to be necessary. We may not be able to put 10, 20, 30,000 people in one place and that's very possible. Again let's see where it is -- and what we do between now and then is going to dictate a lot of that as well. But my point is that I think you've just got to follow the science," Biden told ABC News' chief anchor George Stephanopoulos. ... "Look, I think it's important to follow the science, listen to the experts and do what they tell you," Biden said. DNCC CEO Solomonese email: "The convention planning team will remain in constant communication with the local, state, and federal officials responsible for protecting public health and security, and will continue to follow their guidance." 2020 DNC Host Committee declined comment, punted to DNCC. Mayor Barrett rep did not respond, rehash Thu.'s quote. MMAC chief Sheehy: "The result unfortunately is a fluid situation, without a permanent answer that August holds as the date for a physical convention, all we can do is prepare and hope."
https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/04/05/biden-democratic-national-convention-may-be.html

DNC chair Tom Perez remains '100% committed to Milwaukee' after delaying party convention [to week of August 17]
Democratic National Committee chair Tom Perez he remains "100% committed to Milwaukee" after organizers pushed back the party's convention to mid-August amid the coronavirus pandemic. ... "I continue to have optimism that we can make it work, especially with the delay," he said in an interview Friday, adding that postponing it "gives us greater options and a greater chance of being ably to carry off a successful convention." ... Even with the changes, Perez said he was "absolutely confident" the convention would still have a positive economic impact in Wisconsin, though he noted predicting the number of attendees at this point is hard. Attendance rates, he said, would "be a function of where things are come later in the spring." "The delay is going to maximize the likelihood of having more robust participation and more robust participation means more people in hotels, more people spending money in Wisconsin,"

he said.
https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/dnc-chair-tom-perez-remains-100-committed-to-milwaukee-after-delaying-party-convention/article_37a6d633-6111-55bf-981d-db090cf0aae9.html

State could miss out on federal stimulus Medicaid payments if Legislature doesn't act
... [US Rep.] Pocan said "one of the last changes to happen" to the [CARES Act] allows Wisconsin to receive the increased funding in the first quarter despite the state's changes to its Medicaid program [upping premium, adding copays]. ... "We were able to get the Wisconsin fix (in the bill), but it's for the first quarter," Pocan said. "The legislature will have to deal with (making additional changes)." ... [DHS Sec. Palm letter to JFC said] pandemic "is likely to significantly increase Medicaid expenditures for the remainder of the biennium." ... Medicaid enrollment will likely increase as people lose coverage from employers. ... working with legislators "to make temporary program changes to qualify" ... on federal waiver approval for more flexible requirements in responding to the pandemic. ... Expanding Medicaid in Wisconsin has long been opposed by Republican lawmakers, and was stripped from the budget by [JFC]. 776,581 Wisconsinites were enrolled in BadgerCare Plus in February. Vos did not respond.
https://madison.com/wsj/d55f0feb-a123-5f15-8d0a-b56c4623e333.html

'Nobody's got a map for this mess': WI counties brace for unknown hit to sales tax
... 5% sales tax generates roughly $5.4B/yr ... roughly a third of the state's revenues ... All but four counties -- Manitowoc, Racine, Waukesha and Winnebago -- collect an optional 0.5% sales tax that was expected to bring in about $462M. ... On average, local sales tax accounts for about 9% of total county revenues ... "It's going to have a devastating impact," said [JeffCo's] DeVries ... where sales taxes account for 21% of GPR. "There's no doubt about it." ... "It won't just be sales tax that takes a hit," said [WPF's] Stein ... "It's not as if the other parts of the state budget are sheltered." WCA's Knapp estimated short-, long-term scenarios would lose from $37-56B, "There's so much we don't know. ... Retail is hard. There's not a lot, but there's a lot more online (sales) going on ... The big boxes are still open. People are still going to Walmart." ... full impact of the lockdown won't be seen until the end of May. WPF's Hencken, DaneCo's Hicklin, IowaCo's Hamilton, JUneauCo's Chipman comment.
https://madison.com/wsj/4c28771e-f777-5272-8c76-5f014f435fd0.html

[Ex rep.] Michelle Vos, wife of Speaker, calls coronavirus measures an 'overreaction'
... [mid-March] on her personal Facebook page. "I want to go on record and say we could be unnecessarily destroying our economy," she wrote. "COVID IS NOT AIRBORNE (droplets yes, airborne no)," she wrote. "My GOD we're over reacting." ... In another post, Vos wrote, "Yes people will die of this. It just isn't worth shutting down our whole economy - except grocery stores. In my opinion." ... Vos declined to comment, saying she doesn't want people to misconstrue her opinions as being those of Assembly

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Speaker Robin Vos. Rehash Assembly GOP request, denied by EVers, to allow in-person religious services for Easter, Passover. Speaker Vos tweet accused Milwaukee Elections chief Albrecht of wanting "problems instead of actual solutions" for poll/poll workers shortages.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/05/2952010001/

As coronavirus losses mount, UW campuses ask state for emergency relief money
... [as] resident undergraduate tuition freeze ... enter[s] its eighth year this fall. Some campuses [UWW, UWRF, UWL] have nearly depleted their emergency reserves after lawmakers forced universities to start spending down the amount of money they keep on hand. ... many institutions, including UW-Madison, announcing summer classes will also be delivered only online. ... state's declining number of high school students for campuses to recruit meant many universities had multimillion-dollar deficits even before COVID-19 ... "one of the few things we know for sure is that the full cost will not be known for some time," System President Ray Cross told the UW Board of Regents during a Thursday meeting. ... Asked for the estimates that Cross received from campuses, [UW's] Pitsch declined to answer ... [suggested] records requests. [Chancellor Blank estimated] "best-case scenario" loss of $100M if life returns to normal by early summer. ... To make up for what it did not receive from Congress, the System recently asked state lawmakers for $59M in immediate emergency relief ... not include[ing growing] lost revenues and increased costs at UW campuses ... asked for a funding mechanism to offset the "significant" cost of setting up, operating and cleaning campus facilities the state is using as isolation centers. ... [FY19] report ... showed UW institutions with about $123M in real reserves ... https://madison.com/wsj/d02570a5-1bff-5c76-9db5-2be166900816.html

WEEK AHEAD
https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

Monday, April 6th

- No events listed.

Tuesday, April 7th

- 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Spring election and presidential preference primary
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6524

- 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

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- 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/

Wednesday, April 8th

- No events listed.

Thursday, April 9th

- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Veterans Chamber of Commerce: 'Veterans in the Workforce' webinar.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-in-the-workforce-online-webinar-tickets-101550628664

- 6 p.m.: Thompson Center webinar with K.T. McFarland, former U.S. deputy national security adviser.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-webinar-with-k-t-mcfarland-former-u-s-deputy-national-security-adviser/

Friday, April 10th - Sunday, April 12th

- No events listed.

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-- With the spring election now before the U.S. Supreme Court, 11 Wisconsin mayors are pressing Gov. Tony Evers' administration to stop in-person voting

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after Republican lawmakers declined to take up his last-minute request for a mail-in election with new deadlines in May.

But a source close to the guv says Evers doesn't believe his administration has that power. And any attempt to move it without legislative approval would end up before the conservative-dominated state Supreme Court, which his administration believes would slap down the move.

The 11 mayors sent the letter to Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm, urging her to use her emergency powers to stop the state from "putting hundreds of thousands of citizens at risk by requiring them to vote at the polls while this ugly pandemic spreads."

The mayors -- including those of Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay -- acknowledged Palm doesn't have the authority to approve the modifications that would be necessary to conclude the election if polls were closed. To address that, they called on the Legislature to meet in special session today. They argued the "most logical way" to conduct the election amid a stay-at-home order would be to mail every registered voter a ballot.

"The lives of our constituents depend on it," they wrote.

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405Letter.pdf

-- Republicans have asked U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh to decide by today whether to put on hold a lower court ruling allowing absentee ballots to be counted so long as they are received by 4 p.m. April 13.

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals late Friday upheld a lower court ruling pushing back the deadline for absentee ballots to be returned, as well as adding an extra day to request one. Typically, absentee ballots have to be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

In their response to Saturday's filing by Republicans, the state and national Dem parties, along with others, on Sunday warned a backlog on processing absentee ballot requests means thousands of Wisconsin voters won't even receive them until after Election Day. Without the order extending the deadline to April 13 to return the ballots, the brief argues, thousands of voters would be disenfranchised.

The brief notes the backlog of processing requests had reached 21,590 as of Thursday. Meanwhile, it's taking a full week or more to deliver mail in Wisconsin due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also warns a stay could exacerbate the growing pandemic in Wisconsin, because voters not confident their absentee ballots would be counted would show up at the polls tomorrow, increasing person-to-person contact. The brief argues U.S. Judge William

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Conley's ruling extending the deadline for absentee ballots to be received is intended to decrease that person-to-person contact in the middle of a pandemic.

"A stay would negate these reasonable remedies for the extreme, unprecedented circumstances that tens of thousands of Wisconsin voters are likely to face: either they venture out to vote in person and risk their health and the health of others, or they forfeit the right to vote through no fault of their own," Dems argue.

In a response filed late yesterday, Republicans countered while a limited number of voters -- "by no fault of their own" -- would miss the deadline if they had to have their ballots postmarked by Election Day, they could seek relief through the courts. But the district court's order "allows anyone to vote after election day, even those who have had their absentee ballots in hand for days or weeks."

See the Dem filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405Filing.pdf

See the GOP response:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405GOPReply.pdf

See more on Saturday's filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/republicans-file-appeal-with-u-s-supreme-court-in-absentee-ballot-case/

-- The Elections Commission has notified clerks that every absentee ballot for the spring election must include a witness signature in order to be counted, even if it was mailed during the approximately 24 hours when a judge's ruling suspended that requirement.

In a communication to clerks yesterday, the commission addressed ballots that were mailed between Conley's order, issued Thursday afternoon, and a ruling from the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Friday evening reversing that piece of his decision.

The commission told clerks to "make their best effort" in contacting those who failed to include a signature on their ballot of options to provide the missing information. That includes the voter appearing with the original witness in the clerk's office or polling place on Election Day to provide the signature.

Voters also have the option to correct the issue by mail by asking the clerk to send the unopened absentee ballot back to them along with a new envelope to return it. Voters would then have to open the original envelope, verify their ballot, seal it in the new envelope and obtain a witness signature.

Read the communication to clerks:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6816

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-- Assembly Republicans are asking Gov. Tony Evers to ease his stay-at-home order to allow churches and temples to hold Easter or Passover services this week, even if it's outside.

"For many of us, being a part of these services will offer much-needed solace during these uncertain times," Republicans wrote.

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"The governor understands that for many Wisconsinites their faith is a source of comfort, especially in these difficult times, but in order to protect the health and safety of all Wisconsinites he will not be rolling back the provisions of the Safer at Home order," Baldauff said.

-- The request was part of a letter Assembly Republicans sent Evers laying out their priorities for the state's share of the $2.2 billion headed to Wisconsin as part of a federal stimulus package.

They noted the $1.9 billion the state is slated to receive comes with no legislative oversight.

Those priorities include:

*the needs of hospitals and healthcare facilities. As part of that, Assembly Republicans renewed their objections to allowing abortion providers to continue operating and insisted "firmly" that no federal stimulus money go to abortion providers.

*safeguards for business owners and workers. The letter says Assembly Republicans support repealing the one-week waiting period before those laid off can begin collecting unemployment checks. They asked Evers to consider providing unemployment assistance for business owners, as well as helping them and farmers "stay afloat in these difficult times."

*assistance to local government, if allowed under the bill. That includes vouchers to help local governments find alternative housing for the homeless as well as supporting food pantries.

They also insisted in the letter that "tax increases or other economically detrimental policies cannot and should not be an option."

The letter was signed by every member of the Assembly GOP caucus except for Scott

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Allen, of Waukesha, and Loren Oldenburg, of Viroqua.

See the release and the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-vos-assembly-gop-send-governor-list-of-priorities-for-federal-stimulus-dollars/

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In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos yesterday, Ann Jacobs and Mark Thomsen wrote "we simply cannot guarantee" the safety of those who didn't request an absentee ballot and need to vote on Election Day or to register at the polls.

As of yesterday morning, Wisconsin voters had requested nearly 1.3 million absentee ballots, but only 703,048 had been returned.

The Dem commission members noted a lack of staffing that has resulted in 111 municipalities as of last week without sufficient workers to open a single polling site. They also pointed out Milwaukee plans just five polling sites rather than the usual 180, while Neenah is planning just one rather than six and Waukesha just one rather than 15.

On Saturday, Republicans quickly gaveled in the special sessions in nearly empty chambers and then recessed until today.

"In the face of a deepening and escalating COVID-19 crisis, forcing an in-person election on Tuesday not only threatens the voters, the clerks, and election staff, it threatens everyone those people subsequently come into contact with at home and elsewhere," they wrote. "A single asymptomatic virus-carrying poll worker could transmit the virus to hundreds of people on
election day, creating a disease vector that would devastate a community."

Read the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405Letter2.pdf

-- Meanwhile, Dean Knudson, a former GOP lawmaker and the current chair of the Elections Commission, insisted the election must go on as planned.

Knudson noted on Twitter that elections still went on after the British invaded Washington, D.C., in 1814, during the Civil War and amid the 1918 influenza pandemic.

He pointed out the number of absentee ballots already mailed, saying the election will

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be 80 percent mail-in compared to normally being 80 percent in-person, a switch that occurred in a matter of weeks. Knudson said that "demonstrates the flexible and adaptable nature of Wisconsin's voting laws."

"Everything is in place for our elections to go forward," Knudson wrote. "Don't let fear and panic derail our democracy. Instead let's pull together to help ensure we minimize health risks in polling places while protecting the integrity of our elections."

See the thread:
https://twitter.com/deanknudson/status/1246546123952709634

-- The Department of Administration says the Capitol will be open to the public starting at 9 a.m. today for the special session.

The building has been closed to the public since March 26, but was opened Saturday for the special session. It will close again one hour after the special session.

-- Gov. Tony Evers announced over the weekend the president has approved a major disaster declaration for the state as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-wisconsin-granted-federal-disaster-declaration-due-to-covid-19-pandemic/

-- Both Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders have now endorsed Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky in this spring's Supreme Court race.

Biden announced his endorsement Friday evening. Earlier in the day, President Trump suggested Gov. Tony Evers called for moving Wisconsin to a mail-in election with deadlines in May because of his endorsement of conservative Justice Daniel Kelly.

Trump had earlier praised Kelly at a Wisconsin rally with video of that playing prominently in the TV ad of one outside group. Around noon Friday, the president sent a tweet stating Kelly had his "complete endorsement." Hours later, Trump claimed his endorsement of Kelly via social media had sent the justice's poll numbers "through the roof."

Trump, who questioned why Evers didn't call for delaying the election two weeks ago, also expressed his opposition to allowing ballots to be mailed in, saying voters should have to cast ballots at the polls while presenting a voter ID.

See video of Trump's answer:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT_P4Hpw2c4&feature=youtu.be

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-- Assembly leaders split on the question of moving forward with Tuesday's election, with Majority Leader Jim Steineke saying this is no time to "upend" things, and Minority Leader Gordon Hintz warning of "catastrophic consequences" of going ahead with the vote during a pandemic.

Both lawmakers appeared Sunday on "UpFront," produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

Gov. Tony Evers on Friday called a special session, asking lawmakers to meet on Saturday to delay the election until May, and move it to all mail-in balloting. Republicans rejected his request, and the session was quickly gaveled in and out on Saturday.

"To come in at the last minute and try to upend things, and do an election in a completely different way that we just don't have the infrastructure for right now, or the security just to secure the votes, just doesn't make sense," said Steineke, R-Kaukauna.

Steineke knocked the governor for "feckless leadership" for waiting until roughly 100 hours before the election to call for delaying it.

"He's got to give some people some certainty. ... (Y)ou've got to take some strong positions and stick to them to give people some certainty on how things are going to go," Steineke said. "And that's one of the frustrations that we've had."

"UpFront" host Adrienne Pedersen about the wisdom of asking people to show up and vote during a deadly pandemic.

"This is a challenging time for all of us. When it comes to this election process, we looked at everything. There is no good answer," Steineke said.

-- In a separate interview, Hintz said there is still time for lawmakers to meet and move the election. He said asking people to go to the polls on Tuesday goes against everything that state officials are telling them with a stay-at-home order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"This is increasingly looking like a terrible decision and certainly by Tuesday there will be significant risk of transmission, spreading of the virus, and obviously overwhelming our hospitals, which I think are already feeling the weight of how fast this is spreading," said Hintz, D-Oshkosh.

"We can still act, and we can prevent this from happening in a legally certain way," he said about the Legislature. "We have the ability to act."

Pedersen asked Hintz why other states had been able to postpone their elections, and

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not Wisconsin. Hintz said other states have different statutes and had a longer time frame in which to act. Wisconsin lacked a "clear path," he said.

"I think we'll really regret going through with this," Hintz said.

-- In another segment, two political strategists said the race for Wisconsin Supreme Court is a "coin flip" heading into Tuesday. Democrat Joe Zepecki and Republican Brian Reisinger discussed the effect of the outbreak on the election and the campaigns.

See more from the program:
http://www.wisn.com/upfront.

-- Lawmakers last week circulated one bill for co-sponsorship, with JFC Co-chair John Nygren pushing a bill that would require the executive branch to notify the Legislature and his committee when it takes action to deal with a public health emergency.

That notification would include the start and end dates of the plan, as well as procedures and actions taken.

See the Association of Wisconsin Lobbyist's summary of last week's bills circulated, including links to the co-sponsorship memos:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200405AWL.pdf

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DHS: 2,267 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
... increased by 155 cases from Saturday to Sunday. ... five additional deaths in Milwaukee County reported by local officials, bringing the statewide total to 73 deaths [40 more since Friday] ... 624 people have been hospitalized [163 more since Friday]. 25,169 negative tests [4,852 more since Friday]. Confirmed cases in 57 of 72 counties [5 more since Friday]. No cases: Burnett, Forest, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Pepin, Polk, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vernon, Washburn and Waushara.
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-2-267-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Citing Public Health Emergency, Evers Calls For Delay Of April Election
... after evaluating the growing "surge" of COVID-19 cases ... coupled with a dramatic decrease in polling places. [Milwaukee Election Commission on Friday announced poll worker shortage cut polling places from 180 to 5.] ... Evers announced Friday that he was calling a special session of the Legislature to extend the election, just three days before Wisconsin voters were scheduled to head to the polls. ... send absentee ballots to millions of registered voters who hadn't requested them already. Voters would then have until May 19 to return the ballots. ... "Yeah, it's late in the game, there's no question," Evers told reporters at a media briefing Friday [conceding he hadn't yet spoken to Speaker Vos, Leader Fitzgerald]. "I'm hopeful that common sense will prevail. ... "The virus sets the timetable, not me, not Robin Vos and not Scott Fitzgerald," Evers said. "So the time is now." Vos-Fitzgerald statement said too late, "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." Rehash Conley rulings, upheld in part [April 13 extension] by Seventh Circuit, struck down [witness-less ballots]. Vos and Fitzgerald said Friday night that they planned to appeal the April 13 extension to the U.S. Supreme Court. Asked if he could stop election unilaterally, Evers said, "If they take no action, we'll be looking at whatever

action we can take."
https://www.wpr.org/citing-public-health-emergency-evers-calls-delay-april-election

Evers denies Assembly GOP request to allow in-person Easter and Passover services
... "It is more important than ever that we allow Wisconsinites to observe their individual faiths," [Speaker Vos, GOP caucus] wrote in a Friday letter to Evers. "To that end, we ask that you work with Wisconsin churches and temples to allow them to hold Easter or Passover services, even if it's outside." Evers declined ... "As a state and as a nation, we are heading into the worst of this public health crisis," [Baldauff for Evers] said. "The governor understands that for many Wisconsinites their faith is a source of comfort, especially in these difficult times, but in order to protect the health and safety of all Wisconsinites he will not be rolling back the provisions of the Safer at Home order. ... We continue to call on Republicans in the legislature to do their part to ensure public health and safety."... "This disease does not have a religious exemption," [Mayor] Barrett said. "As much as I would love this disease to have a religious exemption, a family exemption, a voting exemption, it does not. And it's not just the people who would attend these services, but it would be the people that they would infect. ... It is disappointing that somehow we have so many people in state government right now who want to make believe that we're exempt from this thing. It's just ... it's mind-boggling." ... request came one day before Republicans ... stalled Evers' move to push back Tuesday's election ... On Saturday, they quickly adjourned a special legislative session about the matter. Surgeon General Adams urged staying home, "The next week is going to be our Pearl Harbor moment ... our 9/11 moment ... if we want to flatten that curve and get through to the other side ... you've got to be Rosie the Riveter, you've got to do your part."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/05/2950830001/

Mayors across the state ask DHS Sec. Palm to stop in-person voting
... asking the Wisconsin Legislature to respect Governor Evers' request for a special session and create a solution that protects public health and the right to vote. ... "We believe the most logical way to accomplish an election that maintains the safer-at-home order is to mail every registered voter a ballot." ... [noted] Wisconsin is the only state that has not reached a solution for voting in an April election without endangering their citizens. Signed by Mayors Barrett, Genrich, Palmeri, Kabat, Antaramian, Mason, Hanna, Rhodes-Conway, Mischel and Ehley.
https://www.tmj4.com/news/coronavirus/mayors-across-the-state-ask-dhs-secretary-andrea-palm-to-stop-in-person-voting

Vos, Fitzgerald Reject Election Postponement; Will Appeal Other Changes To US Supreme Court
... Evers, a Democrat, called a special session of the Legislature for 4 p.m. Saturday [to convert to mail-in election, extend date]. By 4:05 p.m., the session was adjourned until Monday, though legislators signaled they didn't plan any action then, either. Evers tweeted, "Republicans in the Legislature are playing politics with public safety and ignoring the urgency of this public health crisis. It's wrong. No one should have to

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choose between their health and their right to vote. ... It's time for every Republican legislator to do their jobs and take a vote on this commonsense proposal to extend the election date so everyone can vote safely from home. I urge every Wisconsinite to contact their legislators and demand a vote." Vos, Fitzgerald seek stricter absentee rules, "We accept that clerks need more time to count ballots. We still have grave concerns about election security by allowing votes to be postmarked or submitted after Election Day, and plan to appeal that issue to the United States Supreme Court." Milwaukee Elections Commissioner Albrecht fretted disenfranchisement, "I'm hopeful this state, as it should, can move forward with that April 13 deadline [Conley's date for returning absentee ballots]. Any type of a reversal on that extension ... would further compromise the integrity of this election." Poll worker shortage has led to fewer precincts, raising possibility of large crowds and unsafe conditions.
https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-gop-leaders-take-no-action-election-changes-seek-block-absentee-balloting-extension

Biden: Democratic National Convention 'may be virtual'
... "Well, we're going to have to do a convention. We may have to do a virtual convention. I think we should be thinking about that right now. The idea of holding the convention is going to be necessary. We may not be able to put 10, 20, 30,000 people in one place and that's very possible. Again let's see where it is -- and what we do between now and then is going to dictate a lot of that as well. But my point is that I think you've just got to follow the science," Biden told ABC News' chief anchor George Stephanopoulos. ... "Look, I think it's important to follow the science, listen to the experts and do what they tell you," Biden said. DNCC CEO Solomonese email: "The convention planning team will remain in constant communication with the local, state, and federal officials responsible for protecting public health and security, and will continue to follow their guidance." 2020 DNC Host Committee declined comment, punted to DNCC. Mayor Barrett rep did not respond, rehash Thu.'s quote. MMAC chief Sheehy: "The result unfortunately is a fluid situation, without a permanent answer that August holds as the date for a physical convention, all we can do is prepare and hope."
https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/04/05/biden-democratic-national-convention-may-be.html

DNC chair Tom Perez remains '100% committed to Milwaukee' after delaying party convention [to week of August 17]
Democratic National Committee chair Tom Perez he remains "100% committed to Milwaukee" after organizers pushed back the party's convention to mid-August amid the coronavirus pandemic. ... "I continue to have optimism that we can make it work, especially with the delay," he said in an interview Friday, adding that postponing it "gives us greater options and a greater chance of being ably to carry off a successful convention." ... Even with the changes, Perez said he was "absolutely confident" the convention would still have a positive economic impact in Wisconsin, though he noted predicting the number of attendees at this point is hard. Attendance rates, he said, would "be a function of where things are come later in the spring." "The delay is going to maximize the likelihood of having more robust participation and more robust participation means more people in hotels, more people spending money in Wisconsin,"

he said.
https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/dnc-chair-tom-perez-remains-100-committed-to-milwaukee-after-delaying-party-convention/article_37a6d633-6111-55bf-981d-db090cf0aae9.html

State could miss out on federal stimulus Medicaid payments if Legislature doesn't act
... [US Rep.] Pocan said "one of the last changes to happen" to the [CARES Act] allows Wisconsin to receive the increased funding in the first quarter despite the state's changes to its Medicaid program [upping premium, adding copays]. ... "We were able to get the Wisconsin fix (in the bill), but it's for the first quarter," Pocan said. "The legislature will have to deal with (making additional changes)." ... [DHS Sec. Palm letter to JFC said] pandemic "is likely to significantly increase Medicaid expenditures for the remainder of the biennium." ... Medicaid enrollment will likely increase as people lose coverage from employers. ... working with legislators "to make temporary program changes to qualify" ... on federal waiver approval for more flexible requirements in responding to the pandemic. ... Expanding Medicaid in Wisconsin has long been opposed by Republican lawmakers, and was stripped from the budget by [JFC]. 776,581 Wisconsinites were enrolled in BadgerCare Plus in February. Vos did not respond.
https://madison.com/wsj/d55f0feb-a123-5f15-8d0a-b56c4623e333.html

'Nobody's got a map for this mess': WI counties brace for unknown hit to sales tax
... 5% sales tax generates roughly $5.4B/yr ... roughly a third of the state's revenues ... All but four counties -- Manitowoc, Racine, Waukesha and Winnebago -- collect an optional 0.5% sales tax that was expected to bring in about $462M. ... On average, local sales tax accounts for about 9% of total county revenues ... "It's going to have a devastating impact," said [JeffCo's] DeVries ... where sales taxes account for 21% of GPR. "There's no doubt about it." ... "It won't just be sales tax that takes a hit," said [WPF's] Stein ... "It's not as if the other parts of the state budget are sheltered." WCA's Knapp estimated short-, long-term scenarios would lose from $37-56B, "There's so much we don't know. ... Retail is hard. There's not a lot, but there's a lot more online (sales) going on ... The big boxes are still open. People are still going to Walmart." ... full impact of the lockdown won't be seen until the end of May. WPF's Hencken, DaneCo's Hicklin, IowaCo's Hamilton, JUneauCo's Chipman comment.
https://madison.com/wsj/4c28771e-f777-5272-8c76-5f014f435fd0.html

[Ex rep.] Michelle Vos, wife of Speaker, calls coronavirus measures an 'overreaction'
... [mid-March] on her personal Facebook page. "I want to go on record and say we could be unnecessarily destroying our economy," she wrote. "COVID IS NOT AIRBORNE (droplets yes, airborne no)," she wrote. "My GOD we're over reacting." ... In another post, Vos wrote, "Yes people will die of this. It just isn't worth shutting down our whole economy - except grocery stores. In my opinion." ... Vos declined to comment, saying she doesn't want people to misconstrue her opinions as being those of Assembly

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Speaker Robin Vos. Rehash Assembly GOP request, denied by EVers, to allow in-person religious services for Easter, Passover. Speaker Vos tweet accused Milwaukee Elections chief Albrecht of wanting "problems instead of actual solutions" for poll/poll workers shortages.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/05/2952010001/

As coronavirus losses mount, UW campuses ask state for emergency relief money
... [as] resident undergraduate tuition freeze ... enter[s] its eighth year this fall. Some campuses [UWW, UWRF, UWL] have nearly depleted their emergency reserves after lawmakers forced universities to start spending down the amount of money they keep on hand. ... many institutions, including UW-Madison, announcing summer classes will also be delivered only online. ... state's declining number of high school students for campuses to recruit meant many universities had multimillion-dollar deficits even before COVID-19 ... "one of the few things we know for sure is that the full cost will not be known for some time," System President Ray Cross told the UW Board of Regents during a Thursday meeting. ... Asked for the estimates that Cross received from campuses, [UW's] Pitsch declined to answer ... [suggested] records requests. [Chancellor Blank estimated] "best-case scenario" loss of $100M if life returns to normal by early summer. ... To make up for what it did not receive from Congress, the System recently asked state lawmakers for $59M in immediate emergency relief ... not include[ing growing] lost revenues and increased costs at UW campuses ... asked for a funding mechanism to offset the "significant" cost of setting up, operating and cleaning campus facilities the state is using as isolation centers. ... [FY19] report ... showed UW institutions with about $123M in real reserves ... https://madison.com/wsj/d02570a5-1bff-5c76-9db5-2be166900816.html

WEEK AHEAD
https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

Monday, April 6th

- No events listed.

Tuesday, April 7th

- 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Spring election and presidential preference primary
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6524

- 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

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- 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/

Wednesday, April 8th

- No events listed.

Thursday, April 9th

- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Veterans Chamber of Commerce: 'Veterans in the Workforce' webinar.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-in-the-workforce-online-webinar-tickets-101550628664

- 6 p.m.: Thompson Center webinar with K.T. McFarland, former U.S. deputy national security adviser.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-webinar-with-k-t-mcfarland-former-u-s-deputy-national-security-adviser/

Friday, April 10th - Sunday, April 12th

- No events listed.

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-- The Wisconsin Elections Commission deadlocked during an emergency meeting on whether to investigate the Dane and Milwaukee County clerks over

their advice for those casting mail-in absentee ballots.

The clerks advised voters they could indicate they were indefinitely confined to avoid having to provide IDs to cast the ballots. That advice was prompted by concerns some who are in isolation or feared going to the polls due to the COVID-19 pandemic may not have the technology or know-how to provide a copy of their ID with the mail-in ballots.

Republican Commissioner Bob Spindell first proposed on Friday to start an investigation of Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson and Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell, but that was shot down because it wasn't on the agenda.

The agenda for yesterday included a separate item for each clerk, calling for an investigation into whether each "has failed to comply with the law or abused the discretion vested in him or her by law or proposes to do so."

Commissioners also convened in closed session to discuss lawsuits surrounding the April 7 election.

Spindell walked back from his push for investigations during yesterday's meeting, putting forth motions that instead called for notifying the clerks their guidance was wrong.

"I do not believe that we need to have an investigation into this matter," Spindell said. "I think all we need to do is to deliver the message to the Milwaukee County clerk and the Dane County clerk that their advice regarding indefinite confinement was wrong."

Both were shot down with 3-3 votes, with all Republican members voting to proceed with notifying the clerks, and all Dems voting against doing so.

Commissioners also voted 3-3 on a motion to table the investigation into McDonell, with all Republican members voting against tabling it, and all Dems voting in favor of tabling. A similar vote was not taken for the investigation into Christenson.

A majority vote would have been required to proceed with any action.

Dem Commissioner Mark Thomsen criticized the commission for entertaining the idea of investigating clerks. He said they took action to alleviate a crisis in a "vacuum" left by the Legislature and governor. He said the commission should instead focus on making the election safe and getting enough poll workers.

"I'm certainly not going to vote for a motion that takes up public time to criticize two clerks that are trying to do their best so we can promote somebody's agenda in a lawsuit in the Supreme Court," he said. "I think that's beneath us as an institution."

See a report on Friday's commission meeting below.

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-- McDonell has until 1 p.m. today to respond to the state GOP's request for the Supreme Court to rule that he and other clerks don't have the authority to allow all voters to escape the voter ID requirements for absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The party filed the request late Friday, also seeking a declaration from the court to make clear the Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order "does not and cannot affect the rules and procedures under" Wisconsin's election laws.

Following the filing, the court set today's deadline for McDonell to respond.

See the order:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200327Order1.pdf

See more on the filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisgop-urges-supreme-court-to-rule-voters-cant-get-around-voter-id-for-absentee-ballot-due-to-covid-19-pandemic/

-- Gov. Tony Evers tweeted the state had received about half of the personal protection equipment it has requested from the Strategic National Stockpile and has been working to begin distributing it to local communities.

Evers' announcement came after his office and GOP lawmakers tussled over the administration's efforts to get ventilators and masks amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The guv tweeted his administration has requested:

*54,709 N95 respirators
*130,326 surgical masks
*24,816 face shields
*20,233 surgical gowns
*104 coveralls
*72,044 gloves

The dustup between Evers and Senate Majority Leader Scott Ftizgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, came as the guv's office released the draft of a bill he's proposing that seeks more than $800 million to address the pandemic.

See Evers' Twitter thread:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1244350721828544517

See more on the guv's proposal to address COVID-19:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/evers-seeks-more-than-800-million-to-address-covid-19-pandemic/

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-- As of yesterday afternoon, the state was up to 13 deaths from COVID-19.

The Department of Health Services reported 1,112 positive tests for the virus, up from 842 on Friday. There also have been 16,550 negatives.

Click here for links to coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- A judge has consolidated three of the remaining federal lawsuits seeking changes to the April 7 election.

Along with issuing that order late Saturday, U.S. Judge William Conley also denied a request from GOP lawmakers to intervene in the suit. But he allowed the state and national Republican parties to join the suit.

Meanwhile, Evers has appointed Dan Bach as special counsel for the state Elections Commission in the suit. The three assistant AGs who had been defending the agency withdrew.

See the order to consolidate the suits:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200329Order.pdf

See the order on the motion to intervene:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200329Intervene.pdf

-- Bernie Sanders announced this morning U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan will chair his state campaign in Wisconsin while rolling out the vice-chairs and a series of endorsements.

The seven vice-chairs include state Rep. David Bowen, who was the only Wisconsin superdelegate in 2016 to endorse Sanders.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/sanders-campaign-welcomes-wisconsin-state-chairs-and-slate-of-endorsements/

-- State Rep. Sheila Stubbs says she won't run for the Senate seat being vacated by longtime lawmaker Fred Risser, D-Madison, saying now is not the right time for her or her family.

"I look forward to continuing my service in the Assembly representing a beautiful

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district," said Stubbs, who won her seat in 2018.

So far, four Dems have announced plans to run for the seat: William Henry Davis III, a write-in candidate for lt. guv in 2018; Nada Elmikashfi, whose website says she will graduate from UW-Madison in May and is a member of the Sustainable Madison Committee; Aisha Suraya Moe, who graduated from UW-Madison in December; and former state Rep. Kelda Roys, who ran for guv in 2018 and Congress in 2012.

Scot Ross, the former head of the liberal One Wisconsin Now, is also considering a run.

-- There are not enough supplies to follow through on Gov. Tony Evers' proposal to send every registered voter an absentee ballot, according to the state's top election official.

Evers on Friday released a video calling for lawmakers to change state statutes to conduct the upcoming April 7 election by mail-in ballot, a proposal Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald dismissed as a "complete fantasy" and "not logistically feasible."

At a Wisconsin Elections Commission teleconference hours after the video was released, Administrator Meagan Wolfe told commissioners clerks did not have enough ballots to follow through on the guv's proposal.

Wolfe said local clerks gauge the number of ballots they will need to print for each election based on "historical estimates." That could vary widely in municipalities that use direct-recording electronic voting machines. So-called DREs print a voter-verifiable paper audit trail as required under state law, but record votes into computer memory and do not use a paper ballot.

What's more, Wolfe said clerks wouldn't be able to order more ballots en masse, because elections vendors and printers who create the ballots are not considered essential personnel and are largely shut down. She added it would "not be advisable" to seek out a third party ballot manufacturer, noting the complexity of the ballots leave "a lot of opportunity for them not to be correct."

The commission during the meeting voted unanimously to approve: $200,000 in federally awarded grant funding for COVID-19 election supplies; an election day checklist and procedures for curbside voting, drive-through voting and outdoor polling places developed by the agency's staff; and updated guidance for hospitalized electors.

The commission also unanimously backed two of the three staff-authored updates to the guidance on indefinitely confined voters.

The first piece of guidance clarified the status was "for each individual voter to make based upon their current circumstance" and was appropriate based on age, physical illness, infirmity or being disabled for an indefinite period.

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The second piece affirmed the status should not be used solely to "avoid the photo ID requirement."

But after a lengthy debate, commissioners passed on taking up a third piece of guidance that advised a voter could claim indefinitely confined status if they have a valid ID but did "not have the technology to upload a copy or access to a printer or scanner to provide a copy of their ID."

Chair Dean Knudson argued that line would expand the definition of the status. But Dems Mark Thomsen and Ann Jacobs backed including the guidance after Wolfe said the commission had received a number of calls from elderly voters who felt healthy but were afraid to go out and don't know how to use the technology necessary to upload an ID.

After Knudson said the decision should be left up to the voter, Jacobs withdrew the guidance from consideration.

-- Tens of thousands of claims for unemployment benefits are being filed daily due to layoffs in the coronavirus shutdown, and the Department of Workforce Development has made adjustments to handle the increased volume, DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said.

"We've been making some pretty serious improvements and innovations to make sure we are able to handle the call capacity," Frostman said in an interview aired Sunday on "UpFront," produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

Frostman said the call volume is "immense." He said 19,000 calls came in during a 15-minute period last Monday morning.

DWD is advising people to file initial claims online.

Frostman said 21,000 initial claims were filed last Monday, followed by an average of 19,000 claims daily on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"Perhaps we've leveled off, but that sustained amount of new initial claims is still a serious amount of folks filing for unemployment," he said.

-- Also on the program, an economist said it's a "reasonable assessment" that the U.S. is already in a recession because of the pandemic.

Brian Jacobsen, chief portfolio strategist for Wells Fargo Funds Management, said available data and indexes indicate that "not just the U.S., but globally, we're in a recession."

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"Now what we're trying to figure out is what that recovery and rebound is going to look like," Jacobsen said.

"We believe that we are through most of the worst of it, but obviously, facts can change," he said.

-- In another segment, the creator of the popular "Wisconsin Foodie" television series said he fears the pandemic, and the economic shock it has caused, will wipe out a sizable number of Wisconsin restaurants.

Arthur Ircink said the Wisconsin Restaurant Association told him that in the first 22 days of the crisis, the industry lost $288 million in sales as restaurants were forced to close their doors or offer take-out service only. Ircink said the service industry has laid off 56,000 employees in Wisconsin.

"We're looking at about 13,000 drinking and eating establishments in Wisconsin, and I'd be shocked if 70 percent of those come back," Ircink said.

See more from the program:
http://www.wisn.com/upfront

-- Lawmakers last week circulated 19 bills for co-sponsorship, including a GOP proposal to create new legislative oversight when governors declare a state of emergency.

Many of the other bills introduced last week relate to the coronavirus pandemic, including proposals to change rules for absentee ballots during a state of emergency.

See the Association of Wisconsin Lobbyist's summary of last week's bills circulated, including links to the co-sponsorship memos:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200329AWL.pdf

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Evers To Purchase Ventilators, Other PPE As Coronavirus Fight Escalates
... [Vos, Fitzgerald rejected Evers' $706M+] plan [that] would give [DHS "sum sufficient" power to spend whatever it deems necessary to address COVID-19. ... suspend ... voter ID requirement during a public health emergency, increase state payments to low-income residents and Evers ... to adjust the state's Medicaid rules to capture federal funding. ... approve a separate resolution that would extend his broad emergency powers to deal with COVID-19 "indefinitely." ... But [weekend] emails [show] Evers' plan is going nowhere ... in its current form. DOA Deputy Patton email to Vos, Fitzgerald said "any delay in action due to an inability to be nimble could have catastrophic consequences." Vos responded with LFB memo showing WI's $1.9B share of $2.2T federal stimulus, followed Sat. by letters from both leaders to Evers rejecting his "sum sufficient" request and noting he did not need Legislative approval to spend the $111.9B-Fed [which LFB's Lang verified], "While we wish circumstances were different so oversight was required, these new federal dollars do not appear to require any legislative oversight," and urged Evers to act "immediately and not delay." Gau for Evers emailed Vos and Fitzgerald Sat. night to "express my disappointment ...it seems you are more interested in having political squabbles [than in] saving lives and working to prevent the further spread of COVID-19," noted receiving "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 (Strategic National Stockpile)." Emails show Evers' staff had shared Evers' $796M plan with Vos, Fitzgerald on March 21. Evers now plans to buy up to 10K ventilators and 1M protective masks.
https://www.wpr.org/evers-purchase-ventilators-other-protective-equipment-states-coronavirus-fight-escalates

Evers Relaxes Rules To Boost Health Care Workforce During Pandemic
... [Evers, DHS Sec. Palm] order [broadens] PA's [and APRNs] ... "scope of practice" -- allowing them to practice in areas of medicine that match their experience and expertise, even if their supervising physician works in another field. Additionally, physicians may now supervise up to eight PAs, rather than four. [rule changes long sought by PA's/APRN's] ... simplifies license renewals [for] recent retirees with expired licenses to re-enter the practice. ... allows licensed out-of-state physicians to more easily practice in Wisconsin. ... adjusts clinical education requirements for nursing students who are close to graduation, allowing them to begin practicing sooner. Evers: "Our healthcare professionals are on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis, and it is critical that we maximize the size of our work force and eliminate unnecessary barriers ... ensure that more Wisconsinites get the care they need, when they need it." Froedert/MCOW's Silkey: "This is extremely timely as we prepare for patient surges compounded with anticipated health care workforce illnesses and quarantines." WAPA's Doyle vowed "to work to remove unnecessary administrative burdens uniquely faced by PAs in this state."
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/03/evers-health-care-workforce-coronavirus/

DHS: 1,112 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin

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... as well as 16,550 negative tests. ... 18 people in Wisconsin have died ... one death each in Dane, Fond du Lac, Iron, Sauk and Waupaca counties, three in Ozaukee County, and 10 in Milwaukee County [8 were African Americans living on northwest side.] ... Evers' ... "safer-at-home" order ... is in effect until April 24, or until another order is issued. ... Without further restrictions on movement, DHS officials [foresee 22K positives by April 8, and 440-1,500 deaths].
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-112-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

COVID-19 Deaths Concentrated In Milwaukee's African American Community
... eight of [14 statewide] were African Americans living on the city's northwest side, and Milwaukee appears to be the only city in the country where this is happening. ... Evers called the deaths in Milwaukee "a crisis within a crisis." NW district Supv. Martin encouraged social distancing, "Is it a part of lack of communication ... our not touching all forms of media? Or are people not understanding how serious this virus is? And of course with our president saying it's not serious, it's a hoax, are people still holding onto that thought?" believes she has > 30 COVID-19 cases in her district.
https://www.wpr.org/covid-19-deaths-concentrated-milwaukees-african-american-community

With medical supplies dwindling in pandemic, WI businesses shift gears
... In a mobilization reminiscent of World War II, when factories worked around the clock to address military needs, Wisconsin businesses are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by revving up production of medical supplies. Midwest Prototyping now making locally designed face shields, also being made by Ford Motor. Doundrins Distilling, Attwill Medical, Yahara Bay Distillers making hand sanitizer. UW's Zeeh Pharmaceutical Experiment Station making delivering bottles of "Badger-ell" hand sanitizer. GE Healthcare making ventilators, under emergency contract accord with Machinists Union. Placon and Plastic Ingenuity making components for the manufacturers, such as the clear plastic film. Monterey Mills, Eder Flag coordinating to make washable and reusable masks. Promega and Aldevron making ingredients for COVID test. UW Health's Scheuer said PPE could run out if supplies are backordered, "We're not out of anything, but I think that's because we're using careful conservation and intelligent use of what we have." Details, comment.
https://madison.com/wsj/faa84ab5-cc5b-56bc-a5ae-8a047dd64a20.html

WI workers, small businesses, eye COVID-19 stimulus to get through hard times
... One Barrel Brewing Co. owner Peter Gentry hopes the COVID-19 stimulus bill will help him pay the 15 employees he had to lay off because of the crisis. ... bartender [Moreland] has been laid off since bars and restaurants were ordered to close on St. Patrick's Day ... "I was definitely able to pay my rent this month," she said, "and I think I'll be able to pay my rent next month. I don't think I will be able to if it continues longer than that." ... one of an astonishing 177,000 state workers -- and 3.3 million nationwide -- who have filed jobless claims over the past two weeks, and there appears to be no signs of letting up. ... [CARES Act] will boost unemployment benefits across the board by $600 a week, bringing most workers up to pre-layoff wages. ... provide most adults with $1,200 checks, tax-free, and $500 for children under 16. ... also provide benefits to

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those not eligible for state benefits, like gig workers and the self-employed. Gentry, DWD's Tichenor, UW's Collins comment.
https://madison.com/ct/41ffc053-5ffc-5f85-b00e-865917fbcbee.html

Coronavirus has hit WI dairy farms especially hard -- some farmers may even have to dump milk
... "The coronavirus outbreak has caused milk prices to drop down to unprofitable levels this spring, right when we need money to buy supplies for the spring planting season," said [FarmFirst Dairy Coop's] Rettler ... [Feb.'s price] optimism has disappeared. Now, farmers are simply looking for ways to ensure their milk continues to get picked up in the coming weeks as the situation continues to play out." ... Foremost Farms ... recently asked its members to reduce the amount of milk they produce, citing "the extreme nature of the coronavirus situation and the impact on the economy." ... "I worry about additional heavy farm losses this year," said [UW's] Stephenson ... [$2T stimulus] ... "It is hard to have perspective when the rules of how things work are continuously shifting under your feet," said [UWP's] Bernhardt ... "I have heard some call the $9.5 billion a slush fund," because how it will be spent is unclear, said [Edge Coop's] Stauffacher ... "This is crushing refineries and ethanol producers," said Alex Breitinger, a commodities futures broker in Indiana. WFU's Von Ruden and Slattery, Pork Producers' Monroe, FarmFirst Dairy Coop's Scharfman comment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/money/2020/03/27/2919401001/

Elections Agency Deadlocks On Plan To Chastise Clerks' Pandemic Guidance
... [Dane, Milwaukee] clerks have been advising voters confined during the virus' spread to indicate they are "indefinitely confined" on their mail-in ballot applications. ... bypass[ing] a requirement to include a copy of an ID valid for voting ... [RPW found advice overbroad] filed a lawsuit against the clerks on Friday. WEC in Sunday meeting was set to launch an investigation, but Commissioners Thomsen and SPindell backed away and a vote to reprimand the clerks tied on 3-3 party-line. Thomsen led Dems arguing clerks were "doing their best in the crisis."
https://www.wpr.org/elections-agency-deadlocks-plan-chastise-clerks-pandemic-guidance

Federal Judge Blocks Effort To Delay Wisconsin Election Over Coronavirus
... Judge William C. Griesbach dismissed [GB's] case on the grounds that ... "the City and its mayor are not the proper parties to bring such a claim in federal court." ... another federal case ... brought by a coalition of advocacy groups. ... may have the standing necessary ... Just hours before the federal ruling ... [RPW] lawsuit ... filed with the state Supreme Court on Friday evening [seeking original jurisdiction] ... argues Dane and Milwaukee County clerks have been providing illegal guidance to voters about circumventing the state's voter ID law amid the pandemic. RPW chair Hitt praised clerks who "have effectively managed the current crisis, other clerks are unilaterally rewriting our state's election laws and encouraging other clerks around the state to follow suit." Rehash WEC meeting over the advice. WEC dir. Wolfe memo denounced using the "indefinitely confined" option simply as a means of circumventing the voter ID law, "Designation of indefinitely confined status is for each individual voter to make

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based upon their current circumstance," which the Board adopted as policy. Wolfe memo also noted $138K-FED spent on election supplies, including additional absentee ballot envelopes and nearly 6,000 bottles of ethyl alcohol, sought approval to use up to another $200K-FED for things including 1.5M pens to avoid voters re-using pens, which the Board approved unanimously. Memo also outlined $248K PR campaign including social media outreach, listed advice to clerks for running election, including keeping doors open to avoid touching knobs, screening questions to ensure poll workers are symptom-free and signage asking voters not to enter if they have symptoms and keep social distance, empowered clerks to move voting outside or use drive-thru, noted said "curbside voting" cannot be offered to every voter, guided clerks on transporting ballots from quarantined voters and getting required witness signatures.
https://www.wpr.org/federal-judge-blocks-effort-delay-wisconsin-election-over-coronavirus

New Co. Exec will oversee response to the coronavirus that shut down campaigns
... Chris Larson vs. David Crowley ... as voters sit in judgment, they'll have to determine which candidate is up for the challenge. And they'll have to make their choice without having seen the usual array of debates and personal appearances since politicking has been shut down for weeks by the public health crisis. ... They may both be Democrats, but they aren't running in lockstep. "This difference is leadership, the difference is experience," Larson said. "I've served in office, I've learned along the way." "The senator has been there, and he's been fighting," Crowley said. "I've only been there for a short stint, and I've been doing. You need fighters in the Legislature, but you need a doer in the executive office." [career backgrounds in brief] ... Larson isn't just running against Crowley. He is also running against Abele's money. ... "What does he want?" Larson asked of Abele. "Why is he spending this much money? What does he expect? I don't know, and frankly, I don't think the public knows, but I know they are very skeptical." Larson, Crowley statements preview their first official actions if elected.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/30/2926118001/

TODAY'S CALENDAR
https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Wisconsin Policy Forum: Milwaukee Mayoral Candidate Forum with Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Sen. Lena Taylor. To be streamed online.
https://wispolicyforum.org/events/milwaukee-mayoral-candidate-forum/

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- Gov. Tony Evers took action to stop utility disconnections for all customers due to nonpayment and block late fees.

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He's also directed DPI to suspend administrative rules relating to hours of instruction and student teacher assessments.

They're just the latest steps the state has taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Evers' order on the Public Service Commission expands the ban on disconnection for nonpayment to all customers, including commercial, industrial and farm accounts. It previously applied to residential accounts only.

Other impacts include:

*ceasing the practice of requiring deposits for reconnecting services;
*allowing deferred payment agreements for those who request them;
*authorizing water utilities to provide budget billing arrangements to customers similar to what electrical and natural gas utilities are allowed to offer.

The DPI order allows the streamlining of the waiver process for instruction at public schools and student teachers in preparation programs to graduate on time this spring. It also gives the agency flexibility to address upcoming due dates.

Over the weekend, Corrections announced it would no longer accept transfers to the state prison system, and Revenue announced it was pushing back the deadline to file state taxes to July 15.

See the releases:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-suspends-utility-rules-and-allows-for-additional-consumer-protections/
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-new-order-relating-to-department-of-public-instruction/

-- The state Supreme Court has largely postponed jury trials and in-person proceedings statewide.

Jury trials scheduled to begin between now and May 22 will be rescheduled after that date. Meanwhile, judges, commissioners and clerks are required to use email, teleconferencing and video conferencing instead of in-person courtroom appearances through at least April 30.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisconsin-supreme-court-puts-hold-on-jury-trials-halts-in-person-proceedings-statewide-in-favor-of-phone-and-video-appearances/

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-- As of Sunday afternoon, the state was at 381 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and four deaths.

Twenty-nine counties have confirmed cases.

See more:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm

-- The Elections Commission says it will need to test changes to its online voter registration system before the public can begin using it again.

Late Friday, a federal judge extended the deadline to March 30 to register electronically to vote in the spring election.

The cutoff had been March 18, but U.S. Judge William Conley delayed that due to the coronavirus pandemic. Without the order, those who weren't already registered would've had to go to a clerk's office to register in order to receive an absentee ballot or register at the polls on Election Day.

Elections Commission spokesman Reid Magney said restarting the system wasn't "as simple as reposting an online form." He said the public and local election officials will be updated as soon as MyVote Wisconsin is ready.

"With the election underway, we need to be very careful to test this change to ensure it does not adversely affect other functions, including absentee ballot requests," Magney said.

In his Friday order, Conley denied two other requests from state and national Dems as they sought to relax Wisconsin regulations on absentee ballots. But he reserved the option for Dems to again ask him to extend the deadline for counting absentee ballots if they can show there's a need to do so.

He also didn't extend the deadline to register by mail, as Dems had asked. Conley ruled doing so would've given some voters a "false sense of confidence" their mail-in registration would've been received in time to vote absentee in the April 7 election.

Read the ruling:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200320Ruling.pdf

-- Gov. Tony Evers continued over the weekend to encourage people to stay home while his administration took additional steps to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

On Saturday, he issued a statement urging people to take steps to help prevent

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exposure to the illness and posted a video on social media.

"Whatever we can do to stay at home will help those healthcare workers do the jobs that they need to do to help us get through this," Evers said.

See the video:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1241489368545517568

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-urges-wisconsinites-to-stay-home/

Click here for links to coronavirus resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The Legislature's top Republicans are signaling they don't believe additional restrictions are needed on Wisconsin businesses.

On Friday, Gov. Tony Evers updated his ban on mass gatherings and shut down personal care businesses such as hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities. But he told reporters he wasn't considering an order to shelter in place, but "will follow the science on that."

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Senate President Roger Roth, along with Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke said in Saturday's statement they backed the guv saying "that a further shutdown of businesses in Wisconsin is unnecessary."

The four said the impact on state residents and businesses has already been tremendous.

"As we move forward together in this fight to defeat the virus, we must keep in mind that the people we serve need the jobs they have today to help weather this storm," the four said. "Continued economic activity will not only help us in our fight against this virus today, it will also ensure that we don't have to fight to recover from economic collapse tomorrow."

They also thanked the Evers administration for their efforts to open lines of communication and those who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

See the release:

https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/reps-steineke-vos-sens-fitzgerald-roth-legislative-leaders-react-to-states-covid-19-response/

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-- Wisconsin Emergency Management is asking the feds for help in obtaining protective medical supplies for law enforcement officers and firefighters who are at risk of direct exposure to COVID-19.

The list includes: 50,000 non-surgical masks, 10,000 face shields, 11,000 coveralls, 3,000 N95 face masks, and 35,000 pairs of protective gloves.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-wisconsin-requests-fema-assistance-in-obtaining-protective-medical-supplies/

-- The remaining four Wisconsin citizens who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship have arrived back in the state.

The Wisconsin National Guard helped transport them back home for self-quarantine after an outbreak of coronavirus on the ship.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-four-remaining-grand-princess-cruise-ship-passengers-return-to-wisconsin/

-- U.S. Sens. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, and Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, have asked Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for help to secure the return of Wisconsinites stranded abroad due to travel restrictions.

Both sent separate letters to Pompeo; Baldwin's also went to Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Johnson's office said it's been helping travelers in more than a dozen countries.

"These Americans are scared, desperate and running out of hope," Johnson wrote. "I hope you will give your fullest and most immediate consideration to this request, and I appreciate your time and consideration to this urgent matter."

Read the Johnson letter:
https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/8f8772ad-98cd-45e4-b396-6b5fa59acab2/letter-to-pompeo.pdf

See Baldwin's tweet on her letter:
https://twitter.com/SenatorBaldwin/status/1241755736436281346

-- Johnson and Baldwin, split on a procedural vote on a $1.6 trillion emergency stimulus package as it failed to advance.

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Yesterday's motion failed 47-47; it needed 60 votes to advance.

Johnson, R-Oshkosh, supported the motion, while Baldwin, D-Madison, opposed it.

Baldwin tweeted yesterday there shouldn't be a "bailout or slush fund" for large corporations.

"Our economic stimulus response should be bipartisan and we must put workers first and provide our hospitals with the support they need. Instead, Mitch McConnell wants to provide a corporate bailout slush fund without accountability. Let's fix this, get it right and get it done," she wrote.

See the roll call:
https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=116&session=2&vote=00077

-- WISN-TV and Marquette University Law School have canceled debates in the Wisconsin Supreme Court race and Milwaukee mayor's contest, citing rapidly changing developments in the COVID-19 situation.

The decision was made based on the safety and health of the candidates, staffs and those involved in the production.

The cancelation means the forum at the Milwaukee Bar Association was the final forum featuring the two Supreme Court candidates side-by-side through the April 7 election. The debate Wisconsin Public TV had planned will instead be the airing Friday of back-to-back interviews with the candidates.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisn-milwaukee-mayor-and-wisconsin-supreme-court-debates-cancelled/

-- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, in self-quarantine after a COVID-19 exposure, said his message to others is "stay at home."

"My strongest message to people is, please, you're safer at home. So please, stay home," the mayor said in a Skype interview from his home on "UpFront." The program is produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

"It's not just about you. It's about everybody else, because you may be a carrier," Barrett said.

Barrett went into self-quarantine after learning that a member of his staff tested positive

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for COVID-19. He said that person is doing well.

Barrett said he is running the city from home through technology and making phone calls to people.

"We're trying to do everything we can to make sure that these core city functions are still operating," he said.

"We've had meetings with our EOC, I've had other meetings, and they've all taken place either over Skype or Zoom or conference calls. So again, I haven't slowed down; it's just a different type of communication. I think around the nation this is what people who are working from home are experiencing right now," Barrett said.

-- Also on the program, two members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission discussed the April 7 election.

Commission Chairman Dean Knudson of Hudson, a Republican, said it is "vitally important" that the election go forward "because we need to have continuity in local government."

He said thousands of local government offices will be on the April 7 ballot, and the terms of those offices expire later in April.

"We can't have vacancies in mayor and city council spots during a time of crisis," he said.

But Commissioner Ann Jacobs of Milwaukee, a Democrat, said changes are needed so people can vote "without having to expose themselves to the coronavirus."

"We shouldn't be asking people to have to choose between the right to vote and the right to be safe," she said. "Those are things that can happen at the same time."

-- In another segment, a Wisconsin Hospital Association official said the greatest concern for hospitals right now is a "potential surge of large numbers of patients critically ill with COVID-19."

"We know there will be a wave of sick COVID-19 patients," said Dr. Mark Kaufman, chief medical officer for the Wisconsin Hospital Association. "But the question really is how quickly that's going to happen, and how serious that wave will be."

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Local leaders warn Evers: Voters at risk from COVID-19
... Evers has insisted [April 7] election go on as scheduled, saying people should vote by absentee ballot rather than travel to the polls. ... [as] state's confirmed cases of COVID-19 jumped to 381 [Sunday, 61 in DaneCo], up from 281 [49] a day earlier. ... Almost 225 local leaders [mayors, admins, clerks, etc., statewide] signed the letter telling Evers that the state hasn't done enough to protect voters. [warning of health risks of large gatherings, suggests only] "more needs to be one and done quickly. ... the potential for disenfranchisement is actually higher if we proceed like we are. Many people will stay away from the polls for fear of contacting COVID-19, or spreading it, unless something changes." Baldauff for Evers cited Friday letter from legal counsel Nilsestuen to WEC's Wolfe noting DOA working to secure more envelopes for absentee ballots, to find hand sanitizer for poll workers, to help volunteer orgs recruit poll workers. Also Sunday, the Evers signed EO's allowing school districts to seek DPI waiver from school day req, banning utility cut-offs for non-payment, commercial and residential, banning late fees, mandating deferred payment plans on request. Also, WNG sent 6 medics to Grafton senior center where patient died, some residents, staff tested positive. Evers directed EmergMgt to seek more PPE from FEMA stockpile for first responders. So far, WI has received about 52K N95 masks, 130K surgical masks, 25K face shields, 20K surgical gowns, 100 coveralls and 36K pairs of gloves from the stockpile, for areas with community spread.
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'That's totally way out': Ron Johnson comments on coronavirus draw fire from Fauci at White House briefing
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UW researchers study COVID-19 coronavirus to try to develop treatments, vaccines

... Talaat [whose vaccine is now in rat tests] is one of several scientists at the university studying the new coronavirus ... racing to come up with medical measures to stop it. ... Unlike the Seattle clinical trial's injection vaccine, Talaat's version would be a nasal spray ... "be easier to administer," said Talaat ... [WHO] said it will start a study in 10 countries of four drugs or drug combinations already licensed for other illnesses. ... [some] UW-Madison ... research has been halted or scaled back because the campus is nearly shut down ... But other studies continue, some involving a sample from the first person in Wisconsin to test positive, a Dane County resident who has recovered. ... [profs. O'Connor and Friedrich] are working with a [nat'l] coalition ... to study macaque monkeys [similar to 2016 Zika study] ... to assess how long infections last and which types of tissue most harbor the virus. ... also working to sequence viruses from infected people in Wisconsin to understand how the epidemic is developing here. ... [Prof.] Kawaoka is doing experiments with [DaneCo] sample and others [testing animal transmission, SARS and MERS also came from bats] ... at University Research Park in ... Biosafety Level 3 [labs] ... [prof.] Kirchdoerfer ... working with proteins ... to help identify treatments, but the immediate goal is to figure out how the virus infects cells. [but studies stopped Monday when non-essential workers were banned from campus] ... [Talaat's] studies of his human vaccine in mice had already started, so they can continue ... "Hopefully, we'll be able to get a good vaccine so we can help with this outbreak," he said.
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Open Storefronts Struggle Amid New COVID-19 Restrictions

Limits On Gatherings Bring In Little Business During Coronavirus Pandemic ... "If you compare this Saturday to last Saturday, we're at one-seventh of what we normally take in," said Klarner [who runs Sweeden Sweets in SUperior]. "It's gone down sevenfold." [due to Evers' 10 or more ban] ... only about 40 people came by Saturday when the store is typically teeming ... looking at reducing hours beginning Monday and opening from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ... still have to make payroll and keep the lights on. ... Four of his 10-person staff have opted to stay home, one of whom has a family member

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considered vulnerable to the disease. ... Hankerson's Country Oven Bakery in West Bend usually has a staff of about 35 ... down to about a dozen ... only allowing five people in at a time. ... urging call-in orders ... worried about whether they'll be able to stay open. Sen. Taylor statement on Sat.: "As a state and city, we are seriously and financially impacting some businesses and activities, while others go uninterrupted. ... It's unfair." Baldauff for Evers did not respond. Evers on Friday announced SBA approved request for emergency loans up to $2M, has said he does not anticipate lockdowns like CA, IL. Klarner doubted borrowing for outbreak of unknown duration. Fitzgerald-Roth-Vos-Steineke statement on Sat. agreed Evers should not further restrict biz, "the people we serve need the jobs they have today to help weather this storm. Continued economic activity will not only help us in our fight against this virus today, it will also ensure that we don't have to fight to recover from economic collapse tomorrow."
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Last Call for Corner Bars? Some are doing carryouts. Many have shut down.
... Delivery, carryout and curbside pickup are still allowed, although that won't help corner bars like Anna's, which don't serve food. ... [city data shows] 917 businesses with active tavern licenses. Although many are restaurants that also serve alcohol or businesses that provide other services, a large number are corner bars that survive on thin margins like other small businesses. ... There could be some help on the way. On Wednesday, [WEDC] announced the creation of a $5 million program to provide grants of up to $20,000 for small businesses with no more than 20 employees. ... meant to help cover rent and payroll expenses, including paid leave, 3 bar owners comment.
https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/03/21/last-call-for-corner-bars/

DaneCo businesses, homeowners, renters safe from eviction for now amid pandemic
... Orders issued Tuesday and March 12 by Dane County presiding judge Valerie Bailey-Rihn suspended orders for eviction and effectively prevent pending or new eviction cases from being heard. Other county judges have done same. Supv. Wegleitner, a Legal Action atty., said orders don't stop "landlords in Dane County from starting the eviction process. ... At this point, absent some further extension or moratorium, I am expecting a very busy May to December in Dane County eviction court." Apartments' Eufinger said suspending evictions hurts new or small landlords struggling to pay mortgages, removes "the consequences of not paying rent," but noted landlords see need for compassion. Apartments' Mokler: "Despite what many people think, landlords are not wealthy." Madison CDA's Rakowski advised Section 8-ers to report income loss. County Housing's Dicke agreed. Trump administration on Wednesday ordered a 60-day moratorium on federal loan foreclosures and evictions.
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'Boosting sales through the roof': In wake of the coronavirus pandemic, gun sales reach near Black Friday levels
Albright Gun Works LLC in Hartland sales have doubled since businesses began

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closing, "Ammo and gun sales are insane. It has not been like that since the last election," said Albright, cited spike in first-time owners of handguns, and more seasoned owners buying AR-15s. DOJ averaged about 380 background checks per day in 2019. Since Friday, they have averaged 1,452. 1,943 checks on Tuesday was just short of the 2,152 checks from Black Friday 2019. Ron's Gun's Lippold in Germantown said gun sales "went crazy" March 14 and 15. Fletcher Arms' Eaton in Waukesha dittoed, "Seven thousand percent. I don't think that it's measurable right now. ... People are worried and scared," as opposed to "excited" during concealed-carry boom. Alright said folks are worried about losing rights after reports that Champaign Mayor Feinen EO gave her right to temporarily ban guns, predicts boom will level off in June and pick up again before the November election. MGS Firearms' Grabowski still manufactures gun products, but stopped doing retail in January, "We could have been making a lot of money right now. My phone will not stop ringing. ... There is no ammunition available and no reasonable-priced hand guns," cited general distrust and lack of faith in the government to keep order. 71 y/o Vietnam vet Charette bought a $1,500 AR-15 rifle "for the apocalypse. I read this all on the internet, and that is my take on it."
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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- Gov. Tony Evers took action to stop utility disconnections for all customers due to nonpayment and block late fees.

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He's also directed DPI to suspend administrative rules relating to hours of instruction and student teacher assessments.

They're just the latest steps the state has taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Evers' order on the Public Service Commission expands the ban on disconnection for nonpayment to all customers, including commercial, industrial and farm accounts. It previously applied to residential accounts only.

Other impacts include:

*ceasing the practice of requiring deposits for reconnecting services;
*allowing deferred payment agreements for those who request them;
*authorizing water utilities to provide budget billing arrangements to customers similar to what electrical and natural gas utilities are allowed to offer.

The DPI order allows the streamlining of the waiver process for instruction at public schools and student teachers in preparation programs to graduate on time this spring. It also gives the agency flexibility to address upcoming due dates.

Over the weekend, Corrections announced it would no longer accept transfers to the state prison system, and Revenue announced it was pushing back the deadline to file state taxes to July 15.

See the releases:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-suspends-utility-rules-and-allows-for-additional-consumer-protections/
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-new-order-relating-to-department-of-public-instruction/

-- The state Supreme Court has largely postponed jury trials and in-person proceedings statewide.

Jury trials scheduled to begin between now and May 22 will be rescheduled after that date. Meanwhile, judges, commissioners and clerks are required to use email, teleconferencing and video conferencing instead of in-person courtroom appearances through at least April 30.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisconsin-supreme-court-puts-hold-on-jury-trials-halts-in-person-proceedings-statewide-in-favor-of-phone-and-video-appearances/

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-- As of Sunday afternoon, the state was at 381 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and four deaths.

Twenty-nine counties have confirmed cases.

See more:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm

-- The Elections Commission says it will need to test changes to its online voter registration system before the public can begin using it again.

Late Friday, a federal judge extended the deadline to March 30 to register electronically to vote in the spring election.

The cutoff had been March 18, but U.S. Judge William Conley delayed that due to the coronavirus pandemic. Without the order, those who weren't already registered would've had to go to a clerk's office to register in order to receive an absentee ballot or register at the polls on Election Day.

Elections Commission spokesman Reid Magney said restarting the system wasn't "as simple as reposting an online form." He said the public and local election officials will be updated as soon as MyVote Wisconsin is ready.

"With the election underway, we need to be very careful to test this change to ensure it does not adversely affect other functions, including absentee ballot requests," Magney said.

In his Friday order, Conley denied two other requests from state and national Dems as they sought to relax Wisconsin regulations on absentee ballots. But he reserved the option for Dems to again ask him to extend the deadline for counting absentee ballots if they can show there's a need to do so.

He also didn't extend the deadline to register by mail, as Dems had asked. Conley ruled doing so would've given some voters a "false sense of confidence" their mail-in registration would've been received in time to vote absentee in the April 7 election.

Read the ruling:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200320Ruling.pdf

-- Gov. Tony Evers continued over the weekend to encourage people to stay home while his administration took additional steps to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

On Saturday, he issued a statement urging people to take steps to help prevent

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exposure to the illness and posted a video on social media.

"Whatever we can do to stay at home will help those healthcare workers do the jobs that they need to do to help us get through this," Evers said.

See the video:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1241489368545517568

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-urges-wisconsinites-to-stay-home/

Click here for links to coronavirus resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The Legislature's top Republicans are signaling they don't believe additional restrictions are needed on Wisconsin businesses.

On Friday, Gov. Tony Evers updated his ban on mass gatherings and shut down personal care businesses such as hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities. But he told reporters he wasn't considering an order to shelter in place, but "will follow the science on that."

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Senate President Roger Roth, along with Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke said in Saturday's statement they backed the guv saying "that a further shutdown of businesses in Wisconsin is unnecessary."

The four said the impact on state residents and businesses has already been tremendous.

"As we move forward together in this fight to defeat the virus, we must keep in mind that the people we serve need the jobs they have today to help weather this storm," the four said. "Continued economic activity will not only help us in our fight against this virus today, it will also ensure that we don't have to fight to recover from economic collapse tomorrow."

They also thanked the Evers administration for their efforts to open lines of communication and those who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

See the release:

https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/reps-steineke-vos-sens-fitzgerald-roth-legislative-leaders-react-to-states-covid-19-response/

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-- Wisconsin Emergency Management is asking the feds for help in obtaining protective medical supplies for law enforcement officers and firefighters who are at risk of direct exposure to COVID-19.

The list includes: 50,000 non-surgical masks, 10,000 face shields, 11,000 coveralls, 3,000 N95 face masks, and 35,000 pairs of protective gloves.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-wisconsin-requests-fema-assistance-in-obtaining-protective-medical-supplies/

-- The remaining four Wisconsin citizens who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship have arrived back in the state.

The Wisconsin National Guard helped transport them back home for self-quarantine after an outbreak of coronavirus on the ship.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-four-remaining-grand-princess-cruise-ship-passengers-return-to-wisconsin/

-- U.S. Sens. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, and Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, have asked Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for help to secure the return of Wisconsinites stranded abroad due to travel restrictions.

Both sent separate letters to Pompeo; Baldwin's also went to Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Johnson's office said it's been helping travelers in more than a dozen countries.

"These Americans are scared, desperate and running out of hope," Johnson wrote. "I hope you will give your fullest and most immediate consideration to this request, and I appreciate your time and consideration to this urgent matter."

Read the Johnson letter:
https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/8f8772ad-98cd-45e4-b396-6b5fa59acab2/letter-to-pompeo.pdf

See Baldwin's tweet on her letter:
https://twitter.com/SenatorBaldwin/status/1241755736436281346

-- Johnson and Baldwin, split on a procedural vote on a $1.6 trillion emergency stimulus package as it failed to advance.

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Yesterday's motion failed 47-47; it needed 60 votes to advance.

Johnson, R-Oshkosh, supported the motion, while Baldwin, D-Madison, opposed it.

Baldwin tweeted yesterday there shouldn't be a "bailout or slush fund" for large corporations.

"Our economic stimulus response should be bipartisan and we must put workers first and provide our hospitals with the support they need. Instead, Mitch McConnell wants to provide a corporate bailout slush fund without accountability. Let's fix this, get it right and get it done," she wrote.

See the roll call:
https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=116&session=2&vote=00077

-- WISN-TV and Marquette University Law School have canceled debates in the Wisconsin Supreme Court race and Milwaukee mayor's contest, citing rapidly changing developments in the COVID-19 situation.

The decision was made based on the safety and health of the candidates, staffs and those involved in the production.

The cancelation means the forum at the Milwaukee Bar Association was the final forum featuring the two Supreme Court candidates side-by-side through the April 7 election. The debate Wisconsin Public TV had planned will instead be the airing Friday of back-to-back interviews with the candidates.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wisn-milwaukee-mayor-and-wisconsin-supreme-court-debates-cancelled/

-- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, in self-quarantine after a COVID-19 exposure, said his message to others is "stay at home."

"My strongest message to people is, please, you're safer at home. So please, stay home," the mayor said in a Skype interview from his home on "UpFront." The program is produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

"It's not just about you. It's about everybody else, because you may be a carrier," Barrett said.

Barrett went into self-quarantine after learning that a member of his staff tested positive

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for COVID-19. He said that person is doing well.

Barrett said he is running the city from home through technology and making phone calls to people.

"We're trying to do everything we can to make sure that these core city functions are still operating," he said.

"We've had meetings with our EOC, I've had other meetings, and they've all taken place either over Skype or Zoom or conference calls. So again, I haven't slowed down; it's just a different type of communication. I think around the nation this is what people who are working from home are experiencing right now," Barrett said.

-- Also on the program, two members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission discussed the April 7 election.

Commission Chairman Dean Knudson of Hudson, a Republican, said it is "vitally important" that the election go forward "because we need to have continuity in local government."

He said thousands of local government offices will be on the April 7 ballot, and the terms of those offices expire later in April.

"We can't have vacancies in mayor and city council spots during a time of crisis," he said.

But Commissioner Ann Jacobs of Milwaukee, a Democrat, said changes are needed so people can vote "without having to expose themselves to the coronavirus."

"We shouldn't be asking people to have to choose between the right to vote and the right to be safe," she said. "Those are things that can happen at the same time."

-- In another segment, a Wisconsin Hospital Association official said the greatest concern for hospitals right now is a "potential surge of large numbers of patients critically ill with COVID-19."

"We know there will be a wave of sick COVID-19 patients," said Dr. Mark Kaufman, chief medical officer for the Wisconsin Hospital Association. "But the question really is how quickly that's going to happen, and how serious that wave will be."

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https://madison.com/ct/61985024-d039-516f-aacf-fb6981dcae9e.html

UW researchers study COVID-19 coronavirus to try to develop treatments, vaccines

... Talaat [whose vaccine is now in rat tests] is one of several scientists at the university studying the new coronavirus ... racing to come up with medical measures to stop it. ... Unlike the Seattle clinical trial's injection vaccine, Talaat's version would be a nasal spray ... "be easier to administer," said Talaat ... [WHO] said it will start a study in 10 countries of four drugs or drug combinations already licensed for other illnesses. ... [some] UW-Madison ... research has been halted or scaled back because the campus is nearly shut down ... But other studies continue, some involving a sample from the first person in Wisconsin to test positive, a Dane County resident who has recovered. ... [profs. O'Connor and Friedrich] are working with a [nat'l] coalition ... to study macaque monkeys [similar to 2016 Zika study] ... to assess how long infections last and which types of tissue most harbor the virus. ... also working to sequence viruses from infected people in Wisconsin to understand how the epidemic is developing here. ... [Prof.] Kawaoka is doing experiments with [DaneCo] sample and others [testing animal transmission, SARS and MERS also came from bats] ... at University Research Park in ... Biosafety Level 3 [labs] ... [prof.] Kirchdoerfer ... working with proteins ... to help identify treatments, but the immediate goal is to figure out how the virus infects cells. [but studies stopped Monday when non-essential workers were banned from campus] ... [Talaat's] studies of his human vaccine in mice had already started, so they can continue ... "Hopefully, we'll be able to get a good vaccine so we can help with this outbreak," he said.
https://madison.com/wsj/3dbbdd0b-d863-567e-b36c-68d8203d04a4.html

Open Storefronts Struggle Amid New COVID-19 Restrictions

Limits On Gatherings Bring In Little Business During Coronavirus Pandemic ... "If you compare this Saturday to last Saturday, we're at one-seventh of what we normally take in," said Klarner [who runs Sweeden Sweets in SUperior]. "It's gone down sevenfold." [due to Evers' 10 or more ban] ... only about 40 people came by Saturday when the store is typically teeming ... looking at reducing hours beginning Monday and opening from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ... still have to make payroll and keep the lights on. ... Four of his 10-person staff have opted to stay home, one of whom has a family member

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considered vulnerable to the disease. ... Hankerson's Country Oven Bakery in West Bend usually has a staff of about 35 ... down to about a dozen ... only allowing five people in at a time. ... urging call-in orders ... worried about whether they'll be able to stay open. Sen. Taylor statement on Sat.: "As a state and city, we are seriously and financially impacting some businesses and activities, while others go uninterrupted. ... It's unfair." Baldauff for Evers did not respond. Evers on Friday announced SBA approved request for emergency loans up to $2M, has said he does not anticipate lockdowns like CA, IL. Klarner doubted borrowing for outbreak of unknown duration. Fitzgerald-Roth-Vos-Steineke statement on Sat. agreed Evers should not further restrict biz, "the people we serve need the jobs they have today to help weather this storm. Continued economic activity will not only help us in our fight against this virus today, it will also ensure that we don't have to fight to recover from economic collapse tomorrow."
https://www.wpr.org/open-storefronts-struggle-see-steady-business-amid-new-covid-19-restrictions

Last Call for Corner Bars? Some are doing carryouts. Many have shut down.
... Delivery, carryout and curbside pickup are still allowed, although that won't help corner bars like Anna's, which don't serve food. ... [city data shows] 917 businesses with active tavern licenses. Although many are restaurants that also serve alcohol or businesses that provide other services, a large number are corner bars that survive on thin margins like other small businesses. ... There could be some help on the way. On Wednesday, [WEDC] announced the creation of a $5 million program to provide grants of up to $20,000 for small businesses with no more than 20 employees. ... meant to help cover rent and payroll expenses, including paid leave, 3 bar owners comment.
https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/03/21/last-call-for-corner-bars/

DaneCo businesses, homeowners, renters safe from eviction for now amid pandemic
... Orders issued Tuesday and March 12 by Dane County presiding judge Valerie Bailey-Rihn suspended orders for eviction and effectively prevent pending or new eviction cases from being heard. Other county judges have done same. Supv. Wegleitner, a Legal Action atty., said orders don't stop "landlords in Dane County from starting the eviction process. ... At this point, absent some further extension or moratorium, I am expecting a very busy May to December in Dane County eviction court." Apartments' Eufinger said suspending evictions hurts new or small landlords struggling to pay mortgages, removes "the consequences of not paying rent," but noted landlords see need for compassion. Apartments' Mokler: "Despite what many people think, landlords are not wealthy." Madison CDA's Rakowski advised Section 8-ers to report income loss. County Housing's Dicke agreed. Trump administration on Wednesday ordered a 60-day moratorium on federal loan foreclosures and evictions.
https://madison.com/wsj/7b3bb38f-81fd-5e09-b576-790b2d4196f7.html

'Boosting sales through the roof': In wake of the coronavirus pandemic, gun sales reach near Black Friday levels
Albright Gun Works LLC in Hartland sales have doubled since businesses began

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closing, "Ammo and gun sales are insane. It has not been like that since the last election," said Albright, cited spike in first-time owners of handguns, and more seasoned owners buying AR-15s. DOJ averaged about 380 background checks per day in 2019. Since Friday, they have averaged 1,452. 1,943 checks on Tuesday was just short of the 2,152 checks from Black Friday 2019. Ron's Gun's Lippold in Germantown said gun sales "went crazy" March 14 and 15. Fletcher Arms' Eaton in Waukesha dittoed, "Seven thousand percent. I don't think that it's measurable right now. ... People are worried and scared," as opposed to "excited" during concealed-carry boom. Alright said folks are worried about losing rights after reports that Champaign Mayor Feinen EO gave her right to temporarily ban guns, predicts boom will level off in June and pick up again before the November election. MGS Firearms' Grabowski still manufactures gun products, but stopped doing retail in January, "We could have been making a lot of money right now. My phone will not stop ringing. ... There is no ammunition available and no reasonable-priced hand guns," cited general distrust and lack of faith in the government to keep order. 71 y/o Vietnam vet Charette bought a $1,500 AR-15 rifle "for the apocalypse. I read this all on the internet, and that is my take on it."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/2020/03/18/5065686002/

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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

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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 guv'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 guv'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 guv'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 guv'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 guv'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

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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 guv'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 guv'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.

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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

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-- Nearly 1.3 million absentee ballots have been requested by Wisconsin votes 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

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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 guv 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 guv 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

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"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

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- 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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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

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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 guv'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 guv'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 guv'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 guv'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 guv'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

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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 guv'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 guv'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.

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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

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-- Nearly 1.3 million absentee ballots have been requested by Wisconsin votes 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

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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 guv 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 guv 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

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"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

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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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-- Having already declared Gov. Tony Evers' first proposal too expensive, Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said today he hopes to have the Senate meet virtually "in the next couple of weeks" to take up legislation addressing COVID-19.

Meanwhile, Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said the Assembly was committed to meeting "soon."

But Evers today implored lawmakers to act sooner, saying waiting "weeks and weeks" doesn't help serve state residents in the "best way possible."

The statements from Fitzgerald and Vos came after the guv's office over the weekend released a draft of legislation to address the pandemic. In a memo, the Legislative

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Fiscal Bureau pegged that bill's price tag at $706.2 million, not counting a sum sufficient appropriation for the Department of Health Services to address a public health emergency. A WisPolitics.com tally of the proposals listed in a governor's administration document showed the provisions totaled over $800 million.

In a joint statement on Saturday, Fitzgerald and Vos said the state's general fund couldn't afford the proposal.

In today's statement, Fitzgerald said progress continues on drafting a bill and conversations continue with the guv's staff and others despite "the disagreement over the weekend."

"We're hopeful we can hit the floor with a bill that can address policy concerns in the next couple weeks through a virtual session of the Senate," Fitzgerald said.

On Friday, Vos laid out the priorities of his caucus for an expected $2.3 billion Wisconsin will receive from a federal stimulus package the president signed. It includes about $1.9 billion going directly to the state government, and Vos said Assembly Republicans want that money used for personal protection equipment, to help public health departments and health care providers, and to address the financial difficulties for those hit hardest.

"Our Democratic colleagues know that Assembly leaders have already committed to holding a floor session soon," Vos said. "We're currently exploring the possible ways to convene a session without adversely impacting the most at-risk populations within our membership and support staff."

-- Evers told reporters today he wants to work with stakeholders and lawmakers to "get things done as soon as possible," adding he hopes "we can get somebody to take the bait' and have a legislative session.

Evers continued to push for the elimination of a one-week waiting period between filing for unemployment and receiving the first check.

He also said beyond the federal dollars, the administration needs flexibility and more money at agencies such as Health Services and Workforce Development, which has been flooded with inquiries about unemployment benefits.

"We have been briefing legislative offices on those issues; hopefully we can get somebody to take the bait frankly and let's have a legislative session so we can talk about it," Evers said. "So far that hasn't happened, but we continue to work with the Legislature to make them understand the needs at the state level to make sure that we serve people in Wisconsin the best way possible."

Meanwhile, Dems on the Joint Finance Committee said they backed the guv's proposal.

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"I am glad to see Gov. Evers taking initiative to ensure that Wisconsinites are not prevented from receiving the treatment and support they need to weather this public health emergency," Sen. LaTonya Johnson, D-Milwaukee, said in an email. "Key to this is removing statutory barriers and legal red tape so our public health experts have the flexibility to act swiftly to keep our communities safe."

Sen. Jon Erpenbach said it was "high time that Republican leadership stop(s) playing games."

"Every aspect of our lives from democracy, to public safety, to economic prosperity depends on us coming together NOW and working for the greater good of Wisconsin," The West Point Dem wrote in an email to WisPolitics.com.

See the LFB memo on the Evers draft:
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/misc/109_summary_of_provisions_of_lrb_5904_1_and_lrb_5920_p2_3_24_20.pdf

See a background document from the governor's office:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200328Background.pdf

-- The past two weeks are expected to set back-to-back records for the highest number of unemployment insurance claims in state history, according to figures from the Department of Workforce Development.

In the first full week after Gov. Tony Evers issued the public health emergency related to the coronavirus outbreak, 51,023 claims were filed, according to updated figures from DWD.

Before that, the previous record week for UI claims was near the end of 2001, when 49,267 claims were filed. The number of weekly claims only exceeded 40,000 one other time since 1986 -- the earliest year DWD has numbers for -- near the end of 2002.

And according to preliminary figures the agency released, last week is likely to set a new record for UI claims, though finalized numbers aren't yet available. More than 115,000 unemployment insurance claims were made between March 22 and 28, DWD's website shows.

As with the prior week, that total could decrease once the official tally comes out. The preliminary count for that week's claims was around 70,000, and that was amended down to around 51,000. Still, with more than double the number of the previous record in the early count, the probability of last week setting another record is high.

DWD is urging people to file their claims online as its phone system is overloaded with calls. A release shows the agency's unemployment insurance division got more than 1.5

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million calls last week, over 6,000 percent more than the previous busiest week on record.

Workers in Wisconsin can receive up to $370 per week in state unemployment benefits, and the latest federal relief package provides an extra $600 per week for up to four months.

At certain times last week, the DWD UI phone lines were getting more than 160 calls per second. In response to the explosion in calls, the agency has improved its capacity from 450 to 690 simultaneous calls.

The agency's UI call center last week added 35 temporary staff members, and is currently training 40 more workers from other divisions to join the call center. DWD plans to hire another 80 employees to help field calls.

Track the latest unemployment insurance claims here:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-stats.htm

-- Gov. Tony Evers today announced a public-private partnership with Wisconsin businesses to expand testing for COVID-19.

According to Evers, Exact Sciences, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Promega and UW Health will now pool resources with current labs to strengthen the state's testing capacity and keep up with demand as cases rise.

"Just like H1N1, we knew that testing for the virus would require assets beyond the state labs." said Department of Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm in a press call. "For this response, that has taken the form of a strong partnership between government and some of the best and brightest minds in business and technology."

In a statement, the guv commended the State Lab of Hygiene and the Milwaukee Public Health Lab for "the tremendous lift they have done over the past few weeks to rapidly bring these tests online.

"But even with these combined efforts, unfortunately, we know all too well that as this disease spreads there will be significant pressure on our labs to keep pace with testing," he said. "Wisconsin is extremely fortunate to have these industry leaders in our own backyard."

The labs themselves will not be testing sites, and Wisconsinites will still need a doctor's order to receive testing.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-new-public-private-partnership-to-increase-covid-19-laboratory-testing-capacity/

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-- The Department of Health Services has reported 14 deaths due to COVID-19 and 1,221 confirmed cases, but a WisPolitics.com-WisBusiness.com check of county websites shows the total number of deaths is at least 23.

The most recent death reported by DHS -- a male in his 40s -- was in Fond du Lac County, bringing the county total to two.

The state-reported totals, however, do not include recent deaths in Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington counties.

Milwaukee County on its website reports 10 deaths, while the combined Ozaukee/Washington health department reported six deaths in Ozaukee County and one in Washington. The state reported six deaths from other counties.

Forty-four counties have at least one confirmed case.

"It's safe to assume that all communities in Wisconsin, if they don't have community spread, are at high risk for community spread," said Dr. Ryan Westergaard, chief medical officer and state epidemiologist for communicable diseases, in a DHS press call.

According to data collected by DHS, 20 percent of COVID-19 case patients are between the ages of 60-69. Another 18 percent are in their 50s, 17 percent are in their 40s, and 15 percent are in their 30s.

Of those who've tested positive so far, 54 percent were women, while 46 percent were men.

According to DHS Secretary Andrea Palm, some 25 percent of people who have COVID-19 are hospitalized. Within the larger population, 1 percent to 2 percent of coronavirus patients die, according to Westergaard. But he said officials "don't have a great way to capture accurately" when someone is cleared from infection.

Click here for coronavirus resources and information:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The Dane County clerk argues he's already following the guidance of state elections officials when telling voters who may be indefinitely confined that they don't have to provide a copy of their photo ID when voting absentee.

In a filing today, the county argued on Scott McDonell's behalf that the state GOP is trying to create a political issue by asking the Wisconsin Supreme Court to take original jurisdiction in its complaint. The party wants the court to rule clerks don't have the

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authority to allow all voters to escape the voter ID requirements for absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Petitioners disagree with the Clerk's guidance, because they are trying to win an election. This case is about politics and not the law," wrote David Gault, Dane County's assistant corporation counsel.

McDonell originally posted on social media Wednesday voters "may indicate as needed that they are indefinitely confined due to illness." Gault wrote there "may have been a better choice of words," but that McDonell's post wasn't in conflict with past guidance from the Elections Commission.

Gault also wrote McDonell on Friday posted new guidance from the Elections Commission after the board met to discuss the issue. That guidance includes that it's up to individual voters to decide if they're indefinitely confined, but they shouldn't use it solely to get around the voter ID requirement.

Read the filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200330Filing.pdf

-- Waukesha announced today it will only have one polling site open on Election Day due to a lack of available poll workers.

The city clerk's office said it normally has 15 polling sites open.

In today's announcement, the city encouraged people to request absentee ballots.

For those who show up at the polls, the city is encouraging them to bring their own black ballpoint pens, to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving, and maintaining social distancing while at the polling location.

See more:
https://waukesha-wi.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/374

-- Over 880,000 Wisconsin voters have asked for an absentee ballot for the upcoming April 7 election, a total that surpasses the state record for absentee ballot requests set in 2016.

So far, 883,293 voters are seeking to vote absentee in next Tuesday's elections. Elections Commission officials expect that number to continue to grow ahead of the April 2 deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot.

The previous record of 847,252 absentee requests was set during the November 2016 election.

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See the EL-190F report from the 2016 election:
https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/publication/2016_general_election_summary_statistics_pdf_15354.pdf

See absentee requests for the April 7 election:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6765

-- WEDC has not granted essential business designation to any of the companies that have submitted inquiries to the agency, according to agency spokesman David Callender.

Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order gives the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. the ability to designate companies as essential outside of what's covered in the order. But WEDC hasn't exercised that power, and has only been providing guidance to companies "to help them navigate whether or not they fit into one of the other categories in the order."

The order notes that businesses not listed in the order will only be designated as essential for an "exceptional circumstance." WEDC chief Missy Hughes has said exemptions to the order will be rare.

As of 10 a.m. this morning, 3,538 businesses had made inquiries, and 2,280 of those had been answered.

See more details on essential businesses:
https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/

-- GOP state Rep. John Nygren announced today he won't run for the state Senate this fall, saying he believes remaining as JFC co-chair is his best opportunity to be a difference-maker in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19.

Nygren, R-Marinette, had been courted to run for the seat being vacated by Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay. So far, Eric Wimberger, who lost to Hansen in 2016, is the only Republican to file for the race.

Nygren said he ultimately decided the timing wasn't right for a run and he will instead seek reelection to the Assembly, where he has served since 2007.

"As the state deals with the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, my role as Co-Chair of the powerful Joint Finance Committee is more important than ever," Nygren said in a release. "My best opportunity to make a difference is to remain in my role as Co-Chair."

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On the Dem side, Jonathon Hansen, a De Pere alderman and the senator's nephew, has filed to run.

See Nygren's release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/nygren-campaign-senate-announcement/

-- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett says he is "focusing on everything (he) can do" to help residents and city finances get through the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Sen. Lena Taylor, D-Milwaukee, during a forum hosted by the Wisconsin Policy Forum accused Barrett's administration of "corruption and cronyism," and suggested the city would need new leadership in order to work with state lawmakers.

Both Milwaukee mayoral candidates agreed their community faces unique economic, racial, housing-related and school-related issues now and in the future because of this pandemic.

While Barrett wants the upcoming April 7 elections to be changed to a mail-in ballot system to account for a shortage of poll workers, Taylor slammed his decision to close the Midtown Center, which she said had the largest turnout for early voting.

Taylor said she will be suing Barrett over the closure of the early voting locations under the Voting Rights Act, because "this kind of disenfranchisement is unacceptable."

Barrett said the polling places were closed due to a lack of workers, but noted the city has opened a drive-up site.

He called for the state or the federal court to make changes to the upcoming election to account for the pandemic and ensure the safety of poll workers and voters.

Taylor also slammed Barrett for visiting a polling site, a mistake Barrett has acknowledged. She said that if she had done the same, the police and Elections Commission would have responded.

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-- Having already declared Gov. Tony Evers' first proposal too expensive, Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said today he hopes to have the Senate meet virtually "in the next couple of weeks" to take up legislation addressing COVID-19.

Meanwhile, Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said the Assembly was committed to meeting "soon."

But Evers today implored lawmakers to act sooner, saying waiting "weeks and weeks" doesn't help serve state residents in the "best way possible."

The statements from Fitzgerald and Vos came after the guv's office over the weekend released a draft of legislation to address the pandemic. In a memo, the Legislative

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Fiscal Bureau pegged that bill's price tag at $706.2 million, not counting a sum sufficient appropriation for the Department of Health Services to address a public health emergency. A WisPolitics.com tally of the proposals listed in a governor's administration document showed the provisions totaled over $800 million.

In a joint statement on Saturday, Fitzgerald and Vos said the state's general fund couldn't afford the proposal.

In today's statement, Fitzgerald said progress continues on drafting a bill and conversations continue with the guv's staff and others despite "the disagreement over the weekend."

"We're hopeful we can hit the floor with a bill that can address policy concerns in the next couple weeks through a virtual session of the Senate," Fitzgerald said.

On Friday, Vos laid out the priorities of his caucus for an expected $2.3 billion Wisconsin will receive from a federal stimulus package the president signed. It includes about $1.9 billion going directly to the state government, and Vos said Assembly Republicans want that money used for personal protection equipment, to help public health departments and health care providers, and to address the financial difficulties for those hit hardest.

"Our Democratic colleagues know that Assembly leaders have already committed to holding a floor session soon," Vos said. "We're currently exploring the possible ways to convene a session without adversely impacting the most at-risk populations within our membership and support staff."

-- Evers told reporters today he wants to work with stakeholders and lawmakers to "get things done as soon as possible," adding he hopes "we can get somebody to take the bait' and have a legislative session.

Evers continued to push for the elimination of a one-week waiting period between filing for unemployment and receiving the first check.

He also said beyond the federal dollars, the administration needs flexibility and more money at agencies such as Health Services and Workforce Development, which has been flooded with inquiries about unemployment benefits.

"We have been briefing legislative offices on those issues; hopefully we can get somebody to take the bait frankly and let's have a legislative session so we can talk about it," Evers said. "So far that hasn't happened, but we continue to work with the Legislature to make them understand the needs at the state level to make sure that we serve people in Wisconsin the best way possible."

Meanwhile, Dems on the Joint Finance Committee said they backed the guv's proposal.

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"I am glad to see Gov. Evers taking initiative to ensure that Wisconsinites are not prevented from receiving the treatment and support they need to weather this public health emergency," Sen. LaTonya Johnson, D-Milwaukee, said in an email. "Key to this is removing statutory barriers and legal red tape so our public health experts have the flexibility to act swiftly to keep our communities safe."

Sen. Jon Erpenbach said it was "high time that Republican leadership stop(s) playing games."

"Every aspect of our lives from democracy, to public safety, to economic prosperity depends on us coming together NOW and working for the greater good of Wisconsin," The West Point Dem wrote in an email to WisPolitics.com.

See the LFB memo on the Evers draft:
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/misc/109_summary_of_provisions_of_lrb_5904_1_and_lrb_5920_p2_3_24_20.pdf

See a background document from the governor's office:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200328Background.pdf

-- The past two weeks are expected to set back-to-back records for the highest number of unemployment insurance claims in state history, according to figures from the Department of Workforce Development.

In the first full week after Gov. Tony Evers issued the public health emergency related to the coronavirus outbreak, 51,023 claims were filed, according to updated figures from DWD.

Before that, the previous record week for UI claims was near the end of 2001, when 49,267 claims were filed. The number of weekly claims only exceeded 40,000 one other time since 1986 -- the earliest year DWD has numbers for -- near the end of 2002.

And according to preliminary figures the agency released, last week is likely to set a new record for UI claims, though finalized numbers aren't yet available. More than 115,000 unemployment insurance claims were made between March 22 and 28, DWD's website shows.

As with the prior week, that total could decrease once the official tally comes out. The preliminary count for that week's claims was around 70,000, and that was amended down to around 51,000. Still, with more than double the number of the previous record in the early count, the probability of last week setting another record is high.

DWD is urging people to file their claims online as its phone system is overloaded with calls. A release shows the agency's unemployment insurance division got more than 1.5

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million calls last week, over 6,000 percent more than the previous busiest week on record.

Workers in Wisconsin can receive up to $370 per week in state unemployment benefits, and the latest federal relief package provides an extra $600 per week for up to four months.

At certain times last week, the DWD UI phone lines were getting more than 160 calls per second. In response to the explosion in calls, the agency has improved its capacity from 450 to 690 simultaneous calls.

The agency's UI call center last week added 35 temporary staff members, and is currently training 40 more workers from other divisions to join the call center. DWD plans to hire another 80 employees to help field calls.

Track the latest unemployment insurance claims here:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-stats.htm

-- Gov. Tony Evers today announced a public-private partnership with Wisconsin businesses to expand testing for COVID-19.

According to Evers, Exact Sciences, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Promega and UW Health will now pool resources with current labs to strengthen the state's testing capacity and keep up with demand as cases rise.

"Just like H1N1, we knew that testing for the virus would require assets beyond the state labs." said Department of Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm in a press call. "For this response, that has taken the form of a strong partnership between government and some of the best and brightest minds in business and technology."

In a statement, the guv commended the State Lab of Hygiene and the Milwaukee Public Health Lab for "the tremendous lift they have done over the past few weeks to rapidly bring these tests online.

"But even with these combined efforts, unfortunately, we know all too well that as this disease spreads there will be significant pressure on our labs to keep pace with testing," he said. "Wisconsin is extremely fortunate to have these industry leaders in our own backyard."

The labs themselves will not be testing sites, and Wisconsinites will still need a doctor's order to receive testing.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-new-public-private-partnership-to-increase-covid-19-laboratory-testing-capacity/

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-- The Department of Health Services has reported 14 deaths due to COVID-19 and 1,221 confirmed cases, but a WisPolitics.com-WisBusiness.com check of county websites shows the total number of deaths is at least 23.

The most recent death reported by DHS -- a male in his 40s -- was in Fond du Lac County, bringing the county total to two.

The state-reported totals, however, do not include recent deaths in Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington counties.

Milwaukee County on its website reports 10 deaths, while the combined Ozaukee/Washington health department reported six deaths in Ozaukee County and one in Washington. The state reported six deaths from other counties.

Forty-four counties have at least one confirmed case.

"It's safe to assume that all communities in Wisconsin, if they don't have community spread, are at high risk for community spread," said Dr. Ryan Westergaard, chief medical officer and state epidemiologist for communicable diseases, in a DHS press call.

According to data collected by DHS, 20 percent of COVID-19 case patients are between the ages of 60-69. Another 18 percent are in their 50s, 17 percent are in their 40s, and 15 percent are in their 30s.

Of those who've tested positive so far, 54 percent were women, while 46 percent were men.

According to DHS Secretary Andrea Palm, some 25 percent of people who have COVID-19 are hospitalized. Within the larger population, 1 percent to 2 percent of coronavirus patients die, according to Westergaard. But he said officials "don't have a great way to capture accurately" when someone is cleared from infection.

Click here for coronavirus resources and information:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The Dane County clerk argues he's already following the guidance of state elections officials when telling voters who may be indefinitely confined that they don't have to provide a copy of their photo ID when voting absentee.

In a filing today, the county argued on Scott McDonell's behalf that the state GOP is trying to create a political issue by asking the Wisconsin Supreme Court to take original jurisdiction in its complaint. The party wants the court to rule clerks don't have the

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authority to allow all voters to escape the voter ID requirements for absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Petitioners disagree with the Clerk's guidance, because they are trying to win an election. This case is about politics and not the law," wrote David Gault, Dane County's assistant corporation counsel.

McDonell originally posted on social media Wednesday voters "may indicate as needed that they are indefinitely confined due to illness." Gault wrote there "may have been a better choice of words," but that McDonell's post wasn't in conflict with past guidance from the Elections Commission.

Gault also wrote McDonell on Friday posted new guidance from the Elections Commission after the board met to discuss the issue. That guidance includes that it's up to individual voters to decide if they're indefinitely confined, but they shouldn't use it solely to get around the voter ID requirement.

Read the filing:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200330Filing.pdf

-- Waukesha announced today it will only have one polling site open on Election Day due to a lack of available poll workers.

The city clerk's office said it normally has 15 polling sites open.

In today's announcement, the city encouraged people to request absentee ballots.

For those who show up at the polls, the city is encouraging them to bring their own black ballpoint pens, to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving, and maintaining social distancing while at the polling location.

See more:
https://waukesha-wi.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/374

-- Over 880,000 Wisconsin voters have asked for an absentee ballot for the upcoming April 7 election, a total that surpasses the state record for absentee ballot requests set in 2016.

So far, 883,293 voters are seeking to vote absentee in next Tuesday's elections. Elections Commission officials expect that number to continue to grow ahead of the April 2 deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot.

The previous record of 847,252 absentee requests was set during the November 2016 election.

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See the EL-190F report from the 2016 election:
https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/publication/2016_general_election_summary_statistics_pdf_15354.pdf

See absentee requests for the April 7 election:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6765

-- WEDC has not granted essential business designation to any of the companies that have submitted inquiries to the agency, according to agency spokesman David Callender.

Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order gives the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. the ability to designate companies as essential outside of what's covered in the order. But WEDC hasn't exercised that power, and has only been providing guidance to companies "to help them navigate whether or not they fit into one of the other categories in the order."

The order notes that businesses not listed in the order will only be designated as essential for an "exceptional circumstance." WEDC chief Missy Hughes has said exemptions to the order will be rare.

As of 10 a.m. this morning, 3,538 businesses had made inquiries, and 2,280 of those had been answered.

See more details on essential businesses:
https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/

-- GOP state Rep. John Nygren announced today he won't run for the state Senate this fall, saying he believes remaining as JFC co-chair is his best opportunity to be a difference-maker in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19.

Nygren, R-Marinette, had been courted to run for the seat being vacated by Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay. So far, Eric Wimberger, who lost to Hansen in 2016, is the only Republican to file for the race.

Nygren said he ultimately decided the timing wasn't right for a run and he will instead seek reelection to the Assembly, where he has served since 2007.

"As the state deals with the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, my role as Co-Chair of the powerful Joint Finance Committee is more important than ever," Nygren said in a release. "My best opportunity to make a difference is to remain in my role as Co-Chair."

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On the Dem side, Jonathon Hansen, a De Pere alderman and the senator's nephew, has filed to run.

See Nygren's release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/nygren-campaign-senate-announcement/

-- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett says he is "focusing on everything (he) can do" to help residents and city finances get through the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Sen. Lena Taylor, D-Milwaukee, during a forum hosted by the Wisconsin Policy Forum accused Barrett's administration of "corruption and cronyism," and suggested the city would need new leadership in order to work with state lawmakers.

Both Milwaukee mayoral candidates agreed their community faces unique economic, racial, housing-related and school-related issues now and in the future because of this pandemic.

While Barrett wants the upcoming April 7 elections to be changed to a mail-in ballot system to account for a shortage of poll workers, Taylor slammed his decision to close the Midtown Center, which she said had the largest turnout for early voting.

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-- GOP legislative leaders today knocked Gov. Tony Evers for creating "mass amounts of confusion" as details of his "safer at home" order were held until tomorrow.

Evers told reporters on Friday he wasn't considering an order to shelter in place, but "will follow the science on that."

During a conference call today, Evers said he has been in constant contact with health experts and others about the quickly developing situation. He said that included business leaders who said it was "imperative" to order people to stay home to slow the disease's spread.

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He said the coming order, which will be released tomorrow, wasn't something that he wanted to do. But he believed it was a necessary step.

"Overwhelmingly, the response I heard is that we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin," Evers said, later adding, "Folks, all hands on deck means you, too."

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said the guv's shift from his earlier position came as a surprise and was creating anxiety. They said the guv took a "measured approach" in past days and reassured businesses a shelter-in-place order may not be necessary.

They argued he needs to do a better job of explaining his decision and detailing his definition of essential and non-essential businesses.

"The people of Wisconsin deserve clear communications during a public health emergency," they said.

The guv said he didn't personally speak with lawmakers before announcing he will issue the order. But his office said staff was in contact with legislative leaders and their offices prior to and after today's announcement. The office has also been providing a daily briefing to legislative leaders.

"COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation," said Evers spokeswoman Britt Cudaback. "Gov. Evers is relying on science and guidance from public health experts to respond to and manage the spread of COVID-19. The governor will continue to make the necessary, difficult decisions he has to in order to save lives in Wisconsin."

See the GOP statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/sen-fitzgerald-rep-vos-gov-evers-executive-order/

Click here for links to resources related to the coronavirus:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- Evers and his Chief Legal Counsel Ryan Nilsestuen several times today declined to provide specifics on what the coming order will look like other than saying it is expected to continue current policy allowing bars and restaurants to continue takeout and delivery.

Evers said there will be a "buffer" to give people time to comply with the order, and he noted the federal government has posted a list of essential businesses. Still, he added there will be a "Wisconsin vantage point" to the list he will release.

"There's going to be a large number of businesses that will remain open, just like we've seen in other states," Nilsestuen said on the call.

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Evers didn't specify during the call which federal list of essential businesses he was referencing.

But the Department of Homeland Security's Cyberspace and Infrastructure Security Agency on Thursday issued guidance on what qualifies as an essential service. The list includes sectors such as: health care, including the manufacture of personal protective equipment; those supporting groceries, pharmacies and other retail that sell food and beverages; and infrastructure employees supporting the electrical grid, petroleum industry and natural gas.

Other industries on the list include: automotive repair and maintenance; air transportation; plumbers, electricians and others who maintain the safety, sanitation and operation of residences; and a host of manufacturing associated with transportation, energy, communications, food and others.

See the guidance:
https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce

-- State Rep. David Bowen, D-Milwaukee, offered a warning today after announcing he has tested positive for COVID-19.

"Even if you are young and typically healthy, it's even more important that you heed the call to stay home, take care of your family, and not spread the virus to others who are vulnerable," Bowen said.

Bowen, currently in quarantine at home, is the first state lawmaker to publicly announce contracting the disease. Bowen said he was notified by the Shorewood Health Department he had come in contact with a local elected official who had tested positive and immediately went into quarantine. After showing symptoms, he was tested.

"Had I known of my status even earlier, I would have reduced my exposure to others who may potentially have gotten the virus from me," Bowen said.

See the release here.

-- The Wisconsin National Guard is instituting a buy-back program for personal protective equipment, calling on businesses to sell or donate these materials to the coronavirus response effort.

As the director of emergency management for the state, Major General Paul Knapp is coordinating more than 300 Wisconsin National Guard soldiers and air personnel to help the state.

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In a conference call today with Gov. Tony Evers and state health officials, Knapp said a website for the buy-back program has been created and will go live sometime in the next two days.

"Businesses that have closed as a result of the outbreak and no longer have use for the PPEs, we can buy it back or take those donations, reprioritize them and get them back out to the first responders and medical folks that need them the most," he said.

He said the National Guard will take any N95 particulate respirators, face masks or shields, gloves, isolation gowns, surgical gowns, medical coveralls and thermometers. Collected materials will be kept in a secure warehouse and distributed based on greatest need. Wisconsin has also requested additional protective equipment from FEMA.

Knapp says the website will have the capacity for other "critical needs" including formula and diapers for child care, as well as hand sanitizer.

"What we'll be able to do then is make informed decisions to best maximize known critical resources in the shortest amount of time," Knapp said.

-- The Wisconsin Elections Commission today warned local officials they can't shutter early voting locations ahead of the April 7 election.

The move comes after the City of Milwaukee announced it will no longer be operating its three in-person absentee voting locations, because it could "no longer maintain sufficient staffing levels to operate these sites in a manner that would ensure a safe or efficient public voting experience."

But citing a federal court decision that struck down restrictions on early voting passed during the 2018 lame-duck session, state Elections officials told county and municipal clerks they could not decline to accommodate in-person absentee voting.

"While the statutes do not mandate specific times or a minimum number of hours where in-person absentee voting must take place, the clear intent is that electors have reasonable opportunities to exercise those rights and that clerks must offer in-person absentee voting," the commission wrote in a memo.

The commission told local clerks municipalities can alter hours for in-person absentee voting and voter registration, move to an appointment-only process or offer curbside or drive-through in-person absentee voting.

Still, a spokesman told WisPolitics.com the commission was waiting for guidance from Gov. Tony Evers on how the "safer at home" order scheduled to go into effect tomorrow would apply to early voting.

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"In the past he's exempted elections from his orders, but it's unclear what the new orders cover," spokesman Reid Magney said.

The memo was released as the commission announced the number of absentee ballot requests for the April 7 election has nearly doubled from the previous high-water mark for a spring election.

As of today, 482,740 voters have requested to vote absentee, by far eclipsing the previous record set during the 2016 spring election of 249,503 absentee requests.

Registered voters have until April 2 to request an absentee ballot.

The deadline to use the state's MyVote website or mail to register to vote in the spring election passed last week, but a federal judge on Friday extended the deadline to register electronically to March 30.

The commission is still working on restoring that option to the MyVote website. Magney indicated WEC Administrator Meagan Wolfe was "concerned about capacity issues with the system that could be caused by adding the online registration service back into the mix."

See the memo to clerks:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6764

See the latest data on absentee requests:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6762

See the City of Milwaukee announcement:
https://city.milwaukee.gov/election#.Xni-V4hKiXI

-- A group of Milwaukee leaders today joined the list of officials and organizers calling for the postponement of spring elections in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group, consisting of activists and healthcare workers in the Milwaukee metropolitan area, said Gov. Tony Evers' announcement today of a "safer at home" order only reinforces how any in-person voting on April 7 puts the public in danger to further community spread.

Sandy Pasch, a nurse and former Assembly Dem lawmaker, told reporters in a teleconference that postponement of the election and searching for alternative voting methods to prevent spread is the only ethical option.

"How can we expect the elderly, voters with children, to stand apart in lines snaking around our neighborhoods?" she asked. "How can we ethically justify the harm to poll

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workers, voters and their families?"

Pasch said every person infected with COVID-19 spreads the disease to at least two others. And with no cure or viral medication, she said, social distancing is the best option people have to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy.

Meanwhile, Souls to the Polls organizer Reverend Gregory Lewis said he has tested positive for coronavirus and is in self-quarantine. He said if he can't even go vote, he doesn't want to think about what challenges his neighbors have to reach the polls.

"Our community will be forced to decide between our right to vote and their own safety," Lewis said. "And once again, the right to vote will lose."

Evers has repeatedly said the April 7 election should move forward as scheduled and encouraged people to vote absentee. He did so again today, adding he and his wife requested absentee ballots over the weekend.

"The message still is and will be, 'Stay at home, vote by mail,'" Evers said.

Others from today's teleconference included: Milwaukee Area Technical College Professor Dr. Thomas Kalluvila; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Milwaukee Branch Legal Redress Chair William Sulton; League of Women Voters of Wisconsin President Debra Cronmiller; and Voces de la Frontera Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz.

At least 10 states and Puerto Rico have postponed their election dates in response to the virus.

-- OCI has directed Wisconsin insurers to help restaurants that have begun offering delivery service.

Evers previously ordered the closure of restaurants except for takeout or delivery.

The new order means insurers have to cover delivery services on personal auto insurance policies. They also must cover hired drivers and non-owned automobiles as a rider on a restaurant's general liability insurance if it is requested. Both must be offered at no extra cost to policyholders.

Read the bulletin:
https://oci.wi.gov/Documents/Regulation/Bulletin20200323COVID-19-CoverageforDeliveryDriversforRestaurants.pdf

-- U.S. Sens. Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson again split on a procedural vote on the Senate's version of a coronavirus stimulus package.

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Dems charged the GOP bill was unacceptable, because it had a "slush fund" for corporations and didn't include adequate protections for taxpayers. Republicans accused their Dem counterparts of trying to load up the package with a liberal wish list.

Baldwin, D-Madison, and Johnson, R-Oshkosh, stuck with their parties in today's 49-46 vote. It needed 60 votes to proceed.

See the roll call:
https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=116&session=2&vote=00078

-- The Department of Corrections announced an employee at Columbia Correctional Institution has contracted COVID-19, the second case at a state prison.

The announcement comes after Corrections last week confirmed an employee at Waupun Correctional Institution tested positive for coronavirus. Both Columbia and Waupun are maximum-security facilities.

The agency said both employees were directed to self-quarantine while both facilities "suspended administrative rules to limit movement for the protection of our staff and the adults in our care."

No inmates have tested positive for the virus.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Positive-Staff-Test-Press-Release-.pdf

-- The Department of Health Services today announced the state's fifth death from COVID-19.

According to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office, the patient was a 54-year-old Milwaukee County man. It's the third death from coronavirus reported in the county.

As of 2 p.m. today, 416 people have tested positive for the virus, while 7,050 have tested negative.

-- UW-Madison announced today it will not hold in-person commencement ceremonies in May.

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Instead, it's planning a virtual ceremony with an in-person event at a later date.

See the video announcement:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRJq1se9pi8

-- Priorities USA today announced two new TV ads in Wisconsin, including one knocking President Trump's initial handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

The second ad praises Joe Biden, who has taken a commanding lead for the Dem nomination. The group was created to run ads ahead of the Dem national convention to provide a counter to Trump's campaign, and it's the first ad from the group to mention one of the Dem presidential contenders.

The initial buy on Wisconsin TV is $633,000. Cassidy Geoghegan, the group's Wisconsin outreach director, said the new buy will start in Green Bay and Milwaukee today. The second ad will also run in the Wausau and La Crosse markets.

The ad knocking Trump plays audio of his past comments about COVID-19 as a line travels across the screen showing the number of confirmed cases. The line stays largely flat as Trump says things such as, "We have it totally under control."

The ad then plays him saying, "We really think we've really done a great job in keeping it down to a minimum," as the line showing cases begins to spike. The line continues to rise as Trump says how much he likes "this stuff" and "people are surprised that I understand it."

It closes with Trump saying, "No, I don't take responsibility at all" because the ad says, "America needs a leader we can trust."

The second ad also features Trump saying he doesn't take responsibility before showing video of Biden saying, "I can promise you this. When I'm president, we'll be better prepared, respond better, we'll lead with science, and I'll always tell you the truth. Because in times of crisis, the American people always, always, stand as one if told the truth."

The group is also doing digital ads with similar themes.

See the ads:
https://bit.ly/2wxYort
https://bit.ly/39cSJo4

-- On the 10th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act being signed into law, health access advocates in Wisconsin are calling on the federal government to end a lawsuit against the ACA.

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During a conference call today organized by Priorities Wisconsin and the Committee to Protect Medicare, speakers emphasized the importance of health insurance coverage for individuals impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

"As we are bracing for the impact on our scarce hospital and ICU beds and supplies, we know that keeping barriers to medical care in place means more sick people spreading the infection widely in our communities," said Dr. Laurel Mark, a retired physician based in Madison.

She and other speakers noted the Affordable Care Act led to millions of previously uninsured Americans gaining coverage over the past decade.

"If the lawsuit that the Trump administration champions causes the ACA to be made void, the opposite will happen," said Steve Ohly, a nurse practitioner with experience caring for uninsured individuals in Milwaukee. "Instead of making progress toward full coverage, we will regress as a society and the ranks of the uninsured will grow."

As many people are laid off due to impacts of the coronavirus, Mark notes a significant portion of them is expected to lose insurance. And if the lawsuit targeting the ACA is successful, the issue could be heavily compounded.

"What is going to happen April 1st when all of these people who don't have jobs anymore now don't have insurance?" she said. "There's going to be a huge number of people who will not be insured very shortly -- by next week, probably."

Another speaker on today's call, an Oconomowoc native named Jacque English, has polycystic kidney disease. Her pre-existing condition led to major hurdles in obtaining coverage before the ACA was created.

"Every month when I fill my prescriptions, the pharmacy reminds me the cost can change anytime," she said. "It's tough living with the uncertainty of not knowing how long I'll continue to be able to afford all my medications."

-- AG Josh Kaul called for dropping the ongoing lawsuit on the Affordable Care Act during a WisDems press call celebrating the ACA's 10th anniversary.

Kaul said that the coronavirus crisis shows how critical the protections of the ACA are to the American people.

"Americans have been asked to take extraordinary steps to help us fight the spread of coronavirus and we need our federal government to take extraordinary steps as well and one way that it can support the American people as we fight this virus is by standing up for health security and dropping the attacks on the Affordable Care Act," he said.

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Kaul noted that he was proud to drop Wisconsin from the lawsuit against the ACA last year.

The Trump administration has talked about reopening ACA enrollment so that people who have no coverage or have gotten a "junk plan" can re-enroll and get stronger coverage, according to Kaul.

"I certainly encourage the Trump administration to move forward with that effort at this time," he said. "This is a time Americans need greater security from our federal government."

During the call, Kaul also applauded the ACA for preventing women from being charged more than men for the same care, and working on providing preventative care such as vaccinations, cancer screenings and mammograms.

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http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/proposaltext/2017/REG/top

AB 1007: Diesel truck idling reduction grants and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AB 1008: Expungement of criminal court records. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AB 1009: Grants to local law enforcement agencies for incident-based reporting and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and pUblic Safety.

AB 1010: Ranked-choice voting for local nonpartisan elections, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

AB 1011: Epinephrine for ambulances, therapeutic interchange for drug products prescribed to counteract anaphylaxis, and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Health.

AB 1012: Law enforcement agency policies on the use of force. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AB 1013: Reporting of law enforcement use of force incidents and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AB 1014: Law enforcement training on use-of-force options and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

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AB 1015: Public access to policies regarding the use of force by law enforcement. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

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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." Dr. John Raymond, president and CEO, Medical College of Wisconsin is to provide a medical update. A panel discussion follows with: Paul Sweeney, co-founder, PS Capital Partners; Tina Chang, chairman and CEO, SysLogic; and Kimberly Kane, president and CEO, Kane Communications Group.
https://web.mmac.org/events/MMAC-and-M7-webinar-series-Business-Strategies-for-the-Pandemic-2559/details

- 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.: Milwaukee Press Club/Milwaukee Rotary Club: Physician Robert Gleeson to discuss COVID-19 in an online forum.
https://milwaukeepressclub.org/events/physician-robert-gleeson-to-discuss-covid-19/

- 12 p.m.: UW System Presidential Search Committee. Members are to convene via teleconference in open session before moving to closed session.
https://bit.ly/39fBNNE

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:23 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Movie Theatre Owners Letter to Wisconsin Legislators
Attachments: NATO COVID Letter 04-08-2020.pdf

You have a lot of small mom and pop theatres in your district, so IDK if you want to bring this up as something to address. Definitely more of a rural issue where there aren't as many multi screen locations.

Liz

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From: Forbes McIntosh <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:11 PM
Subject: Movie Theatre Owners Letter to Wisconsin Legislators

Members of the Wisconsin Legislature:

Please find attached a letter from the President of the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

The movie theatre industry is not complaining about the actions to closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is clear that without recognition and action – theatres may fail in your local communities.

The requests provided are explained in the attached letter and focus on treating our licensed retail food concession the same as other licensed food retail that allows for take-out, drive-thru and curbside delivery. Further, two other requests ask state government to recognize that the theatre industry may not be able to hit the "re-start" on the economic engine until November – when the bulk of new movie releases are scheduled to occur and revenues can actually be generated... to pay bills and pay taxes.

- * **Request: Extend Timeline on Commercial Property, Rent Evictions and Foreclosures.** Amend Emergency Order #15 to provide an additional penalty-free 90-days of protection after theatres are allowed by state government to re-open to acknowledge the financial hardship that will occur for several weeks and possibly months afterwards.

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- * **Request: Allow theatres to delay all property tax and sales tax payments until December 31, 2020.** Movie production studios are in many cases are releasing new movies directly to online streaming services (bypassing theatres) or delaying release until Fall 2020 or sometime in 2021. Further, the next timeline for major movie productions releases in many instances does not occur until November. This means many your local theatres may not have the means to pay bills and taxes until that new movie content is released this fall to generate sufficient ticket and concession sales.

- * **Request: Allow theatre food concessions to participate like other food-retail entities with take-out, curbside pick-up and delivery.** We understand why the theatre-auditoriums and restaurant dining areas where assembly seating is provided must be closed during this COVID-19 public health emergency. However, unlike theatre concessions - restaurants and other food retailers (i.e. cheese shops, candy stores, cafés, bakeries, popcorn vendors, etc.) are able to remain open by limiting food and concession operations to take-out or delivery service only. Theatres are just asking that their food retail concession be treated the same.

Keep in mind that movie theatres have perishable and expiration date food and drink products sitting in our theatre concession areas – all of which will go to waste if we are not provided the same opportunity as other licensed food retailers. Theatres have been ordered to close – entirely – theatre auditoriums and concession areas. These businesses should be afforded the opportunity for community support to at least help pay the bills when no revenue stream is currently allowed to occur.

Please see the letter for background on each request.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 8:53 AM
To: "Dernbach, BJ" <BJ.Dernbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Note from Tammy Shannon-Stegall to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

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Hey! Before I bother anyone else, I figured I'd ask you. I only have a vague understanding of how unemployment insurance works. Employers pay in... but I'm not sure who is "taking the hit" during the pandemic.

Thanks for answering a dumb question!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Tammy Stegall <jtsteg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Note from Tammy Shannon-Stegall to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

Dear Mary,

My daughter is a bartender for a local bar/ supper club. She’s applied for unemployment but her employer told her he would deny it because she could come work & take orders for pick up & she could clean However this would be only 4 hours a day at $9. An hr. Hardly what she was making working.
Are employers being penalized during this virus .shut down by employees signing up for unemployment?

Thank You,

Tammy Stegall

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:17 PM
To: "Tierney, Michael - DSPS" <michael.tierney1@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Sen.Tiffany" <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: online approval
Attachments: State Letter for online approval.docx

Good afternoon Michael,

We have a constituent that needs to speak with someone within DSPS immediately to hopefully receive emergency online approval. She has reached out to DSPS already but has not been able to speak with anyone directly that can help her. Can you have someone reach out to her as soon as possible so they can continue teaching remotely?

Please let me know what your thoughts are. Thank you for your help!

Liz

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From: Andi Burns <Andi@statecollegeofbeauty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: online approval

Hello Representative Felzkowski,

The underlined statement is what Sue Kolve the Owner of the Salon Professional Academy in Onalaska experienced yesterday.
I too have made many calls and sent email with no response.
Shawn Raukman from PHD Academy in Eau Claire has only heard from the EAB which oversees Massage and they granted emergency online approval.
Can you help us with our Cosmetology, Esthiology and Nail Technology Programs?

I reached out to the DSPS yesterday and I was directed to Licensing and Credentials. I am trying to get Temporary Approval of Distance Education. This is the first step in this process. Once we complete this process with the State we are able to move forward with our Accreditors and the Department of Education.
I asked to speak directly to Secretary Crim, Deputy Secretary Trammell, or Assistant Deputy Secretary Hereth....I was told I could only be transferred to a department . I did leave a message have not heard from anyone. Sent email , no response called back and receptionist assured me that she would pass my

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contact information on to Sam...the Supervisor and he would get this in the hands of the right person. Still no word from anyone.
If you can help me in anyway.....the Governor has ordered all schools to close today at 5pm.With State Approval I am confident that we will be able to continue teaching our students. The theory portion of our curriculum and a little of the practical portion of our curriculum can be taught online. There are 2 textbook companies that provide online formats for the programs we offer. Pivot Point and Milady both offer Cosmetology and Esthetics online curriculum.
This link will take you to a spreadsheet that will show the progress each State has made . I would like to add our State Approval to this sheet!
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1X5-iBQbCKmGupElPO4UtS4IckjZsZeZWSZB94ZXY8e8/edit#gid=0

I am available all day today please let me know if you think this is possible and also if there is any additional information that I can send you.

Thank you,

Andi Burns
School Administrator
State College of Beauty Culture
Things are looking Good!
715-581-3200

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:30 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Open Records Request - Note of Receipt - American Oversight 4.10.20
Attachments: Public Records Request (WI-SEN-20-0889).eml

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From: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:20 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Patrick E. <Patrick.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Open Records Request - Note of Receipt - American Oversight 4.10.20

Ms. Kannan,

This email confirms receipt of your public record request made of Representative Jim Steineke via email on Friday, April 10, 2020. In your message, you have requested the following records:

> *"All email communications sent by the Senator, the Senator's chief of staff, or anyone serving as a health, elections, or coronavirus advisor to the Senator, that contain the following terms*:*
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> 1. *Safe**
> 2. *Health**
> 3. *Contagious**
> 4. *Infectio**
> 5. *Corona**
> 6. *Virus**
> 7. *Covid*
> 8. *Covid-19*
> 9. *Sick**
> 10. *Kelly*
> 11. *Karofsky*
> 12. *Court**
> 13. *Justicedanielkelly.com*
> 14. *Wisgop**
> 15. *GOP**
> 16. *Republican**
> 17. *RNC*
> 18. *DNC*
> 19. *Dem**
> 20. *Biden*

21. *Sanders*
22. *Bernie*
23. *Primar**
24. *Executive order*
25. *EO*
26. *Election**
27. *Vote**
28. *Voting*
29. *Absentee*
30. *Mail**
31. *Ballot**
32. *Signature**
33. *Witness**
34. *WEC*
35. *Confine**
36. *Poll**
37. *Death**
38. *Special session*
39. *Emergenc**
40. *Turn-out*
41. *Turn out*
42. *Turnout*
43. *Guard**
44. *Trump*
45. *POTUS*
46. *White House*
47. *Tuesday*
48. *April 7*
49. *July 9*
50. *Line**
51. *Feet*
52. *Foot*
53. *Ft*
54. *Distanc**
55. *Quarentin**
56. *Isolat**
57. *PPE*
58. *Evers*
59. *Milwaukee*
60. *Madison*
61. *At home*
62. *Vulnerable*

In addition to the sixty-two terms you have outlined, you have specifically asked for responsive records that were generated between the dates of March 20, 2020 and April 10, 2020 – the date of your request. Further, you have noted your intent to use the asterisk (*) to designate words which may have various endings.

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Please treat this message as confirmation that your record request has been received by this office and is being processed pursuant to the procedures of the Wisconsin State Assembly. Should your request be denied in-part or in-full, you will receive a letter with the rationale.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact our office.

Thank you,

Rusty Schultz Chief of Staff | Office of the Assembly Majority Leader
Rep. Jim Steineke | (608) 266-2401 | www.RepSteineke.com

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 12:18 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Open Records Request

Open Records Request- you know the drill. If you could let me know if you have any texts or memos from these guys.

From: David Armiak <david@prwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Open Records Request

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Pursuant to Wisconsin's open records law, I request access to and 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
- * Mike Fischer

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.

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:35 AM
To: 'Douglas Parrott' <parrott@wpmca.org>
Subject: FW: Petroleum Marketers in 35th AD

Hey Doug,

Just wanted to check in on this. Sorry to bug you, but Mary was hoping to get some information out Monday morning.

Thanks,
Stamena

From: Ivanov, Stamena
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:52 PM
To: 'Douglas Parrott' <parrott@wpmca.org>
Subject: Petroleum Marketers in 35th AD

Hey Doug,

I hope things are going well and you're staying safe. Rep. Felzkowski was wondering if you would be able to provide us with a list of gas stations or petroleum marketer members in our district? She is hoping to reach out and partner with them on a public information project.

Please let me know if you have this info.

Thanks!

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
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608-266-7694

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:24 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Pharmacies

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From: Danielle Womack <dwomack@pswi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Forbes McIntosh <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Subject: RE: Pharmacies

Hi Liz,

Langlade Hospital	112 E Fifth Ave	Antigo	WI	54409
Lakeside Pharmacy	536 5th Ave	Antigo	WI	54409
Walgreens	2204 Neva Rd	Antigo	WI	54409
Wal-Mart Pharmacy	200 E State Hwy 64	Antigo	WI	54409
Good Samaritan Pharmacy	601 S Center Ave	Merrill	WI	54452
Marshfield Clinic Pharmacy	1205 O'Day St	Merrill	WI	54452
Walgreens	101 N Center Ave	Merrill	WI	54452
Wal-Mart Pharmacy	505 S Pine Ridge Ave	Merrill	WI	54452
Trig's Pharmacy	662 N 4th St	Tomahawk	WI	54487

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Danielle

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To: "forbes@wis-gps.com" <forbes@wis-gps.com>

Hey Forbes,

> Our office is putting together a helpful document that we'd like to get to places that might see a lot of foot traffic in our district right now. It's something we envision could go on a bulletin board or something similar. Pharmacies are on our list so I wanted to reach out to see if you have a list of pharmacies in our district.
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> Thank you in advance!
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> Liz
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Subject: FW: Please cancel the May 12th Special Election for the 7th Congressional District

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I wanted you to be aware that we've received three of these from different clerks already, none of them yet from your district, but I would expect to see this continue throughout the day. I'm saving all of them so we can keep track of who responds to this thread.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:59 AM
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Subject: Re: Please cancel the May 12th Special Election for the 7th Congressional District

As the Town Clerk for the Town of Lake I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiments written by Price County Clerk Jean Gottwald. The burden and danger placed on the clerks as well as the voters is appalling. The public is at increased risk with the contact and this must be considered and stopped.

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As is the case in most of the rural townships, the clerk position is a part-time position and a great many of us have our "regular" jobs. I happen to work as an EMT with the local hospital and ambulance service and am amazed that the state is willing to put so many in jeopardy by encouraging the elections. I am also grieved that the state is willing to put this additional burden on so many while we are trying to protect our resources.

Please, cancel the May 12 election! Please! For all of us! For the 7th CD constituents. Please help prevent the spread of this disease. Please keep us Safer At Home!

Judy Reas
Town of Lake Clerk
PO Box 228
Park Falls, WI 54552

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 10:48 AM Jean Gottwald <jean.gottwald@co.price.wi.us> wrote:

> Please cancel the May 12th Special Election for the 7th Congressional District. There is still ample time to act.
>
> While the entire nation is in the midst of a public health emergency, the May 12th election does not need to be held. The 7th CD seat has been vacant for six months. That contest will be on the ballot AGAIN at the November 3rd General Election. Having that seat vacant for another six months does not seem to be worth putting the health and safety of the electors of northern Wisconsin in jeopardy again. Absentee voting results were outstanding for the April 7th election. But a lot of people still showed up at the polls to vote.
>
> Tracking of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wisconsin is very fluid and the latest reports I've seen are targeting April 26th as the peak. Let's all work together to flatten the curve – keep it flat – and not provide another opportunity for the curve to rise – by keeping electors away from the polls on May 12th.
>
> Someone needs to step up NOW and take the necessary measures to prevent opening the polls on May 12th. Governor? Legislators? DHS/Public Health? Stop playing politics with people's lives. Figure it out and do what is in the absolute best interest of the citizens of northern Wisconsin. Cancel the May 12th election.

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Keep Northern Wisconsin citizens – Safer at Home.

Wisconsin County Constitutional Officer and Concerned Citizen,

Jean Gottwald

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From: Cory Fish <cfish@wmc.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Cory Fish <cfish@wmc.org>
Subject: Protect Businesses from Frivolous COVID-19 Litigation

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a copy of a memo outlining common sense protections for businesses on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. While most are coming together to work through these highly unusual times trial attorneys are looking to profit from this public health emergency. They have already sued soap manufacturers, makers of hand sanitizer and respirators, and insurance companies. They're also targeting grocery stores, pharmacies, and healthcare providers.

The Legislature should protect businesses from being preyed upon by the plaintiffs' bar when those businesses are doing the right thing by providing essential services, making medical and personal protective equipment, and treating or otherwise helping those with COVID-19.

WMC appreciates the intent behind the provisions currently in the omnibus COIVD-19 legislation. However the current provision protecting manufacturers of PPE is so narrow that is likely unworkable in practice and there are no protections for the broader business community like grocery stores that are essential to supplying America during this pandemic.

Thank you for your time and have a good weekend.

Respectfully,

Cory

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Protectionist and Restrictive

Decisions from licensing boards are oftentimes arbitrary and unfair

By BETSY THATCHER | April 2, 2020

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A convoluted mathematical equation used by a Wisconsin state licensing board deprived a tribal dental clinic of a pediatric dentist for nearly a year.

The clinic, located on the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indian reservation in the far northcentral part of the state, had been desperately looking for a pediatric dentist to treat its approximately 300 child-age patients.

For most of the year in 2018, only 30 of the 300 children had been able to travel to a referral clinic in Eau Claire — a fivehour round trip — to receive care, according to dental director and dentist Thomas Wheeler at the Peter Christensen Dental Campus, the tribal clinic.

It is difficult for rural and cold-climate clinics to attract dentists, so the clinic thought its prayers were answered when a nationally known pediatric dentist agreed to work there.

In November 2017, Lance Kisby, who has practiced dentistry for 36 years, interviewed for a position at the Lac du Flambeau clinic and filed an application with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board for a license to practice in the state.

“Everybody (at the clinic) told me, ‘We’ve been without a pediatric dentist for years. When can you start?” Kisby recalls.
Little did Kisby know that it would take more than 13 months.

The North Woods clinic serves the 3,000-member tribe of Chippewa Native Americans. It is in a region that has been identified by the federal government as a “dental shortage area.”

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Wisconsin ranked dead last in the nation for providing oral health care to the more than 550,000 children who receive dental benefits through Medicaid, based on 2015 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“We were without a dentist for the children for more than a year,” says Tribal Attorney Jodie Bednar-Clemens. “I’m very bitter about it.”

Bednar-Clemens, a former Oneida County assistant district attorney, worked on Kisby’s case after the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board refused to grant him a state license.

Kisby’s distinguished career has included several stints as chief of pediatric dentistry in large American hospitals. He regularly lectures to his peers in seminars around the country and is a noted author on pediatric dental topics.

But the dentistry board denied the license based on a head-scratching determination that Kisby had not “engaged in at least 750 hours of the practice of dentistry within the 12-month period preceding” his Dec. 6, 2017, application.

The board’s practice has been to have one of its members review applications and determine whether the dentist had indeed worked for at least the 750 hours required by the state administrative code.

The board member, a dentist, came up with her own formulation that, in short, eliminated from the equation a whole month of practice if the dentist had worked fewer than 60 hours in that month.

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The board denied Kisby's application on March 30, 2018, almost four months after he applied, simply on the results of this math.

Kisby decided to appeal the decision.

"I sent them proof that I worked all that time," Kisby says of 1,500 pages of time sheets and emails that showed he had worked at least 1,100 hours in the 12 months prior to his application. "I sent it overnight for $60 in a big box to the dental board. I didn't hear from them for two or three months."

And when he did, it was another denial. That's when Bednar-Clemens, the tribal attorney, stepped in, and the matter went before administrative law judge Jennifer E. Nashold at the end of July 2018. Kisby waited another 100 days for documents and responses to be filed by both sides and for the judge to review and make a ruling.



Nashold reversed the board's decision, writing that the board member's "division, multiplication, rounding up and rounding down exercise (led) to admittedly arithmetically inaccurate results." But it took almost a full year for the issue to grind through the bureaucratic process, and all the while the tribal clinic went without a pediatric dentist.

Tribal attorney Bednar-Clemens chastised the board for relying on a system of "made-up, arbitrary rules" that resulted in serious consequences for the clinic — and the children it serves.

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“I was unemployed for 13 months while my kid was in college,” Kisby says. “We went through 50 percent of our retirement just to pay my bills. It was a super financial hit.” He was finally able to start his job in January 2019.

Following the resolution of this case, references to the hours worked in the 12 months prior to a license application have been removed from the state administrative code. Phone messages to the Dental Examining Board executive director and the board chairman were not returned.

Unfortunately, cases like this are not uncommon for Wisconsinites who work in licensed professions. According to state statute, licensing boards are authorized to “review, investigate or handle” disciplinary matters for those who are licensed in their designated profession. Boards are also the supervisory authorities “regarding qualifications of applicants for credentials.”

While licensing boards in theory are established to promote public health and safety, they at times deny licenses or discipline practitioners for reasons unrelated to these criteria. As a result, applicants can be stymied in their pursuit of an occupation, and existing license holders can face fines or the loss of the very license that allows them to practice their profession.

Clerical mistakes turned costly

Another case involving professional licensing resulted in months of aggravation and cost for a southeastern Wisconsin chiropractor who had inadvertently allowed his license to lapse.

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The chiropractor had completed all of the continuing education and other necessary requirements, such as bringing his CPR certification up to date, to renew his license in December 2012, except for one thing. The renewal did not get filed with the state Department of Safety and Professional Services in time. He had delegated the task to an employee in his clinic who had renewed his license in a timely manner in the past.

It took a few weeks before the chiropractor learned his license had expired. The doctor alleged that the employee falsely told him that she had filed the renewal. When she attempted to play catch-up, she erroneously stated that her boss had not completed the CPR update.

Ten days later, when the chiropractor learned that his license remained expired, the employee was terminated from her position.

The chiropractor immediately contacted DSPS and provided all the necessary documentation to renew his license. He testified in the disciplinary case that a DSPS employee twice assured him that he had “a grace period” and that it was just a “clerical matter” that would be taken care of.

In a follow-up call to DSPS three days later, the doctor was told that he was compliant.

But when the chiropractor checked the state license website in early February, it still showed an expired license. Concerned, he contacted the state agency and was asked to provide evidence of his CPR certificate because the original copy sent to them had vanished. And, yet again, he was reassured by the state

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employee that it was just a clerical issue, and it would be resolved.

The chiropractor later learned that he faced disciplinary action that resulted in not only a formal reprimand but also an order to notify every patient he treated between Dec. 14, 2012, and Feb. 4, 2013, that he was not licensed and that he billed for services he was not legally authorized to perform during that time.

The matter escalated to a full investigation by the state, which led to the chiropractor hiring an attorney and spending hours providing information and testimony.

Even the administrative law judge who heard the case admitted she would have preferred to give the chiropractor only an administrative warning, given the snafus committed by the state agency, but she concluded that precedents established in similar cases required a formal reprimand.

The law judge did reduce the time period of unlawful practice to just the month's time between the license expiration and the chiropractor's own call to DSPS.

Any patient treated by the chiropractor during that period could have sought a refund, which could have added up to a substantial sum. The doctor also was ordered to pay 20% of the costs borne by the state to prosecute the case.

Neither the chiropractor nor his lawyer responded to phone messages and emails seeking comment on the case.

"Very persnickety"

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Arthur Thexton, who served as a prosecutor for DSPS for 24 years, and who is now in private practice handling cases for professionals on the other side of the table, called the Chiropractic Examining Board “very persnickety.”

“They are very hard on their disciplinary cases,” Thexton says.

But they’re not alone. In a case in 2017 involving the Dentistry Examining Board, a woman who wanted to practice in Wisconsin was denied because the foreign dentistry school from which she received her degree was not accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

“The case of Dr. (Bonolo) Odirile is extremely irritating to me,” says Thexton, who represented the dentist. Odirile had graduated with a bachelor’s degree in dental surgery from the University College Cork dental school, a university in Ireland that is ranked among the top colleges worldwide. Odirile had also obtained a post-graduate orthodontic certificate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

“There was no legitimate reason for believing this woman was not a completely well-qualified, welltrained, excellent dentist,” he says. “They decided to take a very conservative view of the rules that they had in place and apply them very strictly.”

Thexton calls the rules “protectionist in nature and usually restrictive.”

Odirile and her husband had hoped to settle their family in Wisconsin, Thexton says. Instead, Odirile’s family moved to Texas, where she is now working as a

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dentist.

The rules that guide the various professional and occupational licensing boards can often seem overreaching, Thexton says, “but on the other hand, you have to have some kind of standards, and once you establish them and put them in writing you have to stick to them or change them and try to be consistent.”

“The rules that they have don’t really deal well with the facts of the case,” he says, though. “That’s always going to be true. You can’t predict every possible case.”

In Odirile’s case, he says, “Wisconsin lost a very good dentist.”

Rules and punishment differ

In the case of the chiropractor who had inadvertently been practicing without a license, the consequences regarding his malpractice insurance had the potential to be serious, Thexton says.

“If you are not licensed, then it is very likely that your malpractice coverage will not be effective,” he says. “If you’re not covered, then your patients are at risk, because if they get hurt or something goes wrong, then they are without legal recourse to get the kind of care they might need to repair damage.”

Thexton, the former DSPS prosecutor, says it would be ideal to have across-the-board standards and operating methods among the various licensing bodies, but in practicality the differences in occupations and the levels of potential public harm have to be taken into account.

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“Each profession has its own individual rules, of course,” Thexton says. “It’s one thing if you have an affair with your pharmacist; it is quite another to have one with your psychologist.

“There could be some standardization and rules that could apply to everybody, but, on the other hand, you’re never going to achieve total standardization.”

Read the article here.

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Liz

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 7:13 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

Thoughts?

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From: Mike Moore <Mike.Moore@m3ins.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

Hi Mary,

I hope you are hanging in there with all that is going on. These are certainly interesting times!

We have become aware of a potential bill being sponsored by Rep. Schraa regarding BI claims and the introduction of retroactive payments on this line due to COVID-19. Can you shed some light on what you have heard, and is there anything that we can do to help defeat this before it get traction?

By the way, I'm excited for your upcoming Senate race, and look forward to supporting you through that process!

Thanks and stay well,

Mike

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 5:56 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for Assistance for Wisconsin's Hospitality Industry
Attachments: TourismHelpRequestMar29.pdf

Along these notes, would you want to pro-actively reach out to Krystal (Director of Minocqua Regional Tourism) and ask how they're doing and if there's anything they need?

If you're not comfortable calling, we could send an email from you.

Let me know

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

From: Kathi Kilgore <kilgore@swandby.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:48 PM
Subject: Request for Assistance for Wisconsin's Hospitality Industry

Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature,

Please see the attached memo from the Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association, the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, the Association of Wisconsin Tourist Attractions and Skiing Wisconsin regarding desperately needed assistance for Wisconsin's hospitality industry, which has been decimated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented crisis and thank you for considering our request.

Kathi Kilgore
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:18 PM
To: "'jdavis@csg.org'" <jdavis@csg.org>
Subject: FW: Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski
Attachments: Task Force Discussion Points(wHI).pdf

Hi Jon,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe. I know it's been a bit of a hectic time, but I wanted to check in and see if anyone at CSG was looking into this. I know on our phone call you had mentioned your colleague might have something on this?

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:46 PM
To: jdavis@csg.org
Subject: Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski

Hi Jon,

I hope you're doing well! Rep. Felzkowski had a research question that she thinks will affect multiple states and was wondering if this is something CSG would be able to look into for us.
Last week, she met with a coalition of rural superintendents who shared that they were incredibly concerned about the Higher Learning Commission's ruling on increased training hours for teachers. Our state, like many others in the Midwest and around the country, is struggling with a lack of individuals entering into the teaching profession. This problem is dually exacerbated for rural school districts who have an even more difficult time recruiting new teachers. Representative Felzkowski's question is this: **How are other states reacting to the increased requirements and approaching what appears to be an undue burden on an already burdened profession?**

Below is a portion of an email from one of the superintendents which might help kick-start your research (the attachment is also from the superintendent's email). Please let me know if you think this is something CSG will be able to look into for us.

Thank you!

Stamena Ivanov
Office of Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
Assistant Majority Leader

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1) HLC's rules are set, they are not wavering in this and there's nothing that will change their position. The following is a link to their website as to who the HLC is, etc.:

https://www.hlcommission.org/

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2) As the first attached document shows, the adverse implications of this matter are going to be catastrophic throughout Wisconsin and our collective efforts to curtail post-secondary debt, and time to work, contributing to the plight that is facing all public and private businesses and entities, and that's finding talent. I do not need to comment any further as to how this all ties together in the growth and progression of our state, you're well aware I know, as it's what you all strive to do in your work each day...to move our economy and society forward.

Coincidentally, this email just came from Midwestern Higher Education Compact
- https://www.mhec.org/

The matter at hand as you can see is well beyond the borders of only Wisconsin, and I'm proud to say that Wisconsin is already ahead in this work due to the efforts of NEWERA (Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance) - https://www.neweraonline.org/

NEWERA has already put a database/locator together for interested teachers, yet even with this, there are challenges, ESPECIALLY in math. Math content courses are far and few, very high-level and with minimal availability. My math teacher has been tirelessly trying to pursue courses, yet those available in his schedule are found out of state, and defer to those interested, or they are offered during his workday. Additionally, and it is what it is, the courses are very rigorous...he began on this past year and dropped after a week as it was consuming any and all of his time he had outside of teaching and the other roles he serves to the school and school-community.

Yet, to also put into perspective, what we're up against, are the following numbers completed by a survey of NWTC of its certified high school instructors at this time in their technical college region here in Northeast Wisconsin - I can assume you'll see similar in any other region throughout the state:

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE = 154 General Studies Transcribed credit teachers in NWTC's entire region of service

ONLY 18 currently meet HLC (only 12% of the teachers currently offering dual credit)

14 are undecided if they are pursuing HLC credentials

50 **are not** pursuing HLC credentials (so 1/3 aren't even interested in pursuing, even with free tuition - most schools have moved away from models of compensation that offer greater compensation solely based on credit attainment, hence why we're proposing an incentive model as shared in my previous email today)

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32 will start pursuing HLC credentials

40 have not responded with their plan (I assume this means they're likely not interested in this matter, hence no reply)

So, based on the above, and making some fair assumptions, Northeast Wisconsin alone will likely lose more than **one-half** of it's currently accredited instructors that offer post-secondary coursework at the secondary level - CATASTROPHIC!!!

Hoping we can continue moving this conversation forward.

Best,

Ben

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Jenny Parks** <jennyp@mhec.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 10:02 AM
Subject: MHEC looking for institutional feedback re graduate coursework for concurrent enrollment teachers
To: concurrentenrollment@lists.mhec.org <concurrentenrollment@lists.mhec.org>

Dear Colleagues,

MHEC is working on creating a searchable database high school teachers can use to find the graduate courses they need to qualify under HLC guidelines to teach concurrent enrollment courses in high schools. We are seeking feedback from folks at institutions who run such graduate courses and programs and those who run concurrent enrollment programs. If you are such a person, or if you know such a person and can forward this request to that individual, please consider taking a look at the two documents linked below:

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Please use this link to access the document explaining the work: https://docs.google.com/document/d/17iu_opY2grlK49ScAvuMKF0nZTLriyQUdc7moKdpz0g/edit?usp=sharing.

Please use this link to access, try, edit, and offer comments on the spreadsheet: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lP9I5-FrdZ5YjbNuP-yCsAABnub44sYP/view?usp=sharing.

We are asking for feedback on the spreadsheet which will help us create the right fields in a searchable database. We are eager to make this a user-friendly and not overwhelming product. Please let us know if there is something missing, mislabeled or misworded, and if there are superfluous fields by April 1, 2020.

Kind regards,

Jenny

Jenny Parks

Senior Director of Policy and Academic Initiatives

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:15 PM

To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: FW: Resolution

Attachments: Wisconsin Senate-Resolution on supporting China's battle against COVID-19 revised.doc; 19-5983_P1 (2).pdf

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From: Donatello, Michael <Michael.Donatello@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Resolution

Members of the Legislature,

The Chinese Communist Government reached out to me on two occasions asking me to introduce a resolution, copy attached, perpetuating misinformation and propaganda relating to the Coronavirus which originated in the Wuhan province of China.

Please see the attached resolution which I am introducing, praising the Chinese people for their resilience and condemning the Communist Party of China for putting millions of people, both in China and around the world, at risk of illness and death due to the negligent actions of the Chinese Communist Government.

Sincerely,
Roger

Roger Roth
Senate President

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From: Gail Scott <GailS@jeffersoncountywi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 11:13 AM
To: Ken Pileggi <kpileggi@jeffersonpd.com>
Subject: FW: Resources for Nurturing Spiritual Health while Safer at Home

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(After Hours – ask for Public Health to be called)

From: Wisconsin Department of Health Services [mailto:widhs@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Gail Scott
Subject: Resources for Nurturing Spiritual Health while Safer at Home

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- * Template press release (SharePoint)
- * Social medial graphic (SharePoint)
- * "Did You Know" graphic (DHS COVID-19 website)

In addition to these resources, the Safer at Home Order has been translated to 7 languages, including Arabic, Burmese, Hmong, Malay, Spanish, and Swahili.

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To: "'mary@cisgrp.com'" <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: FW: SBA list - please call me!

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From: Mike Semmann <msemmann@wisbank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: SBA list - please call me!
Importance: High

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Michael Semmann
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:54 PM
To: "'gmbob57@frontier.com'" <gmbob57@frontier.com>
Subject: FW: SBA list

Hey Bob,

Mary asked me to send you this. Let her know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Liz

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From: Mike Semmann <msemmann@wisbank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Jeremey Shepherd <jeremey@sgrwi.com>
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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 11:09 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Self employment - unemployment

Has this been discussed on the leadership calls at all? Let me know if you'd prefer to give them a call to discuss it and I can get their number.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Pam Theiler Wise <jimandpamw@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Self employment - unemployment

Will the Wisconsin Legislature take up the matter of self-employed unemployment benefits during this covid-19 outbreak? We are the backbone of many small rural communities.
We should be covered under these unusual circumstances. We are now closed and willingly do so to help the spread of the virus. Small business loans ARE NOT the answer.

Sincerely,
Pam Theiler Wise
Silver Threads Boutique
Tomahawk WI. 54487

Jim Wise
Tomahawk Surplus Store
Tomahawk, WI. 54487

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:51 PM
To: 'Libby Sobic' <libby@will-law.org>; 'CJ Szafir' <cj@will-law.org>
Subject: FW: Senate Committee on Education Executive Session Notice
Attachments: Executive_Notice_3-30-20_Education.docx

Great news!

From: Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:50 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Gillitzer, Erin <Erin.Gillitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Burhop, Sarah <Sarah.Burhop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Beighley, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Beighley@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Anderson, Cyrus <Cyrus.Anderson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sedgwick, Sara <Sara.Sedgwick@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Macaulay, Lisa <Lisa.Macaulay@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Senate Committee on Education Executive Session Notice

The Committee on Education has scheduled a meeting on March 30, 2020 at 09:00 AM.

Senate

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee on Education

The committee will hold an executive session on the following items at the time specified below:

Monday, March 30, 2020
9:00 AM
122 South

Pursuant to Senate Rule 25 (4) (am), the Committee on Education will vote by paper ballot on the following items:

Assembly Bill 529

Relating to: grants to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Schraa, Doyle, Ballweg, Anderson, Bowen, Cabrera, Duchow, Edming, James, Kurtz, B. Meyers, Milroy, Mursau, Neubauer, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Ramthun, Rohrkaste, Spiros, Spreitzer, Subeck, C. Taylor, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vruwink and Wittke; cosponsored by Senators Olsen, Bernier and Ringhand.

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Assembly Bill 810

Relating to: creating a computerized uniform school budget and accounting system.

By Representatives Felzkowski, Magnafici, Ballweg, Born, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Duchow, Edming, Gundrum, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Krug, Kuglitsch, Loudenbeck, Murphy, Petryk, Plumer, Rodriguez, Sanfelippo, Skowronski, Sortwell, Steineke, Tauchen and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Bernier, Craig, Kapenga, Kooyenga and Stroebel.

Assembly Bill 816

Relating to: incorporating the Holocaust and other genocides into the state model social studies standards and requiring instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides.

By Representatives Plumer, Subeck, Skowronski, Allen, Anderson, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Cabrera, Dittrich, Duchow, Goyke, Hesselbein, Hintz, Katsma, Knodl, Kulp, L. Myers, Ohnstad, Ott, Quinn, Pronschinske, Riemer, Rohrkaste, Sargent, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Stubbs, Tittl, Tusler, Vining, Vorpagel, Vos and Vruwink; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Kooyenga, Carpenter, Jacque, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner and Wanggaard.

Assembly Bill 849

Relating to: expanding the part-time open enrollment program.

By Representatives Thiesfeldt, Kulp, Fields, Ballweg, Dittrich, Felzkowski, Jagler, Knodl, Sanfelippo, Skowronski, Spiros, Steineke, Tusler, Hutton and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Kooyenga and Craig.

Deadline for responding: 4:00 PM on Monday, March 30, 2020.

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Senator Luther Olsen
Chair

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:20 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses
Attachments: Opening Golf Courses Letter.pdf

Do you want to sign on?

Elisabeth Portz
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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

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:26 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>; "'mary@cisgrp.com'" <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses
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Constituent just called about this, very upset. Says it's one of the few outdoor exercises elderly people can do. I think it would be a good move to sign on.

From: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 5:17 PM
To: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Small business COVID-19 updates

For the next report.

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From: Sara Meaney <TWN@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Small business COVID-19 updates

Having trouble viewing this email? View it as a Web page.

Dear Friend,

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation recently launched a business landing page on their website for businesses impacted by COVID-19. The landing page can be found here. This page is designed to provide the latest, best information on resources aimed at maintaining the vitality of the companies upon which our economy depends. As the volume of inquiries through WEDC phone lines and website prevents them from responding individually to people as they would like, they intend to regularly update this directory as new information and resources become available.

I especially want to draw your attention to this packet of information titled “Rising to Challenges: Navigating Through COVID-19 in Wisconsin."

Forward together,



Sara Meaney

Secretary-designee

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To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: State Public Officials, Court Commissioners, and UW Board of Regents Filers - Statements of Economic Interests are due by 4/30/2020!

From: ETHNoReply@wisconsin.gov <ETHNoReply@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; mary@cisgrp.com
Subject: State Public Officials, Court Commissioners, and UW Board of Regents Filers - Statements of Economic Interests are due by 4/30/2020!

Dear Felzkowski, Mary J,

You are receiving this email because you are listed as an official required to file a Statement of Economic Interests for 2020.

Filing requirements for 2020 depend on the officials' start dates and end dates:

1. 1. Officials who left on 12/31/2019 or before do not have to file a 2020 SEI. If you left state service before 1/1/2020, please let us know that date.
2. 2. Officials who are leaving state service, but serve **even one day** in January 2020, must file a 2020 SEI. The official's SEI will be due by 4/30/2020.
3. 3. Officials who are entering state service will have an SEI due 21 days after they are nominated or appointed. This includes officials beginning a new position, or elected officials sworn in to a new term of office.
4. 4. Officials who are continuing in state service will have an SEI due by 4/30/2020.

Please submit your SEI electronically, at the web site: https://sei.wi.gov. You will need the username included in this email. When you are logged in and reach the "Step 3: File SEI" screen, please click the green button that says **"Start SEI: 2020"**. The electronic form will be pre-filled with the information you provided last year, for your convenience. It is your responsibility to make sure that all information contained in your Statement is accurate.

You may also submit your SEI by mail, email, or fax if you choose. Please contact Ethics staff if you want a form emailed to you. If you choose to transmit your completed Statement to us via fax or email, please **do not** follow-up with the original--retain it for your own records. If you know you will be unable to complete the SEI on time because of health concerns, quarantine, or any other reason, please contact Ethics staff to let us know. While we aren't physically in the office, we are available by email or by telephone (contact information is at the bottom of this email).

Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. Wisconsin law requires the Ethics Commission to notify you of the identity of each person who examines your Statement.

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YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION

Username: Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov

LOGIN NOW

Follow these steps to file your SEI:

1. 1. Login to the site https://sei.wi.gov .
    - * If your password does not work or your account is locked, you can always click **FILE YOUR SEI** and then **Forgot/Reset your password**. A new link will emailed to you, and when you click on that link, you can log in by entering your email and a new password twice.
2. 2. You may be asked to reset your password. The new password must have one letter, one number, and one symbol, and be at least 6 characters long. Click **Reset.**
3. 3. From the Menu bar, click **FILE YOUR SEI**.
4. 4. Click your name in the **Active Officials** list.
5. 5. Verify that your contact and position information are correct.
6. 6. Click the **"STEP 3: FILE SEI"** Tab.
    - * Click "File SEI" to create a record for the current year, or if the current year is already listed, use the green button to "Edit SEI".
    - * At the bottom of each screen, there is a green button that saves and steps you forward. Please verify the information on each screen, and then hit the green button.
    - * In the final screen, you must check the "Certify" checkbox before you will see the **"Submit"** button.
7. 7. Once you have filed your SEI, you will receive an email confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact our office to ensure the SEI has been filed.

We hope the new system for collecting SEIs is convenient and easy to use! If you had any difficulties, or would like to offer suggestions for improvement, please email us at ethics@wi.gov, and let us know how we can make things better!

For additional help, please read the full instruction manual or contact our office.

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SEI System Instruction Manual

Sincerely,

Ethics Commission Staff

Wisconsin Ethics Commission
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phone (608) 266-8123

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:23 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Support Common Sense COVID-19 Liability Protection Measures
Attachments: Bipartisan Liability Measures COVID-19 one-pager_4-6-2020.pdf

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35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Cory Fish <cfish@wmc.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Cory Fish <cfish@wmc.org>
Subject: Support Common Sense COVID-19 Liability Protection Measures

Bipartisan Liability Protections for Businesses

Protecting Wisconsin employers from frivolous lawsuits related to COVID-19 will give businesses certainty and stability in these uncertain times, preventing more layoffs and helping businesses stay afloat during and after the crisis. Litigation can bankrupt companies small and large during even the best economic times, and any company who is following the law and public health advice shouldn't have to fear facing expensive, unnecessary lawsuits from plaintiff attorneys. Liability protections will also provide Wisconsin manufacturers incentive to step up and help the state in providing equipment to address the shortage due to COVID-19.

1. **Liability protections for employers' keeping their workers and workplaces safe.**

   Enact liability protections, including a temporary exception to the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act, that allow businesses to screen their employees and other visitors (e.g. temperature scan) for illness prior to entrance to the employer's facility. Further, provide liability protections for employers who require employees to engage in proper hygiene procedures.

2. **Liability limitations for manufacturers of PPE and COVID-19 treatment equipment.**

   Enact liability protection for manufacturers of all types of respirator masks certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Welfare and any manufacturer who chooses to repurpose their facilities to manufacture personal protective equipment or equipment used to treat COVID-19. Bipartisan legislation was passed in Kentucky and signed into law that would protect manufacturers of personal protective equipment or personal hygiene supplies related to COVID-19 from ordinary negligent and product liability claims.[1]

[1] Kentucky SB 150 (page 9, lines 16-22).

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3. Liability limitations for health care providers.

Enact liability protection for healthcare providers to allow those treating COVID-19 patients to act quickly and effectively without fear of facing expensive lawsuits when they are acting in good faith. Liability protections will give providers flexibility to treat more patients and in innovative ways during this crisis. There are many avenues that the Legislature can take to protect healthcare providers and workers.

WMC supports the Wisconsin Hospital Association's efforts in this area as well as provisions enacted in New York, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, and New Jersey.[2]

Thank you for your consideration of these important public policy issues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Cory Fish at cfish@wmc.org or (262) 758-9132.

[1] Kentucky SB 150 (page 9, lines 16-22).
2 New York (Executive Order 202.10); Kentucky (SB 150 – enacted); Illinois (Executive Order 2020-19); Michigan (Executive Order 2020-30); New Jersey (Executive Order No. 112).

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Questions about COVID-19? Visit WMC's Business Resource Center at wmc.org/coronavirus

[2] New York (Executive Order 202.10); Kentucky (SB 150 – enacted); Illinois (Executive Order 2020-19); Michigan (Executive Order 2020-30); New Jersey (Executive Order No. 112).

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:04 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Support for Public Safety Retirees to Return to Work
Attachments: Support for Public Safety Retirees to Return to Work 4-7-2020.pdf

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From: Caty McDermott <mcdermott@hamilton-consulting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Caty McDermott <mcdermott@hamilton-consulting.com>
Subject: Support for Public Safety Retirees to Return to Work

Legislators,

Please see the attached memo from Badger State Sheriffs' Association and Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association.

Thank you,

Caty

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:21 PM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Teledentistry
Attachments: teledentistry bill request for sponsors.pdf

Hey Andrew,

Any chance you could tell me if teledentistry has been treated differently under Medicaid at all during the public health emergency, or would legislation 100% be needed?

Thanks!

Liz

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From: Peter Freyer <Peterf@bridgeclinic.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:09 AM
Subject: Teledentistry

Good morning,

I am writing to you in respect to the bill to address the lack of legislative recognition and guidance with respect to teledentistry. In this extraordinary time of social distancing, where most dental offices have been forced to close their doors to all but emergent cases and placing limits even on that, it is evident that the ability to provide patient evaluation, information, and arrange for appropriate therapy remotely would be extremely beneficial for business continuation, access to care and dental health. It would only be fitting that this be taken up as part of the COVID 19 response legislation now being considered. This would require little state funding and would only extend the already existing legislation that exists for the medical community. The software and hardware already exists and other states have already enacted legislation and are using this technology. I have attached the letter from Representative Loudenbeck and Senator Kooyenga from earlier this year that outlines the proposed legislation.
Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Wishing you health and safety,

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:24 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Teledentistry
Attachments: teledentistry bill request for sponsors.pdf

FYI, I reached out to DHS to see if this can be done without legislative changes, or if any of the rules have been relaxed during the health crisis. Just wanted you to be aware that the request came in and that I reached back out to him as well.

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From: Peter Freyer <Peterf@bridgeclinic.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Teledentistry

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:29 PM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

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Hey Andrew,

Is there anyone from DMS that could reach out to her directly and walk her through what is currently being worked on or allowed during COVID?

Thanks!

Liz

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From: william McIntyre <mcintyre95@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

Hello Rep. Felzkowski,

I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist certified in the State of WI. I work for Marshfield Clinic in Merrill, WI. Our clinic will be open 2 days per week beginning next week due to the COVID-19 crisis. I may be providing telehealth services from my home. Per State of WI Medicaid, I use an onsite provider as a "billing override or incident to" when billing for services. Because I will be working from home, I wonder if I will be able to provide telehealth services to this population during the State of Emergency declared by Govenor Evers, given there will not be a provider onsite.

Can you tell me if this Medicaid rule(to bill incident to)is still in place, or if due to the State of Emergency it has been liberalized?

Thank you for your assistance. I hope you are well.

Paula McIntyre RDN CD CDCES
W3311 County Road C
Merrill WI 54452
715-573-5678

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:17 PM
To: "'garymeisterg@gmail.com'" <garymeisterg@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Good afternoon Gary,

I apologize that it has taken me so long to get back to you. I've had you on my call list and I was finally able to make it through the whole list yesterday. I gave the number below a call but it just rang and rang and I was not able to get through to leave a message. If you would like to give me a call back, feel free to do so at any time: 715-966-3366.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Name
Gary G.Meister
Email
garymeisterg@gmail.com
Address
3740 Aldridge Lake Rd.
City
Eagle River
Phone Number
7154797815
Message
Why vote to put so many people at risk for their life? Why not postpone the election as many other states have? Why keep making it harder to vote rather than easier? I suppose if you still think this a hoax made up by scientists around the world and people really aren't becoming ill and dying while overloading our health care systems.
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:34 PM
To: "'sheath1956@gmail.com'" <sheath1956@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Sherry,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and your willingness to talk with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
Sherry Heath
Email
sheath1956@gmail.com
Address
N4300 County Road JJ
City
Merrill
Phone Number
17156304881
Message
Hi Rep Felzkowski - I feel Gov Evers made the right decision to delay voting due to Covid-19. We are under stay at home orders right now. We have been advised not to even go to the grocery store or pharmacy. This is a scary thought that people will leave their home just to vote. I told my elderly mother not to go and she agreed. To bad the courts ruled against Gov Evers!
Thank you for listening! Sherry Heath
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:25 PM
To: "'cathyrogich1@gmail.com'" <cathyrogich1@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Cathleen,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
Cathleen L Rogich
Email
cathyrogich1@gmail.com
Address
N10115 Peaceful Valley Rd
City
TOMAHAWK
Phone Number
8474711079
Message
It is disgusting that the election is allowed to proceed tomorrow. Lives will he lost due to this,. Unforgivable.
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False

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:15 PM
To: "'sebb.eberhardy8@gmail.com'" <sebb.eberhardy8@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Scott,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time today on the phone. I really appreciate it.

Thanks again,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
SCOTT EBERHARDY
Email
sebb.eberhardy8@gmail.com
Address
W8793 Duxbury Road
City
Tomahawk
Phone Number
7154532095
Message
Now is the time for you to protect the people in your district. I voted for you in the past but, if you stand on party lines now against postponing the election I will never vote republican again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 8:15 PM
To: "'jsturm3415@gmail.com'" <jsturm3415@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Thank you for your kind message, John. It's one of the only nice things we've received today.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
John Sturm
Email
jsturm3415@gmail.com
Address
239147 Deer Creek Lane
City
Marathon
Phone Number
7152184196
Message
Keep up the great work!
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:07 PM
To: "Steine, Bradford - DATCP" <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted
Attachments: Farmer Resources, COVID-19.pdf

Hey Bradford,

I really don't know a lot of the eligibility criterion for SBA or what it can be used for, but we have this constituent who is reaching out, saying that she believes SBA is not an option for them. Do you have any thoughts? Let me know if I need to gather more information about who they are/contact info, etc.

Thank you for your help! I did see this document that you guys must have put together, which I have provided to the constituent already.

Thank you,

Liz

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From: DIane WItscheber <witchywoman0452@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

We are not selling to restaurants since the shut down. We would use the grant money to feed the animals, pay utilities, buy fuel for tractors and other equipment and just keep the enterprise going. Some of the money we make helps support us.

The SBA website says "Applicant is not an agricultural enterprise (e.g. farm) other than an aquaculture enterprise, agriculture cooperation or nursery." This is why we believe we are not eligible.

Thank you,

Diane

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 10:02 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Hey Diane,

Thanks for your email. I wanted to ask a few more questions so I can better understand the situation. Are you currently not selling to restaurants right now that are still open to carry out orders? As far as the grants, are you hoping to use it to cover losses, pay administrative costs during COVID? What on the SBA website makes you think you are not eligible?

> Thank you for the follow up! Once I have a better picture, hopefully I'll be able to send you in the right direction.
>
> Thank you!
>
> Liz

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From: DIane WItscheber <witchywoman0452@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

Good morning,
My husband and I have a small elk ranch in Merrill. We have no employees. Our animals are raised for meat sales. Much of which is sold to restaurants. Are there any grants available for entities like ours? I did check into the SBA Economic Injury Disaster website and it appears we are not eligible.
Thank you,
Diane
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 5:27 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Diane,
>
> I did want to follow up with you after learning of what Governor Evers said at his press conference related to this. He said that the State Patrol will not be pulling people over asking for proof of where they are going or what they are

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doing. They are hoping for voluntary compliance, but enforcement is essentially up to local law enforcement.

I hope this helps,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Witchywoman0452@outlook.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Diane,

According to Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order released today, the following enforcement measures are in effect starting tomorrow morning:

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.

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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.

Because his order prohibited non-essential travel, this section of his order would apply to you.

Please let me know if there is more information I can get for you,

Liz

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
Diane
Email
Witchywoman0452@outlook.com
Address

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City

Phone Number

Message

We have been following the President's directives regarding limiting our movements...in essence, we have been self-quarantining ourselves for over two weeks. We have a trip planned to visit family in another state at the end of the week. What are the consequences if we decide to go anyway?

Sign up for E-Update

False

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:30 PM
To: 'Krista Love' <Krista.Love@inclusa.org>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Here is the list I was able to get him to write down. At this point, we will continue to push that he continue to work with his team.

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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>; Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Beth Ann Richlen <brichlen@judicare.org>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

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I have told all the things I need help with INCLUDING a need to get my wheelchair up and running,
van repaired,
Clean,
Organize,
Cook food,
Shop,
STair chair,
Ramp,
Lawn care,
my boys rubber stamped,
Social security taken care of as I can't do the stress, etc, etc...
.
Come on people, STOP MAKING BELIEVE I NEVER EVER SAID THIS SHIT IN THE PAST...

From: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:14 PM
To: Rep. Felzkowski - LEGIS
Cc: Dan Lee
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Liz,

I have heard about more concerns than just the hours from this member and I have directed him to his Inclusa Team or the appropriate office to assist him. I do not feel comfortable discussing his

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list of past concerns due to the complexity of the situation. I insisted he self-advocate so that the communication is clear. I have advocated for him and feel that at this point he needs to have a conversation with his new team and discuss what his needs are going forward.

Respectfully,

Christy Daley,
Regional Ombudsman
State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care
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Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Dan,

Christy has only heard from you on the hours. If you can send both of us a list of everything you are asking for, that would be really helpful in helping us understand what your needs are.

Thank you,

Liz

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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

It's not just the hours, it's all the other needs..
You are not listening also

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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 4:23 PM -0500, "Daley, Christy - BOALTC" <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Dan,
>
> In regards to the Supportive Home Care (SHC) needs; your appeal, to keep your hours from being reduce, through a State Fair Hearing was dismissed March 9, 2020 when you were unable to attend. The judge was not willing to postpone a 3rd time. Therefore, as I explained on 3/23 you need to specifically ask your new Inclusa Team for SHC through an agency as you are no longer eligible for the self-directed program for this service. I am not sure if this is the only request you have at this time but this is the one we emailed about over the past 2 weeks.
>
> In regards to Social Security Administration; I do not have authority to assist with that program. I see that Danella, Inclusa CRC provided the phone number for SSA.
>
> Respectfully,
>
> Christy Daley,
> Regional Ombudsman
> State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care
> North Central Counties : Ashland, Forest, Iron, Langlade,
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I am a TOTAL basket case..
I have had a couple of people SAY they are willing to help but I say something and they say they can't do all...
I ask to just pick one and they are never to be heard from..
Now I fell almost and knocked off container that had hearing aids on floor and can't find one..
So now I have hearing issue going on..
I am way to stressed
And I am not to be doing any of it...

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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 8:56 AM -0500, "Rep. Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Dan,
>
> I am happy to communicate with Christy as well. The reason I asked you for a list of your questions is so that there is a clear list that everyone understands and can go off of to respond to. I'm sure everyone is trying to figure out exactly what your needs are, so I'm just trying to help you clarify those needs in one list that the team can work off of. I'm not trying to make you duplicate work or anything, it's just nice to have it all in one place. I will continue to include Christy on the emails so that everyone is on the same page.
>
> Thank you, I'm sorry you're not feeling well. That can be really debilitating day after day.
>
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Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

Liz
I have at christy daily to help me considering that she help me to be able to get all the information together In the past..I have not been feeling very good because I am trying desperately to even get the living room clean to some ° and I've been working on it for aboutI have not been feeling very good because I am trying desperately to even get the living room clean to some ° and I've been working on it for about 6 days now...I will get you the information But I really would appreciate it if I could get some help from christy because it seemsBut I really would appreciate it if I could get some help from christy because it seems that that is easiest way to get All the information needed and you have my permission and she has permission from me for you to to communicate together...
Between the 3 of us we should be able to make some kind of a headway..Please do not dump me

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To: onlyonmonday@yahoo.com
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:03 PM
To: "'dsjorgy2@frontier.com'" <dsjorgy2@frontier.com>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Dorothy,

So the wayside you are talking about was purchased by Lincoln County in 2014, so I reached out to the county to get more information. They indicated that the bathroom facilities have been closed because of the total disregard for the bathroom facilities. So much debris and garbage had been dumped into the toilets, that the county was unable to hire a septic pumper to pump facility. They smelt so bad that the county needed to close them. They also indicated that the maintenance cost increased dramatically.

I hope that helps!

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:36 PM
To: "'john.hanz@co.lincoln.wi.us'" <john.hanz@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey John,

I wanted to reach out to you because we received the constituent question below (at the bottom). I reached out to WisDOT but they told me that Lincoln County now owns it. I was hoping you could give me some more background.

Thank you in advance!

Liz

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From: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Rep. Felzkowski,

Total ownership and maintenance responsibility of this property was transferred to Lincoln County in 2014. WisDOT has had no involvement in this site since the transfer.

As you know, our state owned rest areas remain open.

Thanks,
Diana

Diana Maas
Legislative Liaison
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Desk: (608) 266-9465
Cell: (608) 400-2278
diana.maas@dot.wi.gov

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Thanks!

Mary

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:45 AM
To: "'JNAGEL@CO.LANGLADE.WI.US'" <JNAGEL@CO.LANGLADE.WI.US>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Judy,
I wanted to reach out to you with a concern I received from a constituent trying to get in touch with her clerk to help with the polls. I know the Elections Commission is running everything through the county clerks, so I wanted to see if you've been having the same issues getting ahold of the clerks in your county. I sent an email out yesterday encouraging people to be poll workers, and I plan to post it on Facebook today, so I want to make sure that if people are interested, they are actually able to touch base with the clerks they'd be working with. I'm sure the local clerks are swamped, so it's possible they are just bogged down in work.

Thank you for your thoughts!

Mary

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Message
Something I think you should be made aware of. It appears some of the small town clerks have went MIA. (overwhelmed?) I understand with this crisis we all need to do our part. Gov. Evers has stressed this spring election is going to happen. I personally gave our town clerk my information during the February primary to volunteer after one of the workers told me we were short handed for this season. (pre-Co19) Told she had one other name and would be in contact with us for the 2 hour training soon. Nothing. Now this could be a problem with the stay at home situation, totally understand. BUT, she is now totally MIA. Not returning phone messages as we attempted to get absentee ballots so I mailed the forms we received from a mass mailing with needed photo of ID's last week to

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her with no response. I bring this to your attention because after talking with voters in other small towns, this seems to not be an isolated situation. If widespread, this could have a huge impact on the outcome of some very important elections/issues, not to mention the legal can of worms this could open up.
Just thought you should know what's going on.
Praying for your safety and the well being of your loved ones,
Victoria Woyak

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Good afternoon Dorothy,

I apologize that it has taken me so long to get back to you. My office has been totally swamped with COVID help and responses. I will reach out to WisDOT for you on this and get back to you!

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Hey Daniella,

Senator Tiffany's office shared your contact information with me. I wanted to reach out to let you know what Dan's latest email to us has said. Any perspective you have on this would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

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Did you get this? I was going to reach out to the inclusa woman we've been conversing with just to get her side.

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voters believe the COVID-19 outbreak will be under control by the end of May.

While 44 percent said it would be under control by then, 27 percent picked the end of August and 11 percent said sometime next fall. Seven percent said it would be about a year, while 2 percent said it would take longer than that.

The poll also found about three-fourths of voters approve of the way Gov. Tony Evers has handled the response to the pandemic, while about half said the same of President Trump.

Other numbers from the poll:

*though the partisan makeup of the poll was balanced, 47 percent of respondents said they planned to vote in next week's Dem presidential primary, while 33 percent said the GOP contest.

*35 percent of voters had a favorable impression of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, while 32 percent had an unfavorable one. For U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, the split was 40-39.

*while he has jumped out to a big lead in the Dem primary, Joe Biden was upside down with poll respondents overall with 39 percent saying they had a favorable impression of him, while 50 percent had a negative one. For Donald Trump, it was 45-50.

See the full poll results:
https://law.marquette.edu/poll/

-- The group Protect Our Care has launched a new TV ad in Milwaukee that knocks President Trump for his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group said the ad, which is also running in Michigan and Pennsylvania, is on cable in the market and the buy for Milwaukee is in the "five-figure range."

The narrator in the spot says Trump's "failure to prepare America for the Coronavirus crisis has made Wisconsin less safe." It shows scenes of health care professionals in personal protection equipment, noting the shortages the state faces, before the narrator says "now more and more Wisconsinites are out of work."

"At a time of extreme crisis, Wisconsin families need a steady and trusted leader, but Donald Trump has failed that test," the narrator says.

See the ad:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5PisMxVj_w&feature=youtu.be

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The ad features West Wing Actor Bradley Whitford touting Karofsky's experience as a trial court judge and her "history of protecting families and upholding justice."

Watch the Ad:
https://www.facebook.com/AFJActionCampaign/videos/242802603770240/

-- Bernie Sanders today endorsed Karofsky, saying judges "should stand up for the needs of working people and civil rights, not huge corporate CEO donors."

Karofsky has regularly knocked conservative Justice Daniel Kelly in the race for the endorsement he received from President Trump.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/sanders-campaign-endorses-judge-jill-karofsky-for-the-wisconsin-supreme-court/

-- The state Senate plans to do its second dry run of a virtual session today before meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Gov. Tony Evers floated a revised coronavirus relief package yesterday while GOP legislative leaders said they would be doing their own.

See yesterday's PM Update for more.

-- Joe Biden now suggests the July Democratic National Convention could take place in Milwaukee a month later, but other rank-and-file party leaders have their doubts.

See more in headlines.

From WisBusiness.com ...

-- U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil says he's focused on "being prudent with taxpayer money" as federal lawmakers consider options for a fourth stimulus package.

In a webinar hosted by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce yesterday, the Republican lawmaker from Janesville said the recently passed $2 trillion stimulus

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package was "by no means perfect," but noted swift action was needed amid the current crisis.

"Now there's lots of talk in Washington about what is going to be needed next," he said. "You've seen discussions of a $2 trillion infrastructure bill. There's going to be lots of ideas floating around in the coming days."

He's advocating for a "fact-driven" approach to the federal coronavirus response, to ensure support is going toward impacted workers as well as the U.S. health care system.

Steil called on business leaders in Wisconsin to make suggestions on what the next stimulus package looks like, so federal legislators can be "responsive but also not wasteful" during the pandemic.

"We're going to have to be thoughtful of our total debt load that we're taking on," he said. "We just spent $2 trillion; we came into the year with an estimated budget deficit of $1 trillion and that's likely to grow. And we're now talking about adding $2 trillion additional to this."

In the coming weeks, he said lawmakers will be trying to get a handle on the unemployment rate for states across the country. And he noted publicly traded companies will be posting their first-quarter financial results soon, providing more insight on the impacts of the coronavirus.

"What we need to do is keep this as tailored as we can so we're not being wasteful with taxpayer money," he said.

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29 People Have Died ... 18,819 negative tests. [199 more cases, 6 more deaths, 1,444 more negative tests since Tuesday]. 5 of new deaths were from Milwaukee County. Hospitalizations 398, or 26% of cases.
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-550-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Marquette Poll Finds Overwhelming Support For Closing Businesses, Schools To Fight COVID-19
... 86% [93% Dems, 83% GOP] said it was appropriate to close schools and businesses ... 76% [89 Dems, 63 GOP] supported Evers' response ... despite a record [UI] surge ... 61% said the state was "headed in the right direction," the highest number ever since Marquette's poll started in 2012. Evers approve-disapprove: 65-29. Trump approve: 51% on pandemic [88 GOP, 11 Dems], 48 overall. Dem prez primary: Biden 62, Sanders 34.
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GOP leaders back eliminating UI week-wait as Evers calls for more action
... [Vos, Fitzgerald will axe the UI wait] via an emergency package of legislation addressing the COVID-19 coronavirus [may include letting DHS seek fed waiver] that they say they'll vote on soon. ... Vos and Fitzgerald were short on details in a Wednesday morning call with the media, but said they needed further [LFB] clarification ... as Gov. Tony Evers introduced his second major legislative package ... which would provide hundreds of millions of dollars more relief for health care providers, taxpayers, low-income families and small businesses, among others. ... Baldauff said it's possible much of [Evers'] two legislative packages ... could be paid for through the $2B in stimulus funding ... asking the Legislature to act now [because] It could be a month

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before the state receives the stimulus funds. ... [GOP] are skeptical of the cost, and are highly unlikely to pass the two packages in full. Earlier this week, they told Evers to [by PPE with federal money] on his own. Fitzgerald: "The Legislature plans to craft and negotiate a plan that doesn't spend outside our state's means." ... Baldauff didn't rule out the possibility of the governor using his emergency powers to act on his own. ... "The longer that these businesses are asked to operate in a very limited fashion, it's going to be difficult for some of them to come back," Fitzgerald said. "That's why the federal dollars, and what's coming out of D.C. right now, if it could be targeted correctly to small businesses, really could have an effect on the entire situation." More Evers II details.
https://madison.com/wsj/f4944429-2e44-51ca-8c21-2099a5140acc.html

Judge: Election Amid Pandemic 'On The Hands' of Legislature, Governor
... During Wednesday's arguments [in combined cases from DNC/DPW, LOWV, minority coalition], federal Judge William Conley indicated ... "You don't get to go to a federal judge and say (conditions are) impinging on voting rights so you get to stop a statewide election. I'm sorry that's what the situation is, but this is a public health crisis that the state Legislature and governor have refused to accept as severe enough to stop this statewide election." ... believes some people could contract COVID-19 and die after participating in the election. ... "that would be outside my jurisdiction, but it will be on the hands of the state Legislature and the governor." ... [Evers] brief filed with the court Tuesday ... [suggested] "a middle path that maintains the democratic process, while also implementing appropriate measures to save lives: [Extending deadline to request and receive absentee ballots, Lifting a witness signature req, Mandate municipal drop-boxes for absentee ballots, Allow clerks to count absentee ballots before 7 a.m. on Election Day at a single location with an extended deadline.] Conley: "There's got to be a way for these people to get a witness. ... If they have one friend, they can satisfy the witness requirement," also unwilling to lift the court-upheld voter ID req on absentee application, "COVID-19 has not substantially changed the burdens that people face" meeting the requirement," open to "extending the postmark date to April 7 and the receipt date to April 13 [which WEC found] doable within the confines of the goal of holding the election." ... said he will rule "as soon as possible." Clerks' ongoing challenges include a major poll workers shortage, inadequate time to count an unprecedented number of mail-in ballots on Election Day. In related case Tuesday, WI Supreme Court sided with RPW against Dane County Clerk over his guidance to absentee voters.
https://www.wpr.org/judge-election-amid-pandemic-hands-legislature-governor

WI sees largest single-day jump in cases as doubts grow for 2020 DNC
... [Dem frontrunner] Biden suggested the convention may have to be held at a later date or conducted in a different manner ... "It's hard to envision," Biden said ... because of the pandemic. ... "Again, we should listen to the scientists," Biden said ... "one of the reasons why the Democratic convention was going to be held early was the Olympics were coming after the Republican convention. There's more time now." Mayor Barrett dittoed, "I can't foresee us having exactly the type of convention that we had anticipated," focus should be on the health and safety of Americans, not convention

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planning. ... Convention organizers have said they are "exploring a range of contingency options." ... Sanders has called for Wisconsin to delay its election, now set for Tuesday, and extend early voting. "People should not be forced to put their lives on the line to vote, which is why 15 states are now following the advice of public health experts and delaying their elections," Sanders said. ... Evers has agreed to use Wisconsin Army National Guard members as poll workers to make up for a widespread shortage. Asst. AG Jurss in court brief said WNG won't make up shortfall, "The National Guard is currently determining how many personnel it can make available for each county." Presiding Judge Conley opposed April 7 election, "It's really a bad public policy idea and they should stop it for health reasons." Review MU Law poll, new state relief bill, court suspends civil trial deadlines.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/health/2020/04/01/coronavirus-wisconsin-cases-spike-2020-dnc-doubt/5107251002/

Judge Jill Karofsky Promotes Progressive Values In WI Supreme Court Run
While New To Campaigning, Democratic Politics Run Deep In Karofsky's Family ... her mother, Judy Karofsky, run successfully for Middleton mayor. ... went on to work for other Democratic campaigns and administrations. ... "She's always been aware of the political atmosphere," said Judy Karofsky in an interview. "But it was not part of her profession -- of her personal goal -- until she ran for the judgeship." ... [longtime family friend, ex-gov Doyle: "I watched her grow up. She was somebody you could tell from the earliest time on she was really going to do great things."] ... [career resume] ... said she'd stuck with her exercise routine during her campaign, running a 50-mile race in August. ... "I use this as an example because I have never been outworked or outhustled," Karofsky said. "And there is no way in this race I'm going to be outworked or outhustled by Dan Kelly." ... "I talk to my kids about the importance of women's rights, and worker's rights, and human rights, and civil rights," Karofsky said. "My kids are worried about gun safety in school. My kids are concerned about the climate crisis." On ACt 10 "fallout ... It was pretty clear that schools had to do much more with less." ON voter ID: "I think that what we ought to be doing in this state and in this country is making it easier for people to vote, not more difficult." Kelly sharply critical of her for saying recently that she would advocate for social justice issues on the court. Karofsky disagreed, "Look, if you have been in a criminal court for five minutes, you know the criminal justice system in Wisconsin needs to be reformed," Karofsky said. "It's incumbent upon me as someone who's on the front line to inform the Legislature, inform the policy makers about what I am seeing in the criminal justice system. And I have done that." Rehash Karofsky digs against the conservative Court. Doyle: "I think she's raised a really, really valid issue. And she's done it very effectively, apparently, because boy are they reacting to it." Mom Karoofsky: "Like every good athlete ... they're taught to watch the opponent, watch their moves, diagnose their strengths and weaknesses and put together a game plan." Unclear how COVID response will affect election, as traditional campaigning stopped. Reviews warchests, spending.
https://www.wpr.org/judge-jill-karofsky-promotes-progressive-values-wisconsin-supreme-court-run

Daniel Kelly Follows Conservative Path In Bid To Keep Supreme Court Seat

Incumbent Relies On Familiar Appeals To Conservative Base, Attacks On Opponent ... Not just any nerd, mind you. A law nerd. Someone who reads statutes for fun, who pauses to admire a framed copy of the U.S. Constitution, whose kids think that he's a "great judge" and an "amazing dad," but "not exactly exciting." ... downplays [GOP] ties ... "I think what [voters] should know is that I understand that they're the boss and I'm the servant." ... [rehash Kelly's appointment over 9 others, including Nowak, Hagedorn and GUndrum - without having judicial experience.] ... "He's incredibly smart, incredibly hard-working," said [Justice Bradley, a fellow Federalist Society member]. "Working on the court for him -- and this is the same for me -- it's kind of a dream job." ... [DOJ stint in brief, ex-asst AG Lazar: "I'm sort of like a law geek like Dan. I think Dan is one of the smartest people that I know." Christian education at Regent U, stint at Kern Family Foundation]. Kelly the Constitutional Originalist on Karofsky: ""She's very outcome-oriented with respect to the way she analyzes opinions. If they agree with her politics, they're good. If they disagree with her politics, they're corrupt. That's a fundamentally illegitimate way of looking at cases," on opposite side of gun issue, defends shooting range fundraiser, "it's not a political issue. It's a constitutional right issue," highlighting specific cases Karofsky has handled as a prosecutor or judge, showing her soft on crime, like Lieske case. Karofsky: "I will also say that I am the only person in this race who is on the front lines of the judicial system. I am the only person in this race who has ever sentenced anyone." Supreme Court elections are already low-turnout races and social distancing efforts could make turnout for this year's election even lower. Kelly said it's premature to discuss potential cases, but "If you have at all a curious mind, you start thinking about it right away."
https://www.wpr.org/justice-daniel-kelly-follows-conservative-path-bid-keep-wisconsin-supreme-court-seat

[WPF] Report Highlights Similarities, Differences Between Great Recession And COVID-19 Economy
WI Is In Better Position Today Than 2008, But Stark Challenges Remain ... "They certainly have a similar amount of severity," [WPF's Stein] said. "In the case of the Great Recession, there you had a financial crisis that was brought on by something really fundamentally wrong with the country. ... [WI in better fiscal shape now than 2008] "This is something that is going to wallop every state really hard," he said. "I don't want to leave ... the impression that there won't be a lot of pain and difficult choices because there will be." State income, sales, gas and corporate taxes will take a bigger hit than local property taxes, but $2.2B from federal stimulus will help, "it remains to be seen, whether it's enough."
https://www.wpr.org/new-report-highlights-similarities-differences-between-great-recession-and-covid-19-economy

Party leaders agree with Joe Biden - the Democratic National Convention cannot proceed as originally planned
Democratic Party leaders across the country are calling on party bosses to curtail, postpone or dramatically rethink the party's national convention scheduled for July in Milwaukee, concerned that holding a mass gathering just as levels of infection are expected to ebb could expose thousands to the coronavirus once again. Calls from the

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party faithful to rethink the Democratic National Convention come as the party's presumed presidential nominee, former Vice President Joe Biden, for the first time publicly expressed doubt that the gathering could proceed as it has in the past. "It's hard to envision that," Biden said in an MSNBC interview this week. "We ought to be able -- we were able to do it in the middle of the Civil War all the way through to World War II -- have Democratic and Republican conventions and primaries and elections and still have public safety. And we're able to do both. But the fact is it may have to be different." ... But party leaders are increasingly resigned to the need to make big changes. "It's more likely that it gets canceled than it happening. That's 100% true," said Alexis Wiley, a DNC superdelegate from Michigan. A traditional convention is "out of the question at this point," said Ian Murray, a superdelegate from Pennsylvania who's attended conventions since 1992. "I don't see where we're going to be able to all gather in a petri dish in Milwaukee with the coronavirus." Leah Daughtry, the former CEO of the 2008 and 2016 Democratic conventions, said if she were on the job again this year, "I'd be thinking about how to do a virtual convention, because you just have to -- you have to consider all the options at this moment." ... In response to Biden's comments, Joe Solmonese, CEO of the Milwaukee convention, said Wednesday that the challenges of the Coronavirus outbreak "require us to be deeply thoughtful about the important and unprecedented moment in which we're living." "As we continue to put plans in place for a successful Democratic National Convention this summer, we will balance protecting the health and well-being of convention attendees and our host city with our responsibility to deliver this historic and critical occasion," Solmonese added.
https://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-democratic-national-convention-scheduled/

Tommy Thompson: Nation did not heed his pandemic warning from 2005
Former Wisconsin Gov. and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson had a pandemic plan more than 15 years ago. On Wednesday, he told WISN 12 News that the nation failed to heed the warnings. "And I said, 'Some day, a virus is going to come, and it's going to paralyze America,'" Thompson said. "In 2005, you sounded the alarm and asked Congress for more money to plan for a pandemic. How did we do?" WISN 12 News reporter Terry Sater asked. "We did terrible," Thompson said. As secretary of Health and Human Services, it was Thompson's job to see pandemic warning signs and call for a national response from Congress. "More than likely we will have a pandemic in our lifetime. And what we need to do is get better prepared for it than we are right now," Thompson said in April 2005. "What should have taken place is they should have invested money. We needed to put ventilators and masks and hospital beds and more medicines in there and we failed to do that," Thompson said Wednesday. ... Thompson said he talked to President Donald Trump about it when he was president-elect. Generally, he gives federal and Wisconsin officials high marks given the lack of planning and investment, which he said would give them more tools to respond to the pandemic and save lives.
https://www.wisn.com/article/tommy-thompson-nation-did-not-heed-his-pandemic-warning-from-2005/32011732

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TODAY'S CALENDAR
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- 9:15 a.m.: UW System Board of Regents.
https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/event/board-of-regents-meeting-34/

- 3 p.m.: PSC hearing.
http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2017/eventscalendar/Content/hearing.aspx?id=100845

- 7:30 p.m.: Opportunity Wisconsin, PRAWN: "COVID-19's Economic Impact on Milwaukee's Service Industry."
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/uZYscuutqDIpLhuTvunAxB4qugAUBTR8xg

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voters believe the COVID-19 outbreak will be under control by the end of May.

While 44 percent said it would be under control by then, 27 percent picked the end of August and 11 percent said sometime next fall. Seven percent said it would be about a year, while 2 percent said it would take longer than that.

The poll also found about three-fourths of voters approve of the way Gov. Tony Evers has handled the response to the pandemic, while about half said the same of President Trump.

Other numbers from the poll:

*though the partisan makeup of the poll was balanced, 47 percent of respondents said they planned to vote in next week's Dem presidential primary, while 33 percent said the GOP contest.

*35 percent of voters had a favorable impression of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, while 32 percent had an unfavorable one. For U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, the split was 40-39.

*while he has jumped out to a big lead in the Dem primary, Joe Biden was upside down with poll respondents overall with 39 percent saying they had a favorable impression of him, while 50 percent had a negative one. For Donald Trump, it was 45-50.

See the full poll results:
https://law.marquette.edu/poll/

-- The group Protect Our Care has launched a new TV ad in Milwaukee that knocks President Trump for his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group said the ad, which is also running in Michigan and Pennsylvania, is on cable in the market and the buy for Milwaukee is in the "five-figure range."

The narrator in the spot says Trump's "failure to prepare America for the Coronavirus crisis has made Wisconsin less safe." It shows scenes of health care professionals in personal protection equipment, noting the shortages the state faces, before the narrator says "now more and more Wisconsinites are out of work."

"At a time of extreme crisis, Wisconsin families need a steady and trusted leader, but Donald Trump has failed that test," the narrator says.

See the ad:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5PisMxVj_w&feature=youtu.be

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-- The Alliance For Justice Action Campaign has launched what it says is a five-figure digital ad campaign in favor of Supreme Court candidate Judge Jill Karofsky.

The ad features West Wing Actor Bradley Whitford touting Karofsky's experience as a trial court judge and her "history of protecting families and upholding justice."

Watch the Ad:
https://www.facebook.com/AFJActionCampaign/videos/242802603770240/

-- Bernie Sanders today endorsed Karofsky, saying judges "should stand up for the needs of working people and civil rights, not huge corporate CEO donors."

Karofsky has regularly knocked conservative Justice Daniel Kelly in the race for the endorsement he received from President Trump.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/sanders-campaign-endorses-judge-jill-karofsky-for-the-wisconsin-supreme-court/

-- The state Senate plans to do its second dry run of a virtual session today before meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Gov. Tony Evers floated a revised coronavirus relief package yesterday while GOP legislative leaders said they would be doing their own.

See yesterday's PM Update for more.

-- Joe Biden now suggests the July Democratic National Convention could take place in Milwaukee a month later, but other rank-and-file party leaders have their doubts.

See more in headlines.

From WisBusiness.com ...

-- U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil says he's focused on "being prudent with taxpayer money" as federal lawmakers consider options for a fourth stimulus package.

In a webinar hosted by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce yesterday, the Republican lawmaker from Janesville said the recently passed $2 trillion stimulus

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package was "by no means perfect," but noted swift action was needed amid the current crisis.

"Now there's lots of talk in Washington about what is going to be needed next," he said. "You've seen discussions of a $2 trillion infrastructure bill. There's going to be lots of ideas floating around in the coming days."

He's advocating for a "fact-driven" approach to the federal coronavirus response, to ensure support is going toward impacted workers as well as the U.S. health care system.

Steil called on business leaders in Wisconsin to make suggestions on what the next stimulus package looks like, so federal legislators can be "responsive but also not wasteful" during the pandemic.

"We're going to have to be thoughtful of our total debt load that we're taking on," he said. "We just spent $2 trillion; we came into the year with an estimated budget deficit of $1 trillion and that's likely to grow. And we're now talking about adding $2 trillion additional to this."

In the coming weeks, he said lawmakers will be trying to get a handle on the unemployment rate for states across the country. And he noted publicly traded companies will be posting their first-quarter financial results soon, providing more insight on the impacts of the coronavirus.

"What we need to do is keep this as tailored as we can so we're not being wasteful with taxpayer money," he said.

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DHS: 1,550 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
29 People Have Died ... 18,819 negative tests. [199 more cases, 6 more deaths, 1,444 more negative tests since Tuesday]. 5 of new deaths were from Milwaukee County. Hospitalizations 398, or 26% of cases.
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-550-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Marquette Poll Finds Overwhelming Support For Closing Businesses, Schools To Fight COVID-19
... 86% [93% Dems, 83% GOP] said it was appropriate to close schools and businesses ... 76% [89 Dems, 63 GOP] supported Evers' response ... despite a record [UI] surge ... 61% said the state was "headed in the right direction," the highest number ever since Marquette's poll started in 2012. Evers approve-disapprove: 65-29. Trump approve: 51% on pandemic [88 GOP, 11 Dems], 48 overall. Dem prez primary: Biden 62, Sanders 34.
https://www.wpr.org/marquette-poll-finds-overwhelming-support-closing-businesses-schools-fight-covid-19

GOP leaders back eliminating UI week-wait as Evers calls for more action
... [Vos, Fitzgerald will axe the UI wait] via an emergency package of legislation addressing the COVID-19 coronavirus [may include letting DHS seek fed waiver] that they say they'll vote on soon. ... Vos and Fitzgerald were short on details in a Wednesday morning call with the media, but said they needed further [LFB] clarification ... as Gov. Tony Evers introduced his second major legislative package ... which would provide hundreds of millions of dollars more relief for health care providers, taxpayers, low-income families and small businesses, among others. ... Baldauff said it's possible much of [Evers'] two legislative packages ... could be paid for through the $2B in stimulus funding ... asking the Legislature to act now [because] It could be a month

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before the state receives the stimulus funds. ... [GOP] are skeptical of the cost, and are highly unlikely to pass the two packages in full. Earlier this week, they told Evers to [by PPE with federal money] on his own. Fitzgerald: "The Legislature plans to craft and negotiate a plan that doesn't spend outside our state's means." ... Baldauff didn't rule out the possibility of the governor using his emergency powers to act on his own. ... "The longer that these businesses are asked to operate in a very limited fashion, it's going to be difficult for some of them to come back," Fitzgerald said. "That's why the federal dollars, and what's coming out of D.C. right now, if it could be targeted correctly to small businesses, really could have an effect on the entire situation." More Evers II details.
https://madison.com/wsj/f4944429-2e44-51ca-8c21-2099a5140acc.html

Judge: Election Amid Pandemic 'On The Hands' of Legislature, Governor
... During Wednesday's arguments [in combined cases from DNC/DPW, LOWV, minority coalition], federal Judge William Conley indicated ... "You don't get to go to a federal judge and say (conditions are) impinging on voting rights so you get to stop a statewide election. I'm sorry that's what the situation is, but this is a public health crisis that the state Legislature and governor have refused to accept as severe enough to stop this statewide election." ... believes some people could contract COVID-19 and die after participating in the election. ... "that would be outside my jurisdiction, but it will be on the hands of the state Legislature and the governor." ... [Evers] brief filed with the court Tuesday ... [suggested] "a middle path that maintains the democratic process, while also implementing appropriate measures to save lives: [Extending deadline to request and receive absentee ballots, Lifting a witness signature req, Mandate municipal drop-boxes for absentee ballots, Allow clerks to count absentee ballots before 7 a.m. on Election Day at a single location with an extended deadline.] Conley: "There's got to be a way for these people to get a witness. ... If they have one friend, they can satisfy the witness requirement," also unwilling to lift the court-upheld voter ID req on absentee application, "COVID-19 has not substantially changed the burdens that people face" meeting the requirement," open to "extending the postmark date to April 7 and the receipt date to April 13 [which WEC found] doable within the confines of the goal of holding the election." ... said he will rule "as soon as possible." Clerks' ongoing challenges include a major poll workers shortage, inadequate time to count an unprecedented number of mail-in ballots on Election Day. In related case Tuesday, WI Supreme Court sided with RPW against Dane County Clerk over his guidance to absentee voters.
https://www.wpr.org/judge-election-amid-pandemic-hands-legislature-governor

WI sees largest single-day jump in cases as doubts grow for 2020 DNC
... [Dem frontrunner] Biden suggested the convention may have to be held at a later date or conducted in a different manner ... "It's hard to envision," Biden said ... because of the pandemic. ... "Again, we should listen to the scientists," Biden said ... "one of the reasons why the Democratic convention was going to be held early was the Olympics were coming after the Republican convention. There's more time now." Mayor Barrett dittoed, "I can't foresee us having exactly the type of convention that we had anticipated," focus should be on the health and safety of Americans, not convention

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planning. ... Convention organizers have said they are "exploring a range of contingency options." ... Sanders has called for Wisconsin to delay its election, now set for Tuesday, and extend early voting. "People should not be forced to put their lives on the line to vote, which is why 15 states are now following the advice of public health experts and delaying their elections," Sanders said. ... Evers has agreed to use Wisconsin Army National Guard members as poll workers to make up for a widespread shortage. Asst. AG Jurss in court brief said WNG won't make up shortfall, "The National Guard is currently determining how many personnel it can make available for each county." Presiding Judge Conley opposed April 7 election, "It's really a bad public policy idea and they should stop it for health reasons." Review MU Law poll, new state relief bill, court suspends civil trial deadlines.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/health/2020/04/01/coronavirus-wisconsin-cases-spike-2020-dnc-doubt/5107251002/

Judge Jill Karofsky Promotes Progressive Values In WI Supreme Court Run
While New To Campaigning, Democratic Politics Run Deep In Karofsky's Family ... her mother, Judy Karofsky, run successfully for Middleton mayor. ... went on to work for other Democratic campaigns and administrations. ... "She's always been aware of the political atmosphere," said Judy Karofsky in an interview. "But it was not part of her profession -- of her personal goal -- until she ran for the judgeship." ... [longtime family friend, ex-gov Doyle: "I watched her grow up. She was somebody you could tell from the earliest time on she was really going to do great things."] ... [career resume] ... said she'd stuck with her exercise routine during her campaign, running a 50-mile race in August. ... "I use this as an example because I have never been outworked or outhustled," Karofsky said. "And there is no way in this race I'm going to be outworked or outhustled by Dan Kelly." ... "I talk to my kids about the importance of women's rights, and worker's rights, and human rights, and civil rights," Karofsky said. "My kids are worried about gun safety in school. My kids are concerned about the climate crisis." On ACt 10 "fallout ... It was pretty clear that schools had to do much more with less." ON voter ID: "I think that what we ought to be doing in this state and in this country is making it easier for people to vote, not more difficult." Kelly sharply critical of her for saying recently that she would advocate for social justice issues on the court. Karofsky disagreed, "Look, if you have been in a criminal court for five minutes, you know the criminal justice system in Wisconsin needs to be reformed," Karofsky said. "It's incumbent upon me as someone who's on the front line to inform the Legislature, inform the policy makers about what I am seeing in the criminal justice system. And I have done that." Rehash Karofsky digs against the conservative Court. Doyle: "I think she's raised a really, really valid issue. And she's done it very effectively, apparently, because boy are they reacting to it." Mom Karoofsky: "Like every good athlete ... they're taught to watch the opponent, watch their moves, diagnose their strengths and weaknesses and put together a game plan." Unclear how COVID response will affect election, as traditional campaigning stopped. Reviews warchests, spending.
https://www.wpr.org/judge-jill-karofsky-promotes-progressive-values-wisconsin-supreme-court-run

Daniel Kelly Follows Conservative Path In Bid To Keep Supreme Court Seat

Incumbent Relies On Familiar Appeals To Conservative Base, Attacks On Opponent ... Not just any nerd, mind you. A law nerd. Someone who reads statutes for fun, who pauses to admire a framed copy of the U.S. Constitution, whose kids think that he's a "great judge" and an "amazing dad," but "not exactly exciting." ... downplays [GOP] ties ... "I think what [voters] should know is that I understand that they're the boss and I'm the servant." ... [rehash Kelly's appointment over 9 others, including Nowak, Hagedorn and GUndrum - without having judicial experience.] ... "He's incredibly smart, incredibly hard-working," said [Justice Bradley, a fellow Federalist Society member]. "Working on the court for him -- and this is the same for me -- it's kind of a dream job." ... [DOJ stint in brief, ex-asst AG Lazar: "I'm sort of like a law geek like Dan. I think Dan is one of the smartest people that I know." Christian education at Regent U, stint at Kern Family Foundation]. Kelly the Constitutional Originalist on Karofsky: ""She's very outcome-oriented with respect to the way she analyzes opinions. If they agree with her politics, they're good. If they disagree with her politics, they're corrupt. That's a fundamentally illegitimate way of looking at cases," on opposite side of gun issue, defends shooting range fundraiser, "it's not a political issue. It's a constitutional right issue," highlighting specific cases Karofsky has handled as a prosecutor or judge, showing her soft on crime, like Lieske case. Karofsky: "I will also say that I am the only person in this race who is on the front lines of the judicial system. I am the only person in this race who has ever sentenced anyone." Supreme Court elections are already low-turnout races and social distancing efforts could make turnout for this year's election even lower. Kelly said it's premature to discuss potential cases, but "If you have at all a curious mind, you start thinking about it right away."
https://www.wpr.org/justice-daniel-kelly-follows-conservative-path-bid-keep-wisconsin-supreme-court-seat

[WPF] Report Highlights Similarities, Differences Between Great Recession And COVID-19 Economy
WI Is In Better Position Today Than 2008, But Stark Challenges Remain ... "They certainly have a similar amount of severity," [WPF's Stein] said. "In the case of the Great Recession, there you had a financial crisis that was brought on by something really fundamentally wrong with the country. ... [WI in better fiscal shape now than 2008] "This is something that is going to wallop every state really hard," he said. "I don't want to leave ... the impression that there won't be a lot of pain and difficult choices because there will be." State income, sales, gas and corporate taxes will take a bigger hit than local property taxes, but $2.2B from federal stimulus will help, "it remains to be seen, whether it's enough."
https://www.wpr.org/new-report-highlights-similarities-differences-between-great-recession-and-covid-19-economy

Party leaders agree with Joe Biden - the Democratic National Convention cannot proceed as originally planned
Democratic Party leaders across the country are calling on party bosses to curtail, postpone or dramatically rethink the party's national convention scheduled for July in Milwaukee, concerned that holding a mass gathering just as levels of infection are expected to ebb could expose thousands to the coronavirus once again. Calls from the

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party faithful to rethink the Democratic National Convention come as the party's presumed presidential nominee, former Vice President Joe Biden, for the first time publicly expressed doubt that the gathering could proceed as it has in the past. "It's hard to envision that," Biden said in an MSNBC interview this week. "We ought to be able -- we were able to do it in the middle of the Civil War all the way through to World War II -- have Democratic and Republican conventions and primaries and elections and still have public safety. And we're able to do both. But the fact is it may have to be different." ... But party leaders are increasingly resigned to the need to make big changes. "It's more likely that it gets canceled than it happening. That's 100% true," said Alexis Wiley, a DNC superdelegate from Michigan. A traditional convention is "out of the question at this point," said Ian Murray, a superdelegate from Pennsylvania who's attended conventions since 1992. "I don't see where we're going to be able to all gather in a petri dish in Milwaukee with the coronavirus." Leah Daughtry, the former CEO of the 2008 and 2016 Democratic conventions, said if she were on the job again this year, "I'd be thinking about how to do a virtual convention, because you just have to -- you have to consider all the options at this moment." ... In response to Biden's comments, Joe Solmonese, CEO of the Milwaukee convention, said Wednesday that the challenges of the Coronavirus outbreak "require us to be deeply thoughtful about the important and unprecedented moment in which we're living." "As we continue to put plans in place for a successful Democratic National Convention this summer, we will balance protecting the health and well-being of convention attendees and our host city with our responsibility to deliver this historic and critical occasion," Solmonese added.
https://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-democratic-national-convention-scheduled/

Tommy Thompson: Nation did not heed his pandemic warning from 2005
Former Wisconsin Gov. and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson had a pandemic plan more than 15 years ago. On Wednesday, he told WISN 12 News that the nation failed to heed the warnings. "And I said, 'Some day, a virus is going to come, and it's going to paralyze America,'" Thompson said. "In 2005, you sounded the alarm and asked Congress for more money to plan for a pandemic. How did we do?" WISN 12 News reporter Terry Sater asked. "We did terrible," Thompson said. As secretary of Health and Human Services, it was Thompson's job to see pandemic warning signs and call for a national response from Congress. "More than likely we will have a pandemic in our lifetime. And what we need to do is get better prepared for it than we are right now," Thompson said in April 2005. "What should have taken place is they should have invested money. We needed to put ventilators and masks and hospital beds and more medicines in there and we failed to do that," Thompson said Wednesday. ... Thompson said he talked to President Donald Trump about it when he was president-elect. Generally, he gives federal and Wisconsin officials high marks given the lack of planning and investment, which he said would give them more tools to respond to the pandemic and save lives.
https://www.wisn.com/article/tommy-thompson-nation-did-not-heed-his-pandemic-warning-from-2005/32011732

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TODAY'S CALENDAR
https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

- 9:15 a.m.: UW System Board of Regents.
https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/event/board-of-regents-meeting-34/

- 3 p.m.: PSC hearing.
http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2017/eventscalendar/Content/hearing.aspx?id=100845

- 7:30 p.m.: Opportunity Wisconsin, PRAWN: "COVID-19's Economic Impact on Milwaukee's Service Industry."
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/uZYscuutqDIpLhuTvunAxB4qugAUBTR8xg

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-- The U.S. Senate unanimously backed a sweeping $2 trillion package designed to stimulate the economy and direct financial support to Americans hit hardest by

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the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wisconsin's two senators, often at philosophical odds, joined the rare consensus.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin praised the package as "another strong step forward by Congress responding to the challenges we face in Wisconsin."

"We need to continue working together across party lines to take additional steps to get through this public health crisis, stabilize our economy, and help it move forward," the Madison Dem said in a statement.

U.S. Sen Ron Johnson said the package was "far from perfect" but added he backed the measure because it was "essential that Congress provide this support."

Still, the Oshkosh Republican said the price tag was "pretty hard to swallow" and predicted the speed at which lawmakers moved to approve the package amid limited information available on coronavirus meant there would likely be "negative unintended consequences."

"In this case, 'not letting a crisis go to waste' dramatically drove up the cost of the bill and provided funding for purposes not essential to address the current crisis," he said.

The measure is the largest in U.S. history, carrying a price tag that more than doubles the 2008 bank bailout as well as the subsequent 2009 economic stimulus.

The package includes: $150 billion to bolster state and local governments; $100 billion in funding for hospitals; $350 billion in loans for small businesses to cover wages; and a $500 billion loan program for large businesses. It also boosts funding for unemployment insurance, provides tax incentives for businesses to keep redundant workers on payroll and expands food assistance by $25 billion, among a host of other measures.

The package now heads to the House.

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., indicated the body will vote on the measure on Friday. President Trump said he will sign it "immediately."

See the Baldwin statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/?p=87089&preview=true

See the Johnson statement:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/u-s-sen-johnson-statement-on-phase-3-coronavirus-bill/

Click here for links to coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

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-- The Dane County clerk is urging all voters who request an absentee ballot and have trouble presenting a voter ID to indicate they are indefinitely confined, which negates the requirement.

Clerk Scott McDonell said his directive isn't a blanket exemption for the voter ID requirements for those voting absentee, but a recognition of the difficulties faced by elderly voters, in particular, as they try to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the state GOP chair warned the party will "aggressively pursue any legal remedy available to put a stop to clerks unilaterally and illegally rigging an election in their favor."

McDonell sent an email to county clerks yesterday afternoon noting when voters request an absentee ballot they can check a box that certifies they are "indefinitely confined due to age illness, infirmity or disability and request ballots be sent to me for every election until I am no longer confined or fail to return a ballot."

Those voters are then allowed to skip uploading an ID before receiving a ballot for the April 7 election.

McDonell said in an interview that clerks are getting calls daily from elderly voters who are having trouble providing copies of the IDs as they try to vote absentee.

"This is not any attempt to circumvent the law," McDonell said.

State GOP Chair Andrew Hitt said clerks "willfully ignoring state statutes is an outrageous assault on our democratic process and Wisconsin's election laws."

-- The state Supreme Court canceled its in-person bar admission ceremonies for more than 300 attorney applicants due to the pandemic.

Applicants would traditionally take the Attorney's Oath before a sitting judge or justice. But the state's highest court in an order yesterday said ceremonies scheduled for the coming months have been indefinitely postponed.

In a statement, the court said the procedure has been modified because "the delay in bar admissions may have significant professional consequences for some people."

Qualified applicants can instead submit their materials to the Board of Bar Examiners and the Supreme Court Clerk for admission. They must also still meet all requirements for the State Bar of Wisconsin and enroll within 30 days of admission.

See the order:
https://wicourts.gov/news/docs/baradmissions.pdf

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-- DOA says today's closure of the state Capitol to the public is only the second time that's happened, according to its records.

The order kicks in at 8 a.m. today and lasts until further notice.

The agency said the only other time records show the Capitol was closed to the public was July 19, when it was shut down due to the electrical outage that impacted much of downtown Madison.

-- A Corrections employee in the agency's probation, parole and extended supervision branch has tested positive for COVID-19, the third case within the state prison system.

DOC said an employee in the Milwaukee County-based Division of Community Corrections Region 3 office on Tuesday tested positive.

The previous two cases of coronavirus confirmed by DOC came at maximum-security facilities. WisPolitics.com on March 19 reported the first case was located at Waupun Correctional Institution and DOC on Monday confirmed a second case at Columbia Correctional Institution.

Both previous cases were also employees and a DOC spokeswoman said there were no positive cases among adult inmates.

Still, WisPolitics.com reported Tuesday DOC would only suspend its administrative rules to limit inmate movement, interaction or services at an institution after a positive coronavirus case at that institution.

See the release and information about DOC's response to COVID-19:
https://bit.ly/2UQF3dx

-- The latest DC Wrap features U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher expressing optimism that proposals from the cyberspace commission he co-chaired will pass this year.

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Coronavirus spreads across Wisconsin with a spike in confirmed cases, an outbreak in a senior facility and questions over spring election
... 585 confirmed cases ... 28% jump from the day before ... [8 total deaths, latest include] a 60-year-old man in Milwaukee and a person in their 70s in Dane County. ... a 60-year-old woman from West Allis. ... State health officials have warned there are likely thousands more with the virus [unknown] because of a shortage of tests ... Several [who tested positive] urged others to follow Gov. Tony Evers' order to stay home. [Rev. Lewis, Rep. Bowen describe intense symptoms] ... urged Evers to delay the state's presidential primary and election for state Supreme Court and local offices. [rehash DNC, GB suits, Evers refusal to cancel election, Vos, Fitzgerald concurrence, federal stimulus package] ... Ascension WI announced uninsured patients will not be billed for coronavirus-related testing or treatment, and patients who are insured will not be billed for out-of-pocket expenses, or co-pays related to coronavirus testing or treatment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/25/5083703002/

As State Responds To COVID-19, GOP Leaders Say Debate Over Evers' Emergency Powers Can Wait
... during a conference call with reporters Wednesday, [Vos, Fitzgerald] repeatedly stopped short of saying the governor had gone too far. "This is a different reality than any of us have ever been in before," Vos told reporters. "I think we're going to look back and have questions about how all this went, but this is not the appropriate time to question it." [feared longer stay-at-home order would to force businesses to close.] But neither he nor Fitzgerald criticized the substance of the order or suggested it should be shorter. "It is what it is at this point," Fitzgerald said. "It wasn't the smoothest thing that has happened so far, but I understand we're in a difficult period of time here and things like that are going to happen." Some rank-and-file Republican lawmakers feel differently. Sen. LeMahieu said Evers "used a sledgehammer rather than a scalpel." Sen. Craig sent memo to all lawmakers, sought cosponsors for a bill giving Legislature more checks over the governor's emergency powers, "To impair fundamental rights -- as gathering bans, etc. do -- the government must have a compelling state interest to do so AND must do so in a narrowly tailored and least restrictive means possible under the constitution. Without additional clarity by the executive branch, it is clear that this authority has been exceeded." Moments after Fitzgerald and Vos spoke, Justice Bradley tweeted a quote from Samuel Adams, "The liberties of our country are worth

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defending at all hazards." Fitzgerald and Vos declined considering a resolution to revoke Evers' emergency powers. "I'm not prepared to say that that would be something that we would even consider," said Fitzgerald. "It's not something I've considered." Vos said Evers March 12 emergency lasts only 60 days, "Once we get past that 60 days, we have to see a very clear-cut reason if there is any to extend beyond those 60 days. ... We're going to be able to look back in hindsight and perhaps say we made a lot of mistakes. But I don't know how else we can get this virus under control."
https://www.wpr.org/state-responds-covid-19-gop-leaders-say-debate-over-evers-emergency-powers-can-wait

Cities, Legislatures Learn to Govern by Conference Call
... Even before the coronavirus crisis, Oregon and Wisconsin had rules in place allowing their legislatures to vote remotely in emergency situations, making them outliers. Both legislatures are troubleshooting their systems ... "We've got the concept, we've tested the concept and had a walk-through a couple days ago, and it's looking good," said [Senate Pres.] Roth, a Republican. "It's not perfect, the video won't be perfect, but it will absolutely convey to the public everything that's happening." ... Virtual sessions are to be broadcast on WisconsinEye ... Wisconsin legislature delayed the end of its session as the pandemic spread across the country, and the Senate still needs to act on more than 100 bills passed by the Assembly, Roth said. ... Roth said the virtual-vote plan has been mostly accepted, but it's not been without opposition. "I don't want to be calling in on a teleconference trying to take care of important business," state Sen. Tim Carpenter, a Democrat, told the Wisconsin State Journal. ... urged the legislature to meet in person as soon as possible, did not respond to a request for comment.
https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2020/03/26/cities-legislatures-learn-to-govern-by-conference-call

DaneCo Voters may cast absentee ballot as indefinitely confined to avoid voter ID req
... to avoid having to upload their voter ID when requesting an absentee ballot ... It's not clear whether [Clerk] McDonell's recommendation is actually legal, however. Wisconsin law says people [already registered to vote] can certify they are indefinitely confined due to "age, illness, infirmity or disability." ... [WEC] does not condone abuse of the option, but said "voters of a certain age or in at-risk populations may meet that standard of indefinitely confined until the crisis abates." ... In an email to clerks, McDonell said voters are confined due to the pandemic, and when Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order is lifted, the voter can change their designation back. ... "This feature in our law is here to help preserve everyone's right to vote." ... [WILL's Esenberg] said McDonell is "trying to create an exception in the law that doesn't exist. ... Ironically, the clerk may be disenfranchising these people. ... if somebody challenges that ballot down the line, they're probably going to win." ... McDonell later clarified that voters who do not need to be indefinitely confined shouldn't use the indefinitely confined option. Rehash voter ID and registration, absentee ballots, crisis of poll workers over 60, GB suit to extend deadlines and permit vote by mail.
https://madison.com/wsj/ae5f9ee6-8e94-5f78-a991-efeac307171f.html

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Milwaukee is supposed to host the DNC in July, but COVID has changed everything
... Democratic Party doesn't directly address this contingency in its own rules, said political scientist Josh Putnam ... "This is such uncharted territory. It's not something we've seen in modern times," he said. ... [WiCtrDist. chief] Brooks added: "We're going to need hotels, restaurants, the convention center, Fiserv Forum, all of these entities are going to need enough time to re-engage the staff that has been furloughed so that they can support the event." ... "Nothing is normal," said [GA DNC-er] Davis. "It is very smart for the leadership of the convention team to be exploring every alternative that's available to us." ... [TX Dem chair Hinojosa] would not be surprised if the Milwaukee convention did not come to pass as planned "unless this massive effort at social isolation works between now and then." ... Asked on CNN if Democrats should call off the in-person Democratic convention, Democratic front-runner Joe Biden said, "No, I don't think so. I think we ought to be able to conduct our democratic processes as well as deal with this issue, but look, that decision will be made (based on) the state of the nation at that moment." Swarmm Events' Sampson, Service and Hospitality Workers' Rickman, others comment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/25/2908886001/

WI's nursing shortage spotlighted as hospitals face influx of COVID-19 cases
... [WI Nursing Board] unanimously approved steps to extend the amount of time recently graduated nurses can work without passing [RN] exam ... looked at loosening a state regulation requiring students to complete at least 50% of their clinical hours in person. ... could soon add retired nurses, those licensed in other states ... Deans of several nursing schools ... praised the board's steps, which allow [DSPS] to begin drafting the emergency rules. ... 2018 survey [found] nearly 3,300 nurses plan to leave direct patient care within the next two years. About 3,000 nursing students graduate from Wisconsin programs each year. [Rehash nursing programs, Evers' $10M stimulus removed from budget.] ... And the nurse educator shortage is projected to worsen. Nearly 20% of current educators plan to retire within the next five years. UW, UWEC deans, students comment.
https://madison.com/wsj/4792bc21-4575-5ea6-b4c4-dd02f654e7cd.html

'We're going to be here for you': Grocery store workers are on the front lines during coronavirus pandemic
... "I never thought we'd be front liners," [cashier Brewer] said. "It's kind of nice. Someone asked me: 'How does it feel to be a hero?' I'm just doing my job. We're here to serve everybody." ... "I try to make an effort to make sure to thank everyone for being here and thank them for their efforts," said [Piggly WIggly chief] Fox ... "Because you know, what they really are, they are the heroes." ... Chris Staff, store director ... said "so many customers, as I'm stacking in the aisles, come up and say, 'Thank you for being here.' " ... The store is selling a small cake that resembles a roll of toilet paper. And there's a message written on the icing: "The last roll." More workers comment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/25/2902713001/

Who's responsible for coronavirus misinformation and mishaps? Here are our

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picks.
... [radio host Belling] last week. ... posted that ... Evers was just hours from locking down the state and virtually shuttering "all Wisconsin businesses. The Wisconsin National Guard has been deployed and is basing at State Fair Park to enforce the order," Belling wrote. He called it an "unprecedented assault on personal freedom." ... "It was corrected on air within five minutes and was taken down," Belling said this week. ... was also up long enough to earn a smackdown from state Rep. Dan Knodl. "Ramping up the fear factor and creating hysteria is hardly what's needed at this time," the Germantown Republican wrote. ... "Some ppl are getting sick with the Corona Virus while young ppl flex good health on the gram," [33 y/o Rep.] Bowen posted on Instagram with a photo of Bowen flexing his good health along with shrugging shoulders and smiley emojis. [before he came down with it] ... "That was a bad joke," the veteran lawmaker said of his Instagram post. "I definitely contributed to it not being taken seriously." The post has been removed. ... [MI AG] Nessel last week accused ... Menards of price gouging, sending the retailer a cease-and-desist letter ... "We are disappointed and are taking this very seriously," a company spokesman said. ... [DATCP] on Wednesday accused yet another 16 companies of [price gouging] ... Then the New York Times took aim at Uline ... company pushed back ... doing all it could to provide supplies to hospitals and health care providers. ... all nonessential employees were working from home. But this week two Uline staffers contacted the Journal Sentinel to say ... Lots ... nonessential positions are being forced to go to work ... [WEDC] website soon crashed "due to the volume of inquiries." [from businesses about whether they were essential] ... Several conservatives appear to be offering disingenuous interpretations of Evers' orders. [CFG's O'Keefe, Sen. Stroebel, Rep. Jarchow remarks on family separation] ... [NRA] praised the governor for including "firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security" in his list of essential businesses. ... Evers posted a 30-second video on Twitter last week in which he and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes thanked health care providers working to keep people safe during the pandemic. ... but ... sat no more than inches from each other. ... Rep. Ron Tusler ... went to Facebook to recruit volunteers to get absentee ballots to "at-risk" folks ... posted a picture of him standing perhaps 2 feet from one of his constituents. "Old picture," Tusler explained. "But I agree that is too close for today's crisis." ... post has been removed.
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Amid run on TP, extra cleaning, sewer district reports equipment clogged with wipes
... Even wipes marketed as flushable aren't because they're made of fibrous, stringy materials [that won't biodegrade in the system] ... On Saturday, the materials caused a pump at one of the district's pump stations near the Dane County Regional Airport to fail ... [Madison Sewers' Wegner] cautioned that "these things can get backed up in people's homes" as well. ... [plumber] has seen a mild increase in the number of calls about home systems clogged with wipes over the last couple of weeks. ... newer low-flow toilets aren't always as able to push the heavier materials through a home's pipes ... only gets worse if fats, oils and grease ... get put down the drain ... caus[ing] 'fatbergs.'"

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https://www.wpr.org/dhs-2-756-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Baldwin and others call on CDC to release demographic information on coronavirus
... [Baldwin + 16 Congressional Dems] requested demographic data broken down by gender, race, ethnicity, whether a patient is a health care provider and any other available information. ... "It is important to document if particular groups in the United States are at greater risk for the virus and why." ... Milwaukee is one of the few places that is making racial and other demographic data available to the public. ... Of the 56 [Milwaukee County COVID-19 deaths] as of Monday morning, at least 39 have been African American. ... while making up about 27% of the county's population. ... and local officials and public health experts say that is not surprising given existing racial

inequalities. ... virus particularly dangerous for African Americans as a population, who have higher rates of chronic illness ... are more likely to have diabetes and high blood pressure, for example -- and tend to develop those illnesses earlier in life. ... Rep. David Bowen ... who has recovered from the coronavirus... [blamed] Misinformation, economic factors and limited access to health care ... "Because of the misinformation, people didn't take the proper precautions to slow the spread, to distance themselves, to stop having large gatherings or going out," Bowen said. "You also had the dynamic of people working in jobs where they can't work from home."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/08/2969840001/

More Than 1M In Wisconsin Vote By Mail, But Full Election Turnout Still Unclear
... [WEC found] 1,287,827 people requested absentee mail-in ballots. ... 1,003,422 had been returned to clerks as of 7:30 a.m. Wednesday ... also shows a gap of 12,710 ballots between what was requested by voters and what clerks mailed out. WEC's Wolfe said gap could differ if clerks have yet to enter data. 2016 prez primary drew 2.1M voters, about 47%. So, about 1M needed to vote in person Tuesday to match that turnout. Wolfe said statewide turnout won't be available until Monday, deadline for receiving absentees and result-release date. Madison's unofficial 50% turnout is a marked decline from 2016's 66%. Milwaukee saw about 19K in-person votes, but hundreds remained in line as polls closed and all are entitled to vote. EC Co. saw 34% turnout, less absentees in transit. Superior Clerk Kalan saw > 2,100 in-person votes plus about 3,600 of 4,300 absentee ballots have been returned - suggesting 46-52% turnout, "This year will be 30 years that I've been here, and this was the worst election I've ever been through." Sheboygan saw about 9K in-person votes, down from 2016. Kenosha 50% overall turnout, mostly by mail. Green Lake had about 45% turnout, also on mostly mail-ins. Rehash Evers' effort to postpone, court rulings, ballot decisions.
https://www.wpr.org/more-1m-wisconsin-vote-mail-full-election-turnout-still-unclear

Returned to sender: Postal officials probe WI absentee ballots never delivered
... [USPS] investigating the failure to deliver at least 175 -- and possibly hundreds -- of absentee ballots requested by voters in the village of Fox Point and other communities in Milwaukee County ... USPS repeatedly returned unsent ballots without explanation. "The ballots are not stamped 'undeliverable' or anything. They just never got mailed," [FP village mgr.] Botcher told PBS Wisconsin ... [cited] at least seven trips to the local post office to re-mail mysteriously returned ballots. ... [mostly] meant for Fox Point voters, but [some for Glendale, Whitefish Bay. Unsure of total re-sent, never explained by USPS] some were returned to the sender ... more than once ... But on Election Day -- the deadline for voters to postmark their ballots -- he received a white plastic bin filled with 175 ballots that local voters never received. "I don't think it's anything nefarious on the part of the Postal Service, but something just wasn't working right," he said. [ACLU-W's COLlins] heard from "tons of voters in many parts of the state" who did not receive absentee ballots they had requested. ... [WEC Admin. WOLfe] heard from several clerks that absentee ballots they had mailed out were "bounced back." ... in contact with [USPS] to determine the scope ... "I don't know that we have a good handle on that yet." Sen. Feyen tweeted upon hearing "3 large tubs of absentee ballots from Oshkosh and Appleton were just located. ... working hard to remedy the situation." ... [Minority Leader

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Hintz] urged [WEC, DOJ] to investigate the waylaid ballots ... found in a mail processing facility in Milwaukee. ... called on the Legislature to implement mail-only balloting for upcoming elections if the pandemic continues. ... [Milwaukee Elections chief Albrecht denounced] "unlevel playing field" ... because of worker shortages, postal officials told him it could take seven to 10 days to deliver a ballot. ... documenting the problem and plans to report it to the postal service. USPS' Sheehan knew nothing on Fox Point mystery, "People are investigating it. ... We've heard scattered reports of people not getting their ballots. There were just things that I heard on the news. Nobody contacted the Postal Service directly." Some would-be absentee voters comment.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/04/returned-to-sender-postal-officials-investigating-wisconsin-absentee-ballots-that-were-never-delivered/

Plenty of blame to go around after chaotic spring election amid COVID-19 pandemic
... In 47 of the state's 72 counties, there were at least as many polling places as last year, and in another 12 only one less site. Even in Madison, which managed to keep open 66 of its normal 92 polling sites, there were few lines and smooth operations. ... biggest problems occurred in the handful of counties that reduced polling locations because [pandemic] fears ... caused a shortage of poll workers. ... biggest reductions came in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Brown counties ... forced many voters to choose between giving up their constitutional right to vote or risking their health. [UW Med prof. Malecki: "The fact that politics interfered with sound judgment and jeopardized public safety is something that should not be ignored."] ... [Vos] drew criticism after images emerged of him working at a poll in a mask, gloves and protective gown while proclaiming that it was safe for people to vote. ... On Wednesday Vos took to twitter to blame Gov. Tony Evers for causing confusion [by waiting until Friday to propose postponement]. Bryant for Sen. Taylor saw "complete mismanagement." Milwaukee Election chief Albrecht said election should never have been held, called for USPS to probe undelivered absentees, blamed his meager 5 sites on late count on WNG help, rejected comparisons to Madison, whose deputy clerk Verbick agreed earlier notice would have been helpful. For Evers, WNG was last resort and limited to Guardsmen who lived in the counties they would help, balanced by what other missions they may be called to support.
https://madison.com/wsj/35c422af-8672-50ca-a246-c7990fbd510f.html

Vos explains wearing full PPE at polls, Tuesday video received national attention
... explained in a Facebook post Wednesday, "I've had some friends ask so I wanted to explain yesterday. The City of Burlington did an amazing job at the polling place. A requirement for working at the polls (which I did from 6:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) was to wear protective gear to protect the public and the workers. Every single person working at the polling place wore the same gear. I know the media and especially Democrats wanted to make it look like I took more precautions than others, but that was not the case." Vos continued. "I appreciate the calls, texts, and messages of support. For those who wondered and asked, I thought it was easier to just explain here with the request that you share or tell the truth if someone brings it up on Facebook or in person. Thanks!" ... Vos' wife, Michelle Litjens Vos, worked at the Rochester polling location ...

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wore gloves, but not a mask or protective eye gear. Many poll workers in other areas were also not wearing masks, although most of them sat behind protective plexiglass barriers. ... State Sen. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, has called for Vos to be removed from his role as [NCSL] president [Vos, NCSL did not respond.] ... Vos said it was disappointing to see long lines in Milwaukee because they chose to only open a few polling places. "It wouldn't surprise me if people in Milwaukee are frustrated because of the decisions the City of Milwaukee made," Vos said. ... said Tuesday it made no sense to cancel the election ... "It is no guarantee in May or June that it is going to be better," Vos said ... would rather have an election with a lower turnout than go into the fall election having never done this before.
https://journaltimes.com/75ae7dac-07c8-5ba8-b32f-7023d5d357ae.html

In-person voting was likely a 'disaster' for WI's efforts to flatten coronavirus curve, nat'l experts say
... "I don't get it; I honestly do not get it," [U-Wa.] researcher Ali Mokdad said from his home in Seattle ... [DHS Sec.] Palm said in-person voting would "without question" increase case totals, "and an increase in the number of cases in Wisconsin would result in more deaths." ... "What a disaster," said [COVID Act Now's] Kreiss-Tomkins ... Wisconsin's election day came just as some states were seeing a glimmer of hope. ... Washington may have already seen its peak. ... [VOs touted Burlington's protective measures, but] Mokdad suggested Vos was ill-informed. He noted even doctors and nurses with special training are getting infected across the country. ... [virus spread modeler] Pei said. "Here, you're gathering people from different locations and they can bring back the virus to their own location. That is like the spark in the process." Mokdad said November election could repeat unnecessary exposure, "I have voted in every election and I feel that it's my civic duty. If I were a citizen of Wisconsin, I would not go out and vote."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/08/2961718001/

GOP propose [JFC] power to cut school aid, slash spending as part of relief bill
... Evers said that idea, which is one of dozens of potential provisions state lawmakers are negotiating for legislation to respond to the coronavirus outbreak, would likely push him to veto the bill altogether. "'Seriously consider it' would probably be putting it mildly," Evers said Wednesday ... "We can't have that as part of it. That's too much authority in the hands of a couple people. ... The good news is, I'm glad we have a response from the Republican side -- it's good to see that effort, putting pen to paper." ... "For almost a month we have been at work on a bill that includes essential provisions dealing with everything from Medicaid to the first week of unemployment," [Leader Fitzgerald] said in a statement. "... Suggesting he'll veto the full bill publicly, while privately we're still negotiating, is irresponsible. We'll keep working with the minority party to put together a bill that can hopefully pass soon with bipartisan support," he said. ... GOP did not collaborate with Senate Democrats on the proposals released Wednesday, [Constalie for Leader Shilling said. Minority Leader Hintz] said his office "kept in regular communication with Republican leadership to share ideas on a bipartisan package we could all support. ... Democrats have made clear that any proposal ... maintain the role of the Governor and his ability to sign off." Leader Steineke, Sen. Erpenbach comment.

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Foxconn Officials Say They Have Met Job Goals For 2019
... "Foxconn directly employed 600 individuals, with more than 550 meeting the criterial for qualifications as full-time employees," [FTG vice-chair Lee in letter to WEDC CEO Hughes]. "Alongside our local partners, we have built a strong foundation for the Wisconsin project, and set the stage for Wisconn Valley to be the center of a high-technology hub for North America." ... [Foxconn needed to create 520 jobs to be eligible in 2019, but] In November 2019, a series of letters between [DOA], WEDC and Foxconn showed the group at odds over what qualified for tax incentives. Original project specifies Gen. 10.5 plant, but Foxconn's plans have substantially changed and it created another entity, Foxconn International Internet (Fii) that is not mentioned in the contract. DOA Sec. Brennan on 11/12/19 wrote, "Foxconn was opaque about its project plans throughout 2018 and did not commit to any specific type of project different than the Gen 10.5 facility defined in the contract." State officials said late last year tax credits would not be awarded until the contract is amended, which has not happened.
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- 6 p.m.: Thompson Center webinar with K.T. McFarland, former U.S. deputy national security adviser.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-webinar-with-k-t-mcfarland-former-u-s-deputy-national-security-adviser/

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Baldwin and others call on CDC to release demographic information on coronavirus
... [Baldwin + 16 Congressional Dems] requested demographic data broken down by gender, race, ethnicity, whether a patient is a health care provider and any other available information. ... "It is important to document if particular groups in the United States are at greater risk for the virus and why." ... Milwaukee is one of the few places that is making racial and other demographic data available to the public. ... Of the 56 [Milwaukee County COVID-19 deaths] as of Monday morning, at least 39 have been African American. ... while making up about 27% of the county's population. ... and local officials and public health experts say that is not surprising given existing racial

inequalities. ... virus particularly dangerous for African Americans as a population, who have higher rates of chronic illness ... are more likely to have diabetes and high blood pressure, for example -- and tend to develop those illnesses earlier in life. ... Rep. David Bowen ... who has recovered from the coronavirus... [blamed] Misinformation, economic factors and limited access to health care ... "Because of the misinformation, people didn't take the proper precautions to slow the spread, to distance themselves, to stop having large gatherings or going out," Bowen said. "You also had the dynamic of people working in jobs where they can't work from home."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/08/2969840001/

More Than 1M In Wisconsin Vote By Mail, But Full Election Turnout Still Unclear
... [WEC found] 1,287,827 people requested absentee mail-in ballots. ... 1,003,422 had been returned to clerks as of 7:30 a.m. Wednesday ... also shows a gap of 12,710 ballots between what was requested by voters and what clerks mailed out. WEC's Wolfe said gap could differ if clerks have yet to enter data. 2016 prez primary drew 2.1M voters, about 47%. So, about 1M needed to vote in person Tuesday to match that turnout. Wolfe said statewide turnout won't be available until Monday, deadline for receiving absentees and result-release date. Madison's unofficial 50% turnout is a marked decline from 2016's 66%. Milwaukee saw about 19K in-person votes, but hundreds remained in line as polls closed and all are entitled to vote. EC Co. saw 34% turnout, less absentees in transit. Superior Clerk Kalan saw > 2,100 in-person votes plus about 3,600 of 4,300 absentee ballots have been returned - suggesting 46-52% turnout, "This year will be 30 years that I've been here, and this was the worst election I've ever been through." Sheboygan saw about 9K in-person votes, down from 2016. Kenosha 50% overall turnout, mostly by mail. Green Lake had about 45% turnout, also on mostly mail-ins. Rehash Evers' effort to postpone, court rulings, ballot decisions.
https://www.wpr.org/more-1m-wisconsin-vote-mail-full-election-turnout-still-unclear

Returned to sender: Postal officials probe WI absentee ballots never delivered
... [USPS] investigating the failure to deliver at least 175 -- and possibly hundreds -- of absentee ballots requested by voters in the village of Fox Point and other communities in Milwaukee County ... USPS repeatedly returned unsent ballots without explanation. "The ballots are not stamped 'undeliverable' or anything. They just never got mailed," [FP village mgr.] Botcher told PBS Wisconsin ... [cited] at least seven trips to the local post office to re-mail mysteriously returned ballots. ... [mostly] meant for Fox Point voters, but [some for Glendale, Whitefish Bay. Unsure of total re-sent, never explained by USPS] some were returned to the sender ... more than once ... But on Election Day -- the deadline for voters to postmark their ballots -- he received a white plastic bin filled with 175 ballots that local voters never received. "I don't think it's anything nefarious on the part of the Postal Service, but something just wasn't working right," he said. [ACLU-W's COLlins] heard from "tons of voters in many parts of the state" who did not receive absentee ballots they had requested. ... [WEC Admin. WOLfe] heard from several clerks that absentee ballots they had mailed out were "bounced back." ... in contact with [USPS] to determine the scope ... "I don't know that we have a good handle on that yet." Sen. Feyen tweeted upon hearing "3 large tubs of absentee ballots from Oshkosh and Appleton were just located. ... working hard to remedy the situation." ... [Minority Leader

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Hintz] urged [WEC, DOJ] to investigate the waylaid ballots ... found in a mail processing facility in Milwaukee. ... called on the Legislature to implement mail-only balloting for upcoming elections if the pandemic continues. ... [Milwaukee Elections chief Albrecht denounced] "unlevel playing field" ... because of worker shortages, postal officials told him it could take seven to 10 days to deliver a ballot. ... documenting the problem and plans to report it to the postal service. USPS' Sheehan knew nothing on Fox Point mystery, "People are investigating it. ... We've heard scattered reports of people not getting their ballots. There were just things that I heard on the news. Nobody contacted the Postal Service directly." Some would-be absentee voters comment.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/04/returned-to-sender-postal-officials-investigating-wisconsin-absentee-ballots-that-were-never-delivered/

Plenty of blame to go around after chaotic spring election amid COVID-19 pandemic
... In 47 of the state's 72 counties, there were at least as many polling places as last year, and in another 12 only one less site. Even in Madison, which managed to keep open 66 of its normal 92 polling sites, there were few lines and smooth operations. ... biggest problems occurred in the handful of counties that reduced polling locations because [pandemic] fears ... caused a shortage of poll workers. ... biggest reductions came in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Brown counties ... forced many voters to choose between giving up their constitutional right to vote or risking their health. [UW Med prof. Malecki: "The fact that politics interfered with sound judgment and jeopardized public safety is something that should not be ignored."] ... [Vos] drew criticism after images emerged of him working at a poll in a mask, gloves and protective gown while proclaiming that it was safe for people to vote. ... On Wednesday Vos took to twitter to blame Gov. Tony Evers for causing confusion [by waiting until Friday to propose postponement]. Bryant for Sen. Taylor saw "complete mismanagement." Milwaukee Election chief Albrecht said election should never have been held, called for USPS to probe undelivered absentees, blamed his meager 5 sites on late count on WNG help, rejected comparisons to Madison, whose deputy clerk Verbick agreed earlier notice would have been helpful. For Evers, WNG was last resort and limited to Guardsmen who lived in the counties they would help, balanced by what other missions they may be called to support.
https://madison.com/wsj/35c422af-8672-50ca-a246-c7990fbd510f.html

Vos explains wearing full PPE at polls, Tuesday video received national attention
... explained in a Facebook post Wednesday, "I've had some friends ask so I wanted to explain yesterday. The City of Burlington did an amazing job at the polling place. A requirement for working at the polls (which I did from 6:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) was to wear protective gear to protect the public and the workers. Every single person working at the polling place wore the same gear. I know the media and especially Democrats wanted to make it look like I took more precautions than others, but that was not the case." Vos continued. "I appreciate the calls, texts, and messages of support. For those who wondered and asked, I thought it was easier to just explain here with the request that you share or tell the truth if someone brings it up on Facebook or in person. Thanks!" ... Vos' wife, Michelle Litjens Vos, worked at the Rochester polling location ...

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wore gloves, but not a mask or protective eye gear. Many poll workers in other areas were also not wearing masks, although most of them sat behind protective plexiglass barriers. ... State Sen. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, has called for Vos to be removed from his role as [NCSL] president [Vos, NCSL did not respond.] ... Vos said it was disappointing to see long lines in Milwaukee because they chose to only open a few polling places. "It wouldn't surprise me if people in Milwaukee are frustrated because of the decisions the City of Milwaukee made," Vos said. ... said Tuesday it made no sense to cancel the election ... "It is no guarantee in May or June that it is going to be better," Vos said ... would rather have an election with a lower turnout than go into the fall election having never done this before.
https://journaltimes.com/75ae7dac-07c8-5ba8-b32f-7023d5d357ae.html

In-person voting was likely a 'disaster' for WI's efforts to flatten coronavirus curve, nat'l experts say
... "I don't get it; I honestly do not get it," [U-Wa.] researcher Ali Mokdad said from his home in Seattle ... [DHS Sec.] Palm said in-person voting would "without question" increase case totals, "and an increase in the number of cases in Wisconsin would result in more deaths." ... "What a disaster," said [COVID Act Now's] Kreiss-Tomkins ... Wisconsin's election day came just as some states were seeing a glimmer of hope. ... Washington may have already seen its peak. ... [VOs touted Burlington's protective measures, but] Mokdad suggested Vos was ill-informed. He noted even doctors and nurses with special training are getting infected across the country. ... [virus spread modeler] Pei said. "Here, you're gathering people from different locations and they can bring back the virus to their own location. That is like the spark in the process." Mokdad said November election could repeat unnecessary exposure, "I have voted in every election and I feel that it's my civic duty. If I were a citizen of Wisconsin, I would not go out and vote."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/08/2961718001/

GOP propose [JFC] power to cut school aid, slash spending as part of relief bill
... Evers said that idea, which is one of dozens of potential provisions state lawmakers are negotiating for legislation to respond to the coronavirus outbreak, would likely push him to veto the bill altogether. "'Seriously consider it' would probably be putting it mildly," Evers said Wednesday ... "We can't have that as part of it. That's too much authority in the hands of a couple people. ... The good news is, I'm glad we have a response from the Republican side -- it's good to see that effort, putting pen to paper." ... "For almost a month we have been at work on a bill that includes essential provisions dealing with everything from Medicaid to the first week of unemployment," [Leader Fitzgerald] said in a statement. "... Suggesting he'll veto the full bill publicly, while privately we're still negotiating, is irresponsible. We'll keep working with the minority party to put together a bill that can hopefully pass soon with bipartisan support," he said. ... GOP did not collaborate with Senate Democrats on the proposals released Wednesday, [Constalie for Leader Shilling said. Minority Leader Hintz] said his office "kept in regular communication with Republican leadership to share ideas on a bipartisan package we could all support. ... Democrats have made clear that any proposal ... maintain the role of the Governor and his ability to sign off." Leader Steineke, Sen. Erpenbach comment.

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https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/08/2970764001/

Foxconn Officials Say They Have Met Job Goals For 2019
... "Foxconn directly employed 600 individuals, with more than 550 meeting the criterial for qualifications as full-time employees," [FTG vice-chair Lee in letter to WEDC CEO Hughes]. "Alongside our local partners, we have built a strong foundation for the Wisconsin project, and set the stage for Wisconn Valley to be the center of a high-technology hub for North America." ... [Foxconn needed to create 520 jobs to be eligible in 2019, but] In November 2019, a series of letters between [DOA], WEDC and Foxconn showed the group at odds over what qualified for tax incentives. Original project specifies Gen. 10.5 plant, but Foxconn's plans have substantially changed and it created another entity, Foxconn International Internet (Fii) that is not mentioned in the contract. DOA Sec. Brennan on 11/12/19 wrote, "Foxconn was opaque about its project plans throughout 2018 and did not commit to any specific type of project different than the Gen 10.5 facility defined in the contract." State officials said late last year tax credits would not be awarded until the contract is amended, which has not happened.
https://www.wpr.org/foxconn-officials-say-they-have-met-job-goals-2019

TODAY'S CALENDAR
https://www.wispolitics.com/category/events/

- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Veterans Chamber of Commerce: 'Veterans in the Workforce' webinar.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-in-the-workforce-online-webinar-tickets-101550628664

- 6 p.m.: Thompson Center webinar with K.T. McFarland, former U.S. deputy national security adviser.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-webinar-with-k-t-mcfarland-former-u-s-deputy-national-security-adviser/

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THU PM Update -- 2 April 2020

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- Wisconsin may not know until mid-April who won the presidential primary or a seat on the state Supreme Court after a federal judge pushed back until April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be received and counted in the spring election.

Citing the COVID-19 pandemic -- and again bemoaning the failure of the Gov. Tony Evers and Legislature to delay the election as other states have -- U.S. Judge William Conley relaxed requirements for absentee ballots as Wisconsin voters have requested them in record numbers.

Conley refused to push back the election in today's ruling, finding it wouldn't be appropriate for a federal judge despite the failure of Capitol leaders to act in light of the

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health risks to both voters and poll workers.

Instead, he:

*extended until 4 p.m. April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be received so they can be counted for the election. State law normally requires those ballots to be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

*pushed back to 5 p.m. tomorrow the deadline to request an absentee ballot. That deadline had been today.

*enjoined the state from requiring those voting absentee to have a witness sign the envelope in which they return the ballot if they are unable to do so safely. Those who don't include a witness signature on their ballot envelopes must include an affirmation or other statement why they weren't able to safely meet the requirement. It will be left to local clerks whether to accept the voter's reasons for not completing the witness certification requirement.

Conley also didn't add a new requirement for when ballots must be postmarked. That means ballots mailed after Tuesday's election will still count so long as local clerks receive them by the new April 13 deadline.

April 13 is also the deadline for municipal boards of canvas to certify their election results to the county. Conley noted in his ruling the Wisconsin Elections Commission indicated locals would still be able to meet that deadline if he pushed back the cut off for receiving absentee ballots to 4 p.m. that day.

State Dem Chair Ben Wikler praised the ruling as a "victory for voters, for public health, and for democracy itself." The state and national parties were among those who filed suit seeking changes to the election in light of the outbreak. Conley combined three lawsuits into one with today's ruling covering all of their requests.

Conley refused several requests, including one to suspend enforcement of voter ID.

The state and national Republican parties, which intervened in the suit, had asked him to stay any ruling so it could be appealed. But Conley declined, writing "the relief being granted is not of the sweeping nature sought by plaintiffs" and the most significant orders he issued don't kick in until Election Day.

The state GOP was still reviewing the ruling this afternoon, a spokeswoman said.

During a Wednesday hearing, Conley was harshly critical of Evers and the Legislature for not delaying the election as another dozen states have.

In today's ruling, he praised the "truly heroic efforts" of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, its staff and local clerks. He said those officials have been "improvising in

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real time" in the face of a burgeoning health crisis, the loss of poll workers, fear of sickness and inadequate resources.

He wrote the guv and Legislature appeared to be hoping those election officials and voters willing to ignore the health risks to themselves "will thread the needle to produce a reasonable voter turnout and no increase in the dissemination of COVID-19."

Conley suggested that outcome was unlikely.

"As much as the court would prefer that the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor consider the public health ahead of any political considerations, that does not appear in the cards," Conley wrote in explaining his decision not to delay the election. "Nor is it appropriate for a federal district court to act as the state's chief health official by taking that step for them."

Read the ruling:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Order-1.pdf

-- Mayor Tom Barrett called it "extremely good news" that organizers of the Democratic National Convention chose to delay the gathering in Milwaukee until the week of August 17 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think we all recognize that increasingly it looked more and more difficult for us to host this convention during the week of July 13 through the 16th," Barrett said.

He said as excited as the city was about having the convention in July, its resources have been committed to addressing COVID-19 pandemic and the convention "immediately got moved to the back burner."

"By having this additional month of breathing room, we are hoping that this will allow us then to pivot once we are moving out of these turbulent waters and use this as a very, very important shot in the arm, as I said, to moving the community forward," Barrett said.

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan also told reporters he backs the move.

"If they think that's the best guidance to put a convention on at this point, I think that's a good decision," the Town of Vermont Dem said on a conference call.

In a release explaining the move this morning, Democratic National Convention Committee CEO Joe Solmonese said organizers believe "the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds."

Read the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/democratic-national-convention-committee-

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announces-date-change-in-response-to-unprecedented-coronavirus-outbreak/

-- Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling is the fourth Senate Dem to announce they won't seek reelection this fall.

The La Crosse Dem, whose seat is targeted this fall by Republicans, said in her announcement it was time to put her family first after two decades in the Legislature.

Shilling said her two children are now in high school and middle school and "time with our boys at home is fading."

"I do not leave with regrets, I leave with wonder - wonder about the future, about what will be," Shilling said. "Wonder about what lies ahead, and a wonder of new ways that I will continue to be able to serve my community, and others."

Shilling, 50, beat then-GOP Sen. Dan Kapanke, of La Crosse, in a 2011 recall election to claim the Senate seat after 11 years in the Assembly. Her fellow Dem senators then elected her minority leader starting with the 2015 session as she navigated the caucus through the final term of GOP Gov. Scott Walker and the first two years of Dem Gov. Tony Evers.

Shilling beat Kapanke four years ago by 61 votes in a race that went to recount. Kapanke, who owns a collegiate summer baseball team in La Crosse, has already announced plans to again run for the seat, which he held from 2005 through his 2011 loss.

Kapanke sent his "heartfelt congratulations and respect" to Shilling, saying she "leaves a legacy of a distinguished career representing the hardworking people of Western Wisconsin."

Shilling joins Fred Risser, of Madison; Mark Miller, of Monona; and Dave Hansen, of Green Bay. Also, GOP Sen. Luther Olsen, of Ripon, has announced he won't run this fall.

Meanwhile, nine members of the Assembly have announced they won't be back after this year, either due to retirement or seeking another office.

In addition, four Milwaukee lawmakers are seeking local offices in Tuesday's election.

Two years ago, 20 lawmakers didn't run for reelection in fall 2018 to the seats they held in January 2017.

Read the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Shilling.pdf

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-- Speculation on who will run in Shilling's place immediately turned to Brad Pfaff, who lost his post as DATCP secretary last fall after the GOP Senate rejected his nomination by Gov. Tony Evers.

Pfaff ran for the then-open Senate seat in 2004, losing to Kapanke by 5 percentage points.

Pfaff later worked as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wisconsin Farm Service Agency executive director during the Obama administration. Before that, he worked as an aide to U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-La Crosse, and returned to the congressman's staff after leaving the Obama administration, serving as his deputy chief of staff.

He was raised on a dairy farm in northern La Crosse County and has a home in Onalaska.

-- Dem lawmakers today sent a letter to GOP leadership urging them to call the Legislature into session immediately to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The letter thanked Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, and Senate Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, for their ongoing communication with Dem leadership and Gov. Tony Evers' administration during the crisis. It also said Dems recognize "now is not the time for partisan politics" and asked for cooperation in finding solutions.

It includes a list of proposals "that should have broad, bipartisan consensus," including:

*Expanded funding and staff for the Department of Health Services.

*Maximising federal resources by expanding Medicaid programs.

*Suspending the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Insurance and expanding the program to cover paid leave.

*Eviction protection for citizens and businesses.

*Deferral of sales tax payments for small businesses.

The letter included the names of 35 Assembly and 13 Senate Dems.

See the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402-Dems.pdf

See coronavirus information and resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wisconsin-coronavirus-resources/

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-- The UW System Board of Regents today appointed Michael Alexander as the new UW-Green Bay chancellor.

The board unanimously approved Alexander today in its first entirely online regent meeting. Regent President Andrew Petersen in a statement called Alexander's efforts as UWGB provost "impressive and impactful."

"UWGB will be fortunate to have Michael's steady leadership, charisma, and intellect on campus as he moves into the chancellor role," Petersen said.

Alexander previously has served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UWGB since July 2019, and will assume his new position on May 1.

He replaces former Chancellor Gary Miller, who resigned from the position in September of last year to take a job as president of the University of Akron, Ohio. Alexander will earn a $250,000 salary in his new job.

See more:
https://www.wisconsin.edu/news/archive/michael-alexander-named-new-chancellor-of-uw-green-bay/

-- Congressional Dems want the November election to be conducted with mail-in ballots nationwide, according to U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan.

Speaking with reporters on a media call today, the Town of Vermont Dem said federal lawmakers from his party were pushing the option as a contingency for the presidential election in case the COVID-19 pandemic has not been contained by fall.

"We don't want to have any potential to screw that one up," he said.

Pocan said Dems tried to include the proposal in the third coronavirus relief package signed into law by President Trump last week. While it was ultimately not included, Pocan indicated he would "try to move that forward as an issue."

-- The 2nd District congressman conceded Joe Biden appeared to be the favorite based on national polling.

The most recent Marquette University Law School poll found 62 percent of voters back Biden while 34 percent support Bernie Sanders.

But Pocan, who has endorsed Sanders and chairs his Wisconsin campaign, urged voters to turn out in support of Vermont Independent. He said backing Sanders would

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ensure key issues -- including the Green New Deal and a $15 minimum wage -- remain at the forefront "whoever the inevitable nominee is."

He added he couldn't "think of anything that's highlighted the need for some sort of a Medicare-for-all healthcare system" than coronavirus pandemic.

"I think the best way to signal that support (for a Medicare-for-all system) is by voting for Bernie Sanders," he said.

None of the delegation's other three Dems has endorsed a presidential candidate.

-- The Wisconsin National Guard dispelled rumors that it's enforcing a COVID-19 quarantine and military shut-downs of health care facilities across the state.

In a statement last night, the Guard confirmed it has only mobilized 350 troops to state active duty in March to "support the state in a timely and efficient manner with anything it might request." This includes medical assistance and logistical help in the transportation and care of personal protective equipment.

Capt. Joe Trovato told WisPolitics.com coronavirus misinformation has popped up nationwide and that it could even be part of a foreign power's campaign "to sow fear in the American people."

"This is not a problem that's unique to Wisconsin by any means," Trovato said. "It's hard to say how prevalent it is in the community. We certainly get a lot of questions on social media channels."

Trovato said the guard will also help carry out Tuesday's spring election, per Gov. Tony Evers' order, by working the polls and delivering hand sanitizer, wipes and other protective materials.

Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp, the state's adjutant general, said last month in a video address that the Guard "is here to support you, the people of Wisconsin," and repeated people can trust it has Wisconsinites best interests at heart.

"We're always in a support role," Trovato said. "One of our core missions in the National Guard is to support civil authorities in times of emergency."

Trovato said 90 percent of Guard members aren't full-time soldiers, with troops living and working in communities across all 72 counties.

See more:
https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/news/2020news/20033

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SR 7: Acknowledging that the Communist Party of China deliberately and intentionally misled the world on the Wuhan Coronavirus and standing in solidarity with the Chinese people to condemn the actions of the Communist Party of China, Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

SB 904: Sponsors of nutritional counseling education programs and repealing and modifying administrative rules related to sponsors of nutritional counseling education programs. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

SB 905: The membership of the Higher Educational Aids Board. Referred to Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families.

SB 906: Suspension of the waiting period for collections of unemployment insurance benefits. Referred to Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform.

SB 907: Application of prescription drug payments for health coverage. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 908: Information on Down Syndrome. Referred to Committee on Health and Human

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Services.

SB 909: Violence prevention grants and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

SB 910: Financial Assistance for double-fencing farm-raised deer, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

SB 911: Allowing certain rehired annuitants to elect to not become new participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System for a defined period. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection.

SB 912: Postponing the annual town meeting and the meeting of the boards of review. REferred to Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism and Workforce Development.

SB 913: Coverage of telehealth services. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 914: Meetings of governing bodies of local governmental units during a state of emergency. Referred to Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism and Workforce Development.

SB 915: Reciprocal credentials and granting rule-making authority. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

SB 916: Sending absentee ballots to registered voters during a state of emergency. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

SB 917: Canvassing absentee ballots during a state of emergency on the Sunday before an election and providing a penalty. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

SB 918: The deadline for electronic voter registration during a state of emergency. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

SB 919: The deadline for returning absentee ballots by mail during a state of emergency. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

SB 920: Suspending the requirement to provide identifications to vote at an election during a state of emergency. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

SB 921: Registering to vote and obtaining a ballot by an agent during a state of emergency. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

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SB 922: Extending the deadline for applying for an absentee ballot in-person. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

SB 923: The length of time for a declared state of emergency; reporting of arrests for a violation of an order relating to the control of an outbreak or epidemic; requiring legislative approval of any statewide order mandating individuals to stay at home for reasons related to an epidemic, pandemic, or communicable disease; requiring a written report to the legislature detailing the justification for any ban of gatherings of 50 or fewer individuals. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Government Oversight and Courts.

SB 924: Conducting juvenile proceedings by telephone or audiovisual means; appearance at any criminal proceeding by telephone or audiovisual means. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

SB 925: Authorized activities and operations of credit unions, automated teller machines of financial institutions, and repealing rules promulgated by the Department of Financial Institutions. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions.

SB 926: Allowing municipalities to enact an ordinance authorizing multiple property tax installments during a public health emergency. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions.

SB 927: REgulating the sale of certain drugs and medical supplies below cost. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Trade.

SB 928: The scope of practice of health care providers and health care providers from other states. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 929: Filing individual tax returns for the 2019 taxable year. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions.

SB 930: Extending the deadline for contributions to a college savings account. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions.

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- Wisconsin may not know until mid-April who won the presidential primary or a seat on the state Supreme Court after a federal judge pushed back until April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be received and counted in the spring election.

Citing the COVID-19 pandemic -- and again bemoaning the failure of the Gov. Tony Evers and Legislature to delay the election as other states have -- U.S. Judge William Conley relaxed requirements for absentee ballots as Wisconsin voters have requested them in record numbers.

Conley refused to push back the election in today's ruling, finding it wouldn't be appropriate for a federal judge despite the failure of Capitol leaders to act in light of the

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health risks to both voters and poll workers.

Instead, he:

*extended until 4 p.m. April 13 the deadline for absentee ballots to be received so they can be counted for the election. State law normally requires those ballots to be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

*pushed back to 5 p.m. tomorrow the deadline to request an absentee ballot. That deadline had been today.

*enjoined the state from requiring those voting absentee to have a witness sign the envelope in which they return the ballot if they are unable to do so safely. Those who don't include a witness signature on their ballot envelopes must include an affirmation or other statement why they weren't able to safely meet the requirement. It will be left to local clerks whether to accept the voter's reasons for not completing the witness certification requirement.

Conley also didn't add a new requirement for when ballots must be postmarked. That means ballots mailed after Tuesday's election will still count so long as local clerks receive them by the new April 13 deadline.

April 13 is also the deadline for municipal boards of canvas to certify their election results to the county. Conley noted in his ruling the Wisconsin Elections Commission indicated locals would still be able to meet that deadline if he pushed back the cut off for receiving absentee ballots to 4 p.m. that day.

State Dem Chair Ben Wikler praised the ruling as a "victory for voters, for public health, and for democracy itself." The state and national parties were among those who filed suit seeking changes to the election in light of the outbreak. Conley combined three lawsuits into one with today's ruling covering all of their requests.

Conley refused several requests, including one to suspend enforcement of voter ID.

The state and national Republican parties, which intervened in the suit, had asked him to stay any ruling so it could be appealed. But Conley declined, writing "the relief being granted is not of the sweeping nature sought by plaintiffs" and the most significant orders he issued don't kick in until Election Day.

The state GOP was still reviewing the ruling this afternoon, a spokeswoman said.

During a Wednesday hearing, Conley was harshly critical of Evers and the Legislature for not delaying the election as another dozen states have.

In today's ruling, he praised the "truly heroic efforts" of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, its staff and local clerks. He said those officials have been "improvising in

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real time" in the face of a burgeoning health crisis, the loss of poll workers, fear of sickness and inadequate resources.

He wrote the guv and Legislature appeared to be hoping those election officials and voters willing to ignore the health risks to themselves "will thread the needle to produce a reasonable voter turnout and no increase in the dissemination of COVID-19."

Conley suggested that outcome was unlikely.

"As much as the court would prefer that the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor consider the public health ahead of any political considerations, that does not appear in the cards," Conley wrote in explaining his decision not to delay the election. "Nor is it appropriate for a federal district court to act as the state's chief health official by taking that step for them."

Read the ruling:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Order-1.pdf

-- Mayor Tom Barrett called it "extremely good news" that organizers of the Democratic National Convention chose to delay the gathering in Milwaukee until the week of August 17 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think we all recognize that increasingly it looked more and more difficult for us to host this convention during the week of July 13 through the 16th," Barrett said.

He said as excited as the city was about having the convention in July, its resources have been committed to addressing COVID-19 pandemic and the convention "immediately got moved to the back burner."

"By having this additional month of breathing room, we are hoping that this will allow us then to pivot once we are moving out of these turbulent waters and use this as a very, very important shot in the arm, as I said, to moving the community forward," Barrett said.

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan also told reporters he backs the move.

"If they think that's the best guidance to put a convention on at this point, I think that's a good decision," the Town of Vermont Dem said on a conference call.

In a release explaining the move this morning, Democratic National Convention Committee CEO Joe Solmonese said organizers believe "the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds."

Read the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/democratic-national-convention-committee-

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-- Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling is the fourth Senate Dem to announce they won't seek reelection this fall.

The La Crosse Dem, whose seat is targeted this fall by Republicans, said in her announcement it was time to put her family first after two decades in the Legislature.

Shilling said her two children are now in high school and middle school and "time with our boys at home is fading."

"I do not leave with regrets, I leave with wonder - wonder about the future, about what will be," Shilling said. "Wonder about what lies ahead, and a wonder of new ways that I will continue to be able to serve my community, and others."

Shilling, 50, beat then-GOP Sen. Dan Kapanke, of La Crosse, in a 2011 recall election to claim the Senate seat after 11 years in the Assembly. Her fellow Dem senators then elected her minority leader starting with the 2015 session as she navigated the caucus through the final term of GOP Gov. Scott Walker and the first two years of Dem Gov. Tony Evers.

Shilling beat Kapanke four years ago by 61 votes in a race that went to recount. Kapanke, who owns a collegiate summer baseball team in La Crosse, has already announced plans to again run for the seat, which he held from 2005 through his 2011 loss.

Kapanke sent his "heartfelt congratulations and respect" to Shilling, saying she "leaves a legacy of a distinguished career representing the hardworking people of Western Wisconsin."

Shilling joins Fred Risser, of Madison; Mark Miller, of Monona; and Dave Hansen, of Green Bay. Also, GOP Sen. Luther Olsen, of Ripon, has announced he won't run this fall.

Meanwhile, nine members of the Assembly have announced they won't be back after this year, either due to retirement or seeking another office.

In addition, four Milwaukee lawmakers are seeking local offices in Tuesday's election.

Two years ago, 20 lawmakers didn't run for reelection in fall 2018 to the seats they held in January 2017.

Read the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402Shilling.pdf

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-- Speculation on who will run in Shilling's place immediately turned to Brad Pfaff, who lost his post as DATCP secretary last fall after the GOP Senate rejected his nomination by Gov. Tony Evers.

Pfaff ran for the then-open Senate seat in 2004, losing to Kapanke by 5 percentage points.

Pfaff later worked as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wisconsin Farm Service Agency executive director during the Obama administration. Before that, he worked as an aide to U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-La Crosse, and returned to the congressman's staff after leaving the Obama administration, serving as his deputy chief of staff.

He was raised on a dairy farm in northern La Crosse County and has a home in Onalaska.

-- Dem lawmakers today sent a letter to GOP leadership urging them to call the Legislature into session immediately to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The letter thanked Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, and Senate Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, for their ongoing communication with Dem leadership and Gov. Tony Evers' administration during the crisis. It also said Dems recognize "now is not the time for partisan politics" and asked for cooperation in finding solutions.

It includes a list of proposals "that should have broad, bipartisan consensus," including:

*Expanded funding and staff for the Department of Health Services.

*Maximising federal resources by expanding Medicaid programs.

*Suspending the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Insurance and expanding the program to cover paid leave.

*Eviction protection for citizens and businesses.

*Deferral of sales tax payments for small businesses.

The letter included the names of 35 Assembly and 13 Senate Dems.

See the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200402-Dems.pdf

See coronavirus information and resources:
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-- The UW System Board of Regents today appointed Michael Alexander as the new UW-Green Bay chancellor.

The board unanimously approved Alexander today in its first entirely online regent meeting. Regent President Andrew Petersen in a statement called Alexander's efforts as UWGB provost "impressive and impactful."

"UWGB will be fortunate to have Michael's steady leadership, charisma, and intellect on campus as he moves into the chancellor role," Petersen said.

Alexander previously has served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UWGB since July 2019, and will assume his new position on May 1.

He replaces former Chancellor Gary Miller, who resigned from the position in September of last year to take a job as president of the University of Akron, Ohio. Alexander will earn a $250,000 salary in his new job.

See more:
https://www.wisconsin.edu/news/archive/michael-alexander-named-new-chancellor-of-uw-green-bay/

-- Congressional Dems want the November election to be conducted with mail-in ballots nationwide, according to U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan.

Speaking with reporters on a media call today, the Town of Vermont Dem said federal lawmakers from his party were pushing the option as a contingency for the presidential election in case the COVID-19 pandemic has not been contained by fall.

"We don't want to have any potential to screw that one up," he said.

Pocan said Dems tried to include the proposal in the third coronavirus relief package signed into law by President Trump last week. While it was ultimately not included, Pocan indicated he would "try to move that forward as an issue."

-- The 2nd District congressman conceded Joe Biden appeared to be the favorite based on national polling.

The most recent Marquette University Law School poll found 62 percent of voters back Biden while 34 percent support Bernie Sanders.

But Pocan, who has endorsed Sanders and chairs his Wisconsin campaign, urged voters to turn out in support of Vermont Independent. He said backing Sanders would

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ensure key issues -- including the Green New Deal and a $15 minimum wage -- remain at the forefront "whoever the inevitable nominee is."

He added he couldn't "think of anything that's highlighted the need for some sort of a Medicare-for-all healthcare system" than coronavirus pandemic.

"I think the best way to signal that support (for a Medicare-for-all system) is by voting for Bernie Sanders," he said.

None of the delegation's other three Dems has endorsed a presidential candidate.

-- The Wisconsin National Guard dispelled rumors that it's enforcing a COVID-19 quarantine and military shut-downs of health care facilities across the state.

In a statement last night, the Guard confirmed it has only mobilized 350 troops to state active duty in March to "support the state in a timely and efficient manner with anything it might request." This includes medical assistance and logistical help in the transportation and care of personal protective equipment.

Capt. Joe Trovato told WisPolitics.com coronavirus misinformation has popped up nationwide and that it could even be part of a foreign power's campaign "to sow fear in the American people."

"This is not a problem that's unique to Wisconsin by any means," Trovato said. "It's hard to say how prevalent it is in the community. We certainly get a lot of questions on social media channels."

Trovato said the guard will also help carry out Tuesday's spring election, per Gov. Tony Evers' order, by working the polls and delivering hand sanitizer, wipes and other protective materials.

Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp, the state's adjutant general, said last month in a video address that the Guard "is here to support you, the people of Wisconsin," and repeated people can trust it has Wisconsinites best interests at heart.

"We're always in a support role," Trovato said. "One of our core missions in the National Guard is to support civil authorities in times of emergency."

Trovato said 90 percent of Guard members aren't full-time soldiers, with troops living and working in communities across all 72 counties.

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SB 923: The length of time for a declared state of emergency; reporting of arrests for a violation of an order relating to the control of an outbreak or epidemic; requiring legislative approval of any statewide order mandating individuals to stay at home for reasons related to an epidemic, pandemic, or communicable disease; requiring a written report to the legislature detailing the justification for any ban of gatherings of 50 or fewer individuals. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Government Oversight and Courts.

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-- The candidates and outside groups have already combined to spend nearly $8 million on this spring's state Supreme Court race, according to a WisPolitics.com review.

And that total is likely to zoom past $9 million if Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky and Supreme Court Justice Daniel Kelly spent all of the cash they'd banked at the end of the last reporting period along with the donations that kept rolling in over the final days of the race. The review also found when all is said and done, total spending by and on behalf of the candidates will be about equal.

That $9 million figure would top last year's race, which saw $8 million in spending between what candidate Brian Hagedorn and Lisa Neubauer reported to the state and the $4.3 million the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign tallied from outside groups.

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The WisPolitics.com review has tracked just over $5 million in outside spending on TV, digital ads, mailers, GOTV and other efforts to back Karfofsky and Kelly between Jan. 1 and Tuesday's election.

The WisPolitics.com review found Kaorfsky and her allies had combined to spend nearly $4.2 million, according to a check of her campaign finance reports and independent expenditure reports filed with the state Ethics Commission.

Karofsky finished the pre-election reporting period with $643,806 in the bank, and she reported $193,750 in contributions of $1,000 or more after the final reporting period. That gives here at least an additional $837,556 she could've spent over the final two weeks of the campaign.

That could push the total effort on her behalf past $5 million.

Meanwhile, Kelly and his allies had spent a combined $2.6 million between what he reported in his finance reports and what groups submitted to the Ethics Commission.

He also had $396,310 cash on hand to end the reporting period and raised another $273,228 in large donations reported to the Ethics Commission. That's another $669,538 to spend.

Those engaged in issue advocacy don't have to report their spending to the state, but a source provided TV buy information to WisPolitics.com showing the WMC Issues Mobilization Council putting about $1.2 million behind its ads on broadcast and cable TV knocking Karofsky.

That raises the pro-Kelly effort to about $3.8 million. Add in what Kelly had left to spend, and the overall effort on his behalf would hit just under $4.5 million.

What's more, the Wisconsin Alliance for Reform ran issues ads on digital platforms in the race knocking Karofsky. That likely helped even out the overall spending.

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All fees are waived for the state parks still open, plus all offices, visitor centers and non-essential buildings remain closed.

DNR urged people to "do their part" in the still-open parks by taking garbage and recyclables with them when they leave. Most parks and day-use areas don't have garbage or recycling bins, according to DNR.

Hoye said wardens will continue to patrol the parks to protect the wildlife and enforce the closures.

-- Rep. Scott Allen, R-Waukesha, said Evers had "gone too far" with today's announcement. He said Evers should have anticipated the increased popularity of the parks, because "what else is there for people to do?"

He recommended in a statement DNR reallocate its resources to accommodate the visitors instead of closing the parks.

Allen later told WisPolitics.com Wisconsinites have been "doing a really good job" with social distancing recommendations, and that they should be allowed some respite from staying at home now that "the evidence is clear" the infection curve is lowering in some areas.

"We're getting to the point where we need to start easing restrictions, not adding more," he said. "Give us a break. We don't need patronizing government afraid we'll get too close. This is the wrong time to punish us."

Meanwhile, the organization Hunter Nation quickly demanded Evers immediately reopen state public land, calling the move a violation of constitutional hunting rights just before the start of the spring turkey season.

"This is purely a political decision that is being made in a vacuum inside the walls of bureaucracy in Madison to pander to the fear mongers and elitists who don't support our outdoor lifestyle anyway," CEO Luke Hilgemann said. "Rather than rushing to close the parks due to increased activity, Governor Evers should work with local groups including hunt clubs, conservation groups and others who I'm sure would be willing and able to help maintain these vital public resources during this time."

Hoye said there are still areas in the state open for hiking, and turkey season is continuing "as planned." But she reiterated the guv's list is not "definitive" and things could change as DNR monitors the situation.

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"People have got to be smart about this, regardless of the complaints," she said. "Public health and safety is not a joke. COVID-19 is real. And we found, to stop it from spreading, you have to social distance."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/dept-of-natural-resources-gov-evers-directs-dnr-to-close-40-state-parks-forests-and-recreational-areas/
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The corps has been partnering with states around the country to build the facilities in response to the spread of COVID-19.

The corps signed a contract with Milwaukee's Gilbane and other local companies to construct the facility.

See the DSPS order:
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/09/file_attachments/1423920/Final%20EmO22.pdf

See more on the alternative care facility:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-construction-of-alternative-care-facility-at-wisconsin-state-fair-park/

See COVID-19 resources and information:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The state's district attorneys are asking the state Elections Commission to consider possible alternatives to requiring candidates to circulate nomination papers.

In a letter to the commission this week, the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association

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noted the process of circulating nomination papers, which begins Wednesday, "is contrary to the health emergency orders and science of how the virus spreads." The letter notes there are no options to circulate and certify the papers electronically and circulators currently are required to witness each signature in person.

WDAA President Louis Molepske, the Portage County DA and a former Dem lawmaker, told WisPolitics.com there are also questions for prosecutors on whether circulating papers are considered an essential function under the guv's stay-at-home order, not to mention the health risks to circulators and signers of being in close proximity during the process.

"It's basically a process that is a petri dish of problems," Molepske said.

Dean Knudson, Elections Commission chair and a former GOP lawmaker, said the agency plans to discuss the issue at tomorrow's meeting. Still, he said the commission lacks the power to issue emergency rules to make accommodations for candidates faced with circulating nomination papers amid the pandemic. He noted candidates still have the option to mail nomination papers to supporters, who could fill them out at home and mail them back.

Knudson said he wondered if lawmakers, who also must collect signatures, will be "highly motivated" to address the requirement in an upcoming legislative package to deal with the virus.

Still, Knudson also said he believes circulating nomination papers can't be hindered by the guv's order.

"That's a very different question than whether it's a smart thing to do right now. I'm not sure too many people want to do business as usual," Knudson said.

Current law requires signatures to be turned into the Elections Commission by June 1. Assembly candidates need a minimum of 200 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot, while those seeking a seat in the Senate need at least 400.

The WDAA request comes as lawmakers elsewhere are also grappling with the issue. A bipartisan group of candidates in Massachusetts asked the state's highest court to grant them relief from requirements they gather signatures during the pandemic to get on the fall ballot.

Read the WDAA letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wdaa-letter/

-- A new update from the state Elections Commission shows an uptick in absentee ballot requests for the spring election, even though the deadline to seek them passed nearly a week ago.

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Still, the agency said that is because local clerks are still catching up on data entry.

That's also the reason the agency cited for the update showing about 70 municipalities that haven't reported sending or receiving any absentee ballots.

Today's notice says clerks in many smaller communities don't have direct access to the system to enter updates on absentee ballots, meaning they are relying on county clerks to do it for them.

"At this point, no one should assume that the clerks have not fulfilled requests based on the data (or lack of data) in the spreadsheet," the commission said.

Statewide, just over 99 percent of absentee ballots requested were mailed, according to the update. That left 12,064 ballots that hadn't been logged as mailed.

Florence County, in northern Wisconsin, reported 82.6 percent of the ballots requested had been mailed. Two communities were listed as not mailing any ballots even though a combined 33 had been requested from their residents.

See more:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6839

-- The three remaining elections scheduled this year would be conducted almost entirely by mail-in ballot, under a proposal released today by Assembly Dems.

The proposal backed by the chamber's top Dems seeks to send every registered voter in the state an absentee ballot and remove the requirement for a witness signature. Polling locations would be closed to all except the disabled and those who struggle to read, write or understand English.

It would also suspend voter ID requirements for voting in 2020 elections and move the voter registration deadline back to five days before an election, matching the deadline in current law for registered voters to request an absentee ballot.

Calling the April 7 election "an avoidable tragedy" that forced voters "to make the impossible choice between risking their health and exercising their right to vote," Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz said the move was urgently needed to "maximize voter accessibility."

"Moving to a Vote by Mail system will protect our democracy and keep Wisconsinites safe," the Oshkosh Dem said.

Republican legislative leaders were not immediately available to comment, but were opposed to implementing a wide-scale mail-in election in the days ahead of the April 7

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election.

Three elections are still scheduled for the remainder of the year, including: a May 12 special election for the 7th CD between Sen. Tom Tiffany, R-Minocqua, and Wausau school board member Tricia Zunker; a partisan primary on August 11; and the general election on Nov. 3.

The Dem legislation would provide a sum sufficient to cover additional postage and printing costs, $1 million to update the voter registration system to account for the extended deadline and $3 million in the next fiscal year for a public information campaign to promote the mail-in voting system this year.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-hintz-vote-by-mail-legislation-introduced/

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https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200409VoteByMailBill.pdf

-- Marquette University will furlough approximately 250 employees to make up for a $15 million budget shortfall caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a memo yesterday to staff, the Catholic private university in Milwaukee said an increase in costs due to COVID-19 and the refund of half a semester's worth of housing fees caused "financial strain" and forced its hand on the matter.

"Our future financial health depends on the demand for online Summer Studies, our ability to virtually recruit next year's incoming class, and how Marquette and other private universities will benefit from a government stimulus package," the memo read. "Sadly, the entire world is suffering from the devastating human and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic -- Marquette is not immune to these challenges."

Additionally, Marquette said it has suspended all university travel, reduced discretionary spending and suspended all nonessential hiring and merit increases.

The furlough begins after April 17, according to the memo. While those furloughed won't receive pay, they will retain benefits like medical, dental and vision insurance, as well as tuition remissions. Marquette said it would pay both employer and employee portions of insurance premiums throughout the pandemic.

Marquette said there may be "other significant decisions" down the road to mitigate the financial strain, if the virus' onslaught continues.

University spokeswoman Lynn Griffith told WisPolitics.com the memo would "serve as our statement on the matter."

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Read the memo:
https://www.marquette.edu/email/today/coronavirus-staff-4-08-20.php

-- One of U.S. Rep. Ron Kind's 3rd CD challengers is "stranded overseas" during the coronavirus pandemic.

Eau Claire businessman John Garske said his wife, Galina, had been teaching U.S. service members in Vilseck, Germany, and that a U.S. Department of Defense stop order blocked her and their son from returning to Wisconsin. So, he said he flew out to them instead.

"After communicating our specific situation, (DoD) are now telling me that I and my family are exempt from the stop movement order and we are scheduled to return to Wisconsin by the end of April, but this is a unique time," he said in a statement. "Even with the necessary cancelling of two fundraisers, our campaign continues to connect with residents in Western Wisconsin and that shows in our positive fundraising numbers this year."

He said his campaign, Garske for Congress, raised over $120,000 in contributions in the first quarter of 2020.

Garske is one of five Republicans who have launched a bid to challenge the longstanding western Wisconsin congressman.

Others include: Derrick Van Orden, a former Navy SEAL who grew up in southeastern Wisconsin and then moved back to the state after his military career; Brandon Cook, who wrote on his Facebook page he's running as a "common sense Conservative Republican;" Jessi Ebben, a public relations professional in Eau Claire; and Kevin Ruscher, who bills himself on his Facebook page as "an anti-Trump Republican" who has "never liked the guy."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200408GARSKE.pdf

-- Jeff Weber, president of the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, says Tuesday's in-person voting will "undoubtedly" lead to a spike in the COVID-19 infection rate.

"We have nurses and other health care workers who will die because of the work they do," Weber said during a webinar hosted by U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee. "Everyday, we are on the front lines, and this pandemic is about to get far, far worse because of what we witnessed Tuesday."

Moore said holding in-person voting during the viral outbreak was "absolutely

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unnecessary," ripping the move as "one of the most cruel tricks pulled out of the Republican playbook in their very full quiver of tricks to suppress the vote."

She also thanked front-line health care workers for putting themselves in harm's way to keep people safe.

"The damage this will cause, we are not ready for it," Weber said. "We have barebones staffing, insufficient infrastructure and equipment, and a lack of care for the health care workers themselves."

Moore also touched on some of the factors leading to African-Americans in Wisconsin and elsewhere dying from the virus at higher rates than other groups.

"If you live in the inner city, you have housing conditions that don't necessarily allow you to social distance as well as other places," she said. "When you consider the dearth of health care, the lack of health insurance, the underlying health problems -- asthma, diabetes."

Despite these challenges, Moore sees an opportunity for positive change amid the current uncertainty. As more information is gathered about the disproportionate impacts of the virus, she said "it opens the door to a larger discussion about really addressing health care disparities."

She also bashed the Trump administration's handling of the pandemic, noting the federal government sent a large amount of personal protective equipment and ventilators to China early on in the outbreak.

"That was a very humanitarian thing, but it left us bereft of equipment while we were in denial," she said.

-- Wisconsin hospitals are currently treating 446 patients for COVID-19 with less than half of those in ICU, according to a new update from the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

The update includes stats such as the number of intensive care beds available -- about one-third of the 1,311 the state has -- and other information that Republican lawmakers have been clamoring for amid the pandemic.

For example, state hospitals also have 1,233 general use bedside ventilators with 330 ventilated patients.

A WHA spokesman said the summary is a collaboration with the state Department of Health Services to make the information more widely available.

See the update:

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https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update

-- Foxconn is reporting to the state that it employed enough workers last year to qualify for state tax credits under the agreement established under then-Gov. Scott Walker.

A letter sent from Foxconn to WEDC chief Missy Hughes says the company directly employed more than 550 full-time employees at the end of the 2019 reporting year. Plus the letter points to the company's economic impact on southeast Wisconsin, adding more than 100 different companies are involved with developing the Wisconn Valley Science and Technology Park.

The contract with the state shows Foxconn had to have a minimum of 520 full-time jobs in the state by the end of 2019 to qualify for job creation tax credits.WEDC expects to have an auditor's report on Foxconn's latest annual project summary in mid-May.

But the Evers administration has raised concerns about whether the project meets the terms of the contract. Since many details of the project have changed, the Evers administration has questioned if Foxconn can still earn tax credits under the agreement, regardless of how many jobs are created.

"Our conversations with Foxconn about aligning the contract with the project continue," Hughes said in a statement. "It is WEDC's objective to do so in order to support the project."

Once the independent audit is completed, WEDC will review that report along with the company's latest project overview. The process is expected to take several months.

See Foxconn's letter to Hughes: http://www.wisbusiness.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Foxconn-letter-to-WEDC.pdf

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April 16: WisPolitics.com/Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon with State Party Chairs

WisPolitics.com and the Milwaukee Press Club are holding a virtual event on the spring election during the lunch hour on Thursday with state GOP Chair Andrew Hitt and state Democratic Party Chair Ben Wikler.

They will answer questions from a panel of three journalists starting at noon and going until 1 p.m. Adrienne Pedersen, host of WISN-TV's "UpFront" program, WTMJ-TV anchor Charles Benson, and Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief Craig Gilbert will ask questions of the party chairs.

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You must register in advance using the form below. Then you will be sent a link on Thursday morning to view the event live.

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The WisPolitics.com review has tracked just over $5 million in outside spending on TV, digital ads, mailers, GOTV and other efforts to back Karfofsky and Kelly between Jan. 1 and Tuesday's election.

The WisPolitics.com review found Kaorfsky and her allies had combined to spend nearly $4.2 million, according to a check of her campaign finance reports and independent expenditure reports filed with the state Ethics Commission.

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"We know the benefits to getting outdoors, but not doing this would put people's lives at risk," he said in a statement. "With the weather warming, we are seeing increases in visitors and a myriad of challenges surrounding social distancing."

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Hoye said the parks have seen vandalism and littering "all over the place." She said there have been reports of people stealing hand sanitizer canisters from bathroom walls, as well as graffiti on walls and signs in multiple parks.

All fees are waived for the state parks still open, plus all offices, visitor centers and non-essential buildings remain closed.

DNR urged people to "do their part" in the still-open parks by taking garbage and recyclables with them when they leave. Most parks and day-use areas don't have garbage or recycling bins, according to DNR.

Hoye said wardens will continue to patrol the parks to protect the wildlife and enforce the closures.

-- Rep. Scott Allen, R-Waukesha, said Evers had "gone too far" with today's announcement. He said Evers should have anticipated the increased popularity of the parks, because "what else is there for people to do?"

He recommended in a statement DNR reallocate its resources to accommodate the visitors instead of closing the parks.

Allen later told WisPolitics.com Wisconsinites have been "doing a really good job" with social distancing recommendations, and that they should be allowed some respite from staying at home now that "the evidence is clear" the infection curve is lowering in some areas.

"We're getting to the point where we need to start easing restrictions, not adding more," he said. "Give us a break. We don't need patronizing government afraid we'll get too close. This is the wrong time to punish us."

Meanwhile, the organization Hunter Nation quickly demanded Evers immediately reopen state public land, calling the move a violation of constitutional hunting rights just before the start of the spring turkey season.

"This is purely a political decision that is being made in a vacuum inside the walls of bureaucracy in Madison to pander to the fear mongers and elitists who don't support our outdoor lifestyle anyway," CEO Luke Hilgemann said. "Rather than rushing to close the parks due to increased activity, Governor Evers should work with local groups including hunt clubs, conservation groups and others who I'm sure would be willing and able to help maintain these vital public resources during this time."

Hoye said there are still areas in the state open for hiking, and turkey season is continuing "as planned." But she reiterated the guv's list is not "definitive" and things could change as DNR monitors the situation.

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"People have got to be smart about this, regardless of the complaints," she said. "Public health and safety is not a joke. COVID-19 is real. And we found, to stop it from spreading, you have to social distance."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/dept-of-natural-resources-gov-evers-directs-dnr-to-close-40-state-parks-forests-and-recreational-areas/
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-directs-dept-of-natural-resources-to-close-40-state-parks-forests-and-recreational-areas/
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/hunter-nation-calls-on-gov-evers-to-reopen-public-lands/
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-allen-statement-on-closure-of-state-parks/

-- In a separate order, Evers eased Department of Safety and Professional Services regulations on a wide range of industries and service groups, including construction, fire departments and certified public accountants, among others

The guv also announced the Army Corps of Engineers is working with his administration to develop an alternative care facility at State Fair Park. So-called ACFs are designed to support existing medical facilities.

The corps has been partnering with states around the country to build the facilities in response to the spread of COVID-19.

The corps signed a contract with Milwaukee's Gilbane and other local companies to construct the facility.

See the DSPS order:
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/09/file_attachments/1423920/Final%20EmO22.pdf

See more on the alternative care facility:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-announces-construction-of-alternative-care-facility-at-wisconsin-state-fair-park/

See COVID-19 resources and information:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The state's district attorneys are asking the state Elections Commission to consider possible alternatives to requiring candidates to circulate nomination papers.

In a letter to the commission this week, the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association

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noted the process of circulating nomination papers, which begins Wednesday, "is contrary to the health emergency orders and science of how the virus spreads." The letter notes there are no options to circulate and certify the papers electronically and circulators currently are required to witness each signature in person.

WDAA President Louis Molepske, the Portage County DA and a former Dem lawmaker, told WisPolitics.com there are also questions for prosecutors on whether circulating papers are considered an essential function under the guv's stay-at-home order, not to mention the health risks to circulators and signers of being in close proximity during the process.

"It's basically a process that is a petri dish of problems," Molepske said.

Dean Knudson, Elections Commission chair and a former GOP lawmaker, said the agency plans to discuss the issue at tomorrow's meeting. Still, he said the commission lacks the power to issue emergency rules to make accommodations for candidates faced with circulating nomination papers amid the pandemic. He noted candidates still have the option to mail nomination papers to supporters, who could fill them out at home and mail them back.

Knudson said he wondered if lawmakers, who also must collect signatures, will be "highly motivated" to address the requirement in an upcoming legislative package to deal with the virus.

Still, Knudson also said he believes circulating nomination papers can't be hindered by the guv's order.

"That's a very different question than whether it's a smart thing to do right now. I'm not sure too many people want to do business as usual," Knudson said.

Current law requires signatures to be turned into the Elections Commission by June 1. Assembly candidates need a minimum of 200 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot, while those seeking a seat in the Senate need at least 400.

The WDAA request comes as lawmakers elsewhere are also grappling with the issue. A bipartisan group of candidates in Massachusetts asked the state's highest court to grant them relief from requirements they gather signatures during the pandemic to get on the fall ballot.

Read the WDAA letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/wdaa-letter/

-- A new update from the state Elections Commission shows an uptick in absentee ballot requests for the spring election, even though the deadline to seek them passed nearly a week ago.

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Still, the agency said that is because local clerks are still catching up on data entry.

That's also the reason the agency cited for the update showing about 70 municipalities that haven't reported sending or receiving any absentee ballots.

Today's notice says clerks in many smaller communities don't have direct access to the system to enter updates on absentee ballots, meaning they are relying on county clerks to do it for them.

"At this point, no one should assume that the clerks have not fulfilled requests based on the data (or lack of data) in the spreadsheet," the commission said.

Statewide, just over 99 percent of absentee ballots requested were mailed, according to the update. That left 12,064 ballots that hadn't been logged as mailed.

Florence County, in northern Wisconsin, reported 82.6 percent of the ballots requested had been mailed. Two communities were listed as not mailing any ballots even though a combined 33 had been requested from their residents.

See more:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6839

-- The three remaining elections scheduled this year would be conducted almost entirely by mail-in ballot, under a proposal released today by Assembly Dems.

The proposal backed by the chamber's top Dems seeks to send every registered voter in the state an absentee ballot and remove the requirement for a witness signature. Polling locations would be closed to all except the disabled and those who struggle to read, write or understand English.

It would also suspend voter ID requirements for voting in 2020 elections and move the voter registration deadline back to five days before an election, matching the deadline in current law for registered voters to request an absentee ballot.

Calling the April 7 election "an avoidable tragedy" that forced voters "to make the impossible choice between risking their health and exercising their right to vote," Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz said the move was urgently needed to "maximize voter accessibility."

"Moving to a Vote by Mail system will protect our democracy and keep Wisconsinites safe," the Oshkosh Dem said.

Republican legislative leaders were not immediately available to comment, but were opposed to implementing a wide-scale mail-in election in the days ahead of the April 7

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election.

Three elections are still scheduled for the remainder of the year, including: a May 12 special election for the 7th CD between Sen. Tom Tiffany, R-Minocqua, and Wausau school board member Tricia Zunker; a partisan primary on August 11; and the general election on Nov. 3.

The Dem legislation would provide a sum sufficient to cover additional postage and printing costs, $1 million to update the voter registration system to account for the extended deadline and $3 million in the next fiscal year for a public information campaign to promote the mail-in voting system this year.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/rep-hintz-vote-by-mail-legislation-introduced/

See the bill:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200409VoteByMailBill.pdf

-- Marquette University will furlough approximately 250 employees to make up for a $15 million budget shortfall caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a memo yesterday to staff, the Catholic private university in Milwaukee said an increase in costs due to COVID-19 and the refund of half a semester's worth of housing fees caused "financial strain" and forced its hand on the matter.

"Our future financial health depends on the demand for online Summer Studies, our ability to virtually recruit next year's incoming class, and how Marquette and other private universities will benefit from a government stimulus package," the memo read. "Sadly, the entire world is suffering from the devastating human and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic -- Marquette is not immune to these challenges."

Additionally, Marquette said it has suspended all university travel, reduced discretionary spending and suspended all nonessential hiring and merit increases.

The furlough begins after April 17, according to the memo. While those furloughed won't receive pay, they will retain benefits like medical, dental and vision insurance, as well as tuition remissions. Marquette said it would pay both employer and employee portions of insurance premiums throughout the pandemic.

Marquette said there may be "other significant decisions" down the road to mitigate the financial strain, if the virus' onslaught continues.

University spokeswoman Lynn Griffith told WisPolitics.com the memo would "serve as our statement on the matter."

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Read the memo:
https://www.marquette.edu/email/today/coronavirus-staff-4-08-20.php

-- One of U.S. Rep. Ron Kind's 3rd CD challengers is "stranded overseas" during the coronavirus pandemic.

Eau Claire businessman John Garske said his wife, Galina, had been teaching U.S. service members in Vilseck, Germany, and that a U.S. Department of Defense stop order blocked her and their son from returning to Wisconsin. So, he said he flew out to them instead.

"After communicating our specific situation, (DoD) are now telling me that I and my family are exempt from the stop movement order and we are scheduled to return to Wisconsin by the end of April, but this is a unique time," he said in a statement. "Even with the necessary cancelling of two fundraisers, our campaign continues to connect with residents in Western Wisconsin and that shows in our positive fundraising numbers this year."

He said his campaign, Garske for Congress, raised over $120,000 in contributions in the first quarter of 2020.

Garske is one of five Republicans who have launched a bid to challenge the longstanding western Wisconsin congressman.

Others include: Derrick Van Orden, a former Navy SEAL who grew up in southeastern Wisconsin and then moved back to the state after his military career; Brandon Cook, who wrote on his Facebook page he's running as a "common sense Conservative Republican;" Jessi Ebben, a public relations professional in Eau Claire; and Kevin Ruscher, who bills himself on his Facebook page as "an anti-Trump Republican" who has "never liked the guy."

See more:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200408GARSKE.pdf

-- Jeff Weber, president of the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, says Tuesday's in-person voting will "undoubtedly" lead to a spike in the COVID-19 infection rate.

"We have nurses and other health care workers who will die because of the work they do," Weber said during a webinar hosted by U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee. "Everyday, we are on the front lines, and this pandemic is about to get far, far worse because of what we witnessed Tuesday."

Moore said holding in-person voting during the viral outbreak was "absolutely

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unnecessary," ripping the move as "one of the most cruel tricks pulled out of the Republican playbook in their very full quiver of tricks to suppress the vote."

She also thanked front-line health care workers for putting themselves in harm's way to keep people safe.

"The damage this will cause, we are not ready for it," Weber said. "We have barebones staffing, insufficient infrastructure and equipment, and a lack of care for the health care workers themselves."

Moore also touched on some of the factors leading to African-Americans in Wisconsin and elsewhere dying from the virus at higher rates than other groups.

"If you live in the inner city, you have housing conditions that don't necessarily allow you to social distance as well as other places," she said. "When you consider the dearth of health care, the lack of health insurance, the underlying health problems -- asthma, diabetes."

Despite these challenges, Moore sees an opportunity for positive change amid the current uncertainty. As more information is gathered about the disproportionate impacts of the virus, she said "it opens the door to a larger discussion about really addressing health care disparities."

She also bashed the Trump administration's handling of the pandemic, noting the federal government sent a large amount of personal protective equipment and ventilators to China early on in the outbreak.

"That was a very humanitarian thing, but it left us bereft of equipment while we were in denial," she said.

-- Wisconsin hospitals are currently treating 446 patients for COVID-19 with less than half of those in ICU, according to a new update from the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

The update includes stats such as the number of intensive care beds available -- about one-third of the 1,311 the state has -- and other information that Republican lawmakers have been clamoring for amid the pandemic.

For example, state hospitals also have 1,233 general use bedside ventilators with 330 ventilated patients.

A WHA spokesman said the summary is a collaboration with the state Department of Health Services to make the information more widely available.

See the update:

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https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update

-- Foxconn is reporting to the state that it employed enough workers last year to qualify for state tax credits under the agreement established under then-Gov. Scott Walker.

A letter sent from Foxconn to WEDC chief Missy Hughes says the company directly employed more than 550 full-time employees at the end of the 2019 reporting year. Plus the letter points to the company's economic impact on southeast Wisconsin, adding more than 100 different companies are involved with developing the Wisconn Valley Science and Technology Park.

The contract with the state shows Foxconn had to have a minimum of 520 full-time jobs in the state by the end of 2019 to qualify for job creation tax credits.WEDC expects to have an auditor's report on Foxconn's latest annual project summary in mid-May.

But the Evers administration has raised concerns about whether the project meets the terms of the contract. Since many details of the project have changed, the Evers administration has questioned if Foxconn can still earn tax credits under the agreement, regardless of how many jobs are created.

"Our conversations with Foxconn about aligning the contract with the project continue," Hughes said in a statement. "It is WEDC's objective to do so in order to support the project."

Once the independent audit is completed, WEDC will review that report along with the company's latest project overview. The process is expected to take several months.

See Foxconn's letter to Hughes: http://www.wisbusiness.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Foxconn-letter-to-WEDC.pdf

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April 16: WisPolitics.com/Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon with State Party Chairs

WisPolitics.com and the Milwaukee Press Club are holding a virtual event on the spring election during the lunch hour on Thursday with state GOP Chair Andrew Hitt and state Democratic Party Chair Ben Wikler.

They will answer questions from a panel of three journalists starting at noon and going until 1 p.m. Adrienne Pedersen, host of WISN-TV's "UpFront" program, WTMJ-TV anchor Charles Benson, and Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief Craig Gilbert will ask questions of the party chairs.

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You must register in advance using the form below. Then you will be sent a link on Thursday morning to view the event live.

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https://www.jsonline.com/story/sports/2020/04/09/university-wisconsin-wont-grant-seniors-another-season/5125502002/

Channel 3000: Alternative care facility to be built at Wisconsin State Fair Park
https://www.channel3000.com/alternative-care-facility-to-be-built-at-wisconsin-state-fair-park/

Politico: Senate fails to approve new coronavirus relief after partisan stalemate
https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/09/senate-coronavirus-relief-deal-176804

NYT: The virus is sickening and killing low-wage workers in meat plants.
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/09/us/coronavirus-live-updates.html

Roll Call: 'Put a doctor in the House': Campaigning on pandemic's front lines
https://rollcall.com/2020/04/09/put-a-doctor-in-the-house-campaigning-on-pandemics-front-lines/

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April 8, 2020

Dear Governor Evers:

In the last month you have had to make very difficult decisions to keep us all safe from the coronavirus pandemic. Your Safer at Home Order issued on March 24th has helped to keep us safe and flatten the curve. Taverns and restaurants have been effectively shut down since the March 17th Executive Order. While we understand the need for the Executive Orders they have caused severe economic hardship to the hospitality industry. Supper clubs, taverns and restaurants will have been closed to regular business for 38 days when the Safer at Home Order expires on April 24th.

No businesses have suffered during the pandemic more than the hospitality industry. Since March 1, the restaurant and tavern industry in the U.S. has lost more than three million jobs and $25 billion in sales. Despite the aid offered by the CARE Act, Laurent Grandet, an analyst at investment banker Guggenheim, estimates that 20% of bars and restaurants won't reopen. Overall, Moody has revised its 2020 forecast for industry sales from a 2% to 4% growth to a 10% decline. Estimates that once fully calculated, the unemployment rate within the hospitality industry will exceed the rate during the Great Depression of 24.9%.

The impact is even greater in Wisconsin given the number of licensed premises. On premise retailers provide over 120,000 jobs and contribute over $5 billion to the state's economy generating millions in tax revenue and license fees at the federal, state and local level.

The safety of our customers, employees, family and friends is of our utmost concern as we prepare to welcome them back to our supper clubs, restaurants and taverns on April 24th. Today, thousands of businesses are currently operating safely under the Safer at Home Order. It is critical the thousands of businesses in the hospitality industry and our employees get safely back to work.

We want to coordinate our efforts with you and Secretary Palm to ensure we have a statewide uniform standard in place to continue to practice social distancing to protect our employees and customers. This process is already working well at the thousands of businesses that remain open in Wisconsin during the Safer at Home Order. Wisconsin's hospitality industry is ready to safely welcome back our customers.

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Our Members understand the role they were called on to help defeat this virus. However, there is no sugar coating the fact the tremendous economic toll it has taken on the industry and its employees, many are at the end of their economic rope.

The hospitality industry needs a financial bridge to survive. Wisconsin received $1.9 billion under the CARE Act to help repair our state's economy. The hospitality industry did its part to help keep people safe during this health emergency and now the state must step up and do its part to help small business survive this economic calamity.

We need your help. Using a small portion of the CARE Act revenue, we urge you to establish a tax free $25,000 Hospitality Bridge Grant for Wisconsin's supper club, tavern and restaurant owners. The $25,000 grant represents an average of lost revenue for 38 days under the Executive Orders. The Hospitality Bridge Grant will allow supper clubs, taverns and restaurants to pay their bills and stay in business while continuing to provide jobs and contribute to the local state and federal tax base.

We are thankful for the thousands of health care workers on the front lines fighting this pandemic. The importance of their work and the steps you have taken have helped to effectively fight this deadly virus in Wisconsin. With the April 24th expiration of the Safer at Home Order two weeks away the employers and employees of the hospitality industry are ready to get back to work. With the financial help of federal and state government the hospitality industry can continue to be a strong component of Wisconsin's economy.

Sincerely,

Chris Marsicano, President

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Importance: High



Assembly GOP leadership will have a conference call **today at 11 a.m.** Call-in information is below:

888-732-6049
ID: 5099133#

If a legislator cannot call in, please let the speaker's office know.

Thank you.

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-- Challenger Jill Karofsky outraised Justice Daniel Kelly more than 3-to-1 over the past six weeks, fueled in part by nearly $1.3 million in donations from the state Democratic Party, according to a WisPolitics.com check of their campaign finance reports.

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Karofsky, a Dane County judge, reported raising nearly $2 million between Feb. 4 and March 23. She spent more than $1.4 million and had $643,806 in the bank.

Over the past dozen years, the previous best haul had been $866,030 in a pre-election period for a state Supreme Court race.

Kelly, meanwhile, raised $591,790, spent $658,344 and had $396,310 cash on hand to close the reporting period.

Kelly reported $65,380 in donations from the state GOP.

Meanwhile, the Dem contributions to Karofsky included $314,969 in in-kind donations covering consulting fees, IT costs, online ads and polling. The rest of the party's backing came through transfers totaling $973,000 for the period.

The donations mark a significant change from past Supreme Court races, when the state GOP has been a more active participant in direct giving to a candidate. In the 2018 race, for example, the Republican Party of Wisconsin was the biggest donor to Michael Screnock's campaign, giving him $412,905 in a losing cause. In that race, the Dem Party made about $10,000 in in-kind donations to Rebecca Dallet as she won an open seat.

Karofsky also has knocked Kelly in this year's race, because he headquartered his campaign out of the state GOP headquarters. The incumbent's report shows Kelly paid the state GOP for office rent, staff wages and mailing service.

See Karofsky's cover sheet:
https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106129SpringPre-Election2020cd0fa330202090024PMGAB2Report.pdf

See Kelly's cover sheet:
https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0105892SpringPre-Election20209181d330202061517PMGAB2Report.pdf

-- The state Dem Party raised $3.4 million during the six-week pre-election period, more than 10 times what its GOP counterpart pulled in.

The state GOP reported raising $312,643 during the period, spending $267,098 and finishing with $700,230 in the bank.

The Dem Party, meanwhile, spent $1.2 million and finished with nearly $4 million in the bank.

The state GOP's biggest donation was $100,000 from Beloit billionaire Diane Hendricks.

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Meanwhile, the Dem Party reported eight donations of at least $100,000 with the largest contribution of $900,000 from Karla Jurvetson, a California doctor.

Other notable donations included $490,000 from Dem megadonor George Soros and $250,000 from LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman. Elise Lawson, a Madison surgeon, and Sage Weil, who lives in Madison and has founded tech companies, each gave $240,000.

See the GOP report:
https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0300173SpringPre-Election20209fb9d330202033137PMCF-2Report.pdf

See the Dem Party cover sheet:
https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0300054SpringPre-Election202051e0f330202090214PMGAB2Report.pdf

-- The Elections Commission is meeting today to discuss preparations for Election Day.

The commission will also go into closed session to discuss litigation.

See the agenda:
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DHS: 1,221 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
19 People Have Died: 109 more cases, 1 more death since Sunday. DHS Sec. Palm at presser announced 15,856 negative tests - 694 fewer than DHS announced over the weekend, now excludes non-residents and duplicated results. Rehash Evers' Safer-at-home" order. Evers and Palm at presser urged continued home staying. Evers: "Stay the course, Wisconsin. The more we all stay safer at home, the sooner we can get

through the worst of this. ... "I'm sure many of us would like to wake up from this nightmare tomorrow morning and say it never happened, but the responsible thing is to plan for the worse and hope for the best." Evers' office also announced a new public-private partnership -- with Exact Sciences, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Promega and UW Health -- to double COVID-19 testing capacity to 3-4K/day. https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-221-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

State Works To Gather Needed Medical Supplies As Coronavirus 'Peak' Looms
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Evers calls for agreement on emergency legislation amid skyrocketing UI claims
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Karofsky, a Dane County judge, reported raising nearly $2 million between Feb. 4 and March 23. She spent more than $1.4 million and had $643,806 in the bank.

Over the past dozen years, the previous best haul had been $866,030 in a pre-election period for a state Supreme Court race.

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Kelly reported $65,380 in donations from the state GOP.

Meanwhile, the Dem contributions to Karofsky included $314,969 in in-kind donations covering consulting fees, IT costs, online ads and polling. The rest of the party's backing came through transfers totaling $973,000 for the period.

The donations mark a significant change from past Supreme Court races, when the state GOP has been a more active participant in direct giving to a candidate. In the 2018 race, for example, the Republican Party of Wisconsin was the biggest donor to Michael Screnock's campaign, giving him $412,905 in a losing cause. In that race, the Dem Party made about $10,000 in in-kind donations to Rebecca Dallet as she won an open seat.

Karofsky also has knocked Kelly in this year's race, because he headquartered his campaign out of the state GOP headquarters. The incumbent's report shows Kelly paid the state GOP for office rent, staff wages and mailing service.

See Karofsky's cover sheet:
https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106129SpringPre-Election2020cd0fa330202090024PMGAB2Report.pdf

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https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0105892SpringPre-Election20209181d330202061517PMGAB2Report.pdf

-- The state Dem Party raised $3.4 million during the six-week pre-election period, more than 10 times what its GOP counterpart pulled in.

The state GOP reported raising $312,643 during the period, spending $267,098 and finishing with $700,230 in the bank.

The Dem Party, meanwhile, spent $1.2 million and finished with nearly $4 million in the bank.

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Meanwhile, the Dem Party reported eight donations of at least $100,000 with the largest contribution of $900,000 from Karla Jurvetson, a California doctor.

Other notable donations included $490,000 from Dem megadonor George Soros and $250,000 from LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman. Elise Lawson, a Madison surgeon, and Sage Weil, who lives in Madison and has founded tech companies, each gave $240,000.

See the GOP report:
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-- The Elections Commission is meeting today to discuss preparations for Election Day.

The commission will also go into closed session to discuss litigation.

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19 People Have Died: 109 more cases, 1 more death since Sunday. DHS Sec. Palm at presser announced 15,856 negative tests - 694 fewer than DHS announced over the weekend, now excludes non-residents and duplicated results. Rehash Evers' Safer-at-home" order. Evers and Palm at presser urged continued home staying. Evers: "Stay the course, Wisconsin. The more we all stay safer at home, the sooner we can get

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spread of coronavirus.

WTC President Tom Still in a statement suggested the guv account for all companies "whose contributions can bolster the COVID-19 fight," including healthcare suppliers and tech startups.

Evers yesterday tweeted that he would today issue a "safer at home" order banning work travel for all "non-essential" businesses. He said more details on the measure would come out today, but that travel for businesses such as grocery stores or many in the healthcare industry could continue.

GOP legislative leaders have knocked the guv for creating "mass amounts of confusion" on the rollout's details.

See Evers' tweets:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1242097501575901187

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200323WTC.pdf

-- Ahead of Evers' announcement, GOP state Sen. Dave Craig is calling for new legislative oversight if future orders are issued telling Wisconsinites to stay home.

Along with requiring legislative approval of a shelter-in-place order, the Big Bend Republican is calling for legislative passive review of any emergency declaration after 30 days and an affirmative vote for one lasting longer than 60 days.

He also wants new steps before banning some gatherings and an immediate report to the Legislature on arrests for mass gathering violations.

"The constitution was not designed to be disregarded in a time of crisis, in fact, it was specifically designed to be most valuable and applicable during times of crisis when liberties are most at risk," Craig said.

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DHS: 416 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin
5 People Have Died From New Coronavirus In [FdL, Ozaukee, Milwaukee counties], According To DHS Website: 7,050 negative tests, too. DHS Sec. Palm at presser said social distancing is the only way to slow the spread and spare the health care system, "The larger the number of people who have the disease at one time, the larger the subset of those people who will have severe illness and require hospitalization," touted more hospital equipment including > 54K respirators, > 130K face masks. Community spread in Brown, Columbia, Dane, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Walworth, and Waukesha counties. Rehash Evers' stay-home order.
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Report: Wisconsin Is In Better Position To Face Economic Turmoil Than In 2007

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WTC President Tom Still in a statement suggested the guv account for all companies "whose contributions can bolster the COVID-19 fight," including healthcare suppliers and tech startups.

Evers yesterday tweeted that he would today issue a "safer at home" order banning work travel for all "non-essential" businesses. He said more details on the measure would come out today, but that travel for businesses such as grocery stores or many in the healthcare industry could continue.

GOP legislative leaders have knocked the guv for creating "mass amounts of confusion" on the rollout's details.

See Evers' tweets:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1242097501575901187

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200323WTC.pdf

-- Ahead of Evers' announcement, GOP state Sen. Dave Craig is calling for new legislative oversight if future orders are issued telling Wisconsinites to stay home.

Along with requiring legislative approval of a shelter-in-place order, the Big Bend Republican is calling for legislative passive review of any emergency declaration after 30 days and an affirmative vote for one lasting longer than 60 days.

He also wants new steps before banning some gatherings and an immediate report to the Legislature on arrests for mass gathering violations.

"The constitution was not designed to be disregarded in a time of crisis, in fact, it was specifically designed to be most valuable and applicable during times of crisis when liberties are most at risk," Craig said.

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-- Despite warnings that 60 percent of Wisconsin municipalities are short of necessary poll workers for April 7, the Elections Commission today couldn't agree on possible guidance for a federal judge on whether the election should be delayed.

Ahead of today's meeting, staff noted the shortage of poll workers is so severe in 111 communities that they can't even staff one polling site. Another 126 are unable to open all of the polling locations they'd like.

Against that backdrop have emerged a series of calls and a consolidated federal lawsuit seeking to delay the April 7 election. On the ballot are presidential primaries, a race for the state Supreme Court and dozens of local offices and referendums.

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But the commission rejected on a 4-2 vote a Dem motion to recommend federal Judge William Conley delay the April 7 election roughly a month to coincide with the May 12 7th Congressional District special election.

The commission then split along party lines on a GOP motion to advise Conley not to move the date of the election.

Dem Ann Jacobs slammed that motion, noting the commission had just heard from staff about poll worker shortages.

"My concern is we are pretending with our fingers crossed and a unicorn wish that we're going to be able to cobble together a way to administer this election," she said. "We're going to have to answer to voters in these communities when the clerk goes with their key at 6:30 in the morning to open up the polling site and there are no poll workers."

GOP Commissioner Bob Spindell pointed to state statutes allowing for the two major political parties to provide nominees to serve as supplemental poll workers. He said he had already provided the list of critical shortages to the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

RPW spokeswoman Alesha Guenther confirmed Spindell had been in touch and told WisPolitics.com the party is "trying to be as helpful as possible by doing everything we can to encourage our supporters to volunteer if they are able."

Spokeswoman Courtney Beyer said the state Dem Party was not currently working with the commission to recruit poll workers and was not aware if any of the panel's Dems had reached out.

Spindell also suggested the commission launch a public relations campaign urging voters to return their absentee ballots.

But Dem Mark Thomsen slammed Spindell's suggestion, saying it did nothing to address the outstanding issue that coronavirus-related delays in sending and receiving absentee ballots could lead to some votes not being counted because they were received after the Election Day deadline.

"To do that without modifying the schedule to count them is intentionally disenfranchising people," he said. "If we advertise sending us absentee ballots and then we don't count them, that's what you call rigging an election."

The commission also rejected a motion that would have asked Conley to move back the deadline for mail-in ballots from being received on Election Day to being postmarked on Election Day. Chair Dean Knudson joined all three Dems in opposition.

Dems opposed a piece of the motion affirming the election should be held on April 7, while Knudson highlighted "ripple effects" that could interfere with the local and state canvass process.

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-- Municipal and county clerks say the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a shortage of nearly 7,000 poll workers.

In a survey conducted by Elections Commission officials, 237 jurisdictions indicated that as of 6:30 p.m. last night, they would be unable to man some or all polling places because they were short over 3,380 poll workers.

An additional 542 jurisdictions said they had a total of 3,469 "fewer staff than needed for efficient operations" while 541 jursidictions said they were sufficiently staffed and only missing a total of 86 workers.

Jurisdictions facing "serious" or "critical" shortages were spread across nearly every county in the state with no geographic trends.

Of the 1,850 jurisdictions in the state, 530 did not respond to the survey.

Still, Administrator Meagan Wolfe said at this morning's meeting the survey was conducted ahead of a number of municipalities consolidating polling places into a central location.

See the WEC survey:
https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-03/Complete%20Packet%203_31.pdf

-- Under 5 percent of the city of Milwaukee's in-person polling sites could be open on April 7 due to a shortage of workers.

Milwaukee Election Commission Executive Director Neil Albrecht said today in a teleconference that he expects "10 to 12 or possibly fewer" open sites out of the normal 180.

"We're down to 400 staff from the typical 1,400 that we would use," he said. "180 voting sites in the city will not be possible, and the city needs to be prepared for that possibility."

Albrecht said the city will most likely have to consolidate its polls into voting centers instead of the more local, walkable stations residents are used to. He said the city will also not be able to provide transportation services for residents and that he's "hopeful" community organizations would take up that responsibility.

He highlighted time remains for residents to submit absentee ballots, either by mail or via five drive-up locations throughout the city. But he cautioned each station could see at least a 45-minute wait time.

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"We just don't have the staffing or capacity to expand," Albrecht said. "Workers are truly the unsung heroes right now, putting themselves at some level of risk every time they interact with the public."

-- Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell says it was his "good faith belief" the advice he issued on indefinitely confined status, which allows voters to avoid providing a copy of their photo ID when voting absentee, was consistent with that of the state Elections Commission.

This comes after the state Supreme Court this afternoon barred McDonell from advising all voters they could use that status because of Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order. The conservative-dominated court ordered him to refrain from issuing guidance on indefinitely confined status outside the measures approved by the Elections Commission.

Under that guidance, voters can claim the status based on age, physical illness, infirmity or being disabled for an indefinite period and cannot use it "simply as a means to avoid the photo ID requirement."

McDonell told WisPolitics.com he has "no problem" complying with that order.

"For me this makes complying with the Supreme Court order easy," he said in an email. "My intent at all times was to protect the safety of seniors afraid to leave their homes due to this pandemic."

McDonell had argued that he updated his original advice in a March 25 social media post with a stance in line with the advice approved by the Elections Commission. The court noted that didn't prevent McDonell from offering erroneous advice in the future.

The order did not indicate any dissent.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, praised the ruling.

"Today, a unanimous Wisconsin Supreme Court decision soundly rejected the far-left politics of clerks in our state who were trying to undermine an election," he said.

Conservative Justice Daniel Kelly, who is on the ballot next week, didn't participate in the case. He previously recused himself from another election-related case, saying he didn't want to sit on a suit that could impact his election.

Read the order:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200331Order.pdf

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-- Gov. Tony Evers continued to announce steps to deal with the pandemic while asking the president to issue a major disaster declaration for the entire state.

The requested declaration, which would cover all 72 counties and the state's federally recognized tribes, would allow the state to access programs both to deal with the pandemic and the recovery, Evers said.

In the letter, the administration wrote resources "of local governments and supporting private entities are strained, and financial resources that were reasonably expected to be at the State's
disposal to respond are being affected by the impact to the economy of the State. Business
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See the release:
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-- Despite warnings that 60 percent of Wisconsin municipalities are short of necessary poll workers for April 7, the Elections Commission today couldn't agree on possible guidance for a federal judge on whether the election should be delayed.

Ahead of today's meeting, staff noted the shortage of poll workers is so severe in 111 communities that they can't even staff one polling site. Another 126 are unable to open all of the polling locations they'd like.

Against that backdrop have emerged a series of calls and a consolidated federal lawsuit seeking to delay the April 7 election. On the ballot are presidential primaries, a race for the state Supreme Court and dozens of local offices and referendums.

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But the commission rejected on a 4-2 vote a Dem motion to recommend federal Judge William Conley delay the April 7 election roughly a month to coincide with the May 12 7th Congressional District special election.

The commission then split along party lines on a GOP motion to advise Conley not to move the date of the election.

Dem Ann Jacobs slammed that motion, noting the commission had just heard from staff about poll worker shortages.

"My concern is we are pretending with our fingers crossed and a unicorn wish that we're going to be able to cobble together a way to administer this election," she said. "We're going to have to answer to voters in these communities when the clerk goes with their key at 6:30 in the morning to open up the polling site and there are no poll workers."

GOP Commissioner Bob Spindell pointed to state statutes allowing for the two major political parties to provide nominees to serve as supplemental poll workers. He said he had already provided the list of critical shortages to the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

RPW spokeswoman Alesha Guenther confirmed Spindell had been in touch and told WisPolitics.com the party is "trying to be as helpful as possible by doing everything we can to encourage our supporters to volunteer if they are able."

Spokeswoman Courtney Beyer said the state Dem Party was not currently working with the commission to recruit poll workers and was not aware if any of the panel's Dems had reached out.

Spindell also suggested the commission launch a public relations campaign urging voters to return their absentee ballots.

But Dem Mark Thomsen slammed Spindell's suggestion, saying it did nothing to address the outstanding issue that coronavirus-related delays in sending and receiving absentee ballots could lead to some votes not being counted because they were received after the Election Day deadline.

"To do that without modifying the schedule to count them is intentionally disenfranchising people," he said. "If we advertise sending us absentee ballots and then we don't count them, that's what you call rigging an election."

The commission also rejected a motion that would have asked Conley to move back the deadline for mail-in ballots from being received on Election Day to being postmarked on Election Day. Chair Dean Knudson joined all three Dems in opposition.

Dems opposed a piece of the motion affirming the election should be held on April 7, while Knudson highlighted "ripple effects" that could interfere with the local and state canvass process.

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-- Municipal and county clerks say the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a shortage of nearly 7,000 poll workers.

In a survey conducted by Elections Commission officials, 237 jurisdictions indicated that as of 6:30 p.m. last night, they would be unable to man some or all polling places because they were short over 3,380 poll workers.

An additional 542 jurisdictions said they had a total of 3,469 "fewer staff than needed for efficient operations" while 541 jursidictions said they were sufficiently staffed and only missing a total of 86 workers.

Jurisdictions facing "serious" or "critical" shortages were spread across nearly every county in the state with no geographic trends.

Of the 1,850 jurisdictions in the state, 530 did not respond to the survey.

Still, Administrator Meagan Wolfe said at this morning's meeting the survey was conducted ahead of a number of municipalities consolidating polling places into a central location.

See the WEC survey:
https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-03/Complete%20Packet%203_31.pdf

-- Under 5 percent of the city of Milwaukee's in-person polling sites could be open on April 7 due to a shortage of workers.

Milwaukee Election Commission Executive Director Neil Albrecht said today in a teleconference that he expects "10 to 12 or possibly fewer" open sites out of the normal 180.

"We're down to 400 staff from the typical 1,400 that we would use," he said. "180 voting sites in the city will not be possible, and the city needs to be prepared for that possibility."

Albrecht said the city will most likely have to consolidate its polls into voting centers instead of the more local, walkable stations residents are used to. He said the city will also not be able to provide transportation services for residents and that he's "hopeful" community organizations would take up that responsibility.

He highlighted time remains for residents to submit absentee ballots, either by mail or via five drive-up locations throughout the city. But he cautioned each station could see at least a 45-minute wait time.

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"We just don't have the staffing or capacity to expand," Albrecht said. "Workers are truly the unsung heroes right now, putting themselves at some level of risk every time they interact with the public."

-- Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell says it was his "good faith belief" the advice he issued on indefinitely confined status, which allows voters to avoid providing a copy of their photo ID when voting absentee, was consistent with that of the state Elections Commission.

This comes after the state Supreme Court this afternoon barred McDonell from advising all voters they could use that status because of Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order. The conservative-dominated court ordered him to refrain from issuing guidance on indefinitely confined status outside the measures approved by the Elections Commission.

Under that guidance, voters can claim the status based on age, physical illness, infirmity or being disabled for an indefinite period and cannot use it "simply as a means to avoid the photo ID requirement."

McDonell told WisPolitics.com he has "no problem" complying with that order.

"For me this makes complying with the Supreme Court order easy," he said in an email. "My intent at all times was to protect the safety of seniors afraid to leave their homes due to this pandemic."

McDonell had argued that he updated his original advice in a March 25 social media post with a stance in line with the advice approved by the Elections Commission. The court noted that didn't prevent McDonell from offering erroneous advice in the future.

The order did not indicate any dissent.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, praised the ruling.

"Today, a unanimous Wisconsin Supreme Court decision soundly rejected the far-left politics of clerks in our state who were trying to undermine an election," he said.

Conservative Justice Daniel Kelly, who is on the ballot next week, didn't participate in the case. He previously recused himself from another election-related case, saying he didn't want to sit on a suit that could impact his election.

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-- Gov. Tony Evers continued to announce steps to deal with the pandemic while asking the president to issue a major disaster declaration for the entire state.

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Evers' order, which begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow, lists a host of businesses -- from grocery stores and pharmacies to hardware stores and banks -- that will be allowed to remain open. Still, many services -- such as legal and accounting -- are being directed to avoid person-to-person conduct as much as possible and work from home where possible.

And the order bans nonessential travel for state residents while still allowing them to go to the doctor, the grocery store and the pharmacy.

A Milwaukee business group pressed Evers over the weekend for such a move. Meanwhile, various GOP lawmakers questioned the need to issue such a far-reaching

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order and asked what changed from when the guv suggested on Friday that he wasn't considering such a measure.

Sen. Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, raised concerns about the length of Evers' order, which runs through April 24, and how citizens will comply, charging he was "using a sledgehammer rather than a scalpel to address this crisis."

Evers banned public and private gatherings of any number of people unless they are part of a "single household or living unit," with limited exceptions. At the same time, those whose homes are unsafe or become so, such as domestic violence victims, "are permitted and urged to leave."

While the order still allows outdoor activity such as hiking and visiting public and state parks (which are waiving fees), it requires social distancing requirements to be followed. It also bans contact sports such as basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer or football because participants can't meet social distancing requirements.

The guv also ordered playgrounds closed.

Evers said on a conference call this afternoon the "vast majority" of Wisconsin employers will remain open under his order. But he acknowledged the impact on small businesses, saying his administration was exploring ways to help them.

"It calls for sacrifice, no question about that," Evers said.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment on the move. Yesterday, they criticized Evers for announcing plans to issue the order with releasing details, saying it led to confusion.

-- Evers' order includes a lengthy list of essential businesses that will be allowed to continue operations, though they were directed to limit person-to-person contact and meet social distancing requirements.

Door-to-door solicitation was also banned, regardless of its purpose.

Those companies that will be allowed to remain open include manufacturers, distributors and supply chain companies producing products and services for industries that range from healthcare to national defense.

The list of essential businesses include:

*Stores selling groceries and medicine, including bakeries and farm and produce stands;
*Restaurants, though they are limited to take out and delivery; bars, including brewpubs,

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wineries and distilleries, will only be allowed carryout sales if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance. Wineries may also utilize shippers' permits;
*Child care centers, though they must prioritize the children of those working in health care;
*Wedding, funerals and religious entities, though they are restricted to gatherings of 10 or fewer people while adhering to social distancing;
*Gas stations and companies that provide supply, repair and sales for automobiles, motorcycles, boats and bicycles.
*Critical trades ranging from plumbers and electricians to exterminators and arborists who "provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residence."
*Organized labor functions such as "the administration of health and welfare funds and personnel checking on the well-being and safety of members providing services" in essential businesses -- provided the checks are done by phone or remotely;
*Hotels and motels, though they must stop guests from gathering in crowds and must shut down pools, hot tubs and exercise centers.

Businesses unsure if they meet the standard to remain open can inquire with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. See more in the next item.

The order is enforceable by local law enforcement, including sheriffs, and violations carry a penalty of up to 30 days in jail, a fine of up to $250 or both. The state order also supersedes local ones that conflict with it.

Evers Chief Legal Counsel Ryan Nilsestuen said police won't be pulling people over and asking for proof their travel is essential. The state is hoping for voluntary compliance.

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-- MMAC President Tim Sheehy said his organization urged Gov. Tony Evers in a Sunday night call to issue a stay-at-home order after a briefing members received from medical professionals that morning.

He said the experience of MMAC members in overseas markets also played a role in the group's pivot to believing such a step was necessary.

Evers on Friday said he didn't expect to issue a stay-at-home order, though he'd follow

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the science on that. But he switched course Monday, saying he made the decision after discussions with medical professionals and business leaders, among others.

Sheehy said on Friday 40 Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce were prepared to sign a letter outlining the steps they'd been taking to address COVID-19 and why they wanted to keep their businesses open.

But that changed over the weekend as members got more information.

Sheehy said while the group supported the move, members would've appreciated more details on Monday as the guv announced plans to take the step because "anything that knocks us off the center point of certainty causes confusion."

He also said MMAC would've preferred a shorter order than one that runs through April 24 with adjustments made as needed.

"Businesses want more than anything certainty and clarity," Sheehy said. "How long is this tunnel? I can do this for two or three weeks and get through it OK. The longer this tunnel is, the worse the economic damage is going to be."

-- A WEDC webpage with information on essential businesses crashed this morning due to a high number of inquiries after the "safer at home" order was issued, but it's now back online.

Agency spokesman David Callender said the site received 30 requests for information in about an hour before going down. Several hours later, the agency tweeted that the site was back up.

See the page:
https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/

-- President Trump and others have been pushing for a quick resumption of economic activity with some arguing the cure can't be worse than the cause.

But Gov. Tony Evers argued that his cure values human life and the economy.

"Obviously, we want a strong economy. Who the hell doesn't?" the guv said. "But the fact of the matter is we have to value a human life at some point at a higher level. I think we have to do both, and that's what this order is all about."

Evers also faced criticism yesterday for not releasing details of his order as he announced plans to issue it. He said on today's call those final details had to be worked through before they could be released.

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He pointed to farmers as an example, calling them the "lynchpin" on a chain that includes people who both get their goods to market and make products that keep them working.

"It took a long time to work through each of those. If we would've had that information yesterday, you would've gotten it," Evers said.

Evers also said his administration was still working on a legislative package with leadership and didn't have a price tag for the proposals.

-- State health officials say the coming weeks will tell if new containment measures for the coronavirus outbreak are having a big impact.

Still, they expect the outbreak to get worse before it gets better.

The number of positive cases in Wisconsin increased to 457 from yesterday's 416 as of 2 p.m. today, according to the state Department of Health Services. Dr. Ryan Westergaard, chief medical officer for DHS, says that number could double in the next week "even if we do everything right."

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Evers' order, which begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow, lists a host of businesses -- from grocery stores and pharmacies to hardware stores and banks -- that will be allowed to remain open. Still, many services -- such as legal and accounting -- are being directed to avoid person-to-person conduct as much as possible and work from home where possible.

And the order bans nonessential travel for state residents while still allowing them to go to the doctor, the grocery store and the pharmacy.

A Milwaukee business group pressed Evers over the weekend for such a move. Meanwhile, various GOP lawmakers questioned the need to issue such a far-reaching

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order and asked what changed from when the guv suggested on Friday that he wasn't considering such a measure.

Sen. Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, raised concerns about the length of Evers' order, which runs through April 24, and how citizens will comply, charging he was "using a sledgehammer rather than a scalpel to address this crisis."

Evers banned public and private gatherings of any number of people unless they are part of a "single household or living unit," with limited exceptions. At the same time, those whose homes are unsafe or become so, such as domestic violence victims, "are permitted and urged to leave."

While the order still allows outdoor activity such as hiking and visiting public and state parks (which are waiving fees), it requires social distancing requirements to be followed. It also bans contact sports such as basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer or football because participants can't meet social distancing requirements.

The guv also ordered playgrounds closed.

Evers said on a conference call this afternoon the "vast majority" of Wisconsin employers will remain open under his order. But he acknowledged the impact on small businesses, saying his administration was exploring ways to help them.

"It calls for sacrifice, no question about that," Evers said.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment on the move. Yesterday, they criticized Evers for announcing plans to issue the order with releasing details, saying it led to confusion.

-- Evers' order includes a lengthy list of essential businesses that will be allowed to continue operations, though they were directed to limit person-to-person contact and meet social distancing requirements.

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Businesses unsure if they meet the standard to remain open can inquire with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. See more in the next item.

The order is enforceable by local law enforcement, including sheriffs, and violations carry a penalty of up to 30 days in jail, a fine of up to $250 or both. The state order also supersedes local ones that conflict with it.

Evers Chief Legal Counsel Ryan Nilsestuen said police won't be pulling people over and asking for proof their travel is essential. The state is hoping for voluntary compliance.

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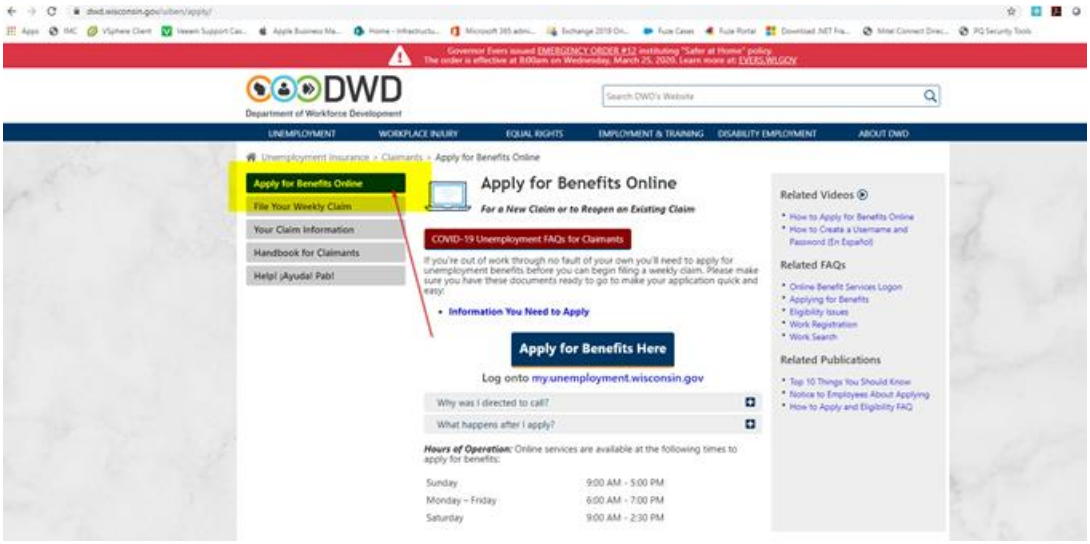
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

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richardmolsonjr@gmail.com
340 Western Ave, Birnamwood, WI 54414
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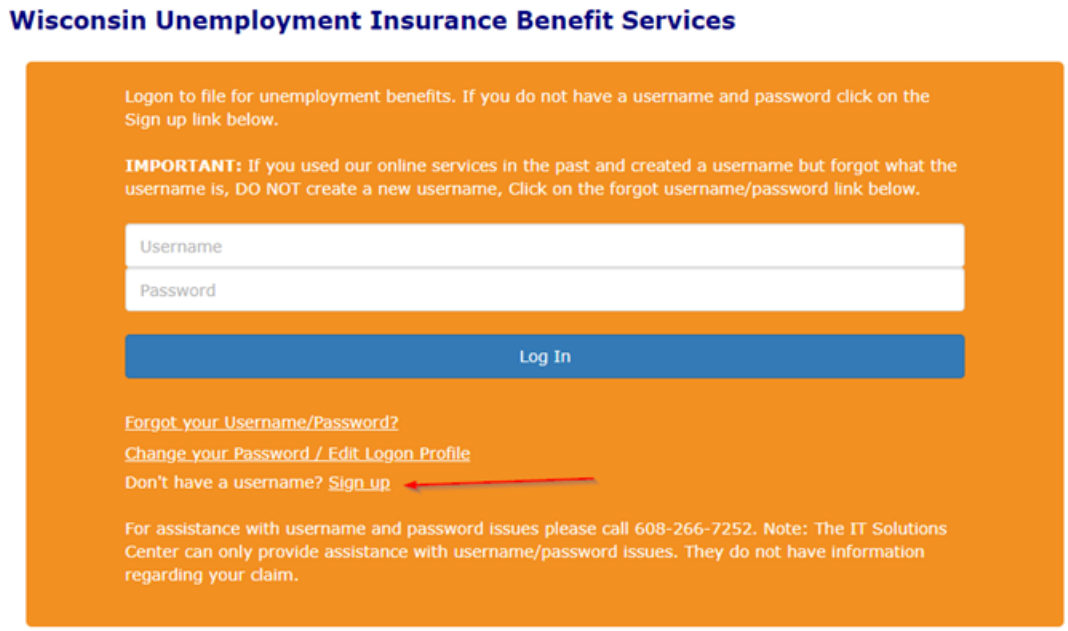
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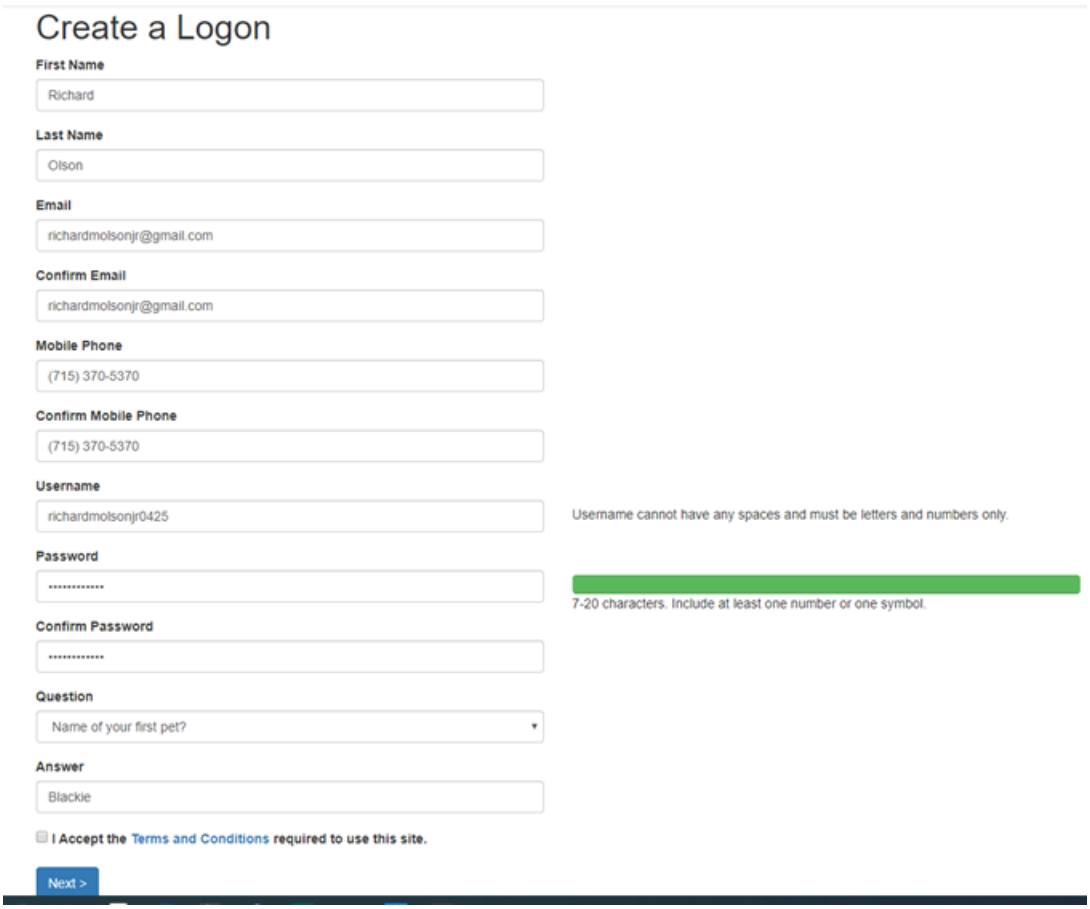
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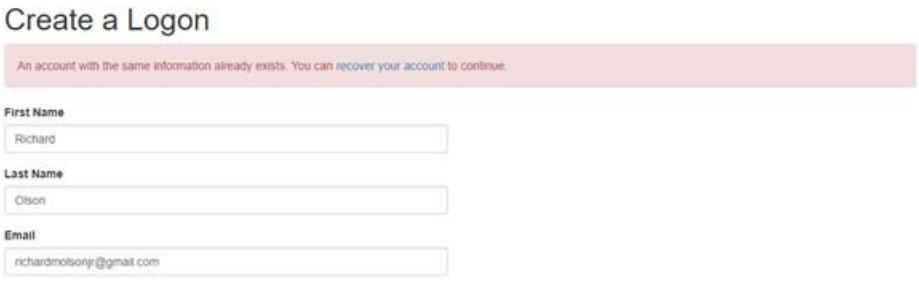
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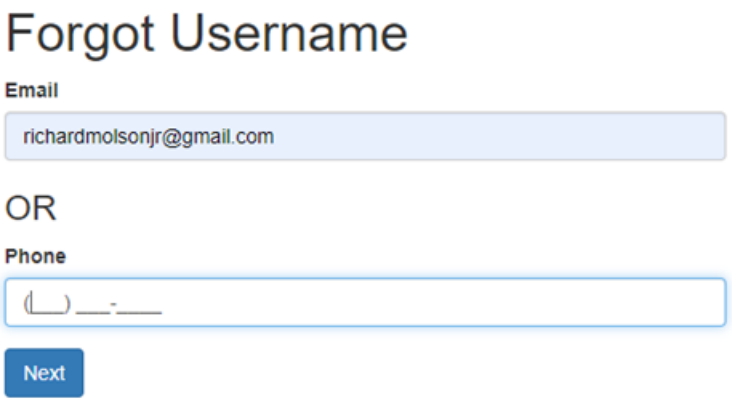


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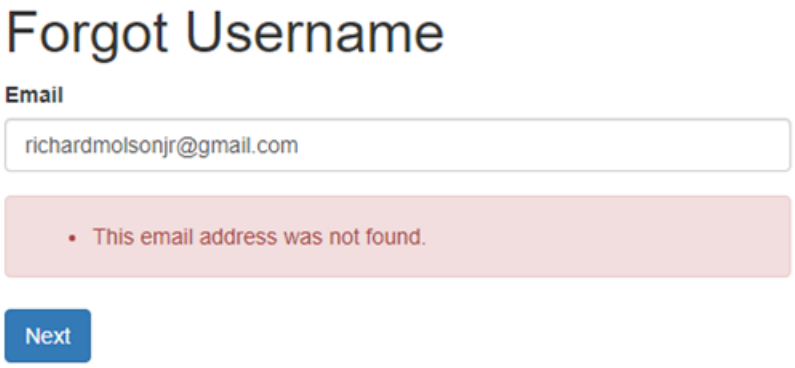


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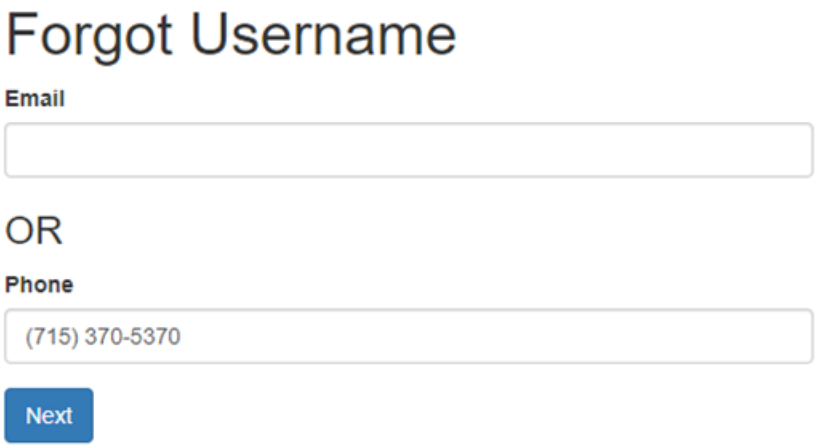


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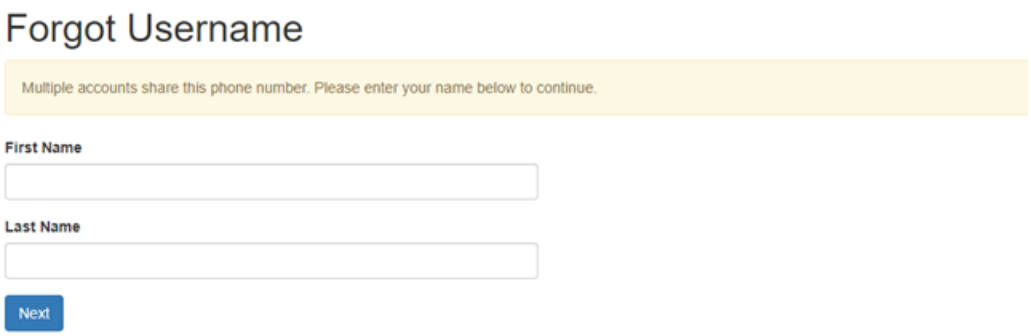


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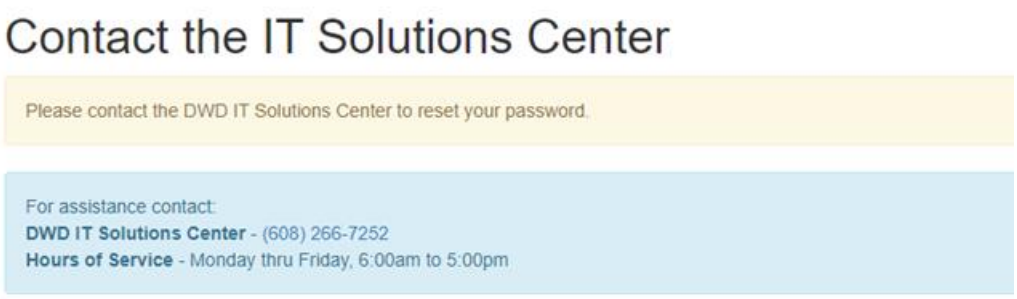


So I type in my name and click Next

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I get this and I have been calling starting at 6 AM every morning this week and it is busy all the way through till 5 PM



Thank you Liz for whatever you can do.

Rich Olson

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:42 PM
To: "'mary@cisgrp.com'" <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: FW: UPDATE: Governor Evers Confirms Drive-Up Religious Services Are Legal

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From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UPDATE: Governor Evers Confirms Drive-Up Religious Services Are Legal

For more information, contact:
Collin Roth | WILL Director of Communication
collin@will-law.org | 414-607-2558

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Governor Evers Confirms Drive-Up Religious Services Are Legal

Prompt response to WILL's letter seeking clarity

The News: Following **a letter** from the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) and attorney Michael Dean, Governor Tony Evers **clarified today** that drive-up religious services are, in fact, permitted under the "Safer at Home" order. WILL and Michael Dean issued the letter Thursday after numerous Wisconsin churches reported that local government officials were using the "Safer at Home" order to prohibit drive-up services.

Governor Evers' Response: Governor Evers promptly issued a **press release** making it clear that churches and religious entities are "essential" and that services may be held whether they are small gatherings of fewer than 10

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people, or larger gatherings such as drive-up services “with congregants staying in cars, avoiding person-to-person contact.”

The Quote: WILL President and General Counsel Rick Esenberg said, “We are grateful that Governor Evers issued a prompt statement to help clarify the ‘Safer at Home’ order does not prohibit drive-up religious services. We hope that local officials take notice of this and immediately cease all attempts to prohibit such services. Any local government that does not comply should know that WILL attorneys are ready, willing and able to take all actions necessary to defend the rights of Wisconsinites.”

Background: Numerous churches around Wisconsin have planned drive-up religious services this weekend to be conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. But religious leaders have reported that some local government officials have interpreted Governor Evers’ “Safer at Home” order to prohibit this type of religious gathering. This interpretation conflicts with both Governor Evers’ order and the Wisconsin Constitution’s protection of religion under Article I, § 18. Seeking clarity, WILL and attorney Michael Dean wrote a joint letter to Governor Evers earlier today.

Going Forward: Churches throughout Wisconsin are able to host drive-up services for Easter Sunday and beyond. Any church engaged in such a service who is cited or otherwise has a government entity interfere with their worship should contact WILL attorneys immediately (info@will-law.org).

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:13 PM
To: "De Haan, Paulina C - DOC" <paulina.dehaan@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Update on our Constituent Case

Hey Paulina,

Here is another email with more details from our constituent.

Thanks,
Stamena

-----Original Message-----
From: karen goulee <karengoulee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

I am going to. retain a attorney to sue the state of Wisconsin and the doc they are breaking the law that was put in place on social distancing my son is at Chippewa falls treatment and they are ten to a dorm in no way can the system keep these people safe from the virus they eat 30 at a time and 40 people share the bathroom and shower now again tell me how they are doing everything they can to protect these inmates also these inmates are all within short time to release dates for doing the program I feel anyone that is within two years of release should be sent out free up space and lower the number that can and will be infected we all know it is going to happen just when is the question

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 1, 2020, at 9:43 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Karen,
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> I have reached out to the Department to find out more specifics for you. I will let you know when they get back to me.
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> Thank you,
> Mary
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: karen goulee <karengoulee@yahoo.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:06 PM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski
>
> I want to thank you for responding but sorry to say not one word was true they are not doing anything for the inmates or the staff and let’s get honest in no way can they handle a out break in the wisconsin prison system and we all know it’s going to happen let those that are a year or less out go home to their families thank you but please help do something
>
> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 11:55 AM, Rep.Felzkowski
<Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi Karen,
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>> Thank you for reaching our my office on this issue. Last Monday, under Executive Order #72, the Department of Corrections suspended all admissions to the state's prisons and juvenile facilities. Additionally, the agency has suspended visits and says they are doing all they can to protect the inmate population. As of last Wednesday, the Department of Corrections put out a statement saying that there are no known positive cases for any adults in their custody. The Department has not put out any new updates over the weekend. I appreciate your compassion during this time and please let me know if you have any further questions.
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>> Thank you,
>> Mary Felzkowski
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: karen goulee <karengoulee@yahoo.com>
>> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:44 AM
>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>> Subject: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski
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>> Sent fwhat is the state doing about the state prison system the over crowding and how can they even think about keeping them safe let alone treat the inmates not only is a problem for the inmates who by the way are human and do have families that are stressed out knowing they are at a very high risk of getting this virus but the community these prison are in the hospital will be the only place they can be treated which in turn will then not be able to help the people in those communities for the love of god send some of them home rom my iPhone
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:40 PM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent request - Mental Health crisis

Hey Andrew,

We received this contact on telehealth our office wanted to pass along. I've heard about other concerns for reimbursement during Stay At Home, so just wanted you to be aware.

Thank you.

Liz

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From: Pam Schultz <pschultz8904@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Rep.Emerson <Rep.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.McGuire <Rep.McGuire@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Meyers <Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Myers <Rep.Myers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stubbs <Rep.Stubbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stuck <Rep.Stuck@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Taylor <Rep.Taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Urgent request - Mental Health crisis

PLEASE do what it takes to temporarily change the laws to allow therapists to hold counseling sessions over the phone and for them to be billed to insurance.

Mental health crises are already at an all time high - people need to be to able to continue their services to avoid relapses in substance abuse, worsening depression, suicidal thoughts - I urge you for the safety of our therapists and their families to allow counselors to hold sessions over the phone or via Skype. Other medical professionals have masks and gowns that they can wear - therapists do not have that and are in a closed room with individuals who may be sick and yet still need mental health care.

Please be proactive and do whatever is necessary for people to continue to get the help they desperately need. Our legislators and insurance companies need to make this happen - it is not only everyone's physical health that is at stake, but also their mental health.

Thank you for your time,

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Pam Schultz

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:54 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent Request from City of Park Falls, Wisconsin

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Are you familiar with this at all? It looks like a form email, and Tom received it as well. If you're not familiar with it, we can just forward it to Rep. Beth Meyers.

Thanks!

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From: Mayor City of Park Falls <mayor@cityofparkfalls.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Urgent Request from City of Park Falls, Wisconsin

Dear Rep. Felzkowski,

I am writing to you to draw your attention to a lingering economic problem and opportunity in Northern Wisconsin, and also to immediately aid in the national wide pandemic of COVID-19. I know you are aware of the long saga regarding the paper mill in Park Falls. Currently, the mill (Park Falls Development, LLC) is sitting idle (but being maintained and heated) and up to this week, *was* planning on restarting operations in mid-April 2020. The products they were going to make have had their contracts rescinded due to grave economic fears. However, the nation currently needs certain paper products more than ever: paper/fiber for masks, personal protection equipment, single-use toweling, etc. The paper mill is sitting here now, capable of making all the paper grades needed at this time of national crisis. The paper industry is always near full capacity as the paper machines must be running continuously to be viable. I can't imagine a better mill to immediately bring back online in the time required (immediate), with a relatively small investment. Its **design and nimble** abilities make it ideal to serve at this time for the *variety* of products needed.

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Sincerely,
Michael Bablick
Mayor - Park Falls, Wisconsin

P: 715-482-0561 E: mayor@cityofparkfalls.com
Mail: 400 4th Ave S, Park Falls, Wisconsin 54552

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:46 AM
To: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent Request from City of Park Falls, Wisconsin

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Did you guys get this? It looks like a form email to me, but I'm not sure if Mary is actually familiar with what's been going on at the mill.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 5:41 PM
To: "Rep.Meyers" <Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent Request from City of Park Falls, Wisconsin

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Wanted to forward you this email we received.

Thanks,

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:40 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent Support for Wisconsin's Hospitality Industry

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FYI.

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From: Tavern League of Wisconsin <sarah@tlw.ccsend.com> **On Behalf Of** Tavern League of Wisconsin
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Urgent Support for Wisconsin's Hospitality Industry

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To: All Legislators

Fr: Chris Marsicano, TLW President

Re: Urgent Support for Wisconsin's Hospitality Industry

Date: March 31, 2020

In addition to my role as President of the Tavern League of Wisconsin, my brother David and I own and operate The Village Supper Club in

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Delavan, WI. We took over the family business from our parents who founded The Village Supper Club in 1966. Wisconsin is proudly home to thousands of family businesses like mine.

For over 50 years my family has served our community. Now my future as well as the future of thousands of other small businesses is in jeopardy. We understand the need to close our businesses to fight this virus. Sadly, that doesn't pay our bills.

Taverns and restaurants in Wisconsin will have been closed to regular business for 38 days after the current Executive Order expires. Without the additional help of state government the hospitality industry will suffer significant permanent loss.

The federal stimulus bill is a start but more is needed on the state and local level to enable our Members to survive. We need action. We need help. We are doing our part, we need state government to do its part.

- Prohibit any foreclosures or evictions of any licensee until 60 days after the Executive Order expires.
- Prohibit any insurance cancellations of any licensee until 60 days after the Executive Order expires.
- Waive 2020 liquor/beer municipal license fee and all other municipal and state fees for all alcohol/food license holders.
- Initiate a sales tax holiday for all sales at licensed establishments effective March 17th through July 30th.
- Repeal the 15 day beer credit law and 30 day alcohol credit day law. Licensee holders who are unable to make a payment during the shutdown cannot receive future shipments of product.
- Permit delivery of alcohol through age verified sales via phone/online transactions for Class B license holders during the Executive Order. Many of our members do not have a restaurant license and alcohol sales are their only cash flow. In addition it will help licensees reduce their inventory. Other states have made this change to assist licensees to deliver alcohol.

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- Repeal the consignment law for alcohol. This law has presented a problem for our members in returning product after the Executive Order was issued.
- Delay July 2019 local property tax payment for all license holders.
- Provide a state credit for 2020 property taxes for license holders.
- Prohibit cable/satellite providers from canceling service of a Class B licensee until 60 days after the Executive Order expires.
- Prohibit municipalities from engaging in alcohol sales for the remainder of 2020 and instead require them to contract with existing licensees for any event where alcohol sales occur.
- Allow golf courses to open to golfers only.

My Members need urgent legislative action. We look forward to working with you to ease the financial burden crippling the family businesses of thousands of taverns and restaurants in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Chris Marsicano, TLW President

For more information and news as it is available to us, please visit **our website**.

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 5:51 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: voicemails

I put this in forward because I wasn't sure if you put the calls that you took into forward. I'm deleting it from forward and you can enter them if you haven't.

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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemails

715 219 6022
Louis rell
Repeal tony's executive powers in a crisis
Governor should not have power to tell people what to do

715 564 2538
Sam heikkinen from brantwood
People are travelling from mke and madison to the northwoods
They want their cabins opened and they are quarantining there since they are working remotely
She wants us to help tony to let them know they cant be driving anywhere
Wish you good luck for senate
Do not need a call back know how busy you are working for us and how crazy this time must be

715 623 3892
Craig osborne
Help for his daughter to get unemployment
She went to the website which told her she needs to talk to a person but no one is available when she calls the line
Could we help expedite that

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:09 PM
To: "Mueller, Virginia" <Virginia.Mueller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: voter suppression

Hey Ginger,

I'm sure this constituent emailed everyone, but just in case it just went to us, I wanted to forward it to you.

Thanks!

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From: Jeremy Cassel <jjcassel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voter suppression

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
To whom it may concern,
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What it was like for a Shorewood family with coronavirus to be studied by the CDC
... "We were told they wanted to study how germs transmit in a household," said Pablo Muirhead, a member of the Shorewood School Board who came down with an early case of the coronavirus ... 2 CDC employees wore protective equipment as they did bloodwork, administered nasal swabs and then had the family do a self-test for the virus. "They are also asking us to keep track of our symptoms for 14 days and report our temperature for 14 days," Muirhead said. ... In mid-March, the COVID-19 virus struck Muirhead, his wife, Jackie, and their 10-year-old daughter. [not teen son and teen exchange student, who has since returned to Japan.] CDC returns in a few days, family is emerging from self-quarantine. "There is so much fear around this and you have to have the right amount of fear," Jackie said. "You don't want to be carefree and haphazard."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/01/5091042002/

4 more area Hobby Lobby's were shut down Tuesday as a nonessential business
... [5 of 6 closed] Wauwatosa location remains open for now, as do some other large chain craft stores. ... "We made contact with the business around 11 a.m. and found that it was open," West Allis [PD Deputy] Botsch said. "We took this as an opportunity to educate the business on the specifics of the governor's order. The business was cooperative and closed without incident." ... Signs outside the Brookfield and Waukesha

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https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/2020/03/31/5096641002/

Until further notice: Madison businesses struggle to deal with the coronavirus fallout
... Restaurants are among the businesses most visibly affected ... but the entire hospitality industry is suffering. Destination Madison president and CEO Deb Archer said hotels are likely "the first ones that were hit really badly ... the invisible industry," Archer added, because "people don't recognize the behemoth of an engine that is. ... [air travel] spigot just got turned off really, really dramatically," she said. "And then the other industries sort of cascaded." Fair Oaks Diner owner Austin details decision to shutter. Food Fight's Garcia Hall: "I think the restaurants that are staying open now are not staying open to make money. It's far more about their family of staff." Tri-Culver's owner Bulgrin seen 50% loss in business since inside dining ban, "will continue to try and provide" community donations. WEDC surveyed businesses mid-March, compiled economic disaster injury worksheets, showed more than half had cut employees, likely more layoffs have followed as the pandemic has continued. Some survey details. WEDC's Callender working "to develop a complete picture of the economic impact COVID-19 has had on businesses, especially small businesses." Retailer Schroeder discusses potential of going online until re-opening. GMCoC's Brandon said biz problem-solvers are reaching "a point where it's starting to stabilize. We can transition from fire-fighting ... and we can start to be more proactive ... how we relay that to the government. ... Madison and this region will be one of the bright spots coming out of this recovery. "
https://madison.com/ct/9e6c5f62-cfba-554c-bd01-c56422c0d992.html

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... During its first-ever virtual meeting -- that stretched from Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to Wednesday at 2:50 a.m. -- the council [13-5] adopted an advisory resolution that opposes the fighter jets and calls on the secretary of the Air Force to station them elsewhere. ... Zoom video conference went relatively smoothly, with only a few awkward pauses and miscues. ... Nearly 90 members of the public wanted to testify on the new F-35 resolution during the meeting but were unable to because of the late hour. More than 400 people registered for or against the resolution, but did not wish to speak. Some in support of F-35s were not from the Madison area -- one was even from Texas. ... Henak's motion to delay [due to late hour] failed on a 4-15 vote. ... [GMCoC's] Brandon in a statement called the council's decision "tone deaf." Council also 13-6 approved more emergency powers for Mayor Rhodes-Conway, who was unsure she'd need them, but "the worst is definitely yet to come." Council also reaffirmed its plan to loan 100 police officers for DNC convention.
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23 People Have Died ... 17,375 negative tests. [130 more cases, 4 more deaths, 519 more negative tests since Monday] ... There has been one death each Iron, Rock, Sauk and Waupaca counties, two in both Fond du Lac and Dane counties, three in Ozaukee County and 12 in Milwaukee County [majority were NW-side black men].
https://www.wpr.org/dhs-1-351-confirmed-covid-19-cases-wisconsin

Wisconsinites In Limbo As State Unemployment System Overwhelmed
... [online application insufficient for some filers, who are prompted to call the hotline, but] Last week the department received more than 1.5 million calls. ... During off hours, callers get a message saying the hotline is closed. At 7:31 a.m., he started getting the

other message he's heard dozens of times for the last week: Too many people are on hold; you will be disconnected. ... it's impossible to know with any certainty how many people have become unemployed as a result of the economic shutdown ... delays in having claims approved also mean delays in getting needed unemployment benefits. ... 115,679 people applied for unemployment last week. And on Monday alone, the number of initial [UI] claims ... topped 24,600, the highest single-day total since the outbreak. "The system was not built to handle this call volume," Evers said at a Monday press conference. "However, we're working to increase that capacity." ... DWD has increased its call center staff from 57 to 92 workers in the last week. ... training another 40 [transfer] staffers ... to assist with calls, and seeking to hire another 80 workers. Evers has asked the Legislature to help by lifting the 1-week wait for benefits.
https://www.wpr.org/wisconsinites-limbo-state-unemployment-system-overwhelmed

How Wisconsinites can help during the pandemic
... Volunteering to deliver meals for the [Meals On Wheels] program is among several steps that Wisconsin residents can take to help out during the coronavirus crisis. ... [volunteer at food pantry, donate clothes, personal care items to homeless shelter, donate $$$, art supplies to any YMCA or emergency child care center, donate PPE, $$$ for meals, comfort items to hospitals/clinics, support local businesses] ... Wisconsinites in need of assistance may consult this list, compiled by WPR, of Wisconsin organizations offering services. You can also use 211 Wisconsin to connect with nonprofit and government services in your area.
https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2020/03/how-wisconsinites-can-help-during-the-pandemic/

What it was like for a Shorewood family with coronavirus to be studied by the CDC
... "We were told they wanted to study how germs transmit in a household," said Pablo Muirhead, a member of the Shorewood School Board who came down with an early case of the coronavirus ... 2 CDC employees wore protective equipment as they did bloodwork, administered nasal swabs and then had the family do a self-test for the virus. "They are also asking us to keep track of our symptoms for 14 days and report our temperature for 14 days," Muirhead said. ... In mid-March, the COVID-19 virus struck Muirhead, his wife, Jackie, and their 10-year-old daughter. [not teen son and teen exchange student, who has since returned to Japan.] CDC returns in a few days, family is emerging from self-quarantine. "There is so much fear around this and you have to have the right amount of fear," Jackie said. "You don't want to be carefree and haphazard."
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/01/5091042002/

4 more area Hobby Lobby's were shut down Tuesday as a nonessential business
... [5 of 6 closed] Wauwatosa location remains open for now, as do some other large chain craft stores. ... "We made contact with the business around 11 a.m. and found that it was open," West Allis [PD Deputy] Botsch said. "We took this as an opportunity to educate the business on the specifics of the governor's order. The business was cooperative and closed without incident." ... Signs outside the Brookfield and Waukesha

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Hobby Lobby stores early Tuesday indicated they were "operating as an essential business" by "offering PPE mask supplies, educational supplies, office supplies and various components for home small businesses." Wauwatosa punted to DHS on Hobby Lobby's essential status. WEDC reportedly ruled them non-essential but did not return call. 4 four suburban Michaels stores were open Tuesday. JOANN Fabrics and Crafts had 2 of 4 locations open. Other police officials comment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/2020/03/31/5096641002/

Until further notice: Madison businesses struggle to deal with the coronavirus fallout
... Restaurants are among the businesses most visibly affected ... but the entire hospitality industry is suffering. Destination Madison president and CEO Deb Archer said hotels are likely "the first ones that were hit really badly ... the invisible industry," Archer added, because "people don't recognize the behemoth of an engine that is. ... [air travel] spigot just got turned off really, really dramatically," she said. "And then the other industries sort of cascaded." Fair Oaks Diner owner Austin details decision to shutter. Food Fight's Garcia Hall: "I think the restaurants that are staying open now are not staying open to make money. It's far more about their family of staff." Tri-Culver's owner Bulgrin seen 50% loss in business since inside dining ban, "will continue to try and provide" community donations. WEDC surveyed businesses mid-March, compiled economic disaster injury worksheets, showed more than half had cut employees, likely more layoffs have followed as the pandemic has continued. Some survey details. WEDC's Callender working "to develop a complete picture of the economic impact COVID-19 has had on businesses, especially small businesses." Retailer Schroeder discusses potential of going online until re-opening. GMCoC's Brandon said biz problem-solvers are reaching "a point where it's starting to stabilize. We can transition from fire-fighting ... and we can start to be more proactive ... how we relay that to the government. ... Madison and this region will be one of the bright spots coming out of this recovery. "
https://madison.com/ct/9e6c5f62-cfba-554c-bd01-c56422c0d992.html

Judge rules against conservative think tank in Evers lawsuit
... Judge James Peterson on Tuesday rejected their arguments, saying MacIver can still report on what Evers does without being invited to his press briefings or being on his email distribution list. ... said Evers can restrict access using a "reasonable, viewpoint-neutral criteria. ... Ordering Evers to grant access to MacIver journalists would establish an untenable precedent," Peterson wrote. "Any citizen journalist could make the same case MacIver has made ... Evers has reasonably concluded that MacIver is not a bona fide news organization." ... Plain and simple, Judge Peterson just missed this," [MacIver 's] Healy said. "Now, more than ever, it is vital that the governor stop blocking MacIver and that all news sources have fair and equal access to information and briefings." Baldauff for Evers declined comment, ruling speaks for itself.
https://madison.com/wsj/a38032c5-2cd6-5d0c-84af-80b04828189f.html

UW-Madison braces for estimated $100M loss because of pandemic
... if life largely returns to normal by June, a timeline that is up in the air ... depending on

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the public's compliance with social distancing. "This is a big hit," [Chancellor Blank] told the University Committee during a Monday meeting held via videoconference. ... about 3.2% of UW-Madison's $3.1 billion budget. ... equivalent of a 22% cut in state money for a single year. Refunds include dorm, dining, parking fees, not tuition and fees, which Blank said System guidance suggested not refunding since the semester will be completed. UW's Pitsch had no estimate for total loss for its 26 campuses, some of which had pre-epidemic deficits. Blank also noted several staff and students tested positive, but had no exact count. Analysis shows UW-Madison could receive $19M of $2.2T stimulus, which Blank called "helpful, but it won't make a difference in a large sense." Grad students seek waiver of student fees. Grad student Flynn, UW's Lucas, UNC-W prof. McCLure comment.
https://madison.com/wsj/fc8f7e42-cbb3-5d2d-ad16-6e1e5aab8e3a.html

Madison City Council takes stand against F-35 fighter jets
... During its first-ever virtual meeting -- that stretched from Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to Wednesday at 2:50 a.m. -- the council [13-5] adopted an advisory resolution that opposes the fighter jets and calls on the secretary of the Air Force to station them elsewhere. ... Zoom video conference went relatively smoothly, with only a few awkward pauses and miscues. ... Nearly 90 members of the public wanted to testify on the new F-35 resolution during the meeting but were unable to because of the late hour. More than 400 people registered for or against the resolution, but did not wish to speak. Some in support of F-35s were not from the Madison area -- one was even from Texas. ... Henak's motion to delay [due to late hour] failed on a 4-15 vote. ... [GMCoC's] Brandon in a statement called the council's decision "tone deaf." Council also 13-6 approved more emergency powers for Mayor Rhodes-Conway, who was unsure she'd need them, but "the worst is definitely yet to come." Council also reaffirmed its plan to loan 100 police officers for DNC convention.
https://madison.com/wsj/f7c44693-4671-52aa-8d82-df6d89d21b95.html

TODAY'S CALENDAR
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- 8 a.m.: Natural Resources Board. Members are to consider Emergency Board Order WM-30-19(E), proposed rules affecting chapter NR 10 related to establishing the 2020 migratory bird season framework and regulations; and approval of department recommendations for the fiscal year 2021 Laboratory Certification and Registration Program fee adjustment.
https://dnr.wi.gov/About/NRB/2020/04-April/

- 12:15 p.m.: Marquette Law School Poll release. Features a video discussion about the top headlines of the poll, including questions about the COVID-19 outbreak.
https://www.marquette.edu/news-center/2020/franklin-to-present-results-of-new-marquette-law-school-poll-on-april-1.php

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"The only reasonable message from the State of Wisconsin should also be to socially distance," the suit argues. "Not to socially distance unless you want to vote. Not to socially distance unless you are young. Not to socially distance unless you care about democracy. It needs to be to socially distance. Full stop."

Read the motion:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200325Suit.pdf

-- Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order closing all non-essential travel in the state goes into effect this morning and could last a month.

The order also bans public and private gatherings outside of a "single household or living unit" under most circumstances.

Along with certain businesses, essential governmental functions will remain open. But according to the order, all state, local and tribal governments have some discretion to determine their own essential functions that will remain operational to "provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public."

See the order:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200324Order.pdf

Click here for links to coronavirus resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The Department of Workforce Development today closed state job centers to comply with the order.

DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said the organization will still provide unemployment and job search services remotely to the public during the outbreak.

"Our dedicated job center staff have been putting themselves and their families at risk each day while working directly with the public providing assistance at the job centers statewide," Frostman said.

More than 30,000 unemployment insurance claims were made in the state between Sunday and Monday. That's compared to under 2,500 claims for the same two days of 2019.

See the DWD site on UI benefits:
http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/

See the release:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/news/2020/200324-job-centers-close.htm

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-- Businesses and members affiliated with the Wisconsin Technology Council will hear this morning from Gov. Tony Evers, Wisconsin Economic Development Secretary Missy Hughes, State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski and Eric Ness, district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Wisconsin.

-- The latest edition of the WARF Entrepreneurons this afternoon will be done as a webinar focusing on: "COVID-19: What local entrepreneurs need to know right now."

Speakers on the 3 p.m. session will include: gener8tor co-founder Joe Kirgues, Rock River Capital Partner Partner Chris Eckstrom, WEDC Vice President of Entrepreneurship Aaron Hagar, StartingBlock Madison Executive Director Chandra Miller Fienan, WARF Venture Officer Mike Partsch and others.

See more:
http://www.warf.org/through-programs-and-events/for-inventors-entrepreneurs-and-researchers/entrepreneurons/entrepreneurons.cmsx

-- Today's Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon with Mayor Tom Barrett discussing the April 7 election has been canceled due to concerns over COVID-19 spread.

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Evers Administration Issues 'Stay-At-Home' Order For Wisconsin
... [DHS order at Evers direction] will go into effect at 8 a.m. [today] and remain in effect until April 24, unless [superceded] ... Under the order, people don't need permission to leave their homes, but are only allowed to do so for specific things, like going to the grocery store or ... doctor. People will be allowed to exercise outside, but are required to keep six feet between themselves and others, unless they live with the person. Group sports, like basketball, soccer and ultimate frisbee, are banned. Playgrounds are also

closed. Essential businesses and operations, like hospitals, grocery stores, hardware stores and pharmacies, are allowed to continue operations and don't need any special certification to do so. Evers in call with reporters: "At the end of the days, folks, we are all in this together, and during the most difficult times we are called upon to remember our Wisconsin values of kindness, compassion, empathy, and respect. I'm going to continue to ask for your help, not only to remember these values but to do your part to keep our friends and our family and, frankly, most importantly our health care workers in communities, safe. Unfortunately, that means no potlucks, no play dates and no dinner parties." Details on permitted activities, essential businesses. Penalties for non-compliance: $250 fine or up to 30 days in jail. DHS Sec. Palm suggest being in contact with no more than 5 people during the stayhome. RPW chair Hitt blamed Evers for "mass confusion for people and businesses across Wisconsin. Yesterday, he chose to announce his forthcoming shelter in place order on Twitter, sat silent for nearly 24 hours, and then released a 16-page order that exposes violators to up to 30 days of imprisonment."
https://www.wpr.org/evers-administration-issues-stay-home-order-wisconsin

Without strict action, WI could see 22K COVID-19 cases by April 8, officials say
... "Thousands of Wisconsinites would need hospitalization, and we would exceed our current hospital-bed capacity," [DHS Sec.-designate] Palm said. ... should try to limit their day-to-day contact to no more than five people. ... UW Health, SSM Health and UnityPoint Health-Meriter are each treating COVID-19 patients, the hospitals said Tuesday. As recently as Friday, only Meriter said it had treated a hospitalized COVID-19 patient and that person had been discharged. Dr. Westergaard said cases will continue rising for weeks before leveling off, "If we do them well, they're going to seem like tremendous overreactions because that's going to mean that the virus, the epidemic, did not get too far out of control. ... It could potentially be thousands (of cases) right now" due to untested people with symptoms. 457 cases, > 8,200 negative tests, 5 deaths in FdL, Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties.
https://madison.com/wsj/54b49393-1711-5580-9e76-84733092dca9.html

Local elections officials scramble as they hemorrhage Election Day workers
Madison Clerk Witzel-Behl had 525 cancellations, roughly half her clerkforce, Middleton Clerk Burns had 25 of 72 cancels. Fitchburg has about 124 poll workers, many of them in their 60s and 70s, called for govt workers, teachers, others seeking temporary gigs. Witzel-Behl said moving and consolidating polling places is likely, especially with more cancellations, working to find new sites to replace at least 21 polling sites. Pollworker Hanson-Schlachter quitting to protect 65 y/o mother, joined growing group -- including Burns, LOWV -- who support postponing or moving to mail-in election. Evers on Tuesday renewed urging absentee voting, "What we do know is the simplest way to vote is either as an absentee vote or early voting. We're working hard to understand the issues of what's happening on April 7, but what we do know for sure is that what's easiest to do is just go online." Reviews surge in absentee. Madison has curbside voting. WEC asked Evers/DHS to find hand sanitizer for workers, directed local clerks to accommodate in-person absentee voting and registration. State Emergency Operations Center helping clerks find absentee envelopes, sanitizer.

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https://madison.com/wsj/811719c2-b934-539f-9b73-7d656f6e838a.html

Govt Order Causes More WI Businesses To Shut Their Doors
ACE Hardware owner Lochner exempt, but employs many older, part-timers, "We've been spending a great deal of time trying to adjust and protect our staff and still be open to the public. It's very hard to decipher what's right and what's wrong. Information overload is an issue. But we're trying," signage asks customers to keep their distance from others, call-in orders, minimize browsing. Clothier Schwarzbach closed last week, supports "long overdue" stay home order, "It's a very hard decision to tell your employees you're not sure you can pay them but also to have stopped before business slowed down. I know some businesses stayed open because they were still seeing traffic, and we chose to walk away from that." WMC's Bauer: "A lot of businesses face uncertainty and hardship. Many will not be able to reopen when the shelter in place order is lifted, and their employees will need to find new jobs. But, I am confident that private sector businesses will lead the recovery when the crisis passes."
https://www.wpr.org/government-coronavirus-order-causes-more-wisconsin-businesses-shut-their-doors

Businesses close, unemployment rises as Evers' order comes with a dire warning
More than 20,000 people could contract coronavirus and 1,000 could die within two weeks if Wisconsin residents don't comply with Gov. Tony Evers' order to stay home, state health officials said Tuesday. ... "Each and every one of us has to do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 so we can flatten the curve to ensure our doctors, nurses and health care workers have the opportunity to do their important work," Evers said in a statement. ... "Obviously, we want a strong economy, who the hell doesn't?" Evers said. "But we have to value a human life at a higher level. I think we can do both, and that's what this order is all about." ... struck a more sober tone than President Donald Trump, who said ... "We're going to be opening relatively soon," Trump said during a Fox News town hall Tuesday. "I'd love to have it open by Easter. ... It's such an important day for other reasons, but I'll make an important date for this, too. I would love to have the country opened up and just raring to go by Easter." ... All public Holy Week and Easter Masses in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be canceled ... Archbishop Jerome Listecki announced ... Tuesday in a letter to pastors and parish directors ... "What most concerns me right now would be if we as a country and as a state and as individuals and as communities don't take social distancing seriously," [Hospitals' CMO] Kaufman ... A vaccine likely will not be available for about a year, according to health experts. ... Among other efforts to encourage social distancing, Barrett has asked state leaders to conduct the April 7 election via mail ballots instead of holding it in person. ... Conversations about whether to hold the Democratic National Convention as scheduled in Milwaukee in July are ongoing as well. ... Biden told CNN's Jake Tapper on Tuesday he didn't think the convention should be called off. WI Humane Society announced large dog adoption.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/24/2912208001/

Philanthropists give Milwaukee nonprofits a boost during the coronavirus pandemic

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... coalition of organizations, including Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, has collectively raised $1.3 million so far. ... to sustain the efforts of "nonprofits who serve local communities ... facing mounting obstacles and disruptions to their missions" because of coronavirus. ... More than half a dozen Milwaukee nonprofits have benefited so far, including Hunger Task Force, Feeding America, United Way of Northern Ozaukee County, Waukesha Food Pantry, Imagine MKE and the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers. ... After meeting with Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent Keith Posley and health officials, Ellen Gilligan, president and CEO of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, began thinking about how coronavirus would affect people's ability to meet basic needs. United Way's ANgresano, GMC's Taylor comment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/25/2898305001/

With students gone and commencement canceled, Madison restaurants, hotels face slow spring
... members of the class of 2020 will be watching their graduation ceremonies on the internet on May 8 and 9. ... "Of all the decisions we've had to make in this extraordinary time, this one has been the most heartbreaking for me," [Chancellor] Blank said. "There is no better event at UW than commencement when we award degrees and celebrate the completion of school for our graduates." ... While commencement is thankfully far out enough that the Food Fight Restaurant Group has not yet ordered products to prepare, the "landscape is changing continually by the moment," said director of hospitality Elizabeth Garcia Hall. ... economic fallout of an already-empty campus is twofold, said [Restaurants'] Hillmer ... "Because we don't have an end in sight, it makes it even worse, because we have no way to say this is only for two weeks, four weeks, two months. We can't plan because it's so unknown." Destination Madison's Archer comments.
https://madison.com/ct/f2399f58-253d-5b98-9d6c-1b6c7b8b95bb.html

Green Bay sues state to delay spring election and move it to mail
... lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court asks a judge to order the state [Evers, Palm, WEC] to cancel the April 7 election and mail ballots to all registered voters, a decision that would impact all Wisconsin communities beyond Green Bay. The city also wants the state to extend the deadline for voter registration to May 1 and give municipal clerks a June 2 deadline for counting mailed ballots. ... "We don't believe we should be forcing that choice on the citizens of Green Bay or the citizens of Wisconsin," said Mayor Eric Genrich, who previously served as a Democrat in the state Assembly.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/24/2912185001/

Young WI Voters Back Sanders, But Will It Be Enough To Win?
[ex-VP] Biden Leads In Delegates Despite Youth Support For Vermont Senator: UW, MU Law pre-election polling in WI-MI-PA showed 55-66% of 18-29 support for Sanders. Ashland's Syverson and Swartly support Sanders. Swartly: "I've seen him de-center himself time and time again and say, 'This isn't about me. It's about political revolution.' This is about getting people together to talk about the issues that matter to us and demand the change that we need right now." Syverson supports his grassroots

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progressivism, "I'm voting for health care, I'm voting for taxing the wealthy, I'm voting for a cleaner environment." But UW prof. Powell said support is not translating into votes, "a lot of young voters are staying home," cited https://www.wpr.org/young-wisconsin-voters-back-sanders-will-it-be-enough-win

'Prisons Are Bacteria Factories'; Elderly Most at Risk
... "These prisons are bacteria factories," said Rick Raemisch, a consultant and former executive director at the Colorado Department of Corrections. "I don't think people understand the gravity of what's going to happen if this runs in a prison, and I believe it's inevitable. You're going to see devastation that's unbelievable." ... Prisoner advocacy groups in more than a half-dozen states, including Texas, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan, have called on governors to release state prisoners, especially elderly inmates, through compassionate release or medical furlough.
https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2020/03/25/prisons-are-bacteria-factories-elderly-most-at-risk

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"The only reasonable message from the State of Wisconsin should also be to socially distance," the suit argues. "Not to socially distance unless you want to vote. Not to socially distance unless you are young. Not to socially distance unless you care about democracy. It needs to be to socially distance. Full stop."

Read the motion:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200325Suit.pdf

-- Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order closing all non-essential travel in the state goes into effect this morning and could last a month.

The order also bans public and private gatherings outside of a "single household or living unit" under most circumstances.

Along with certain businesses, essential governmental functions will remain open. But according to the order, all state, local and tribal governments have some discretion to determine their own essential functions that will remain operational to "provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public."

See the order:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200324Order.pdf

Click here for links to coronavirus resources:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- The Department of Workforce Development today closed state job centers to comply with the order.

DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said the organization will still provide unemployment and job search services remotely to the public during the outbreak.

"Our dedicated job center staff have been putting themselves and their families at risk each day while working directly with the public providing assistance at the job centers statewide," Frostman said.

More than 30,000 unemployment insurance claims were made in the state between Sunday and Monday. That's compared to under 2,500 claims for the same two days of 2019.

See the DWD site on UI benefits:
http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/

See the release:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/news/2020/200324-job-centers-close.htm

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-- Businesses and members affiliated with the Wisconsin Technology Council will hear this morning from Gov. Tony Evers, Wisconsin Economic Development Secretary Missy Hughes, State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski and Eric Ness, district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Wisconsin.

-- The latest edition of the WARF Entrepreneurons this afternoon will be done as a webinar focusing on: "COVID-19: What local entrepreneurs need to know right now."

Speakers on the 3 p.m. session will include: gener8tor co-founder Joe Kirgues, Rock River Capital Partner Partner Chris Eckstrom, WEDC Vice President of Entrepreneurship Aaron Hagar, StartingBlock Madison Executive Director Chandra Miller Fienan, WARF Venture Officer Mike Partsch and others.

See more:
http://www.warf.org/through-programs-and-events/for-inventors-entrepreneurs-and-researchers/entrepreneurons/entrepreneurons.cmsx

-- Today's Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon with Mayor Tom Barrett discussing the April 7 election has been canceled due to concerns over COVID-19 spread.

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TOP HEADLINES

Evers Administration Issues 'Stay-At-Home' Order For Wisconsin
... [DHS order at Evers direction] will go into effect at 8 a.m. [today] and remain in effect until April 24, unless [superceded] ... Under the order, people don't need permission to leave their homes, but are only allowed to do so for specific things, like going to the grocery store or ... doctor. People will be allowed to exercise outside, but are required to keep six feet between themselves and others, unless they live with the person. Group sports, like basketball, soccer and ultimate frisbee, are banned. Playgrounds are also

closed. Essential businesses and operations, like hospitals, grocery stores, hardware stores and pharmacies, are allowed to continue operations and don't need any special certification to do so. Evers in call with reporters: "At the end of the days, folks, we are all in this together, and during the most difficult times we are called upon to remember our Wisconsin values of kindness, compassion, empathy, and respect. I'm going to continue to ask for your help, not only to remember these values but to do your part to keep our friends and our family and, frankly, most importantly our health care workers in communities, safe. Unfortunately, that means no potlucks, no play dates and no dinner parties." Details on permitted activities, essential businesses. Penalties for non-compliance: $250 fine or up to 30 days in jail. DHS Sec. Palm suggest being in contact with no more than 5 people during the stayhome. RPW chair Hitt blamed Evers for "mass confusion for people and businesses across Wisconsin. Yesterday, he chose to announce his forthcoming shelter in place order on Twitter, sat silent for nearly 24 hours, and then released a 16-page order that exposes violators to up to 30 days of imprisonment."
https://www.wpr.org/evers-administration-issues-stay-home-order-wisconsin

Without strict action, WI could see 22K COVID-19 cases by April 8, officials say
... "Thousands of Wisconsinites would need hospitalization, and we would exceed our current hospital-bed capacity," [DHS Sec.-designate] Palm said. ... should try to limit their day-to-day contact to no more than five people. ... UW Health, SSM Health and UnityPoint Health-Meriter are each treating COVID-19 patients, the hospitals said Tuesday. As recently as Friday, only Meriter said it had treated a hospitalized COVID-19 patient and that person had been discharged. Dr. Westergaard said cases will continue rising for weeks before leveling off, "If we do them well, they're going to seem like tremendous overreactions because that's going to mean that the virus, the epidemic, did not get too far out of control. ... It could potentially be thousands (of cases) right now" due to untested people with symptoms. 457 cases, > 8,200 negative tests, 5 deaths in FdL, Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties.
https://madison.com/wsj/54b49393-1711-5580-9e76-84733092dca9.html

Local elections officials scramble as they hemorrhage Election Day workers
Madison Clerk Witzel-Behl had 525 cancellations, roughly half her clerkforce, Middleton Clerk Burns had 25 of 72 cancels. Fitchburg has about 124 poll workers, many of them in their 60s and 70s, called for govt workers, teachers, others seeking temporary gigs. Witzel-Behl said moving and consolidating polling places is likely, especially with more cancellations, working to find new sites to replace at least 21 polling sites. Pollworker Hanson-Schlachter quitting to protect 65 y/o mother, joined growing group -- including Burns, LOWV -- who support postponing or moving to mail-in election. Evers on Tuesday renewed urging absentee voting, "What we do know is the simplest way to vote is either as an absentee vote or early voting. We're working hard to understand the issues of what's happening on April 7, but what we do know for sure is that what's easiest to do is just go online." Reviews surge in absentee. Madison has curbside voting. WEC asked Evers/DHS to find hand sanitizer for workers, directed local clerks to accommodate in-person absentee voting and registration. State Emergency Operations Center helping clerks find absentee envelopes, sanitizer.

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https://madison.com/wsj/811719c2-b934-539f-9b73-7d656f6e838a.html

Govt Order Causes More WI Businesses To Shut Their Doors
ACE Hardware owner Lochner exempt, but employs many older, part-timers, "We've been spending a great deal of time trying to adjust and protect our staff and still be open to the public. It's very hard to decipher what's right and what's wrong. Information overload is an issue. But we're trying," signage asks customers to keep their distance from others, call-in orders, minimize browsing. Clothier Schwarzbach closed last week, supports "long overdue" stay home order, "It's a very hard decision to tell your employees you're not sure you can pay them but also to have stopped before business slowed down. I know some businesses stayed open because they were still seeing traffic, and we chose to walk away from that." WMC's Bauer: "A lot of businesses face uncertainty and hardship. Many will not be able to reopen when the shelter in place order is lifted, and their employees will need to find new jobs. But, I am confident that private sector businesses will lead the recovery when the crisis passes."
https://www.wpr.org/government-coronavirus-order-causes-more-wisconsin-businesses-shut-their-doors

Businesses close, unemployment rises as Evers' order comes with a dire warning
More than 20,000 people could contract coronavirus and 1,000 could die within two weeks if Wisconsin residents don't comply with Gov. Tony Evers' order to stay home, state health officials said Tuesday. ... "Each and every one of us has to do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 so we can flatten the curve to ensure our doctors, nurses and health care workers have the opportunity to do their important work," Evers said in a statement. ... "Obviously, we want a strong economy, who the hell doesn't?" Evers said. "But we have to value a human life at a higher level. I think we can do both, and that's what this order is all about." ... struck a more sober tone than President Donald Trump, who said ... "We're going to be opening relatively soon," Trump said during a Fox News town hall Tuesday. "I'd love to have it open by Easter. ... It's such an important day for other reasons, but I'll make an important date for this, too. I would love to have the country opened up and just raring to go by Easter." ... All public Holy Week and Easter Masses in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be canceled ... Archbishop Jerome Listecki announced ... Tuesday in a letter to pastors and parish directors ... "What most concerns me right now would be if we as a country and as a state and as individuals and as communities don't take social distancing seriously," [Hospitals' CMO] Kaufman ... A vaccine likely will not be available for about a year, according to health experts. ... Among other efforts to encourage social distancing, Barrett has asked state leaders to conduct the April 7 election via mail ballots instead of holding it in person. ... Conversations about whether to hold the Democratic National Convention as scheduled in Milwaukee in July are ongoing as well. ... Biden told CNN's Jake Tapper on Tuesday he didn't think the convention should be called off. WI Humane Society announced large dog adoption.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/24/2912208001/

Philanthropists give Milwaukee nonprofits a boost during the coronavirus pandemic

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... coalition of organizations, including Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, has collectively raised $1.3 million so far. ... to sustain the efforts of "nonprofits who serve local communities ... facing mounting obstacles and disruptions to their missions" because of coronavirus. ... More than half a dozen Milwaukee nonprofits have benefited so far, including Hunger Task Force, Feeding America, United Way of Northern Ozaukee County, Waukesha Food Pantry, Imagine MKE and the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers. ... After meeting with Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent Keith Posley and health officials, Ellen Gilligan, president and CEO of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, began thinking about how coronavirus would affect people's ability to meet basic needs. United Way's ANgresano, GMC's Taylor comment.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/25/2898305001/

With students gone and commencement canceled, Madison restaurants, hotels face slow spring
... members of the class of 2020 will be watching their graduation ceremonies on the internet on May 8 and 9. ... "Of all the decisions we've had to make in this extraordinary time, this one has been the most heartbreaking for me," [Chancellor] Blank said. "There is no better event at UW than commencement when we award degrees and celebrate the completion of school for our graduates." ... While commencement is thankfully far out enough that the Food Fight Restaurant Group has not yet ordered products to prepare, the "landscape is changing continually by the moment," said director of hospitality Elizabeth Garcia Hall. ... economic fallout of an already-empty campus is twofold, said [Restaurants'] Hillmer ... "Because we don't have an end in sight, it makes it even worse, because we have no way to say this is only for two weeks, four weeks, two months. We can't plan because it's so unknown." Destination Madison's Archer comments.
https://madison.com/ct/f2399f58-253d-5b98-9d6c-1b6c7b8b95bb.html

Green Bay sues state to delay spring election and move it to mail
... lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court asks a judge to order the state [Evers, Palm, WEC] to cancel the April 7 election and mail ballots to all registered voters, a decision that would impact all Wisconsin communities beyond Green Bay. The city also wants the state to extend the deadline for voter registration to May 1 and give municipal clerks a June 2 deadline for counting mailed ballots. ... "We don't believe we should be forcing that choice on the citizens of Green Bay or the citizens of Wisconsin," said Mayor Eric Genrich, who previously served as a Democrat in the state Assembly.
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/24/2912185001/

Young WI Voters Back Sanders, But Will It Be Enough To Win?
[ex-VP] Biden Leads In Delegates Despite Youth Support For Vermont Senator: UW, MU Law pre-election polling in WI-MI-PA showed 55-66% of 18-29 support for Sanders. Ashland's Syverson and Swartly support Sanders. Swartly: "I've seen him de-center himself time and time again and say, 'This isn't about me. It's about political revolution.' This is about getting people together to talk about the issues that matter to us and demand the change that we need right now." Syverson supports his grassroots

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progressivism, "I'm voting for health care, I'm voting for taxing the wealthy, I'm voting for a cleaner environment." But UW prof. Powell said support is not translating into votes, "a lot of young voters are staying home," cited https://www.wpr.org/young-wisconsin-voters-back-sanders-will-it-be-enough-win

'Prisons Are Bacteria Factories'; Elderly Most at Risk
... "These prisons are bacteria factories," said Rick Raemisch, a consultant and former executive director at the Colorado Department of Corrections. "I don't think people understand the gravity of what's going to happen if this runs in a prison, and I believe it's inevitable. You're going to see devastation that's unbelievable." ... Prisoner advocacy groups in more than a half-dozen states, including Texas, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan, have called on governors to release state prisoners, especially elderly inmates, through compassionate release or medical furlough.
https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2020/03/25/prisons-are-bacteria-factories-elderly-most-at-risk

TODAY'S CALENDAR
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- No public events listed.

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- Gov. Tony Evers is seeking at least $388 million in state funds to address the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing money for health care providers, creating a reinsurance program to cut premiums, and providing grants for food assistance and meal delivery programs.

Evers' latest proposal would also grant unlimited spending authority to the Department of Workforce Development to boost unemployment insurance.

The package would provide sum sufficient state dollars to: reimburse unemployment insurance claims relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; provide back payment for any lost benefits as a result of the delay in suspending the one-week waiting period to claim UI; allow employers to continue to pay laid-off employees without affecting UI eligibility; and

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waive a number of Work-Share program requirements.

The package would also seek $100 million in general fund-supported borrowing to cover increased capital costs if the state has to suspend construction projects.

Today's move comes after Republicans over the weekend rebuffed his first legislative proposal, because the "current general fund balance can't support" a proposal the Legislative Fiscal Bureau pegged at about $700 million; a WisPolitics.com tally of governor's administration documents showed more than $800 million in spending.

In a letter to legislative leaders included with the proposals, Evers praised the federal government's response as "welcome and necessary" but said there were a number of areas where state funding would be necessary to "fill gaps in."

But a spokeswoman for Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said while the Assembly Republican caucus will review the package, "the state does not have the money to spend."

"The governor can use federal stimulus dollars," spokeswoman Kit Beyer said.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said in an email "many of these items have already been discussed" while "some appear to be redundant or previously discarded."

"The Legislature plans to craft and negotiate a plan that doesn't spend outside our state's means," the Juneau Republican said.

The biggest pieces of the package include: $150 million in GPR to support small businesses; $94 million in GPR to boost funding for Medicaid providers through supplemental payments and rate increases; and $30 million in GPR to reduce costs of health insurance for consumers.

Other provision would:

*Use $9.7 million in GPR to boost the Earned Income Tax Credit.

*Prohibit utility cooperatives and propane suppliers from cutting off service during the public health emergency. A separate measure seeks to prevent any utility from disconnecting service at a rental unit at the direction of a landlord.

*Provide $25 million in GPR to support child care providers who were forced to close.

*Allow municipalities to implement multiple installments of three or more payments for 2020 property taxes and waive interest and penalties on delinquent property taxes included in the 2019 payable 2020 tax roll.

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*Create an $8 million GPR-supported fund to prevent single-family foreclosures and allow borrowers refinancing opportunities.

See the letter and package:
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/01/file_attachments/1416796/Evers_COVID19%20Bill%202%20Summary_4.1.20v2.pdf

-- Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said today they plan to introduce a single piece of legislation that would provide a state response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The GOP leaders said on a conference call they hope to produce a bill with broad, bipartisan agreement. Still, it is too early to say when they will meet.

"We want to get this done as quickly as we are able to do it. But we also want to be smart," said Vos, R-Rochester.

Over the weekend, the two GOP leaders said the initial bill Evers released just days ago was too expensive considering the state's finances. They didn't commit to a price tag for the bill they will produce, saying they wanted to have a better idea of what the $2.3 billion in federal money coming to Wisconsin -- including $1.9 billion to state government -- will mean.

Today, they said a broad consensus exists in their caucuses to approve suspension of the one-week delay before someone who's laid off can begin collecting unemployment checks. The guv earlier had called on lawmakers to convene immediately to repeal the provision.

They also indicated they believed the change would be retroactive, though they weren't clear whether it would go back to when Evers first issued the stay-at-home order last week or when the federal relief bill was signed into law on Friday.

Read the LFB memo on the federal stimulus bill:
https://bit.ly/2w6N71l

-- Evers today urged lawmakers to "to convene without any further delay."

In a Twitter thread, the guv said the two bills he's introduced would "provide much needed support and relief for our healthcare providers, essential workers, small businesses, and families across our state."

Evers added, "Addressing this public health emergency is going to take aggressive action not only from the federal government, but from the state. What's happened on the national level is a great first step, but it doesn't go far enough for Wisconsin workers,

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families, and businesses."

See the Twitter thread:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1245447089053552640

-- Over 1 million voters have requested an absentee ballot ahead of the upcoming April 7 election, according to the Wisconsin Election Commission.

But Administrator Meagan Wolfe said during yesterday's commission meeting the daily tally was "not a perfect number," because it only reflected ballot requests and returns that clerks have been able to enter into the system.

"There are jurisdictions that are behind in the data entry," she said, adding that didn't mean requested ballots hadn't been sent to voters in those jurisdictions.

Wolfe said there were "likely many more" ballot requests and return ballots than the commission data indicated.

But so far, the commission is reporting fewer than 390,000 voters have returned their ballots, a rate that raised concern among both commissioners and Gov. Tony Evers.

The number of absentee ballots requested is already approaching the total votes cast in the 2019 spring election. Then, there were 1.2 million votes in the state Supreme Court race with 170,121 absentee ballots cast.

In 2016, when there were 2.1 million votes cast with presidential primaries for both parties on the ballot, there were 249,503 absentee ballots.

See absentee ballot data:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6765

See the brief:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Evers-amicus-brief.pdf

-- A federal judge today lamented an increasing public health crisis that the Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers have "refused to accept as sincere enough to stop" Tuesday's election.

Still, U.S. Judge James Conley said he can't act as a "super department of health for the state of Wisconsin" and stop the election. The remedy for that, he told parties in federal suits seeking changes to Tuesday's election, lies with state government.

Conley said it may be a bad public policy decision to move ahead with the election amid the growing pandemic. But he expressed reluctance to push back the date.

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"Is it my place as a federal judge to say, nope, Wisconsin doesn't get to have an election at all?" Conley pressed an attorney for one of the parties seeking a delay.

Conley said during today's teleconference he was open to changes that would ensure clerks can count the rash of absentee ballots that have been issued for Tuesday's election. But he also indicated he'd like more information on how the process of receiving and returning ballots is going before issuing a ruling.

"As much as I would like our Legislature and governor to stop the public health risk, I'm not sure that the voting right is being sufficiently impinged because voters do have a fairly robust absentee ballot option, which has now been taken advantage of," he said.

Conley posed Wolfe the questions during a hearing on three federal lawsuits seeking changes to the April 7 election that have been combined into one case. The suits as for various remedies, including moving the election day to reworking how absentee ballots will be treated.

Earlier in today's hearing, Conley posed a series of questions to Elections Commission Administrator Megan Wolfe, including the impact of moving the April 7 election to May 12, when voters in the 7th CD will head to the polls in a special election to fill that House seat.

Wolfe noted ballots are already out for the 7th CD, meaning it couldn't be added to a ballot with the April races. There also would be challenges for local clerks in the 7th needing two separate poll books, one for the congressional race and one for the other contests.

Conley said Wolfe's answer suggested to him moving next week's election to May 12 would "probably create more problems than you can solve."

Wolfe answered that the entire year was challenging with the May special election, an August statewide primary and the November general election. She said that means there are very few days left in the year when there wouldn't be overlapping deadlines

"No matter what day you chose, there's going to be a different set of issues for us to consider," she said.

As part of his questioning, Conley also ran Wolfe through a host of scenarios if he were to alter the deadlines for absentee ballots to be received and counted.

Currently, they must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

-- Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said today he would be comfortable if a federal judge orders a longer-than-normal window to count absentee ballots as requests

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have now topped 1 million.

Still, Vos said he wants to maintain a cut off for when absentee ballots must be mailed. He said that would give voters who mail their absentee ballots Monday or Tuesday confidence that their votes will be counted. But it would avoid a scenario in which those who haven't sent in their absentee ballots see the initial results in Tuesday's races and then decide to request one.

Vos and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald also told reporters on a conference call today they continue to be confident it will be safe to vote at the polls in person on Tuesday.

Vos said he's volunteering at a polling site next week, while his wife -- former GOP state Rep. Michelle Litjens -- is going to work at a different location. He also called on those who are bored of "watching Netflix" at home to volunteer and said he supports the guv's idea of using members of the Wisconsin National Guard to staff some sites.

"We need people to step up. The election is going to happen. There is no doubt in my mind it is going to happen on April 7," he said.

Fitzgerald said clerks and local officials have been creative in finding solutions to safely conducting in-person voting. He also noted that even though some municipalities have announced plans to reduce the number of polling places, absentee ballots are up dramatically. He said that should help avoid crowds at polling sites.

"The word is definitely getting out there. If you want to vote in this election, you've had ample opportunity to do that," Fitzgerald said, though he noted later in the call there are likely to be lawsuits after the election.

Today's Marquette University Law School Poll found 51 percent of registered voters favored delaying the election, while 44 percent said it should go on as scheduled.

-- Bernie Sanders today called for Wisconsin's April 7 election to be delayed.

He also wants the state to conduct the vote entirely by mail and extend early voting. In the meantime, he urged his supporters to vote by mail.

"People should not be forced to put their lives on the line to vote, which is why 15 states are now following the advice of public health experts and delaying their elections," Sanders said. "We urge Wisconsin to join them."

-- Wisconsin voters overwhelmingly approve of the way Gov. Tony Evers has handled the COVID-19 pandemic, helping fuel higher overall job approval numbers, according to the latest Marquette University Law School Poll.

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Meanwhile, a narrow majority of voters approve of how President Trump has addressed the outbreak. But that hasn't had a significant impact on either Trump's overall job approval rating in Wisconsin or on the numbers in the horse race for president.

Today's release included a focus on the coronavirus pandemic, finding 76 percent of voters approve of how Evers has handled the situation, while just 17 percent disapproved.

That helped fuel a surge in Evers' overall job approval numbers. Sixty-five percent of voters approve of the Dem guv's performance, while 29 percent disapprove. That's up from a 51-38 split in February.

Evers issued a series of orders on social distancing before issuing a stay-at-home directive last week just before the poll went into the field. The survey found 86 percent support government action to close schools and businesses, along with restricting public gatherings. Ten percent said such moves were an overreaction.

Polling nationally has found governors generally getting better marks on their handling of the pandemic than the president, and that was true in the Marquette poll as well.

Fifty-one percent of voters approve of Trump's handling of the outbreak, while 46 percent disapprove.

Overall, 48 percent approve of his job performance, while 49 percent disapprove, compared to a 48-48 split in February.

The survey also found 61 percent say the state is headed in the right direction, while 30 percent said it was on the wrong track. That's up from 52-39 last month, and could be a reflection of the positive reaction to the measures taken to confront COVID-19, according to the poll release.

-- The poll continued to find a tight presidential race.

Forty-eight percent backed Joe Biden, who has surged to a lead in the Dem nomination contest since the previous Marquette poll in February. Meanwhile, 45 percent support Trump.

Forty-seven percent favored the president when paired with Bernie Sanders, who was at 45 percent.

Those numbers are unchanged from February, when Biden and Trump were tied at 46.

-- In the Dem primary, 62 percent back Biden, while 34 percent support Sanders.

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Among those who indicated they are absolutely certain to vote or have already voted, it was Biden 65, Sanders 32.

The poll warned with the spike in absentee ballots and an unknown Election Day turnout, the findings "should be viewed with more than the usual caution."

The February poll was conducted before the Dem primary field began to winnow.

The survey had Sanders leading the bigger field at 29 percent, while Biden was at 15 percent.

The poll of 813 registered Wisconsin voters was conducted using live interviewers over landlines and cellphones March 24-29. The margin of error for the overall sample was plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

In the Dem primary, the overall question was asked of 394 voters and had a margin of error of plus or minus 5.9 percentage points. Of those, 315 indicated they absolutely would vote or already had, resulting in a margin of error of plus or minus 6.6 percentage points.

With leaners included, the partisan makeup of the poll was 46 percent Republican, 46 percent Dem and 7 percent independent. The long-term trend is 45-45-9.

See full release:
https://law.marquette.edu/poll/

-- The 158 bills awaiting action by the state Senate after being passed by the Assembly are dead after the Legislature adjourned following the last general floor period of the biennial session last week.

But the Wisconsin Legislative Council says lawmakers can revive those proposals by extending a floor period or authorizing an extraordinary session.

In a memo prepared for Senate President Roger Roth, Council Director Anne Sappenfield said the extension option is limited to adding days to previously scheduled floor periods. The last general business floor period on the calendar for this biennium ran from March 24-26.

Sappenfield told WisPolitics.com Senate rules do not provide a cap on how long the session can be extended.

Lawmakers can also take up the outstanding bills by authorizing an extraordinary session. Sappenfield said that can be done through three processes: at the direction of a majority of Org Committee members in each house; through the adoption and

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concurrence of a joint resolution in each house; or by a joint petition signed by a majority of members in each house.

Still, Senate Rule 93 (1) specifies only legislation that "accomplishes the business specified in the action authorizing the extraordinary session" can be considered. Under the rule, a regular session proposal can be revived and is considered to be at the same stage of proceedings as it was at the end of the session.

Sappenfield also noted under Senate Rule 93 (1p), for a Senate proposal to be taken up under a Senate extraordinary session, it must be recommended by the Senate Organization Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Joint Finance Committee, Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, or Joint Committee on Employment Relations.

See the memo:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200401Memo.pdf

See Senate Rule 93 (1) and (1p):
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/rules/senate/10/93

See a story in the March 13 Friday Report on the outstanding bills:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/fri-report-strong-african-american-turnout-for-local-elections-could-boost-biden-in-milwaukee/

-- The Democratic National Convention Committee said Joe Biden's full remarks on possibly delaying the July convention in Milwaukee are "in line" with the committee's contingency planning efforts.

Biden told MSNBC's Brian Williams last night that it would be "hard to envision" the DNC going forward as planned, with Dems from all 50 states converging on the city during a pandemic.

But the DNCC highlighted other comments Biden made on the importance of listening to scientists' recommendations and prioritizing public safety.

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- 3 p.m.: PSC hearing.
http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2017/eventscalendar/Content/hearing.aspx?id=100845

- 7:30 p.m.: Opportunity Wisconsin, PRAWN: "COVID-19's Economic Impact on Milwaukee's Service Industry."
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-- Gov. Tony Evers is seeking at least $388 million in state funds to address the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing money for health care providers, creating a reinsurance program to cut premiums, and providing grants for food assistance and meal delivery programs.

Evers' latest proposal would also grant unlimited spending authority to the Department of Workforce Development to boost unemployment insurance.

The package would provide sum sufficient state dollars to: reimburse unemployment insurance claims relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; provide back payment for any lost benefits as a result of the delay in suspending the one-week waiting period to claim UI; allow employers to continue to pay laid-off employees without affecting UI eligibility; and

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waive a number of Work-Share program requirements.

The package would also seek $100 million in general fund-supported borrowing to cover increased capital costs if the state has to suspend construction projects.

Today's move comes after Republicans over the weekend rebuffed his first legislative proposal, because the "current general fund balance can't support" a proposal the Legislative Fiscal Bureau pegged at about $700 million; a WisPolitics.com tally of governor's administration documents showed more than $800 million in spending.

In a letter to legislative leaders included with the proposals, Evers praised the federal government's response as "welcome and necessary" but said there were a number of areas where state funding would be necessary to "fill gaps in."

But a spokeswoman for Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said while the Assembly Republican caucus will review the package, "the state does not have the money to spend."

"The governor can use federal stimulus dollars," spokeswoman Kit Beyer said.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said in an email "many of these items have already been discussed" while "some appear to be redundant or previously discarded."

"The Legislature plans to craft and negotiate a plan that doesn't spend outside our state's means," the Juneau Republican said.

The biggest pieces of the package include: $150 million in GPR to support small businesses; $94 million in GPR to boost funding for Medicaid providers through supplemental payments and rate increases; and $30 million in GPR to reduce costs of health insurance for consumers.

Other provision would:

*Use $9.7 million in GPR to boost the Earned Income Tax Credit.

*Prohibit utility cooperatives and propane suppliers from cutting off service during the public health emergency. A separate measure seeks to prevent any utility from disconnecting service at a rental unit at the direction of a landlord.

*Provide $25 million in GPR to support child care providers who were forced to close.

*Allow municipalities to implement multiple installments of three or more payments for 2020 property taxes and waive interest and penalties on delinquent property taxes included in the 2019 payable 2020 tax roll.

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*Create an $8 million GPR-supported fund to prevent single-family foreclosures and allow borrowers refinancing opportunities.

See the letter and package:
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/01/file_attachments/1416796/Evers_COVID19%20Bill%202%20Summary_4.1.20v2.pdf

-- Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said today they plan to introduce a single piece of legislation that would provide a state response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The GOP leaders said on a conference call they hope to produce a bill with broad, bipartisan agreement. Still, it is too early to say when they will meet.

"We want to get this done as quickly as we are able to do it. But we also want to be smart," said Vos, R-Rochester.

Over the weekend, the two GOP leaders said the initial bill Evers released just days ago was too expensive considering the state's finances. They didn't commit to a price tag for the bill they will produce, saying they wanted to have a better idea of what the $2.3 billion in federal money coming to Wisconsin -- including $1.9 billion to state government -- will mean.

Today, they said a broad consensus exists in their caucuses to approve suspension of the one-week delay before someone who's laid off can begin collecting unemployment checks. The guv earlier had called on lawmakers to convene immediately to repeal the provision.

They also indicated they believed the change would be retroactive, though they weren't clear whether it would go back to when Evers first issued the stay-at-home order last week or when the federal relief bill was signed into law on Friday.

Read the LFB memo on the federal stimulus bill:
https://bit.ly/2w6N71l

-- Evers today urged lawmakers to "to convene without any further delay."

In a Twitter thread, the guv said the two bills he's introduced would "provide much needed support and relief for our healthcare providers, essential workers, small businesses, and families across our state."

Evers added, "Addressing this public health emergency is going to take aggressive action not only from the federal government, but from the state. What's happened on the national level is a great first step, but it doesn't go far enough for Wisconsin workers,

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families, and businesses."

See the Twitter thread:
https://twitter.com/GovEvers/status/1245447089053552640

-- Over 1 million voters have requested an absentee ballot ahead of the upcoming April 7 election, according to the Wisconsin Election Commission.

But Administrator Meagan Wolfe said during yesterday's commission meeting the daily tally was "not a perfect number," because it only reflected ballot requests and returns that clerks have been able to enter into the system.

"There are jurisdictions that are behind in the data entry," she said, adding that didn't mean requested ballots hadn't been sent to voters in those jurisdictions.

Wolfe said there were "likely many more" ballot requests and return ballots than the commission data indicated.

But so far, the commission is reporting fewer than 390,000 voters have returned their ballots, a rate that raised concern among both commissioners and Gov. Tony Evers.

The number of absentee ballots requested is already approaching the total votes cast in the 2019 spring election. Then, there were 1.2 million votes in the state Supreme Court race with 170,121 absentee ballots cast.

In 2016, when there were 2.1 million votes cast with presidential primaries for both parties on the ballot, there were 249,503 absentee ballots.

See absentee ballot data:
https://elections.wi.gov/node/6765

See the brief:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Evers-amicus-brief.pdf

-- A federal judge today lamented an increasing public health crisis that the Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers have "refused to accept as sincere enough to stop" Tuesday's election.

Still, U.S. Judge James Conley said he can't act as a "super department of health for the state of Wisconsin" and stop the election. The remedy for that, he told parties in federal suits seeking changes to Tuesday's election, lies with state government.

Conley said it may be a bad public policy decision to move ahead with the election amid the growing pandemic. But he expressed reluctance to push back the date.

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"Is it my place as a federal judge to say, nope, Wisconsin doesn't get to have an election at all?" Conley pressed an attorney for one of the parties seeking a delay.

Conley said during today's teleconference he was open to changes that would ensure clerks can count the rash of absentee ballots that have been issued for Tuesday's election. But he also indicated he'd like more information on how the process of receiving and returning ballots is going before issuing a ruling.

"As much as I would like our Legislature and governor to stop the public health risk, I'm not sure that the voting right is being sufficiently impinged because voters do have a fairly robust absentee ballot option, which has now been taken advantage of," he said.

Conley posed Wolfe the questions during a hearing on three federal lawsuits seeking changes to the April 7 election that have been combined into one case. The suits as for various remedies, including moving the election day to reworking how absentee ballots will be treated.

Earlier in today's hearing, Conley posed a series of questions to Elections Commission Administrator Megan Wolfe, including the impact of moving the April 7 election to May 12, when voters in the 7th CD will head to the polls in a special election to fill that House seat.

Wolfe noted ballots are already out for the 7th CD, meaning it couldn't be added to a ballot with the April races. There also would be challenges for local clerks in the 7th needing two separate poll books, one for the congressional race and one for the other contests.

Conley said Wolfe's answer suggested to him moving next week's election to May 12 would "probably create more problems than you can solve."

Wolfe answered that the entire year was challenging with the May special election, an August statewide primary and the November general election. She said that means there are very few days left in the year when there wouldn't be overlapping deadlines

"No matter what day you chose, there's going to be a different set of issues for us to consider," she said.

As part of his questioning, Conley also ran Wolfe through a host of scenarios if he were to alter the deadlines for absentee ballots to be received and counted.

Currently, they must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

-- Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said today he would be comfortable if a federal judge orders a longer-than-normal window to count absentee ballots as requests

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have now topped 1 million.

Still, Vos said he wants to maintain a cut off for when absentee ballots must be mailed. He said that would give voters who mail their absentee ballots Monday or Tuesday confidence that their votes will be counted. But it would avoid a scenario in which those who haven't sent in their absentee ballots see the initial results in Tuesday's races and then decide to request one.

Vos and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald also told reporters on a conference call today they continue to be confident it will be safe to vote at the polls in person on Tuesday.

Vos said he's volunteering at a polling site next week, while his wife -- former GOP state Rep. Michelle Litjens -- is going to work at a different location. He also called on those who are bored of "watching Netflix" at home to volunteer and said he supports the guv's idea of using members of the Wisconsin National Guard to staff some sites.

"We need people to step up. The election is going to happen. There is no doubt in my mind it is going to happen on April 7," he said.

Fitzgerald said clerks and local officials have been creative in finding solutions to safely conducting in-person voting. He also noted that even though some municipalities have announced plans to reduce the number of polling places, absentee ballots are up dramatically. He said that should help avoid crowds at polling sites.

"The word is definitely getting out there. If you want to vote in this election, you've had ample opportunity to do that," Fitzgerald said, though he noted later in the call there are likely to be lawsuits after the election.

Today's Marquette University Law School Poll found 51 percent of registered voters favored delaying the election, while 44 percent said it should go on as scheduled.

-- Bernie Sanders today called for Wisconsin's April 7 election to be delayed.

He also wants the state to conduct the vote entirely by mail and extend early voting. In the meantime, he urged his supporters to vote by mail.

"People should not be forced to put their lives on the line to vote, which is why 15 states are now following the advice of public health experts and delaying their elections," Sanders said. "We urge Wisconsin to join them."

-- Wisconsin voters overwhelmingly approve of the way Gov. Tony Evers has handled the COVID-19 pandemic, helping fuel higher overall job approval numbers, according to the latest Marquette University Law School Poll.

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Meanwhile, a narrow majority of voters approve of how President Trump has addressed the outbreak. But that hasn't had a significant impact on either Trump's overall job approval rating in Wisconsin or on the numbers in the horse race for president.

Today's release included a focus on the coronavirus pandemic, finding 76 percent of voters approve of how Evers has handled the situation, while just 17 percent disapproved.

That helped fuel a surge in Evers' overall job approval numbers. Sixty-five percent of voters approve of the Dem guv's performance, while 29 percent disapprove. That's up from a 51-38 split in February.

Evers issued a series of orders on social distancing before issuing a stay-at-home directive last week just before the poll went into the field. The survey found 86 percent support government action to close schools and businesses, along with restricting public gatherings. Ten percent said such moves were an overreaction.

Polling nationally has found governors generally getting better marks on their handling of the pandemic than the president, and that was true in the Marquette poll as well.

Fifty-one percent of voters approve of Trump's handling of the outbreak, while 46 percent disapprove.

Overall, 48 percent approve of his job performance, while 49 percent disapprove, compared to a 48-48 split in February.

The survey also found 61 percent say the state is headed in the right direction, while 30 percent said it was on the wrong track. That's up from 52-39 last month, and could be a reflection of the positive reaction to the measures taken to confront COVID-19, according to the poll release.

-- The poll continued to find a tight presidential race.

Forty-eight percent backed Joe Biden, who has surged to a lead in the Dem nomination contest since the previous Marquette poll in February. Meanwhile, 45 percent support Trump.

Forty-seven percent favored the president when paired with Bernie Sanders, who was at 45 percent.

Those numbers are unchanged from February, when Biden and Trump were tied at 46.

-- In the Dem primary, 62 percent back Biden, while 34 percent support Sanders.

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Among those who indicated they are absolutely certain to vote or have already voted, it was Biden 65, Sanders 32.

The poll warned with the spike in absentee ballots and an unknown Election Day turnout, the findings "should be viewed with more than the usual caution."

The February poll was conducted before the Dem primary field began to winnow.

The survey had Sanders leading the bigger field at 29 percent, while Biden was at 15 percent.

The poll of 813 registered Wisconsin voters was conducted using live interviewers over landlines and cellphones March 24-29. The margin of error for the overall sample was plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

In the Dem primary, the overall question was asked of 394 voters and had a margin of error of plus or minus 5.9 percentage points. Of those, 315 indicated they absolutely would vote or already had, resulting in a margin of error of plus or minus 6.6 percentage points.

With leaners included, the partisan makeup of the poll was 46 percent Republican, 46 percent Dem and 7 percent independent. The long-term trend is 45-45-9.

See full release:
https://law.marquette.edu/poll/

-- The 158 bills awaiting action by the state Senate after being passed by the Assembly are dead after the Legislature adjourned following the last general floor period of the biennial session last week.

But the Wisconsin Legislative Council says lawmakers can revive those proposals by extending a floor period or authorizing an extraordinary session.

In a memo prepared for Senate President Roger Roth, Council Director Anne Sappenfield said the extension option is limited to adding days to previously scheduled floor periods. The last general business floor period on the calendar for this biennium ran from March 24-26.

Sappenfield told WisPolitics.com Senate rules do not provide a cap on how long the session can be extended.

Lawmakers can also take up the outstanding bills by authorizing an extraordinary session. Sappenfield said that can be done through three processes: at the direction of a majority of Org Committee members in each house; through the adoption and

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concurrence of a joint resolution in each house; or by a joint petition signed by a majority of members in each house.

Still, Senate Rule 93 (1) specifies only legislation that "accomplishes the business specified in the action authorizing the extraordinary session" can be considered. Under the rule, a regular session proposal can be revived and is considered to be at the same stage of proceedings as it was at the end of the session.

Sappenfield also noted under Senate Rule 93 (1p), for a Senate proposal to be taken up under a Senate extraordinary session, it must be recommended by the Senate Organization Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Joint Finance Committee, Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, or Joint Committee on Employment Relations.

See the memo:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/200401Memo.pdf

See Senate Rule 93 (1) and (1p):
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/rules/senate/10/93

See a story in the March 13 Friday Report on the outstanding bills:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/fri-report-strong-african-american-turnout-for-local-elections-could-boost-biden-in-milwaukee/

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- 3 p.m.: PSC hearing.
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- 7:30 p.m.: Opportunity Wisconsin, PRAWN: "COVID-19's Economic Impact on Milwaukee's Service Industry."
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-- GOP lawmakers want to give the Legislature's budget committee sweeping powers to cut state spending and nix planned pay raíses for state employees as part of their counteroffer to Gov. Tony Evers in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

While Evers has advanced two bills that would spend some $1.1 billion in general purpose revenue combined, an overview of the Republican bill includes no new GPR.

It also doesn't include a provision Evers sought in his legislation to indefinitely extend the public health emergency until revoked by executive order or a joint resolution of the Legislature.

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Evers called on GOP lawmakers "to take politics out of this proposal so we can move forward on addressing the needs of our state."

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, fired back Evers was suggesting publicly that he would veto the bill while privately still negotiating on the legislation, calling that "irresponsible."

The Joint Finance Committee provisions would allow the GOP-controlled body to reduce GPR appropriations, suspend law changes that decrease state tax revenues and rescind pay increases if the Legislative Fiscal Bureau projects a deficit for the 2020-21 fiscal year. That provision calls for LFB to prepare a revised general fund condition statement no later than June 15 to the committee, which would then convene no later than June 24 if there were a projected deficit.

The committee's cuts wouldn't be subject to the guv's approval, unlike current law.

JFC also would be allowed to transfer up to $25 million from sum sufficient appropriations during a state of emergency and for up to 90 days after it ends. The transferred money could be used to cover costs related to the state of emergency.

"We have work to do folks--we don't have time to play politics, and this provision won't do anything to help our state respond to COVID-19 or to help our families who are struggling during this crisis," Evers said. "It's time to get serious."

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- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Veterans Chamber of Commerce: 'Veterans in the Workforce' webinar.
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- 6 p.m.: Thompson Center webinar with K.T. McFarland, former U.S. deputy national security adviser.
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/thompson-center-webinar-with-k-t-mcfarland-former-u-s-deputy-national-security-adviser/

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WED PM Update -- 25 March 2020

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-- The state Capitol will close to the public starting at 8 a.m. tomorrow as part of the Evers administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Administration said the building will reopen to the public if the Legislature or Wisconsin Supreme Court convenes.

The state Senate canceled a floor period that had been planned for Tuesday, while the Supreme Court canceled oral arguments that had been planned for this month.

The announcement follows Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order banning non-essential travel and closing some businesses.

"Although the decision to close the building was difficult, the health of our communities and loved ones is the priority we must all be focused on," DOA Secretary Joel Brennan

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said in a release.

See the release:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/dept-of-administration-wisconsin-state-capitol-building-closing-to-the-public/

-- As the U.S. Senate prepares to pass a $2 trillion coronavirus relief package, U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher told WisPolitics.com the deal could face delays in the House.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., today expressed support for both the deal and speedy passage to President Trump's desk.

Pelosi has indicated she will bring the bill up in a way that would not force lawmakers to travel back to Washington from their districts and risk exposure to COVID-19 while traveling.

But a single member of Congress can block the "unanimous consent" procedure and Gallagher said he thinks "there'll be a lot of objection" to passing a package of this scale using a maneuver generally employed on noncontroversial proposals.

"I suspect there'd be a lot of members, myself included, that would be concerned about passing a $2 trillion bill through unanimous consent," the Green Bay Republican said, adding such a move would be unprecedented.

He specifically highlighted U.S. Rep. Justin Amash, a conservative Independent from Michigan, who took to Twitter to call the package "a raw deal for the people."

Still, Gallagher said the concerns he and others raised have to be balanced against "the very real health concern of congregating." He said he understood the concerns of older lawmakers about returning to the Capitol, which he called "a unique petri dish for coronavirus spread."

-- Gallagher also said he backed many of the actions Gov. Tony Evers has taken to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

"I do think the governor and his team understand the gravity of the situation; they are taking it seriously and I know they're working hard," he said.

But the Green Bay Republican added Evers' rollout of the "Safer at Home" order was "suboptimal" and "caught a lot of people by surprise."

"I think it's also fair to say that the governor's team is discovering how difficult it is to draw a clear line between essential and nonessential businesses," Gallagher said.

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See a story below on the hundreds of inquiries into WEDC on that issue.

-- Gallagher's comments largely matched those of the Legislature's top two Republicans, who today declined to second guess Evers' stay-at-home order other than criticizing the way he rolled it out.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said the governor's initial announcement left their constituents in a panic and seeking answers that weren't immediately available.

Some of their GOP colleagues have knocked the order, which bans all non-essential travel and closed a number of businesses.

Vos, R-Rochester, said while he has serious doubts about the way the order was put in place, it wouldn't be "all that helpful" to now criticize decisions already made.

Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, added on a call the two held with reporters that the administration would be wise to better communicate with lawmakers. The senator called lawmakers most effective when it comes to communicating directory to their constituents.

Still, he noted the challenging environment the guv and his staff are facing.

"This is a tough decision," Fitzgerald said. "I'm not trying to say that each and every decision that's been made coming out of the East Wing is something that we should pick apart."

Today's call was the first time the pair have spoken with the media since Evers rolled out the order yesterday. They criticized him Monday for not including more details in his initial announcement the order was coming.

--The two top legislative Republicans sided with Evers in resisting calls to delay the April 7 election while expressing opposition to moving to an election conducted just by mail.

Fitzgerald noted more than 100,000 absentee ballots have already been returned, arguing it is too late to change the rules of the election now.

Green Bay has filed a federal suit seeking to cancel in-person voting and registration ahead of the April 7 election, instead allowing clerks to mail ballots to registered voters. Meanwhile, some local officials and groups have called for changes, arguing in-person voting threatens the health of poll workers and voters.

Fitzgerald said there is a "certain group of citizens" who have regularly voted at the polls on Election Day, saying they wouldn't go online to request a ballot. If the election were going to be conducted by mail, the process to reach those voters would've had to begin

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months ago.

"I think we are way too far in with early voting on March 12 to suddenly make the proclamation that that's the only way you're going to vote," Fitzgerald said.

Vos said local clerks have been resourceful in how they're approaching the challenge of conducting an election while keeping workers and voters safe. He noted those working in health care and in grocery stores are still doing their job, which is essential to the public.

He said the election needs to move forward to ensure local offices are filled on time.

"While those two things are paramount in this crisis, I also know that we live in a republic and we live in one that has to have elections," he said.

-- Vos said the additional $818.2 million in revenue over the next two years that had been projected in January is "gone" and the state will have to be judicious in its spending because it must maintain a balanced budget, unlike the federal government.

Vos said the Evers administration has begun sharing some proposals from state agencies. But he said it was way too early to say if there were concrete ideas that lawmakers could support.

The two leaders said the Legislative Fiscal Bureau will prepare an analysis on the federal package once it's done. They'll also be looking to the LFB for overviews of the state's unemployment insurance fund and state revenues as they consider actions.

Evers earlier this month called for GOP lawmakers to immediately repeal a one-week delay between filing for unemployment and those losing their jobs collecting a check. Vos said on the call Republicans were discussing a "small, short-term suspension."

Fitzgerald, meanwhile, said while he hasn't spoken with any members of the Evers cabinet, he has been in regular contact with Evers Chief of Staff Maggie Gau, as well as the guv.

He noted the communication between legislative leaders and the guv has improved significantly compared to the first 14 months Evers has been in office.

"Some of the exchanges are good," Fitzgerald said, adding he hopes the calls continue. "I've picked up a few things here or there that they've brought to my attention that I otherwise wouldn't have known about."

-- The Senate is preparing to meet virtually with Fitzgerald saying some "bugs"

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needed to be worked out.

A dry run of a virtual Senate meeting took place yesterday.

Meanwhile, Vos said while the Assembly could meet remotely, he would prefer to allow for a full debate in the chamber.

Neither indicated when they thought the Legislature might meet.

-- The Legislature has the power to overturn a guv's state of emergency declaration.

But the DHS secretary has independent authority to order restrictions on businesses and public gatherings that would require a change in law to nix, according to the head of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Director Rick Champagne said the authority for the orders that Gov. Tony Evers and DHS Secretary Andrea Palm have issued is laid out in different statutes.

The one governing Evers' authority gives him the ability to issue an emergency order lasting up to 60 days. The guv can cut that short by rescinding the order. The Legislature also has the power to overturn it through a joint resolution. Lawmakers also can extend the order by a joint resolution.

The Legislature has no similar oversight of the orders Palm has issued.

"Her power is independent of the governor's," he said.

Champagne noted Palm's orders have referenced the emergency order that Evers issued. Even if that order were overturned, he said, at most she would have to re-issue her previous orders such as those closing schools and the stay-at-home directive banning non-essential travel and services.

Likewise, local governments have their own power to issue emergency declarations that would require a change in state law to overturn, he said.

During today's conference call, Fitzgerald and Vos said they're not considering a joint resolution to cut short the guv's 60-day order. They are, though, open to looking at legislation to give lawmakers more oversight if there are future calls.

-- AG Josh Kaul alongside 15 attorneys general is urging President Trump to order the manufacture of masks, respirators and healthcare supplies under the Defense Production Act.

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The AGs' letter highlights that states "are on the brink of catastrophic consequences" related to the COVID-19 pandemic if the current supply shortage continues.

"Medical professionals and first responders need resources now," Kaul said yesterday. "The president must act without further delay and use his broad power to address the ongoing shortages in critical supplies."

The Defense Production Act is a federal law that, among other things, gives the president wartime mobilization power requiring private industry to manufacture products needed for national security.

See the letter:
https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200324KAUL.pdf

-- State Rep. David Bowen today joined the growing list of organizers and elected officials calling on Gov. Tony Evers and lawmakers to postpone in-person voting for the spring election.

Bowen in a teleconference warned that the number of confirmed cases in Milwaukee County has nearly reached 300 and that voting in-person would be difficult and dangerous for citizens currently infected or showing symptoms of COVID-19.

"I want to highlight my presence on this call to join forces with the message to delay the election at this point," Bowen said. "We've seen other states delay, because there is no safe way to be able to have this election fully."

Bowen revealed on Monday he has tested positive for COVID-19 and is in quarantine. He said through first-hand experience he knows the virus is "no joke" and "very hard on the body."

Bowen's support comes after the city of Green Bay filed a federal lawsuit against the state hoping to cancel in-person voting and allow clerks to issue mail-in ballots to registered voters instead.

Wisconsin's presidential primary and spring general election is April 7. State law dictates the election must be held on the second Tuesday in April.

-- WEDC chief Missy Hughes says agency staff are "working through the process" of determining which businesses are essential after a spike in related web traffic contributed to the agency's site crashing.

"This is a hard conversation," she said today during a webinar hosted by the Wisconsin Technology Council. "Everybody wants to be essential, and everybody is essential."

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After the order was announced yesterday, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. website received an "extraordinary spike" in traffic and crashed for several hours. WEDC spokesman David Callender said nearly 2,000 information requests about essential business status have been received by the site, and noted agency staff are "swamped" by the workload.

"I'm going to say honestly that the turnaround time right now is rough, because we have gotten a number of inquiries," Hughes said.

On a typical day, Callender said the WEDC site logs around 1,000 sessions, each of which can include multiple page views and interactions. Callender said yesterday's session number "may have cleared 100,000 by the end of the day." The agency is asking businesses that find they are essential not to reach out for confirmation.

Gov. Tony Evers' "safer at home" order includes a long list detailing which businesses qualify as essential and which must close down until April 24, when the order expires.

In today's call, Hughes acknowledged the order "came fast and furious yesterday." She said the agency based the list of essential businesses on a model developed in Ohio, focusing on critical companies that "need to stay standing" for the economy to keep working.

She encouraged any businesses to "take the time to read the order" if their status is uncertain.

"It is a rare instance where someone who can't find themselves in that list of businesses in the order is going to be deemed as essential," she said.

Amid the onslaught of inquiries, Hughes said the agency is trying to group similar requests together and respond to them in batches. She said many requests are from supply chain companies that aren't sure if they qualify as essential.

"If you're supplying goods to a hardware story, to a healthcare facility, you're in that supply chain," she said. "Thinking about it that way and trying to understand where you flow into the system I think will be helpful for a lot of those questions coming in."

-- The Wisconsin Elections Commission today reported the number of absentee ballot requests for the April 7 election has surpassed the total from the 2018 general election.

In November 2018, 565,591 voters weighed in by absentee ballot on the races for governor, U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin reelection bid, Congress and a host of state and local contests.

The commission reported as of today, 626,837 voters have requested an absentee

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ballot for the upcoming spring election.

That total now narrowly trails the number of absentee ballots cast in the 2008 and 2012 November general elections and falls roughly 200,000 ballots short of the record set during the November 2016 general election.

The deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot is April 2.

See data on absentee ballot requests:
https://elections.wi.gov/publications/statistics/absentee

See more information signing up for an absentee ballot:
https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee

-- WisPolitics.com has updated its coronavirus resource page with a timeline of events during the outbreak and response.

Check it out:
https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/coronavirus-resources/

-- In a new TV ad, actor Kelsey Grammer urges Wisconsin voters to support a proposed amendment that would add more crime victims rights to the state Constitution.

Marsy's Law lobbied for the amendment and is now putting on an ad campaign ahead of the April 7 election, which includes the referendum on the amendment.

The group said the ad will run on broadcast, cable and a variety of digital platforms. The group didn't say how much it was spending on the buy, which includes the Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Wausau and La Crosse/Eau Claire media markets.

In the ad, Grammer says his father was murdered at the age of 38 and his sister was raped and murdered six years later. He found out through the National Enquirer that his father's killer was released, which he said "seemed like a cruel joke." He had a voice in parole hearings for his sister's killers, "but that's not always true in Wisconsin."

"Marsy's Law ensures equal rights to victims and their families to be informed and heard," Grammer says, urging viewers to support the amendment.

Watch the ad:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVdtXpCLYUk

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Subject: FW: WHA Creates New COVID-19 Dashboard

This is a really great source from WHA!

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Subject: WHA Creates New COVID-19 Dashboard

Good afternoon,

Please see the message below from WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding regarding the creation of a new WHA COVID-19 dashboard.

Thanks,
Kyle

Good afternoon lawmakers,

Earlier today, the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) released a new dashboard illustrating statewide and regional data related to daily COVID-19 hospitalizations and equipment capacity. As mentioned in WHA's April 7 memo, March 31 memo and an interview this week in Wisconsin Health News, WHA has consistently supported expanding the collection and reporting of COVID-19 data. This includes daily updated information related to COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals and other important, daily update information.

Since this is state, not WHAIC, collected data, WHAIC has been working collaboratively with DHS for the past several days to stand up and offer this daily and relevant COVID-19 data. COVID-19 hospitalization and capacity information continue to be funneled through existing reporting structures at DHS but is now being made available to the WHAIC for publication. This would not be possible without

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commitment from Wisconsin hospitals to provide and learn from information and the support of and collaboration with DHS.

The WHAIC has served as a public source for health care data for 16 years, receiving commendations for its performance from DHS leadership during both Democratic and Republican Administrations. Its work was furthered by the Legislature in 2016, when WHA worked closely with a bipartisan group of lawmakers (Senator Howard Marklein, then-Representative Dale Kooyenga, Representative Joe Sanfelippo and Representative Daniel Riemer) to enact significant improvements to the hospital discharge data program operated by WHAIC. The legislation was signed into law during WHA's Advocacy Day in 2016, in front of 1,100 of Wisconsin's hospital advocates, many of who are now on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Collecting and disseminating health care data and public information transparency is WHAIC's role. WHA and WHAIC have created and operated the PricePoint and Checkpoint web sites, which have provided cost and quality data directly to health care consumers since 2004 and 2005, respectively. These groundbreaking transparency efforts have been frequently cited and lauded by WI lawmakers, and WHAIC's PricePoint website is so well regarded that 10 other states use it to provide price transparency information for their own citizens. Through partnership and collaboration, Wisconsin remains a national leader in hospital and health care transparency, of which today's information is another example.

Again, we encourage you to visit the new dashboard to see this information for yourself. If you have questions about this dashboard or how the state collects COVID-19 related data and the process that has been used to report COVID-19 data, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Eric Borgerding

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Many have been calling for more complete information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and so has WHA. In addition to the information we've been providing, we are pleased to see the state today begin posting information related to hospitalizations for COVID 19 positive patients. WHA has been encouraging the State Emergency Operations Command (SEOC) to collect and disseminate this information, today is a positive step. The data and analytics need to expand and improve, and we expect to happen very soon. We all need more relevant, daily updated information, the sooner the better.

As I noted yesterday, statewide and regional data is critical to gauge the spread of COVID-19 infection, its impacts and efficacy of mitigation strategies. The more we can do to collect and disseminate daily updated information on infection rate and growth, impact on the health care system, PPE supply and other key indicators of preparedness and impact, the better positioned Wisconsin hospitals, caregivers and policymakers will be to make prudent decisions and choices going forward.

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Thursday, March 26, 2020

REGULAR SESSION ENDS

The regular session of the Legislature ends today, and all legislation which did not pass both houses fails pursuant to SJR-1. According to the Joint Rules, the limited floor session scheduled for April 21-22 is limited to:

- * Revisor's correction or revisor's revision bills.
- * Reconciliation bills introduced by the committee on organization of either house that resolve conflicts between mutually inconsistent acts of the biennial session and proposals recalled for further legislative action under Joint Rules 60.
- * Bills introduced by the Joint Committee on employment relations for the ratification of state employee collective bargaining contracts.
- * Matters the purposes of which are allowed under Joint Rule 7 (Citations by the Legislature).

Under Senate Rule 22, appointments may be taken up as well. Any bills not passed through both houses today would have to be revived in an extraordinary session of the Legislature to be acted upon.

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RISSER TO RETIRE AFTER 64 YEARS; REP. TAYLOR LEAVING THE LEGISLATURE

Sen. Fred Risser announced he will retire after this legislative session. Risser is the longest service state or national legislator in the nation's history. First elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1956, he was elected to the Senate in 1962 and served there since.

Rep. Chris Taylor announced today, "she will not seek re-election to the state Assembly or election to any other legislative seat in 2020."

DOA CLOSES CAPITOL

The Department of Administration announced the State Capitol is closed to the public. The release says, "If the Legislature or Supreme Court convenes, the Capitol will reopen to public." In a follow up email to The Wheeler Report, DOA said they encourage staff on site to be aware all exterior entrances are now locked. DOA says for security purposes the doors need to remain closed and locked so they are asking that staff not prop the doors open. Staff that work in the building that have electronic access rights to enter the Capitol with their ID will be allowed in the building. *Essential meetings* that need to be held in the Capitol need to make an appointment with the Capitol tenant they are meeting.

FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

The National Conference of State Legislatures has released a summary of the federal COVID-19 Stimulus package and what it means to states. The website highlights these points:

- * Creates a $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund for state, local and tribal governments. See estimated state allocations courtesy of Federal Funds Information for States.
- * Provides $30 billion for an Education Stabilization Fund for states, school districts and institutions of higher education for costs related to the coronavirus.
- * Provides $45 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund for the immediate needs of state, local, tribal and territorial governments to protect citizens and help them respond and recover from the overwhelming effects of COVID-19.
- * Provides $1.4 billion for deployments of the National Guard. This level of funding will sustain up to 20,000 members of the National Guard, under the direction of the governors of each state, for the next six months in order to support state and local response efforts.
- * Provides an additional $4.3 billion, thorough the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to support federal, state and local public health agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
- * Extends the Oct. 1, 2020, Real ID implementation deadline to Sept. 30, 2021.

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- * Provides $25 billion for transit systems. These funds would be distributed through existing formulas including the Urbanized Area Formula Grants and Formula Grants for Rural Areas using fiscal year 2020 apportionment formulas.
- * Provides $400 million in election security grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus in the 2020 federal election cycle. States must provide an accounting to the Election Assistance Commission of how the funds were spent within 20 days of any 2020 election.
- * Expands unemployment insurance from three to four months, and provides temporary unemployment compensation of $600 per week, which is in addition to and the same time as regular state and federal UI benefits.
- * Establishes a $500 billion lending fund for businesses, cities and states.
- * Provides a $1,200 direct payment to many Americans and $500 for each dependent child.

The summary then explains provisions impacting states.

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ND PAPER MAKING PPE DONATION TO WISCONSIN FOR COVID-19 CRISIS

ND Papers, a paper company with a production center in Biron, Wisconsin will be donating 1,500 Tyvek suits and 20,000 masks to the State of Wisconsin through the state donation center for PPE donations.

PAPER INDUSTRY ALREADY PROVIDING MEDICAL PRODUCTS

In a conference call with media today, Governor Evers was asked about the possibility of Wisconsin paper companies converting facilities to help create PPE for Wisconsin health care professionals. They already do. Wisconsin paper mills and converting processors already provide an extensive list of medical supplies including:

- * Medical Personal Protective Equipment – including the base papers and support materials to produce face masks and gowns
- * Patient gowns, lab coats, scrubs, O.R. caps and EMT items
- * Disposable bags, sterilizer bags, SWABS and infection control products
- * Disposable cleaning wipes and antibacterial wet wipes used for hand and surface cleansing
- * Packaging for medication and medical instruments

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- * Liners used in medical applications
- * Medical tapes used to keep IVs in place
- * Carryout bags used in fast food facilities
- * Food packaging products
- * Sterile packaging solutions and packaging fill
- * Saturating papers used for residential and commercial building
- * Tissue papers, toilet papers, napkins, adult briefs

Additionally, container board, which is used in making boxes, helps to provide boxes and packaging for places like Amazon and other companies providing delivery services to people staying at home.

According to Scott Suder, President of the Wisconsin Paper Council, Wisconsin paper companies are working at capacity to produce all the things Wisconsin needs in the fight against COVID-19. However, Suder was insistent that the first priority for the industry was to be deemed an essential business so they could continue production. Then they implemented COVID-19 standards and safety protocol to ensure their workers would be protected and the people receiving the products would be safe.

DAILY UPDATE FROM DHS

The Governor, DHS Secretary-designee Palm and DHS Chief Medical Officer Dr. Westergaard held their daily media conference call to update the public and take question pertaining to COVID-19 this afternoon. Wisconsin now has 15,856 negative tests, 1,221 are positive and 14 people have died due to the virus. While Wisconsin has increased its daily testing numbers, testing is still limited to high priority cases, health care professionals, and long-term care professionals. Testing capacity will increase again with the announcement of the public-private partnership (see below), however experts expect the test will still be limited by the supply chain and will continue to be in consultation with your personal physician.

Wisconsin has not been collecting specific hospital data in real time, so they are unable to give specifics on how many beds are available, how many ICU beds are available, or how many ventilators are available, but Sec. Palm and Dr. Westergaard said they are working with hospitals to increase their real time data tracking with the intentions of making that information available in the future. Dr. Westergaard said approximately 20-25% of those who have tested positive are currently in the hospital, which means approximately 250 individuals are currently hospitalized with COVID-19.

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Governor Evers said he has continued to update the legislative leadership on the situation and hopes they will eventually work with him on producing a legislative package that addresses the needs not currently met by the passage of the federal legislation. In giving examples, Evers said DWD has been inundated with new calls to the unemployment help lines and they need staff to take calls and process requests. Evers said DWD needs at least 80 more staff and that needs to be approved by the Legislature. Evers explained that DHS needs additional flexibility to apply for waivers and maneuver through the federal system and needs legislative approval to do so. Evers said he has asked all the state agencies to forward their needs to him so he can put forth a complete list of needs to the Legislature.

However, in October the Joint Finance Committee co-chairs Sen. Darling and Rep. Nygren sent a letter to agencies after they requested additional position authority saying the legislature would not grant any new position authority to agencies until they identify positions that will be eliminated. The letter, sent to DOA Secretary Brennan stated, "As of September 26, 209 there were more than 4,000 state vacancies excluding the University of Wisconsin System and the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Of this total, more than 600 had been vacant for over a year. This letter is to inform you that going forward position requests from agencies that are recommended for approval and forwarded to the Committee should identify equivalent vacancies as an offset to the newly requested positions…Given the large number of vacancies across state government and the broad authority state law gives state agencies to recommend abolishing positions, we plan to work with you to limit the need to create new position authority." According to an LFB memo attached to the letter to DOA, DHS has 855.76 total FTEs by vacancy, and DWD has 214. Any positions created with federal dollars do not require legislative approval.

Numerous questions were asked pertaining to when Wisconsin can expect a peak, and while the modeling shows that Wisconsin should expect a peak in the next 2-4 weeks, Dr. Westergaard was perfectly clear that the numbers can change based on how well the Safer-At-Home is being implemented by the public.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES LAB CAPACITY AGREEMENT

Governor Evers announced the public-private partnership with Exact Sciences, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Promega, and UW Health to expand testing for COVID-19. Prior to today's announcement, the Wisconsin State of Lab of Hygiene and the Milwaukee Public Health Lab were leading the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network. The Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network was averaging 1,500-200 COVID-19 test per day. Today's partnership announcement expects to double that capacity initially and continue to expand beyond that as more labs and more supplies become available. It should be stressed that residents seeking a COVID-19 test are required to receive an order from a doctor, and these new lab systems are not testing sites.

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UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS CONTINUE TO RISE

Unemployment claims in Wisconsin were up for two weeks in a row. Week 12, which started on March 15, saw 67,843 unemployment claims, while Week 13 say 115,679 claims. Meaning claims over the two weeks are over 183,000.

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DOC. Report on the prison industries for the quarter ending December 31, 2019. *No action required.*

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CMS WAIVERS AVAILABLE

When the President announces a national emergency, like he has for COVID-19, section 1135 of the Social Securities Act authorized the Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to temporarily modify or waive certain Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) requirements. Under Section 1135 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) can issue blanket waivers, which means providers don't have to apply for an individual waiver. If there is not a blanket waiver, providers or states can ask for an individual Section 1135 waiver through CMS.

During the Extraordinary session held in late 2018, the Legislature included the following language into state law: "The department (DHS) may not submit a request to a federal agency for a waiver or a renewal, modification, withdrawal, suspension, or termination of a waiver of federal law or rules of for authorization to implement a pilot program or demonstration project unless legislation has been enacted specifically directing the submission of the request for a waiver, renewal, modification, withdrawal, suspension, termination, or authorization."

On March 24, DHS Medicaid Director Jim Jones sent a letter to Jackie Glaze, CMS Acting Director, saying Wisconsin is implanting all of the blanket waivers issued by CMS on March 13,

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but asked for additional waivers under Section 1135 for CMS approval. It is assumed that the waiver, if approved, could not be implemented until the Legislature passed a bill providing the authority to do so. On the same date, Palm sent a letter to JFC co-chairs asked for approval to request 1135 waivers.

A second letter to the JFC co-chairs highlighting that the Families First Coronavirus Relief (FFCRA) provides for a 6.2% increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for states during the calendar year in which the public health emergency declared remains in place. LFB estimates that the 6.2% increase to the FMAP would result in GPR savings of approximately $150 million per quarter. However, states are required to meet certain standards to receive the funds. The Extraordinary Session bill, Act 370, DHS implemented a monthly premium for BadgerCare Plus childless adults with income greater than 50% of the federal poverty level on February 1, 2020. That action could make Wisconsin ineligible for the federal match. DHS proposed, in the letter, to immediately suspend implementation of BadgerCare Plus childless adult premiums and proposes to suspend implementation of all Medicaid & CHIP terminations for any reason other than voluntary withdrawal from the program and the individual leaving the state. The co-chairs replied to Palm that JFC did not have the authority to approve the requests.

According to a letter from Disability Rights Wisconsin to the Governor and legislative leadership, "As of today's date, 41 states have already presented their Waiver plan requests to CMS and had them approved, Wisconsin is not one of them. Wisconsin has yet to submit a request that will allow CMS to grant both flexibility and extra funds that are so crucial to people with disabilities to help them remain safe and healthy during this crisis. We have been assured by the Department of Health Services that these plans stand ready for submission, awaiting only the appropriate action from the Legislature pursuant the provisions of Act 370." Disability Rights Wisconsin specifically highlighted waivers needed to support Wisconsin's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

A letter from the Survival Coalition to the Governor and legislative leadership says they recommend using the Appendix K to address the following Family Care, IRIS, and CLTS concerns:

- * Modify provider qualifications and location (temporarily expand settings) to allow providers of group day services and community engagement services to provide services to individuals living in group homes in group home settings.
- * Consider a rate adjustment for group home providers who may be required to pay significant overtime in order to provide staff support should their workforce experience illness and Other workers must remain on the job to meet needs. • Temporarily include retainer payments to retain providers who may otherwise go out of business (residential, employment, day, transportation service providers).

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- * In the event that someone is quarantined in the community, allow flexibility to authorize family members to be paid as providers without needing to demonstrate that no other provider is available and without needing to identify a back-up plan. Develop a seamless and expedited process to approve alternative care providers.
- * Increase payment rates to account for the significant health risk to providers (hazard pay), overtime pay, and to solicit a larger pool of providers.
- * Allow reimbursement for alternative services (Ex. Adult Day Care/Services closed let staff provide services in home setting), allowing for phone visits/screening in place of in-person assessment.
- * Expand telehealth options as an alternate to face-to-face requirements – ADRCs, MCOs, ICA/FEA, home health/personal care intake assessment, mental health counseling, nurse review and case management etc.
- * Temporarily modify the timeline for Long Term Functional Screen re-evaluations.
- * Temporarily expand the window (currently 15 days) for staff retention payments (similar to bedhold in institutions) for services for the purpose of guaranteeing waiver participants still have help at home after returning from an acute care hospital or short-term institutional stay.
- * Maximize use of Telehealth for long term care populations.
- * Ensure billing is allowable for remote service delivery options, where appropriate, and communication between providers and employers of people with disabilities to ensure they can maintain their employment during or develop opportunities for after the crisis.

The Coalition said specifically Wisconsin should submit an 1135 waiver request to do the following:

- * streamline provider enrollment processes,
- * create the opportunity for providers of affected services, such as employment and day services to provide alternate services,
- * waive prior authorization requirements to remove barriers to needed services,
- * provide care in alternative settings as needed,
- * provide the flexibility needed to expand the home- and community-based service provider network,
- * relax requirements that physicians and other health care professionals be licensed in the State in which they are providing services, so long as they have equivalent licensing in another State,
- * extend deadlines for appeals and state fair hearing requests, and
- * waive specific eligibility and enrollment requirements to expand access to services (work requirements, premiums, income).

The Coalition sent an additional letter to Governor Evers and DHS Secretary-elect Palm asking for specific action outside the waiver process. That includes:

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- * Caregiver workforce
  - * We recommend DHS issue guidance on any special precautions caregiver workers should be taking to further minimize risk to themselves and others.
  - * We recommend DHS issue guidance to provider agencies regarding the flexibility they have to reassign staff, enable staff to perform additional care services, and broaden criteria to recruit the greatest number of workers possible to ensure the daily care needs of participants continue to be met.
  - * We recommend DHS develop a messaging strategy for long term care waiver participants to understand what process they should follow to ask for help should they find themselves in a situation where their daily care needs are not being met.
- * Family Caregivers
  - * Waive restrictions on certain family members providing paid direct care, including family members between 16-18 years of age.
  - * Temporarily waive certain background check requirements so relative workers can be approved to provide paid care quickly.
  - * Expedite or temporarily amend training requirements for family members to be paid to provide care.
  - * Extend existing prior authorizations and waive prior authorization requirements for new service needs.
  - * Temporarily waive individual budget amendment requirements to ensure care can be provided in the least restrictive community-based setting.
  - * Ensure short-term respite options are available to family caregivers, particularly older adult caregivers.
  - * Create a process of telehealth check-in with families in self-isolation or quarantine, particularly elderly caregivers, to ensure caregivers have proper support and rest.
- * Residential, Employment, Transportation, Day Services
  - * Streamline service authorization to allow changes/increase in hours or change in services through a presumptive approval process and require MCOs to follow DHS directives.
  - * Temporary eliminate face-to-face meeting or interaction requirements for service delivery wherever possible based upon the service type.
  - * Extend service plans by 3 months, when needed. There will be situations where a planning meeting cannot take place and services need to continue.
  - * Expedite approval attendants/employees in the event that a person's primary attendant is ill and a new attendant is quickly needed.
  - * Ensure people with disabilities and older adults have access to a 90-day medication and medical supply fills.
  - * Allow use of mail order pharmacies, remove limits on refills authorized via telehealth visits, and remove restrictions on mail order pharmacies across state lines.
  - * Remove short fill terms, such as those imposed under the Controlled Substance Act prohibitions, strict prior authorization requirements, and other bureaucratic barriers.
  - * Expand access to medically necessary equipment.

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    - * Facilitate and lead a process to identify individuals who are at greatest risk of harm or other vulnerabilities, particularly people who do not have natural supports or other support systems available.
    - * Allow use of regular program funds to pay staff who are teleworking or put on mandatory leave during the COVID-19 response time, and that it is an allowable expense to pay staff placed on mandatory leave.
    - * Provide guidance around who may be considered as essential workers, or who is eligible for hazard pay.
    - * If workers use unemployment benefits, waive re-employment service sessions and reimburse the employer agency for its increase in unemployment costs.
- * Institutional Settings
    - * Strictly follow all CDC and CMS guidance relating to infection control-both for residents and care staff
    - * Encourage facilities to make it possible to use electronic communication between residents and their families and friends
    - * Permit in-person contact in end of life situations and other situations where in person contact is critical to the maintenance of the resident's mental health
    - * When in-person contact happens, encourage facilities to designate a separate meeting area that is as distant as possible from the main part of the facility
    - * When moving a resident to the separate visit area is not possible because of the health of the resident, ensure that visitors strictly comply with all infection control policies.
- * Additional Recommendations:
    - * Immediately approve all Medicaid applications delayed more than 45 days for Temporary Medical Coverage.
    - * Immediately suspend all Medicaid terminations to keep recipients in continuous coverage and seek federal waiver to suspend redeterminations.
    - * Approve Medicaid applications, or extend Temporary Coverage, for people with disabilities and older adults in an expedited manner as fast as possible within 48-72 hours

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LEGISLATURE DRAFT PROPOSAL

According to a list of negotiating points, the Extraordinary Session legislative proposal could include items on:

DOA

- * Employee Transfer Authority
- * Limited-Term Employee Hours
- * Use of Annual Leave
- * State Employment Filings and In-Person Meetings.

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- * Prohibition on Returns During Public Health Emergency

Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

- * Authorize Trust Fund Loans to Municipal Utilities

Budget Management and Compensation Reserves

- * JFC Authority to Reduce Appropriations.
- * Transfer from Sum Sufficient Appropriations.

Building Commission

- * General Obligation Bonding Refunding Authority.

Employee Trust Funds

- * Rehired Annuitants in Critical Positions.
- * Leaves of Absence and Health Insurance

General Provisions

- * Governmental Deadlines and Training Requirements During a Public Health Emergency
- * In-Person Appearance Waiver
- * Exemption from Civil Liability for Manufacture of Medical Supplies and Equipment During Public Health Emergency
- * Exemption to 50 Piece Rule for COVID-19 Emergency

Health Services

- * Temporary Suspension of Medical Assistance Provisions to Meet Conditions for Enhanced Federal Matching Percentage.
- * Legislative Oversight of Federal Waiver Requests Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- * Grants for Reimbursement COVID-19 Costs.
- * Hours of Instructional Programming for Nurse Aides.
- * Hospital and DHS Reporting Requirements
- * Medical Assistance Incentive Payments to Encourage Participation in Health Information Exchange
- * SeniorCare Coverage of Vaccinations.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

- * No Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Testing During 2020
- * Prohibit Coverage Discrimination Based on COVID-19
- * Prescription Drug Limits

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- * Liability Insurance for Physicians and Nurse Anesthetists
- * Liability for Providers of Health Services During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- * Out-of-Network Charges and Payments During a Public Health Emergency Related to COVID-19

Legislature

- * Legislative Audit Bureau Criteria and Reporting.

Public Instruction

- * School and School District Accountability Reports
- * Pupil Assessments
- * Virtual Instruction Reports
- * Hours of Instruction for Private Schools
- * Statewide Private School Choice Enrollment Dates

Revenue

- * Property Tax Interest Payments
- * Interest and Penalties Due on Taxes Owed During the Public Health Emergency
- * Income and Franchise Tax Filing Extension

Safety and Professional Services

- * Health Care Provider Credential Renewals
- * Temporary Credentials for Former Health Care Providers During the Current Public Health Emergency
- * Temporary Credentials for Health Care Providers from Other States
- * Prescription Order Extensions During Public Health Emergencies
- * Autopsies and Cremation of Bodies of Persons Who Dies of COVID-19

Workforce Development

- * Temporary Suspension of the Unemployment Insurance Waiting Week
- * Non-Charging Employer Unemployment Insurance Accounts
- * Work Share Plan Requirements
- * Employee Records During a Public Health Emergency

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EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPDATED

While an Extraordinary Session has yet to be called, it now seems unlikely the session will occur this week, more likely it will occur next week.

APRIL SPECIAL SESSIONS ADJOURNED

Both April Special Sessions Governor Evers called pertaining to the April 7 Spring Election have been adjourned pursuant to SJR-1. The January Special Session is still open.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION MEDIA BRIEFING

The Wisconsin Elections Commission held a media briefing to discuss the April 7, 2020 spring election. According to Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator, several incidents pertaining to US Postal Service processing of absentee ballots have been brought to the

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WEC's attention and they are working with USPS to understand what happened. A story by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel highlights issues at Fox Point, while a press release from Sen. Feyen discusses issues pertaining to Oshkosh and Appleton.

Wolfe was asked repeatedly by media about in-person ballot numbers and Wolfe explained that all statistics are collected by the local election officials, not by the state. The local election officials are not able to start entering information pertaining to yesterday's election until 4 pm on Tuesday, April 13, at which point they will enter the information and forward it to their county election officials for tallying. While some local entities have been able to give information on their websites for their local polls, statewide information will not be available until 4 pm on Monday, April 13.

While many expect that at 4 pm, Monday, April 13 the numbers should be instantly available, Wolfe explained to reporters that the officials cannot start entering information into the system until 4 pm, so it will be like a "regular" election day where the numbers are entered and forwarded to the counties for tabulation, meaning results will not be instantaneous at 4 pm, but will be after that when the counties begin reporting results.

APRIL 7 SPRING ELECTION – BY THE NUMBERS - SO FAR

The April 7 Spring Election included:

- * The Presidential Primary.
- * One Wisconsin Supreme Court seat.
- * Three Court of Appeals seats.
- * 34 Circuit Court seats.
- * 128 local referendum (57 School Referendum).
- * One Constitutional Amendment proposal.

The Spring Election absentee voting included (as of April 8):

Please note that Absentee Ballots POSTMARKED by April 7 will continue to be accepted through 4 pm, April 13, 2020.

- * 3,387,130 Active Registered Voters (as of April 1, 2020).
- * 1,282,762 Requested Absentee Ballots.
- * 1,275,117 Sent Absentee Ballots
- * 1,003,422 Returned Absentee Ballots

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- * 38% of Registered Voters Requested an Absentee Ballot
- * 78% of Absentee Ballots Requester were Returned

Comparing the available April 7 data with previous elections:

Spring Election	Absentee Issued Total	Total Ballots Cast	Turnout	Percent Absentee	Number of School Referendum
2016 ***(Presidential)***	249,503	2,113,544	47.4%	11.8%	71
2017	103,533	708,711	15.9%	14.6%	65
2018	130,041	997,485	22.3%	13.0%	66
2019	170,121	1,224,303	27.2%	13.9%	59
2020-To Date ***(Presidential)***	1,287,827	TBD	TBD	TBD	57

A deeper look at the registered voters and absentee ballots (according to statistics available from the WI Elections Commission):

County Name	Registered Voters	Absentee Application Count	Absentee Ballots Sent Count	Absentee Ballots Returned Count	Percentage of Registered Voters Who Requested Absentee Ballots	Percentage of Absentee Requested which were Returned as of April 8
ADAMS COUNTY	11,764	3,305	3,240	2,457	28.1%	74.3%
ASHLAND COUNTY	9,036	2,489	2,410	1,940	27.5%	77.9%
BARRON COUNTY	25,356	6,694	6,603	5,152	26.4%	77.0%
BAYFIELD COUNTY	11,056	3,841	3,670	3,161	34.7%	82.3%
BROWN COUNTY	147,971	53,443	52,318	41,695	36.1%	78.0%
BUFFALO COUNTY	7,812	2,201	2,139	1,480	28.2%	67.2%

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BURNETT COUNTY	9,790	2,083	2,037	1,450	21.3%	69.6%
CALUMET COUNTY	30,034	11,278	11,232	7,497	37.6%	66.5%
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	35,647	12,046	11,946	8,903	33.8%	73.9%
CLARK COUNTY	15,201	2,788	2,601	1,432	18.3%	51.4%
COLUMBIA COUNTY	33,775	12,857	12,779	10,881	38.1%	84.6%
CRAWFORD COUNTY	8,596	2,333	2,162	1,522	27.1%	65.2%
DANE COUNTY	361,856	178,859	178,498	142,265	49.4%	79.5%
DODGE COUNTY	48,253	16,803	16,757	14,388	34.8%	85.6%
DOOR COUNTY	20,104	7,728	7,474	4,293	38.4%	55.6%
DOUGLAS COUNTY	25,067	6,885	6,841	5,184	27.5%	75.3%
DUNN COUNTY	24,417	6,973	6,944	4,951	28.6%	71.0%
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY	60,732	22,781	22,683	17,228	37.5%	75.6%
FLORENCE COUNTY	2,980	847	700	581	28.4%	68.6%
FOND DU LAC COUNTY	56,529	19,405	19,247	14,844	34.3%	76.5%
FOREST COUNTY	5,475	1,527	1,503	1,231	27.9%	80.6%
GRANT COUNTY	26,211	7,899	7,843	5,856	30.1%	74.1%
GREEN COUNTY	21,304	7,306	6,345	4,909	34.3%	67.2%
GREEN LAKE COUNTY	10,596	3,116	3,063	2,625	29.4%	84.2%
IOWA COUNTY	14,084	5,639	5,554	4,703	40.0%	83.4%
IRON COUNTY	4,121	1,884	1,878	1,651	45.7%	87.6%
JACKSON COUNTY	10,522	2,534	2,525	1,276	24.1%	50.4%
JEFFERSON COUNTY	48,341	18,410	18,225	14,124	38.1%	76.7%
JUNEAU COUNTY	13,235	2,695	2,563	1,567	20.4%	58.1%
KENOSHA COUNTY	87,892	30,063	29,777	23,588	34.2%	78.5%

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KEWAUNEE COUNTY	12,084	4,002	3,970	2,890	33.1%	72.2%
LA CROSSE COUNTY	71,801	24,963	24,837	20,105	34.8%	80.5%
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	8,711	2,799	2,776	2,304	32.1%	82.3%
LANGLADE COUNTY	11,430	2,757	2,715	2,121	24.1%	76.9%
LINCOLN COUNTY	16,869	4,222	4,174	2,443	25.0%	57.9%
MANITOWOC COUNTY	44,873	15,271	15,143	13,310	34.0%	87.2%
MARATHON COUNTY	77,869	24,804	24,339	19,223	31.9%	77.5%
MARINETTE COUNTY	23,390	7,805	7,718	6,606	33.4%	84.6%
MARQUETTE COUNTY	8,875	2,340	2,296	1,456	26.4%	62.2%
MENOMINEE COUNTY	1,680	112	74	57	6.7%	50.9%
MILWAUKEE COUNTY	516,086	203,899	203,288	151,781	39.5%	74.4%
MONROE COUNTY	22,431	5,199	4,873	3,454	23.2%	66.4%
OCONTO COUNTY	22,855	6,266	6,022	4,890	27.4%	78.0%
ONEIDA COUNTY	24,306	8,108	8,050	5,979	33.4%	73.7%
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY	107,071	40,593	40,344	30,361	37.9%	74.8%
OZAUKEE COUNTY	61,090	29,353	29,060	23,691	48.0%	80.7%
PEPIN COUNTY	4,112	936	868	329	22.8%	35.1%
PIERCE COUNTY	23,766	6,215	6,157	4,058	26.2%	65.3%
POLK COUNTY	25,572	5,657	4,835	3,894	22.1%	68.8%
PORTAGE COUNTY	42,576	14,838	14,738	12,151	34.9%	81.9%
PRICE COUNTY	8,534	2,624	2,586	1,484	30.7%	56.6%
RACINE COUNTY	108,286	44,181	43,933	33,407	40.8%	75.6%
RICHLAND COUNTY	9,185	2,673	2,603	1,637	29.1%	61.2%
ROCK COUNTY	87,443	29,776	29,545	24,353	34.1%	81.8%

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RUSK COUNTY	7,950	1,750	1,697	887	22.0%	50.7%
ST. CROIX COUNTY	53,926	14,862	14,784	10,443	27.6%	70.3%
SAUK COUNTY	36,383	14,761	14,660	11,374	40.6%	77.1%
SAWYER COUNTY	10,709	3,048	3,016	2,054	28.5%	67.4%
SHAWANO COUNTY	22,766	6,279	6,175	4,865	27.6%	77.5%
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY	65,916	25,779	25,684	22,070	39.1%	85.6%
TAYLOR COUNTY	10,557	2,597	2,567	2,009	24.6%	77.4%
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	15,652	3,415	2,990	2,383	21.8%	69.8%
VERNON COUNTY	16,354	4,037	3,828	1,743	24.7%	43.2%
VILAS COUNTY	15,598	5,414	5,355	4,608	34.7%	85.1%
WALWORTH COUNTY	57,738	22,215	22,104	18,750	38.5%	84.4%
WASHBURN COUNTY	10,403	2,714	2,681	1,667	26.1%	61.4%
WASHINGTON COUNTY	86,452	39,979	39,814	34,779	46.2%	87.0%
WAUKESHA COUNTY	267,000	128,598	127,686	109,411	48.2%	85.1%
WAUPACA COUNTY	29,027	9,420	9,338	7,483	32.5%	79.4%
WAUSHARA COUNTY	13,433	3,606	3,412	2,600	26.8%	72.1%
WINNEBAGO COUNTY	96,624	38,841	38,538	29,159	40.2%	75.1%
WOOD COUNTY	41,990	14,407	14,287	12,319	34.3%	85.5%
TOTAL	**3,387,130**	**1,287,827**	**1,275,117**	**1,003,422**	**38.0%**	**77.9%**

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Subject: FW: WHITE HOUSE INVITATION: State & Local Briefing Call on COVID-19 (Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 PM ET)

From: U.S. Department of the Interior <info@updates.interior.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WHITE HOUSE INVITATION: State & Local Briefing Call on COVID-19 (Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 PM ET)

U.S. Department of the Interior

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State and Local Elected Officials –

On **Wednesday, April 1, at 1:30 PM ET**, please join Dr. Anthony Fauci (Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases), Larry Kudlow (Assistant to the President for Economic Policy), and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). Please note that Administration call participants are subject to change. The purpose of this call is to provide State and local elected officials with up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Administration and Task Force actions.

Registration instructions are below – please read the RSVP instructions in their entirety before registering. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials. If you have a particular question you would like addressed during the call, please flag those for our team by contacting William Crozer at William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov**.**

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, April 1
Time: 1:30 PM ET (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

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Note: Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line (where appropriate and with proper social distancing) to maximize the number of people who can join. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.



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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 11:02 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WI Emergency Response Program

Normally this wouldn't be something we would give advice on, so I don't know if you'd feel more comfortable giving them a call? The number in Forward is (715) 623-2520.

Let me know what you think!

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From: Darlene Eckerman <eckermantax@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Darlene Eckerman <deckermantax@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: WI Emergency Response Program

you may want to listen in to this - particularly Tues and Wed...

question - lay off for unemployment or keep on payroll - for payroll forgiveness?
Can S corp owners collect unemployment?
How do self employed collect unemployment?
Does this apply to rentals and how?

Subject: Fwd: WI Emergency Response Program
To: Darlene Eckerman <eckermantax@gmail.com>

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Lauren Usher** <lauren@gener8tor.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 8:01 PM
Subject: WI Emergency Response Program
To: <deckermantax@gmail.com>

Hi Darlene,

Thank you for joining us for gener8tor's Emergency Response Program! We hope this program will help you navigate this time of uncertainty and help you make some of the incredibly difficult decisions small business owners are being asked to make right now. The program will consist of daily webinars designed to help you secure resources to withstand the current crisis. Additionally, gener8tor will hold office hours

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for you to virtually meet with the gener8tor team for 1:1 coaching. Our goal with office hours is to help you identify, understand and engage with the resources available.

Here is some introductory information, please feel free to let us know if you have any questions!

1. Here is the schedule for the Emergency Response Program. It is also laid out at the bottom of this email.
2. **Each participant is invited to a daily webinar 12:00pm - 1:00pm CT from Monday March 30 through Friday April 3** (links below and in the schedule)**.** Topics covered include:
    a. Step-by-step Process To Apply for SBA Programs
    b. Navigating the New Employment Laws
    c. Human Resource Management
    d. Civic, Philanthropic and State Emergency Relief Resources
    e. Mental Health for Small Business Owners

THE PASSWORD FOR ALL WEBINARS IS gener8tor

1. **We have office hours available every day starting Monday, March 30.** Please use the link below to sign up to meet with us 1:1. Due to the extremely high demand for this program, please only sign up for one office hour slot. If you need additional help or coaching after your 1:1 meeting, we will do our best to schedule additional time.

Office Hours Sign Up

4. **Here is a link to additional resources that we will reference as part of our program:**

Additional resources

5. You will receive calendar invites for each event.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. We are truly honored to have this opportunity to support you and the small business community at large.

Sincerely,

Lauren/Charmyse/Joe

Wisconsin COVID-19 Emergency Response Program
Schedule

Please remember to sign up for only one office hour slot during the course of the program so that every business has the opportunity to meet with us. If you need additional coaching after your session, we will do our best to schedule additional time.

Office Hours Sign Up

Date/Time/Location	Description
Monday, Mar 30 Webinar 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Office Hours 9:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 5:00 pm	**12:00 - 1:00 pm Webinar:** "Identifying Civic, Philanthropic and State Emergency Relief Resources" with Alexandra Suprise, Technology Investment Associate and Aaron Hagar, Vice President, Division of Entrepreneurship & Innovation and Sector Strategy Development, WEDC **Zoom Link:** https://gener8tor.zoom.us/j/931535805 Optional virtual office hours with the gener8tor team available from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, click one of the links below to sign up: 1. Click here 2. Click here 3. Click here

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Tuesday, Mar 31 Webinar 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Office Hours 9:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 5:00 pm	**12:00 - 1:00 pm Webinar:** "Navigating the New Employment Laws" with Jesse R. Dill, Law & Entrepreneurship Attorney at Ogletree Deakins and Sarah Platt, Shareholder at Ogletree Deakins **Zoom Link:** https://gener8tor.zoom.us/j/664234046 Optional virtual office hours with the gener8tor team available from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, click one of the links below to sign up: 1. Click here 2. Click here 3. Click here
Wednesday, April 1 Webinar 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Office Hours 9:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 5:00 pm	**12:00 - 1:00 pm Webinar:** "How to Apply for the Small Business Administration Loan & Other SBA Resources" with Doug Murphy, Director at SBDC WI (Small Business Development Center) **Zoom Link:** https://gener8tor.zoom.us/j/942753145 Optional virtual office hours with the gener8tor team available from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, click one of the links below to sign up: 1. Click here 2. Click here 3. Click here
Thursday, April 2 Webinar 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Office Hours 9:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 5:00 pm	**12:00 - 1:00 pm Webinar:** "How to Deal with Layoffs, Benefits and Other HR Responsibilities" with Amanda Daering, CEO at Newance **Zoom Link:** https://gener8tor.zoom.us/j/225114250 Optional virtual office hours with the gener8tor team available from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, click one of the links below to sign up: 1. Click here 2. Click here 3. Click here
Friday, April 3 Webinar 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Office Hours 9:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 5:00 pm	**12:00 - 1:00 pm Webinar:** "Mental Health for Small Business Owners" with Dr. Marissa Alert, PhD **Zoom Link:** https://gener8tor.zoom.us/j/457737771 Optional virtual office hours with the gener8tor team available from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, click one of the links below to sign up: 1. Click here 2. Click here 3. Click here

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:04 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WI Hospital Association Reaction to the Governor's COVID-19 Proposals
Attachments: FINAL WHA Memo on COVID 19 Legislative Proposals Apr 7 2020.pdf

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From: O'Brien, Kyle <kobrien@wha.org>
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Cc: Borgerding, Eric <EBorgerding@wha.org>
Subject: WI Hospital Association Reaction to the Governor's COVID-19 Proposals



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TO: **Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature**

FROM: **Eric Borgerding, President/CEO**
Kyle O'Brien, Senior Vice President Government Relations

DATE: **April 7, 2020**

RE: **Wisconsin Hospital Association Reaction to the Governor's COVID 19 Proposals**

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When lawmakers talk about needing to support those on the front lines, they must mean our state's hospitals, physicians, nurses, support staff and other health care providers. In any legislation taken up by the Assembly and the Senate in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, ensuring Wisconsin hospitals have the resources to continue operation should be the state's top priority. As WHA has reviewed legislation proposed by Governor Evers, we wanted to communicate our support of several provisions and offer modifications to others.

Resources for Personal Protective Equipment, Testing Supplies & Other Hospital Related Costs: As hospitals are experiencing significant shortages in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and testing supplies, $100 million in GPR funding included in Governor Evers' proposal will directly help hospitals acquire needed resources to test and treat patients with COVID 19. Wisconsin hospitals are not only experiencing shortages in supplies, they are also experiencing increased prices on those same materials that are in demand.

In addition, hospitals are now being put in the difficult position of identifying staffing needs necessary to respond to the coming emergency while also ensuring that financial resources exist to meet payroll into the future. This funding pool can be used to stabilize current staffing, support staff overtime costs and, when possible, hire additional staff, helping to alleviate this burden.

In addition, it is important for policymakers to realize that the biggest financial stress on hospitals right now are lost revenues from following US Surgeon General and CMS directives to halt elective and certain other scheduled procedures. WHA requests that lawmakers ensure that provisions providing financial support for hospitals allow the use of state funding to make-up for revenue losses.

It is important to note that even after halting certain scheduled and elective procedures, hospitals still do not have enough PPE to meet current demand. Shortages of PPE will directly impact when hospitals can restart elective and scheduled procedures and begin to recover on their own from the staggering financial losses now mounting every day.

Hospital Funding and Stability: Hospitals large and small are facing significant cash flow problems as a result of cancelling elective procedures under government directives to protect the public health, with estimated hospital revenue losses of $170 million per week in Wisconsin. When adding health system physician and clinic services, the weekly revenue losses grow to $266 million. Cash flow problems for hospitals result in reductions in health care workforce and reductions in access to care, two consequences Wisconsin cannot afford right now.

We know that support from the federal government will not be enough to ensure our state's hospitals are protected from this crisis. As the Legislative Fiscal Bureau writes in their April 1 memo, "*it is unknown how much funding, if any, Wisconsin healthcare providers will receive"* from the federal CARES Act. From estimates based on AHA recommendations, it appears the proportion attributable to Wisconsin hospitals could be only $275 million – possibly less. At the hospital rate, estimated hospital funding from the CARES Act would cover only 11 days' worth of revenue losses during the public health emergency - which we are now already passed.

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We are glad to see that the Governor has already recognized this need and has prioritized hospital funding in his COVID Response package, including another $75 million in supplemental payments to hospitals. Any and all financial resources the legislature can provide to hospitals are needed.

Our neighboring state legislatures and Governors have allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to support their hospitals and health care providers. We ask the legislature to do the same in Wisconsin and prioritize hospitals, the providers on the front lines of defense, during this crisis.

Hospital/Healthcare Data: WHA has consistently supported expanding the collection and reporting of COVID-19 data. This includes aggregated statewide and regional information related to COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals and should include other health care facilities with capacity used to treat COVID-19 patients. The WHA Information Center, operating as the entity under ch. 153 and charged with collecting and reporting hospital and ambulatory surgery center data, could synthesize and facilitate the dissemination of important information to assist with public and private emergency planning efforts. For 16 years, WHAIC has produced accurate and timely hospital datasets, analyses, and reports. Relying on WHAIC's expertise, the legislature could create a new report in ch. 153, that would require WHAIC to produce and publish daily updated public health emergency dashboards based on healthcare emergency preparedness program information the state collects from hospitals.

Safe Harbor Protections for Health Care Providers Throughout a Public Health Emergency: WHA, alongside several physician groups, support the extension of certain liability protections to health care providers during a public health emergency, which many states across the country already have done. Without action to address our liability standards during a public health crisis, physicians and hospital administrators are concerned that some providers will be hesitant to provide care during a very difficult time.

Healthcare Workforce Licensing: We request you incorporate the changes made in LRB 5957 (Sen. Kooyenga/Rep. Kurtz/Rep. Sanfelippo) as an amendment to LRB 5920/P2, which would create a more streamlined recognition of out-of-state licenses for those in good-standing and ensure that health care providers can practice to the top of their education, training and experience as delegated by a physician or established in a health care facility protocol.

The legislation does the latter by clarifying that no credentialing board can sanction a professional as long as the bill's criteria for physician delegation/licensed health care facility protocol are met. *In a time of crisis, providers should not have to fear credentialing sanction for something they are trained and capable of doing under a delegated act or in a licensed health care facility.*

Telehealth Parity - LRB 5920/P2, Section 65: This provision appears intended to require parity for telehealth services, which WHA fully supports especially during a time when the public is practicing social distancing and staying home. We are concerned that the language in the bill may not allow *all* providers within the insurer's network to provide and be paid for telehealth services. That is, if a patient's usual in-network provider is available and able provide the service via telehealth, that physician should be allowed to do so, and the patient shouldn't have to be required to use a more limited telehealth network. Therefore, we recommend the language in Section 65 be modified. One suggestion for doing so is:

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No disability insurance policy or self-insured health plan may deny coverage and payment for any covered health care treatment or service rendered via telehealth by an in-network provider to a patient if the same treatment or service is covered if rendered face-to-face by the in-network provider.

Worker's Compensation Coverage for COVID 19 Exposure: It is the opinion of some, including the state Department of Workforce Development, that health care workers exposed to COVID 19 are not eligible for worker's compensation claims unless they test positive for COVID 19 and can prove the disease was acquired at work. The details on this are important, since the limited amount of testing capacity in our state means some health care workers may not be able to receive a test. Therefore, health care workers *exposed to* COVID 19 and in isolation/quarantine as a result of that exposure should be eligible for worker's compensation benefits.

Although we have not reviewed the recommended statutory language included in the Governor's second proposal, we believe it will create a presumption standard that is appropriate. The legislation can go further by covering employer-required isolation and quarantine as a worker's compensation benefit during the public health emergency.

Out-of-Network (Surprise) Billing – LRB 5920/P2, Section 57: In the context of this emergency, we recognize that there may be unavoidable reasons why patients will be seeking out of network care. For ease of administration and for the time and purposes of this emergency only, we will not oppose the benchmark rate if it remains at 250% of Medicare or higher. However, we remain opposed to a benchmark rate as a long term solution to the issue of surprise billing.

With respect to the specific language in Section 57 of LRB-5920/P2: There seems to be a contradiction between 609.205 (1) (a) and 609.205 (2) (a) and (b). The bill would require that cost sharing be no greater than the enrollee would be pay if in-network; however the latter paragraph requires the health care facility to accept the insurer payment as payment in full, and not charge the enrollee an amount that exceeds the insurer payment.

We recommend that section 609.25 (a) and (b) be modified to allow the provider to collect cost sharing so long as that cost sharing does not exceed the amount the enrollee would pay in-network.

Insurer Payment of Premium - LRB 5920/P2, Section 75 (3): According to this provision, for the duration of the public health emergency, no insurer may cancel any policy of insurance for nonpayment of premiums until at least 90 days after the unpaid premium was due. We recommend clarifying that the policy may not be canceled retroactively, and that the insurer is responsible for payment of all claims for services provided during the 90-day "grace period".

Please contact Eric Borgerding at eborgerding@wha.org or Kyle O'Brien at kobrien@wha.org with any questions or comments.

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 4:10 PM
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Subject: FW: Wisconsin State Parks & Trails Remain Open

I'm sure you saw it, but just in case for tomorrow's report.

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Cc: Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin State Parks & Trails Remain Open

The Department of Natural Resources has issued a press release announcing that Wisconsin State Parks and Trails will remain open.

https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5067

While these properties are open to the public, property buildings (with the exception of restroom facilities) will be closed. Admission fees will be voluntary at self-registration stations or electronic kiosks. All DNR campsites will be closed through April 30th.

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State Park and Trail visitors are reminded to practice proper personal hygiene and limit group sizes to under 10 people to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For updates on event cancellations and building closures at DNR properties, visit the DNR website or follow @WIDNR on Facebook, @wi_dnr on Instagram, or @WDNR on Twitter.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks!
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From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 8:24 AM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WJMT

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From: Lonnie Strauss <lonnie@sunriseamfm.com>
Date: 3/19/20 8:09 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WJMT

Elisabeth:

I've just informed by my Manager Steve Resnick with Mary campaigning, we can no longer do the monthly calls, do to equal time laws. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thanks,

Lonnie Scott

Blue Jay 963 WJMT

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:43 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WMC & Business Coalition Requests Evers Ensures Uniform Enforcement of Stay at Home Order
Attachments: Letter to Gov. Evers - Local Enforcement.pdf; Governor Letter Social Distancing 4-8-20.pdf

Take a look at the letter on local enforcement! Looking forward to seeing Evers' response.

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From: Cory Fish <cfish@wmc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Cory Fish <cfish@wmc.org>
Subject: WMC & Business Coalition Requests Evers Ensures Uniform Enforcement of Stay at Home Order

Good morning,

Yesterday WMC and a business coalition of 19 business trade associations and 39 local chambers of commerce requested that Governor Evers take steps to ensure that local governments apply his "Stay at Home" order uniformly. While many local governments are following the order, some jurisdictions have acted far outside the law attempting to shut down businesses that have been deemed essential, restrict travel of individuals going to work, and banning other lawful activities like outdoor church services.

This time of crisis is hard enough on Wisconsin businesses and families, uneven and overly broad enforcement of the law makes it unnecessarily harder. WMC respectfully requests that the Legislature continues to educate local governments on the scope of their lawful authority.

Sincerely,

Cory

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Questions about COVID-19? Visit WMC's Business Resource Center at wmc.org/coronavirus

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From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 6:13 PM
To: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WMC COVID-19 Update: March 18, 2020

In case anyone wants to review any of the WMC webinar materials.

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Cc: Nick Novak <nnovak@wmc.org>
Subject: Fwd: WMC COVID-19 Update: March 18, 2020

Liz, everything From today is included in this email.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: March 18, 2020 at 4:55:35 PM CDT
To: Chris Reader <creader@wmc.org>
Subject: WMC COVID-19 Update: March 18, 2020
Reply-To: newsletters@wmc.org

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WMC is continuing to monitor the evolving situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help spread awareness at your business, WMC has put together a series of infographics for you to distribute and print. To view these, please click here:

* Infographic #1: Keeping the Workplace Safe<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlfKL7Xq2NYJRgUmQMyaqRqXuYeyF1eyND3g6xGDu_35AmwwtJxlcERtV9AiqBG8v-J9naWxBzXpQOE0MKPz5ySEmXhnNNb3TNvuf5X8OKsgCX9IBrxugnqG1MIACAbfAWFoU59dq2o14he_2AN_017w==&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>
* infographic #2: Keeping Commercial Establishments Safe<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlKABuYzD7hda3woxLHK2igvLL9uesSaYFcwyhqeuTH9OsObD5rNt4ija5Aj2c3ldICjmWQfUmt7UtV60rnuTHUHAgCzfi5WbGAb20uunPbZQ_QPCKv8nHvBrOgHvb5IGHJcFSNKp9Jr38wqPtY7-CUlcgFLWqRKQq&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>

Earlier today WMC hosted two webinars:

* WMC COVID-19 Update Webinar: This webinar provided critical business updates relating to COVID-19, including HR policies, employment law, Congressional action relating to the pandemic and an economic update.
* Click here to listen to the webinar<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlY5MHwSDHqpJ2eQJ5zVw07ztJDl7AEewhfQCqqxatZkUMMVd77BHSWhWlI77A9D5SlItApTw69GmWenpqlj1jl8bKBcvfPZd3XqP70OcQS29RPXIRbCaECg==&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>
* Click here to view the powerpoint slides<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtl7fNZTiGfSdbz_xnNdzC8hOJiXOrDkBzSvMwogdioBPuQhKJaCmdurGmC5dHVqHJLeSY1dOidLQQE-qPA2t9SWwazJ89LkbKCC5SWFC1w1yZM0xiNHHrhjrHUp4_o5TSVLOilbVWkZCf0-cislALk0tGmdWxtxmZEGgsj-Fxagus=&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>

* WMC COVID-19 Webinar - Gov. Evers Addresses Business Community: WMC, its trade association partners and local chambers hosted an update call with Gov. Tony Evers and members of his cabinet. The call detailed state government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and updated how the business community is being impacted.
* Click here to listen to the webinar<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlhU2ewHhooExJ93RQlfQ76IscHZ1TEzuI5XI8Sbw5cA3lOaTspTgjm1FUyVHt_MU4f38fXYg_-84XJeJfYqTRx_rDx_bMpNRHNSGUE-T3DxddJgyLfxqukPU2oxlhFhJL3Y8Bv3a0JMg=&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>

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WMC will be hosting a webinar featuring Senator Ron Johnson on Friday, March 20 at 10:00AM CST. Click the link below to register:

* WMC COVID-19 Update: Senator Ron Johnson<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtl3tYqkJoiC1Z3NWRMiPHHxrWY3YqrV1d1gCIhjEv5yhwxEvFYU1dah9plUbQv3NOfDV0kugRsigQmb2FvvcCuR378gVRJ4BdkXprT6EjVuE4S2VqBzPc5G-Q7_TbYS4fr32ywTTWPKjs=&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>

WMC continues to work with federal and state governments, national partners and others to ensure you have the most up to date and accurate information.

* Gov. Tony Evers today submitted a request to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance for small Wisconsin businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Gov. Evers request to SBA can be found here<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlUiYWMGY4xGLe4RSU9qfdWc30klMi1OkWsbJZQayGEfmD1f2NsOyOp3j9lktF98cOM-9QvG63QRdStDlyMj38zmizDruJ1ISoiiP-qm5sWveF2ZsWPAUHr7khyyeKlh6ifogQz6Eqm8xLz6LsvzBWD4KgDYLrhZ_FTqxHLMgPGYG-JMN8lqEfdLzPsNc94oMTL1VOVfnJHtYjxJsvodZYxx1KCjKE8AZH&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>.

* The Trump administration on Tuesday called on U.S. construction companies to donate their respirator masks to hospitals and other health care providers combating the coronavirus outbreak amid a nationwide shortage. The administration recently allowed healthcare workers to use so-called N95 face masks not specifically approved for medical use to treat patients amid the outbreak.

* WMC has partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to survey businesses to gauge the economic effects on businesses across the Ninth District, a region that includes Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, parts of Wisconsin, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They are partnering with state Chambers of Commerce and other business groups to collect your feedback. Please provide feedback and take this short survey by clicking here.<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlAwrS4jVpZZk41jf2Ud2-zXqXA03hOczz_s3bkUiuqZrIvsm_FVMWvTFpahw--_pRp4ziO7OaH-_4Om0P-ZMiKxF4pmeEGF1DfL3qFn4fHSnerg0xpJz-BCHryuOswuyt&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>

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As the April 7th Spring Election approaches, we urge voters to plan ahead. State officials are recommending voters avoid unnecessary social interaction including gatherings of ten people or more. You can still vote in Wisconsin without having to go to your local polling place.

Included below are some important deadlines and instructions to help you plan ahead and cast your vote while continuing to be safe and responsible.

March 18, 2020 – Deadline to Register by Mail<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bhF4FGvqICT7NXjQw7BE3rSAMt2iHIBwpOQoDMijmopK73vHLi1_n5j37DC2TiJwZMeL16QVCwfI1-6lbQaCak7AOvmfti0VeInb_xGNPeNE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> and to Register to Vote Online<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bhF4FGvqICT7NXjQw7BE3rSAMt2iHIBwpOQoDMijmopK73vHLi1_n5j37DC2TiJwZMeL16QVCwfI1-6lbQaCak7AOvmfti0VeInb_xGNPeNE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>

* Your Voter Registration form, along with proof of residence<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3b_m5_6O85RyY8KOEZJKOws6ndEq_vfId8JEV-hn2WlikTwhD-3_ohItDek7T0RgugNd0TuoHtpf2ht_vlgvTWT1UC8WNT_2tVZgRdxpuB8hI=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> must be postmarked to your municipal clerk<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bZSvMkIxsvAKxlr7KaeL_zeS9H9krhcXRPpDw1iOOeBs0rCGzlla1BU9wi1Sq7WBjyfZo9JI9gzgOqaSjMn42-4Dza88zgoPOMHi2qtZL5kE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> no later than March 18, 2020.
* Voters who are able to match their name, date of birth, Wisconsin Drivers License or State ID number, and address with the Wisconsin DMV can register to vote online through March 18, 2020.
* Voters who miss the deadline to register by mail or online can still register in-person at a municipal clerk's office<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bZSvMkIxsvAKxlr7KaeL_zeS9H9krhcXRPpDw1iOOeBs0rCGzlla1BU9wi1Sq7WBjyfZo9JI9gzgOqaSjMn42-4Dza88zgoPOMHi2qtZL5kE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> until April 3, or at the polls on Election Day.

All Wisconsin voters can request an absentee ballot be mailed to them for any reason. In order to request an absentee ballot, voters must be registered.

April 3, 2020 – Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bnRu3iNJn3EQlvOvG3ls8o9jeMqqcpz6KJr-bgWDCODH9Yn59o2UaCjHrAMG5WsHJH2Cw-pohdABRcMQO8w4YDKAVaDtos4jH8OpR_n89wuk=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>

* You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request. More information on acceptable IDs here.<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bYneLN6XjB_cBJgJ0Ao-pUAigz2M9HFn7TyPRNCg0Gf48_n2BwKpAiKalqPl26l_waB01zqXFXhTPzyZPK-0EM7i8Hb2xc2_i2DG1-AUPLLc=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>

For more information on important deadlines and instructions for voting in the 2020 Spring Election visit, https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoterDeadlines<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bMlWnBpgis37MgyvCekvNmwSWDBakhhLaoB_oBU1L4RK_wEZB7UXwqQ-39l4ZYzVDJyDSYz_tUU9fm64xNnpoo86CX0WOr8r1cEBAOL22kd4=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. As a reminder, please practice proper social distancing as recommended by DHS and the CDC. Also, continue to wash your hands regularly with soap and water, avoid touching your face and please stay home if you feel ill.

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Kurt R. Bauer
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 4:47 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: WRA COVID-19 Relief requests
Attachments: Joint WRA WGA Letter Alcohol Delivery.pdf; Covid19_TourismReliefRequest.pdf; TourismHelpRequestMar29.pdf

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From: Susan Quam <SQuam@wirestaurant.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 4:45 PM
Cc: Kristine Hillmer <khillmer@wirestaurant.org>
Subject: WRA COVID-19 Relief requests

TO: Members of the Wisconsin Legislature

FR: Susan Quam, Executive Vice President

RE: COVID-19 Relief Requests

On behalf of the entire restaurant industry, including our 7,000 member locations, we want to thank the many members of the Legislature that have promoted and supported the restaurants in their districts, as well as shared the Wisconsin Restaurant Association's web list of restaurants open for takeout and delivery. Your help is much appreciated as our industry tries to hang on during these unprecedented times.

It is heartbreaking to report that close to 10 percent of restaurants stated that if they were shut down through April, that even with government assistance, they would most likely close permanently. That number will go higher if the shutdown lasts longer and the promised federal help does not materialize. The Federal CARES Act loan programs are not providing the financial assistance that was promised, as details of the Paycheck Protection Program were released late last week. Many restaurants will see little or no loan forgiveness with the way the program was developed. With a Federal COVID 4 bill weeks, possibly months away, our industry needs help now at the state level.

Over the past few weeks WRA has asked for various relief requests in partnership with other food, hospitality and tourism coalitions. Those requests are attached. While you have had a chance to see what these requests are, we wanted to reach out one more time to ask for your assistance on implementing the following state actions to meet us part way in enabling our industry to recover:

1. **Waive the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Compensation** to help our valued employees to survive. We suggest that this waiver would end when the pandemic recedes.

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2. **Waive the current minimum of 20 employees for a business to be eligible for the Work-Share program**. Small businesses with less than 20 employees face the same, if not worse, hardships during this crisis, and this eligibility would help.
3. Provide **additional new WEDC interest-free loans** to businesses needing help to bridge the time until revenue can once again allow them to meet payroll and pay bills.
4. Provide a **90-day extension for ALL state tax payments along with local property tax payments**, and **provide for installment payment schedules** so that businesses eventually beginning to regain income can meet deadlines for tax payments.
5. Ensure that **reimbursements owed by the state for overpayments of estimated taxes are issued immediately**.
6. **Impose a freeze on Unemployment Rates**, so that businesses hardest hit with lay-offs do not face insurmountable rate increases for a crisis beyond their control.
7. **Allow packaged alcohol to be delivered when food is delivered**. The sale of alcohol is a profit center for hospitality, whereas food sales have much narrower margins. In addition to helping all hospitality businesses with alcohol licenses to survive, this would also meet consumer demand and encourage consumers to stay home. To ensure legal compliance, face-to-face ID checking would be required upon delivery and drivers would need to be at least 21 years old.
8. **Allow mixed drinks to be packaged and sealed on site and included in takeout food orders.** The same rules that apply to filling a growler with beer, would apply to the carryout of a mixed drink. Current law allows for a sealed growler of beer to be taken off premise. Allowing mixed drinks to be packaged the same way would allow licensees to add higher margin revenue

WRA also supports the Governor's proposals to:

1. Create and fund a Regional Tourism Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program.
2. Create and fund Tourism Co-Op Marketing Program Grants.

We ask for your help to preserve Wisconsin's great restaurant culture. Restaurants are the cornerstones of their communities. If they do not recover, not only does their communities will not only suffer economically, but culturally as well.

Please contact me with questions.

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WRA has your back.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:32 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Your invited to join a small business call Wednesday

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From: Sara Meaney <TWN@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Your invited to join a small business call Wednesday

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Good evening,

If you represent a small business struggling during these difficult times, please join this important conference call tomorrow with Governor Tony Evers hosted by WEDC Secretary Hughes. The call will also include State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski and Small Business Administration District Director Eric Ness. The presenters will give updates on COVID19, the recent safer at home order, and resources available to small businesses. After they speak, there will be time for questions with WEDC Secretary Hughes, WEDC Deputy Secretary Rikkers, and SBA District Director Nass as they want to hear directly from you during these times.

What: Presentation with Governor Evers, WEDC Secretary Hughes, Treasurer Godlewski, and SBA District Director Ness

Date: Wednesday, March 25

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

Access link: Please click the link here to join our Teams live event.

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I hope you are able to participate tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25 at 9:00am.

Forward together,



Sara Meaney

Secretary-designee

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 5:35 PM
To: Mary Felzkowski <mrsfries16@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: 5 additional calls

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:21:00 AM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 5 additional calls

Erik Pfantz	Merrill	(715)551-7028	The Senate and Assembly knew only they had the po something with the election. You knew how to chang provide a safe way to conduct the election weeks bef knew how contagious and deadly this virus is. You ha the effective social distancing tactics the Governor ha the last several weeks and introduced an event that v many more cases of the virus.
Gary G.Meister	Eagle River	7154797815	Why vote to put so many people at risk for their life? postpone the election as many other states have? WI it harder to vote rather than easier? I suppose if you hoax made up by scientists around the world and peo aren't becoming ill and dying while overloading our h systems.
Tina Koller	Eagle River	7154796299	Every Republican member of the WI state legislature recalled for violating the spirit and letter of the oath took when elected. SHAME ON YOU! You are respons health of the citizenry and you turned your back on t needed your leadership.
Dan Nordall	Gleason	715-453-7337	I said it last night and today several networks have co are being highlighted as a state Republican party mor with paltry partisan avarice than the well being of it's this November the people of WI will crawl through gl Republican candidates out of office. You and your col nationwide have destroyed your connection with the conscience, moral compass and sense of decency. If c much needed two party system is your goal you are o track. It's a sad, sad day for Wisconsin.

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Patrick Hommerding	Merrill	7154096914	Rep. Felzkowski - I am writing you to express my tota you and your Republican colleagues for not allowing postpone it's election. In case you didn't know Wisc stay at home order to stop or curtail the spread of C your party has put your agenda ahead of the safety a the citizens in Wisconsin. Shame on you. Your

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:48 PM
To: "cdriscoll93@yahoo.com" <cdriscoll93@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Caucus letter to Gov Evers
Attachments: letter.governor.evers.KB.Edits.docx

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From: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:40:17 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

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From: Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:06 PM

To: Mary Felzkowski <mary@cisgrp.com>

Subject: Fwd: COVID-19 Resource Guide

Attachments: COVID-19 Resource Guide from Rep. Felzkowski.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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> **From:** "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Date:** March 31, 2020 at 4:06:00 PM CDT
> **To:** "mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
> **Subject: COVID-19 Resource Guide**
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> Glad to hear you like the idea! This is what we put together. Let me know if you have any suggestions and I can add to it. I'm working on a version for the newspapers and want to ask them to run a centerfold.
>
> Stamena Ivanov
> Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
> 35th Assembly District
> 309 North, State Capitol
> 608-266-7694

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:33 AM
To: Mary Felzkowski <mrsfries16@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: For your review, both Stamena and I have looked this over. Let's talk about it over the phone

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:26:20 AM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: For your review, both Stamena and I have looked this over. Let's talk about it over the phone

Thank you for reaching out to me on the April 7th election. I wanted to provide more information to explain why I did not support Governor Evers' last minute ask to move the election date.

First and foremost, I do want to say that I absolutely understand where you are coming from and the concerns raised by people that do not think an April 7th election can be done safely. I think that an election like the ones we have seen in the past would be a cause for concern with packed polling places. Thankfully, the state of Wisconsin gives its voters options, and for the last three weeks, we have been encouraging everyone to request their absentee ballot.

Over 1.3 million people have requested their absentee ballot, which is a record-breaking amount of people, especially for a spring election. This means that over 1.3 million people will have already voted and will be staying home, which is great news for our polling places. For reference, just over 1.2 million people total voted in the 2019 spring election. We quite possibly might see more people voting absentee in this election than the total number of voters in the last spring election! So when it comes to in-person voting on Election Day, we are going to see far fewer people going to the polls. I know my polling place and many others are doing drive thru voting, so you don't even have to go into the polling place to vote in person. Many other polling locations have put in place a number of social distancing safeguards, and I truly believe that the image of 'crowds' at the polls is not one that will take place. Our local clerks have been preparing with the Elections Commission to hold this election in a manner tailored to the current public health emergency. Our clerks are doing everything they can to limit person-to-person contact.

Now back to moving the election date. Tomorrow, thousands of local government positions like County Executive, Mayor, City Council, Town Board, and judgeships will be on the ballot. During a global pandemic, it would be extremely dangerous for all of these positions to become vacant with no one in place to make decisions or to allocate funds, especially for such a long, unspecified and unknown period of time. I have heard a lot of people, including Governor Evers, suggest that we could just allow the people currently serving to continue in their positions until the election is rescheduled. **There is no mechanism for the Legislature, the Governor, or local governments to allow for this by tomorrow**. It would require a change to our state's constitution, which would require the legislature to pass a resolution in two consecutive sessions, and then a majority vote in favor by the people on the ballot

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through referendum. The legislature simply cannot do it, and certainly couldn't do it three days before an election. Even if the legislature were to vote to do this, and the governor were to sign it, it would not be upheld in court. So moving the election date means that our local governments will be immobilized for months.

Governor Evers knows this. He knows that the legislature cannot do what he is asking us to do, and has been saying so publicly for over two weeks. He has been telling legislative leaders and the public for weeks that we cannot and will not move the election for the very reason I just described. And yet, on Friday, three days before the election, he changed his mind. To me, that is not a sign of leadership, but of a last minute effort on his part to shift the blame. Regardless of why, the fact is that we did not come into session on Saturday because there is nothing under the law that would allow for us to do we he asked us to do.

Almost immediately after Governor Evers announced his plan on Friday, several of the local clerks in my district reached out to me asking me not to approve of his plan. They also cannot do what Governor Evers is suggesting they do. A mail-in balloting system cannot be done in Wisconsin on this kind of timeline, something the Elections Commission has expressed to the Legislature and to Governor Evers.

Please know that I agree with you that this is a serious situation, and we need to take precautions. We haven't seen positive cases in Lincoln or Langlade County yet, and I absolutely want to keep it that way. The fact remains that when I took the oath of office, I swore as your legislator to uphold the law and the constitution. I cannot do what Governor Evers asked me to do, but I can continue to do what I have been doing for the last two weeks, which is everything I can to make sure our poll workers have what they need to run this election smoothly. I have been encouraging people who are at risk or don't feel comfortable to stay home and vote absentee. I am so grateful that our state gives voters options when it comes to voting because it is exactly what will allow for this election to continue safely. I am also grateful for the 2,434 National Guard men and women who are being deployed to support polling places today and tomorrow.

If we continue to work together, we will make it through to the other side. If you want to talk further about this, please let me know and I can give you a call.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:53 AM
To: "'jburns@weinbrennerusa.com'" <jburns@weinbrennerusa.com>
Subject: Governor Evers' Order
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Hey Jeff,

Here is the order. It is 16 pages long. Please go through it carefully, and see if any of what is included as exempt or essential applies to you. If you think it does, nothing more needs to be done. If you don't think it does, then we will need to contact WEDC to see what they say. If they say you are non-essential, then we can make a request from our office to classify your business as essential. There is no guarantee that the request will be granted, but we'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

Thank you!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 3:53 PM
To: 'Scott Suder' <Suder@wipaper.org>
Subject: Governor Evers' Press Conference

Hi Scott,

I hope you and the entire Paper Council team are doing well and staying safe! I'm reaching out because in his press conference earlier today, Governor Evers mentioned he is working through you to arrange something with WI paper mills to supply personal protection equipment. If there is any way Mary can assist with these efforts, or if there is anything our office can do to support the Northwoods paper industry during this time, we are always here.

Thanks,
Stamena

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:08 AM
To: "'St3chri1224@hotmail.com'" <St3chri1224@hotmail.com>
Subject: Governor Evers' Stay At Home Order
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Good morning,

As promised, I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

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.

From what you told me on the phone, this should allow for you to offer virtual services, but again I think the recommendation would be for you to have your staff work remotely if they have the ability to do so.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

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WISCONSIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES

April 8, 2020

Governor Evers,

During this difficult time, we the undersigned chambers of commerce believe that Wisconsin businesses and employees need clear and consistent enforcement of social distancing requirements. Inconsistent or unlawful enforcement by local governments leads to confusion, and creates fairness and equity concerns for businesses and workers alike. We therefore ask for your help to bring fairness and consistency in the enforcement of social distancing requirements among local governments.

In Emergency Order #12 ("Safer at Home") issued March 24, 2020, your administration banned all non-essential business operations and non-essential travel, with the exception of minimum basic operations. The order also listed a variety of essential businesses and operations that must be able to continue in order to provide vital goods and services to our state. A "Frequently Asked Questions" document accompanying your order stated explicitly that individuals and businesses do not need special permission or documentation to travel or to continue operating:

> *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.*

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that a number of local jurisdictions in Wisconsin are going far beyond the requirements of your order. Some businesses that have continued their operations have reported receiving cease and desist letters from local governments. This includes businesses on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) list of essential industries, and businesses otherwise exempted by Emergency Order #12. Similarly, we have seen reports of local law enforcement in some areas stopping citizens for no reason other than to ask where they are going.

We believe that this level of enforcement is unacceptable, unwarranted, and outside the scope of your order's original intent. Accordingly, we respectfully request that you direct local governments to follow the text of Emergency Order #12 and any other state policies regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency, and to remind them that your administration's order supersedes any local health orders that might conflict with it. If a business is in an exempted industry, it must be allowed to continue operating. We are also asking your administration to establish a process to report and correct overzealous enforcement by local authorities.

Our respective members represent thousands of businesses in all industries across our state that provide family-supporting jobs for countless Wisconsinites. Our members are doing all that they can to comply with the law while continuing to provide important goods and services for our economy. At this confusing and disruptive moment, no business or individual following the letter and spirit of the Safer at Home order should have to face a cease and desist letter or be stopped and questioned about their activities. Thus, we hope that you will order local governments to stop any enforcement activities that go beyond the requirements of Emergency Order #12.

Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,

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Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce
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Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce
Waukesha County Business Alliance, Inc.
Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 9:08 AM
To: "'Joe.story@charter.net'" <Joe.story@charter.net>
Subject: Governor Tony Evers Order
Attachments: Mass Gatherings Order 3.17.20 Signed.pdf; COVID-19 Background_3.17.20vFINAL.pdf

Hey Joe,

Here are the documents you need! Thank you for your call.

Have a great day and please let me know if you need anything else,

Liz

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 9:21 AM
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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:21 PM
To: "'mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com'" <mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com>
Subject: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Hey Michelle,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe! I was reaching out to you in your capacity as lobbyist for the WI Grocers Assn. We were wondering if you happened to have a directory or list of grocers in our district? Mary was hoping to reach out to them to partner on getting information out to our constituents.

Thank you!

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From: "WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection" <datcp@service.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 1:04 PM
To: elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov
Subject: Guidance for Campground Operators Following the Emergency Order

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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

Dear valued campground operator,

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide additional information related to Gov. Tony Evers' emergency order issued on March 17.

While the directive does not specifically address campgrounds, please follow these recommendations if your facility is currently in operation:

- * Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times.
- * Prohibit the use of buildings or public spaces that would encourage social gatherings of 10 or more people. Examples would be arcades, game rooms and pavilions.
- * Limit all campsites to fewer than 10 people.
- * Increase the cleaning frequency of shared toilet facilities, laundry facilities and shower buildings.

This order remains in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in Order No. 72, or until a superseding order is issued.

Helpful resources on COVID-19

The State of Wisconsin created a webpage that offers resources from various agencies and answers to critical questions. Here are a few other resources from the

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Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) that might be helpful during this challenging time:

- * COVID-19 Information
- * COVID-19 Facts: Why Social Distancing
- * COVID-19 Facts: Protect Your Family

Thank you for your role in keeping Wisconsinites safe and healthy by reducing the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions, please send them to datcpdfrsrec@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

The Division of Food and Recreational Safety

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Division of Food and Recreational Safety
https://datcp.wi.gov



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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:23 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: helpful elections info
Attachments: ElectionQuestions_Speaker_March2020.pdf

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:56 AM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: How does this look?
Attachments: PollHelp (003).jpg

URGENT: We need poll workers!

I am encouraging anyone who is low-risk and healthy to consider volunteering to be a poll worker on Election Day if you feel comfortable. As most of us know, our elections are able to run smoothly each year because we have so many dedicated volunteers. Many of our regular volunteers are those who are currently high-risk for the virus and need to stay home.

If you are interested, go to the following website, or let me know and I'll get you in touch with your local clerk!

http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/35/felzkowski/covid-19-information/poll-worker-training-information/

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 8:42 AM
To: "Handrick, Joe" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: ICYMI: Census Response Rate Tracking Tool

Hey Joe,

Hope you're staying safe! For those who are competitive, the census tracking tool shows WI is currently the #1 state for census response rates: https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html.
The results can also be broken down by county if members want to use that to fuel their constituents in some friendly competition.

Just wanted to share in case you hadn't seen this yet!

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:23 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Instructions on how to set up Zoom for CESA 9 on Friday

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From: Karen Wendorf-Heldt <kheldt@cesa9.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Maggie Cronin <Maggie.Cronin@mail.house.gov>; Rep.Meyers <Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kulp <Rep.Kulp@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bewley <Sen.Bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Peggy Francour <pfrancour@cesa9.org>
Subject: April Legislative Conversation with CESA 9 Superintendents

Good day, Area Legislators,

The superintendents would still like the opportunity to meet with you next Friday, April 3 for our scheduled legislative conversation. We will be meeting virtually and you should have already received a calendar invite for this. That calendar invite has the Zoom connection link for the meeting which starts at 8:30 (and we'll wrap up at 9:00 this month). I am also including the link in this email as well. Looking forward to "seeing" as many of you as possible next week.

https://zoom.us/j/492536620

If you need assistance in connecting via Zoom and/or want to do a test run ahead of the meeting, please contact my assistant, Peggy Francour and she will help you. Peggy's email is pfrancour@cesa9.org

Have a great weekend! Be well!
Karen

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:14 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Issues with State Patrol

Hey Zach,

My boss has gotten three calls today regarding State Patrol pulling people in our district over to ask what they are doing/where they are going. For one of the calls, the person said that the officer told her "If you are going five over, I am going to pull you over and ask you where you are going, and I will fine you." Rep. Felzkowski wanted me to reach out to you on this because Governor Evers said in his press conference last week that state patrol would not be pulling people over to ask them where they were going.

Thank you!

Liz

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To: Wisconsin Legislative Leaders

From: America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
Alliance of Health Insurers (AHI)
Wisconsin Association of Health Plans (WAHP)

Date: April 10, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Legislation: Balance Billing/Ability to Rate Groups

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Recently, WisPolitics distributed summaries of the Republican Legislature's draft legislation relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Actual bill language has not yet been released.

First, AHIP, AHI, and WAHP support much of what was described in these summaries. We support the temporary suspension of Medical Assistance provisions to meet federal conditions for the enhanced federal matching percentage, which will help Wisconsin address the COVID-19 public health emergency. We also support allowing the Department of Health Services to seek flexibility for provider payments while maintaining the requirement to pay actuarially sound Medicaid Managed Care rates.

Second, AHIP, AHI, and WAHP were pleased to see many unneeded mandates – such as COVID-19 treatments and telehealth coverage parity – were not included. Health plans have been proactive and are *already* providing such coverage without cost-sharing, obviating the need for new state mandates.

Two provisions, outlined below, are highly problematic.

Prohibit Coverage Discrimination Based on COVID-19

State and federal law currently provide consumers with strong non-discrimination protections for the issuance, maintenance, and rating of health insurance coverage. Consumers must be treated equally regardless of their health status and health history, including any possible COVID-19 diagnosis.

These existing protections ensure individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 will not be covered any differently than individuals with any other health condition. Non-discrimination provisions are duplicative of current law and therefore unnecessary. We oppose their inclusion in COVID-19 legislation.

In particular, the plain-language summary of the GOP proposal appears that it could prohibit the ability of a plan to rate on the risk of a *group*. Plans use historical diagnoses to determine future risk. Plans do *not* seek to discriminate against an individual based on a COVID-19 diagnosis, but plans *do* want to accurately rate on the risk of a group. The coronavirus is new and novel. The future risk of individuals who have had COVID-19 is unknown. Further, the scope of the plain language summary does not appear to exempt products that are classified as excepted benefits under state and federal law.

We respectfully request that you modify the language to ensure *individuals* within a group could not be discriminated against for a COVID-19 diagnosis, while preserving the ability of plans to appropriately rate *groups*.

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Out-of-Network Charges and Payments During a Public Health Emergency

Health insurance providers are strongly committed to maintaining sufficient provider networks so patients who need care have the peace of mind they can be properly treated by in-network providers. Gov. Evers proposed out-of-networks be reimbursed at 250 percent of the Medicare rate. The Republican proposal pegs this reimbursement at 225 percent of the Medicare rate.

225 percent of the Medicare rate is simply too high and overpays out-of-network providers. Such a rate would force plans to pay many out-of-network providers *more* than in-network providers. Moreover, the Republican language relating to seeing an out-of-network provider is vague and should be limited to when no in-network provider is available due to the public health emergency.

Because costs in Wisconsin vary by geographic region and types of providers, health insurance providers ask that the Legislature use a benchmark that is multi-faceted and consists of: the lower of the plan's median in-network rate in the same geographic area or 200% of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the provider for the same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area. The payment benchmark should be tied to an explicit requirement the rate be accepted as payment in full by the provider with no balance bills sent to the patient.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Wisconsin Legislature

FROM: Wisconsin Grocers Association & Wisconsin Restaurant Association

DATE: April 3, 2020

RE: Allow Alcohol Delivery during COVID-19

On behalf of Wisconsin Grocers Association and the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, representing a majority of Class A and Class B alcohol license holders in Wisconsin, we would like to respectfully request the Legislature allow retailers to deliver alcohol during the COVID-19 Emergency.

Our members have all given their livelihood to the COVID-19 emergency to ensure Wisconsinites have access to food—whether at the community grocery store or their favorite restaurant. All retailers in Wisconsin have needed to adjust to the Governors orders—some have modified or enhanced their business, while others have been forced to close their doors. Allowing alcohol retailers to deliver alcohol will not only benefit these businesses, but will allow everyone in Wisconsin to abide by the "Safer-at-Home" order.

In the past few years, grocery and restaurant delivery and pick-up have grown very popular with an estimated 60% of restaurant orders representing take-out and delivery and 13% of households using grocery delivery. The COVID-19 Emergency has increased online groceries 145% with an estimated 31% of households now using online or pick-up.

Many states have responded to this trend and modified their laws to allow retailers to deliver alcohol. In addition, during the COVID-19 Emergency, several more states that did not previously allow alcohol delivery, are allowing it through the emergency.

Our organizations worked with Rep. Tauchen and Senator Craig this session to craft legislation that ensures a secure, face-to-face remote transaction that mimics the transaction that would take place in the restaurant or grocery store. The bill specified the following:

- Allows retailer to deliver alcohol directly or through a third party when order is placed online or via phone.
- Deliveries can be made during the same hours as on-premise sales.

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- Payment must be received on the licensed premises at the time of order. This can be in person, online or via credit card over the phone. Payment cannot be accepted at delivery.
- The person receiving the order must be 21 years old and provide proof of identity and age.
- It is the licensee's responsibility to ensure the customer making the order is 21 or older at the time of sale and the delivery person's responsibility for doing the same at time of delivery via electronic scan.
- The delivery personnel must be 21 years of age, must ensure the recipient is not intoxicated and must complete "TIPS" training or equivalent.
- If order is not completed, alcohol can be returned to the store.
- The following information must be kept for 1 year after delivery: Signature of recipient; Quantity delivered, Recipient's name, Recipient's address.

State and Medical experts are encouraging citizens to use delivery services during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and we believe it's important for the Legislature to remove this impediment. Further, with additional hospitality associations that were previously opposed now asking for alcohol delivery, we hope there is no longer a barrier to moving forward.

We urge the Legislature to consider making this change to help ensure the viability of alcohol retailers in Wisconsin during the COVID-19 emergency.

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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.

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

If Your Job Has Been Impacted

- **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.

- **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.

- **Local Resources --** [Note to members: For a 4th item in this section, you may wish to include a local resource in your area. For example, where people can go locally or at the county to find assistance.]

If Your Business Has Been Impacted

- **Small Business 20/20 –** Businesses with 20 or fewer employees may be eligible for up to $2,000 over two months to cover costs such as rent, payroll, and utility bills to provide relief for fixed monthly expenses. Small businesses must apply for the grant through a local Community Development Financial Institution.

- **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.
    - 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.

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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

The amount of information available can be overwhelming. I want to provide you three trusted websites to receive accurate and up-to-date information.

- The Center for Disease Control https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- The Department of Health Services https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm
- Whitehouse and Federal Agencies Clearinghouse https://www.coronavirus.gov

My office is continuing to work to answer any questions that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (608) 266-3387 or by e-mail at Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov.

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April 8, 2020

The Honorable Dr. Tony Evers
Governor, State of Wisconsin
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

DELIVERED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Governor Evers,

During this difficult time, we the undersigned business trade associations believe that Wisconsin businesses and employees need clear and consistent enforcement of social distancing requirements. Inconsistent or unlawful enforcement by local governments leads to confusion, and creates fairness and equity concerns for businesses and workers alike. We therefore ask for your help to bring fairness and consistency in the enforcement of social distancing requirements among local governments.

In Emergency Order #12 ("Safer at Home") issued March 24, 2020, your administration banned all non-essential business operations and non-essential travel, with the exception of minimum basic operations. The order also listed a variety of essential businesses and operations that must be able to continue in order to provide vital goods and services to our state. A "Frequently Asked Questions" document accompanying your order stated explicitly that individuals and businesses do not need special permission or documentation to travel or to continue operating:

> *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.*

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that a number of local jurisdictions in Wisconsin are going far beyond the requirements of your order. Some businesses that have continued their operations have reported receiving cease and desist letters from local governments. This includes businesses on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) list of essential industries, and businesses otherwise exempted by Emergency Order #12. Similarly, we have seen reports of local law enforcement in some areas stopping citizens for no reason other than to ask where they are going.

We believe that this level of enforcement is unacceptable, unwarranted, and outside the scope of your order's original intent. Accordingly, we respectfully request that you direct local governments to follow the text of Emergency Order #12 and any other state policies regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency, and to remind them that your administration's order supersedes any local health orders that might conflict with it. If a business is in an exempted industry, it must be allowed to continue operating. We are also asking your administration to establish a process to report and correct overzealous enforcement by local authorities.

Our respective members represent thousands of businesses in all industries across our state that provide family-supporting jobs for countless Wisconsinites. Our members are doing all that they can to

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comply with the law while continuing to provide important goods and services for our economy. At this confusing and disruptive moment, no business or individual following the letter and spirit of the Safer at Home order should have to face a cease and desist letter or be stopped and questioned about their activities. Thus, we hope that you will order local governments to stop any enforcement activities that go beyond the requirements of Emergency Order #12.

Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,

American Chemistry Council
Independent Business Association of Wisconsin
National Federation of Independent Business
Tool, Die & Machining Association of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Association of Staffing Services
Wisconsin Association of Textile Services
Wisconsin Bankers Association
Wisconsin Cast Metals Association
Wisconsin Credit Union League
Wisconsin Dairy Association
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association
Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
Wisconsin Paper Council
Wisconsin Realtors Association
Wisconsin Restaurant Association

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Dear Governor Evers,

The CARES Act is a one-time federal windfall that must be spent wisely to help Wisconsin deal with the human and economic catastrophes caused by the coronavirus outbreak. As we learned late last week, Wisconsin will be awarded $2.2 billion, with $1.9 billion of that headed directly to the state.

Because of the seriousness of this pandemic, we believe in the importance of setting aside partisan differences and working together. We hope you believe the same.

Over the past two weeks, we have spoken to thousands of Wisconsinites. We have reached out to our local health care providers, business owners, farmers, and local governments to understand their most pressing concerns during this very trying time. As you know, you and your administration have the sole ability to allocate the federal stimulus money, so we would like to outline what we believe are the main priorities of Wisconsinites statewide.

When it comes to healthcare, you have likely heard as we have, that nursing homes are struggling terribly to pay for the necessary personal protection equipment (PPE) that is needed to follow CDC guidelines. Our nursing homes workers are on the frontlines of this pandemic. If they are not able to adequately keep residents safe, it will directly impact our hospitals. In addition, PPE is still a need for healthcare and other essential workers across the state. Additionally, the state needs more readily available and rapid testing supplies. We hope you will **prioritize hospitals and healthcare facilities and their needs** as you spend these federal resources. We also ask that you continue to derive the most accurate data possible as it relates to hospital usage, patient outcomes, and test results so that our healthcare workers can provide the very best care possible.

While we believe our priorities align on these issues related to healthcare, we know they diverge when it comes to protecting unborn life. We must voice our strong opposition to classifying abortion providers, like Planned Parenthood, as an essential service. Considering the federal government has provided guidance shutting down all elective procedures in our hospitals to conserve precious resources and PPE, it is unconscionable that you would allow these facilities to continue to operate. The PPE should be conserved for those frontline healthcare workers battling COVID 19, many of whom are asked to reuse the same mask for days. While we have little hope that you will change your mind on this, we must firmly insist that no federal stimulus money go directly or indirectly to abortion providers.

Our economy is going to suffer greatly because of this shut down. The Federal Reserve is predicting the crisis could drive the national unemployment rate to 32% and the GDP could suffer a 20% decline. In Wisconsin, economists project 15% of our state workforce could be unemployed as soon as this summer. **Please consider safeguards for our business owners and workers.** We have said publicly we are in favor of repealing the one-week waiting period for unemployment, and will look to take it up as soon as the Legislature convenes. We would like you to consider building in unemployment assistance for business owners and any other resources available to help business owners and farmers stay afloat in this very difficult time.

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Also our local governments will no doubt be stretched thin due to the extra costs related to PPE procurement, increased use of fire, police and EMS services, and increased costs for absentee ballot mailings. We would ask that **the state provide assistance to our local governments**, if allowed under the purview of the federal stimulus dollars. In addition, our homeless population will continue to struggle. Providing vouchers so that local government can find alternate housing for those who lack shelter, as well as finding ways to support our food pantries would also be worthwhile endeavors.

We know that this pandemic is going to bring with it a high price tag. These stimulus dollars will help stem the tide that we know is going to affect our state finances. Very soon, you will instruct state agencies to craft their state budget requests. These economic uncertainties are going to make that a difficult task, as we have no idea how far our revenues will fall. Please use every tool at your disposal, including the state Office of Inspector General, to be as mindful as possible in your spending decisions. In the upcoming fiscal year and the next budget, we will have to be more careful than ever. Considerations like **tax increases or other economically detrimental policies cannot and should not be an option.**

Finally, during this crisis, it is more important than ever that we allow Wisconsinites to observe their individual faiths. To that end, we ask that you work with Wisconsin churches and temples to allow them to hold Easter or Passover services, even if it's outside. For many of us, being a part of these services will offer much-needed solace during these very uncertain times.

Sincerely.

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WH&LA
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association

Serving the
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for more than 100 years

April 9, 2020

TO: Wisconsin State Legislators

FROM: Trisha A. Pugal, CAE
Interim CEO

RE: **Liability Protection for Essential Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association requests your support in including critical Liability Protection for Essential Businesses during the pandemic crisis in the legislature's Relief Plan to help ensure that unjustified lawsuits are not widely prevalent immediately following the decline in the pandemic, as businesses will already be struggling just to stay in business.

With the basic methodology of the virus, individuals that test positive for the virus could have caught the virus from any one of multiple sources at any time without knowledge. However, our concern is that unjustified claims may be made against the businesses that are deemed Essential Businesses, including lodging properties, which would be costly to defend, even with no remote possibility of proof. For example, a person needing a place to stay when accompanying a relative just hospitalized checks into a hotel and later tests positive for the virus. While they may have had interactions with potential carriers anywhere to and from this stay, they decide to sue the hotel for damages claiming they must have caught it there.

Essential Businesses are required by the Governor's Order to follow basic rules on social distancing and more in order to operate safely during this crisis. Liability protection against baseless and costly litigation, with the fair inclusion of language barring any gross negligence on behalf of the business, will help to prevent an exponential quantity of lawsuits against Essential Businesses when the pandemic subsides.

Please support inclusion of language providing liability protection for Essential Businesses who are complying with the Order and providing needed lodging during the crisis.

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American Hotel & Lodging Association

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 11:00 AM
To: "'mrsfries16@gmail.com'" <mrsfries16@gmail.com>
Subject: List of calls to make

Name	Location	Phone Number	Synopsis of Issue
Kathryn Pophal	Merrill	715-536-8627	Supports Evers' plan to close the that it appears Republicans are j
Julie Allen	Tomahawk	(715)453-8578	Supports Evers' plan to move th
Mark and Cathy Krupinski	Gleason	715-362-7737	Supported a total mail-in-ballot
Donna Simek	Merrill	(715)536-6774	Supported Gov's plan for mail in disappointed that the legislature Governor Evers on delaying the Wisconsin citizens in jeopardy o I can now stop self isolating? Re sense.. or is it totally political?
Maxine Tlusty	Merrill	7155361251	Hopes you were not one of the l into session. Believes everyone Governor
Victoria A. Gorzalski	Elcho	(715)275-5190	Believes now it not a time for pa election should be postponed
Julie Wendorf	Merrill	(715)536-6982	Believes we should have the ma worried about people dying.
Jean Bowen	Merrill	(715)218-5814	Believes in mail in ballot system about politics.
Jim DeBiase	Tomahawk	(715)453-8510	In complete disbelief that the le in a minute for the special sessio
Tom Backen	Irma	(612)875-3648	Really disappointed in Republica putting our political needs befor
Parker Johnson	Tomahawk	(715)869-2871	Really disappointed in the politi Republicans
SCOTT EBERHARDY	Tomahawk	7154532095	Now is the time for you to prote district. I voted for you in the pa lines now against postponing th republican again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Tricia Hoffman	Tomahawk	(920)242-3029	Does not understand why we di Thinks there are way too many p now.
Jeff Peterson	Merrill	7155365234	Does not understand why the le the election.
Jim and Cathy Meyer	Tomahawk	(715)612-7509	Wrote a very thoughtful email w pushing for the election to be po

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Joanne Drew	Merrill	(715)539-8005	Is pretty disgusted that we are n Thinks it's all politics.
Fred Linteurer	Rhinelander	(715)282-7103	Thinks we need to be working w
Dan Wendorf	Merrill	715-536-7313	Was hoping to see a postponed respectful in his email. Did not s would do the right thing.
Linda Klinhans	Mattoon	(715)903-0525	Cannot believe Evers had to put the legislature's help. Says we sh
Judith St Vincent	Bryant	2629454027	Please don't stop the extension right and keep people safe.
Judith Shepherd	Rhinelander	715-367-1987	Governor Evers was right to cha allow it to be postponed.
James Lohff	Merrill	(715)536-6035	Allow for the Governor's order t
Judy Weaver	Merrill	715-536-7918	Doesn't understand why Republ during a pandemic.
Megan Cihlar	Merrill	(715)252-6295	Because of your actions, citizens OTHER OPTION than to go and v tomorrow. They have to choose right– and potentially exposing t
Nancy Korpi	Merrill	(715)453-1991	I find it unbelievable that your p postpone the election in the mi obvious that you did it purely fo absolutely no concern for the he the people who work at the poll
Susan Stefanich	Tomahawk	7159662063	I am hearing from a lot of peopl ballots. I am extremely angry tha danger that the Republican part chosen to endanger all voters by mail.
Becki Wilson	Harshaw	(715)365-9700	Appalled at the Republican party saving lives.
Rebecca Flatau	Merrill	7155363195	I am deeply disappointed in our putting partisan politics ahead o fellow Wisconsinites.
Pamela Kopp	Tomahawk	(715)453-3934	Congratulations, you and your p disenfranchised the city of Milw afraid to go to the polls tomorro all along. Low turnout usually b Republican party is a shameful e

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Tamie Hall	Tomahawk	(920)285-3045	I requested to vote absentee as did as well. I believe in the right it is, but to put the lives of poll w during what we are told is going weeks for this country, to ask pe home order for something that options is horrible.
Cathleen L Rogich	Tomahawk	8474711079	It is disgusting that the election tomorrow. Lives will he lost due
Kent Johnson	Merrill	7152184775	Called this morning to say he is will point to the Supreme Court do with it.
Terry Bucaro	Tomahawk	715-966-0606	I'm so disappointed in you Mary Republicans for going against Go to protect the voters of Wiscons so little for our safety.
Sherry Heath	Merrill	17156304881	Hi Rep Felzkowski - I feel Gov Ev to delay voting due to Covid-19. orders right now. We have been the grocery store or pharmacy. people will leave their home jus mother not to go and she agree against Gov Evers!
Mike Hacker	Merrill	7155367802	How could you allow this electio You and other republicans made can't believe that not one repub idea. People's lives are at risk.
Tim Prunty	Antigo	(715)627-4355	I'm very disappointed that even 19 the Legislature and the Gove together for the health and safe great State. It is shameful to be these circumstances.
Jeff Vander Zanden	Tomahawk	7153409508	Angry that we are putting every remind him of absentee ballots
Thayer and Judie Davis	Tomahawk	(715)453-4697	Can't believe that you would pa harms way when there were sev to this problem. (absentee mail election)
Karen Koth	Tomahawk	(715)453-4353	Mary I can't even believe we are one wants to vote but with this the responsibility of governmen our state does not see a surge in human safety is the ultimate SH

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION

TO: JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION

Senators	**Representatives**
Scott Fitzgerald	Jim Steineke
Dan Feyen	Mary Felzkowski
Jennifer Shilling	Gordon Hintz
Janet Bewley	Dianne Hesselbein

FROM: _____ _____
President Roger Roth, Co-Chair Speaker Robin Vos, Co-Chair

DATE: March 19, 2020

The Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin have sued the Wisconsin Elections Commissioners in Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-249, alleging that certain elections statutes are unconstitutional and seeking to enjoin the enforcement of certain election statutes in light of the current coronavirus outbreak. The Legislature was not named in the lawsuit.

A mail ballot to allow the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, pursuant to s. 13.365 (3), Stats., to intervene in cases challenging the constitutionality or enforcement of Wisconsin elections statutes, including the above case, filed prior to December 31, 2020, and retain legal counsel other than the Department of Justice to represent the Legislature in these actions is attached for your consideration.

Please return your ballot by **11:15 a.m., on Thursday, March 19, 2020** to:

Anne Sappenfield, Director
Legislative Council Staff
One East Main Street, Suite 401

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Attachment

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION

March 19, 2020

MAIL BALLOT

MOTION: I vote [_X__YES] [____NO] that the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization (JCLO), pursuant to s. 13.365 (3), Stats., intervene in cases challenging the constitutionality or enforcement of Wisconsin elections statutes, including *Democratic National Committee and Democratic Party of Wisconsin v. Marge Bostelmann et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-249, filed prior to December 31, 2020, and retain legal counsel other than the Department of Justice to represent the Legislature in these actions.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate President Roger Roth, JCLO co-chairs, shall approve all financial costs and terms of representation. The cost of this representation will be divided equally between the Senate and Assembly.

mary f. Felzkowski

_____
Signature

_____3-19-2020_____
Date

PLEASE RETURN BY **11:15 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2020** TO:

Anne Sappenfield, Director
Legislative Council Staff
One East Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703-3382

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ZOOM Meeting
2 Olson, Lisa A - DHS

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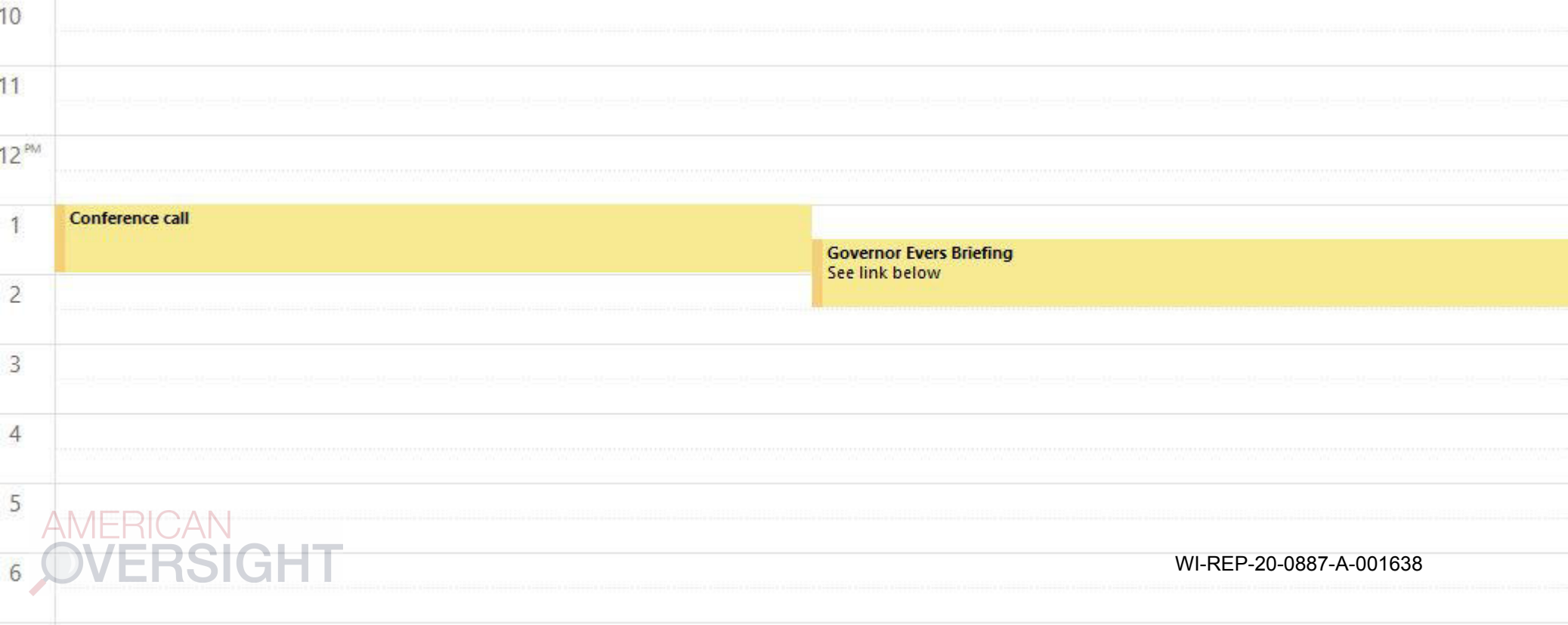
1 **DHS Legislative Briefing**
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 9:03 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: March Timecard for Elisabeth Portz
Attachments: 2020-04-10 Elisabeth Portz Time Card.pdf

Rep. Felzkowski,
I was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time.
Thank you,

Liz

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State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services
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Andrea Palm, Secretary

EMERGENCY ORDER #5
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2. Effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all public and private mass gatherings are prohibited in the State of Wisconsin.

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   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:

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 5:17 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Media Plan for April- Crisis Version

Our goal is to be **informative** and **reliable** as we steer people into the new normal; accounting for changes to everyday life that need to be made, without compromising Northwoods values.

We are seeking to portray **leadership** and **competence** during this uncertain and difficult time.

Our messaging will center on:

- Timely and accurate information about the COVID-19 situation
- District specific priorities and developments
- Local feel good stories about community and neighbors
- Positive and stable ongoings in the state (spring hunting and fishing seasons, military appreciation days, etc.)

Schedule

**To be adjusted and moved as developments occur. Posts will be prepped but not scheduled ahead of time- if there is dark and sad news that day, we do not want to put out a light-hearted, tone-deaf graphic.*

4/7: Election Day
4/8: Our COVID-19 Resource Guide
4/9: Highlight Three Lakes Resort Offering Free Cabins to Healthcare Workers
4/10: National Wildlife Week Celebration
4/11: Sunday Break

4/12: DVA's 'Send a Smile to a Veteran' Campaign
4/13: WHS Free Virtual Storytime for Children
4/14: WMC's High School Student Essay Competition
4/15: Turkey Season Opening Day
4/16: Phone and Virtual Mental Health Services in Northwoods
4/17: Photo of Jameson
4/18: Sunday Break

4/19: Re-Post List of Restaurants Doing Take-out and Delivery
4/20: OCI's Top 5 COVID-19 Scams to Watch For
4/21: Encourage Post-Card Writing to Nursing Homes
4/22: Prepare for Flooding Season
4/23: Throwback to Salvation Army Hometown Hero & Salvation Army Donation Requests
4/24: Visit a State Park for Free this Weekend
4/25: Sunday Break

4/26: Thank You Healthcare Workers

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Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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Members of the State Assembly

Members of the State Senate

Dear Leaders and Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature,

On behalf of Wisconsin's local movie theatres - we need your urgent assistance. The future of the entire theatre and exhibition industry depends on decisive action by our state government officials.

I am George Rouman, President of the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and owner of Rouman Cinema located in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

As an industry we understand the need to limit large assemblies in the effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 while we as a society attempt to "flatten the curve."

However, local theatres need our state government officials to understand that even when the "safer-at-home" order is relaxed or suspended – while no revenue is coming into movie theatres now, that situation may continue for several weeks and possibly months due to a lack of new movie content to show – as the film production studios are releasing new movies directly online (skipping theatres) or delaying many new releases to theatres until the Fall of 2020 or sometime in 2021.

You may not realize this, but the majority of the movie theatres are family-owned, small and moderate sized business owners, i.e. the "mom and pops," who own and operate the movie screens in the state.

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You may also not realize that your average local movie theatre does not make much of its income from ticket sales – most of the ticket sales revenue goes back to the movie studios. Much of a movie theatre's income is generated from food and drink concessions. It is the theatre food and drink concessions that pay the mortgage, rent, electricity, HVAC, employee \ operator wages and…. taxes.

The theatre industry is not complaining about the necessary actions and closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is clear that without recognition and action – the industry as a whole may fail in your local communities.

Our requests focus on treating our licensed retail food concession the same as other licensed food retail that allows for take-out, drive-thru and curbside delivery. Further, we need state government to recognize that the theatre industry may not be able to hit the "re-start" on our economic engine until November – when the bulk of new movie releases are scheduled to occur and enough revenue can actually be generated… to pay the bills and pay taxes.

Sincerely,

George Rouman, President
NATO of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
Rouman Cinema
1205 Lincoln Street
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 360-3685 (cell)

Request: Extend Timeline on Commercial Property, Rent Evictions and Foreclosures

Amend Emergency Order #15 to provide an additional penalty-free 90-days of protection after theatres are allowed by state government to re-open to acknowledge the financial hardship that will occur for several weeks and possibly months afterwards.

We want to extend our appreciation for Emergency Order #15, providing a temporary ban on evictions and foreclosures. This order helped to provide immediate assistance for individual and commercial tenants, including small businesses.

However, the local movie theatre industry is a sector that will be severely distressed by the COVID-19 public health crisis for months after the official public health orders prohibiting public gatherings and business closures are suspended.

Movie production studios are in many cases either releasing new movies directly to online streaming services (bypassing theatres) or delaying release until Fall 2020 or sometime in 2021. Further, the next timeline for major movie productions releases in many instances does not occur until November.

This means when the COVID-19 public health emergency and the related orders are relaxed and\or suspended in the coming weeks, the movie theatre industry will continue to suffer financially for several weeks and possibly months afterwards until the theatres have new movie release content to provide – which, again much of that is not likely to occur until the fall.

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NATO of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan is asking state government to acknowledge that the emergency order to close all theatres and their food and drink concession takes away the ability of theatres to generate any revenue to pay bills and taxes. We are asking there be provided a reasonable extended timeline of Emergency Order 15 provisions based on the reality of how the theatre industry functions.

Request: Allow theatres to delay all property tax and sales tax payments until December 31, 2020.

As stated previously, the local movie theatre industry is a sector that will be severely distressed by the COVID-19 public health crisis for months after the official public health orders prohibiting public gatherings and business closures are suspended.

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This means many of your local theatres will not have the means to pay bills and taxes until that new movie content is released this fall to generate sufficient ticket and concession sales.

Request: Allow theatre food concession to participate like other food-retail entities with take-out, curbside pick-up and delivery.

Amend Emergency Order 12 relating to "Safer-at-Home" to extend restaurant and other food retail take-out and delivery services to theatre concessions.

NATO of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan understands why the theatre-auditoriums and restaurant dining areas where assembly seating is provided must be closed or restricted during this COVID-19 public health emergency.

However, unlike theatre concessions - restaurants and other food retailers (i.e. cheese shops, candy stores, cafés, bakeries, popcorn vendors, etc.) are able to remain open by limiting food and concession operations to take-out or delivery service only.

NATO of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan members are not asking that theatre-auditoriums be allowed to open – like the dining areas of restaurants they should remain closed during the public health crisis. However we are asking that like other food retailers and restaurants -movie theatre concessions be treated the same - be allowed to provide pick-up and delivery services.

Keep in mind that right now all movie theatres have perishable and expiration date food and drink products sitting in our theatre concession areas – all of which will go to waste if we are not provided the same opportunity as other licensed food retailers.

Theatres have been ordered to close – entirely – theatre auditoriums and concession areas. These businesses should be afforded the opportunity for community support to at least help pay the bills when no revenue stream is currently allowed to occur.

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Again, we understand why restaurant dining areas, retail food\drink seating and theatre auditoriums that create assembly must be closed or restricted to the public – but please don't treat food retail \ concession differently just because it's attached to a closed and separately shuttered theatre auditorium.

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From: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:26 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Staff Members <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Staff-Members@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: NCSL Briefing on Federal CARES Act

Good Afternoon,

We, along with NCSL, will be hosting a Zoom Webinar on Monday at 2pm. This will be a briefing on the federal CARES Act that was signed by President Trump last Friday.

Please plan to attend.

Jenny

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/832785863?pwd=QlNlMlBpclJtWVZnZVMwOGgxS3RMUT09

Meeting ID: 832 785 863
Password: NCSL 04202

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877 853 5247 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 832 785 863
Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/adFvHY8JyQ

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:02 AM
To: "'pastorbless@stjohnmerrill.org'" <pastorbless@stjohnmerrill.org>
Subject: New Stay at home order
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Good morning,

As promised, I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

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.

From what you told me on the phone, this should allow for you to offer virtual services, as well as holy communion services with fewer than 10 people at a time.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:29 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: new voicemail

715-614-1397
Darlene newman (name was very unclear, not in forward)
from lake tomahawk
Very concerned about the election
Needs to be my mail only or postponed
Elderly people vote and often work at the polls
This is too important
There is a corona case in vilas
Please postpone it. We will spread it around while voting. Please.

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:25 PM
To: "Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS" <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: one pager

Hey Richard,

Thank you for taking the time to call back last night. It looks like we are going to be pushing out information on FB and in our e-update about becoming a poll worker. The one pager we talked about would be SO helpful. If you guys don't have time to put that together, I can do it, I just need 1. What the possible positions are 2. A short description of what they do and (if possible) 3. If they need training or not.

Thank you for any thoughts you have!

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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:
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 11:02 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Outstanding emails that could use personal calls from you

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Here are the emails that I have not responded to yet. I am more than happy to, just figured you might want to make some of these calls yourself. Please read through the email first and let me know which ones you want to make yourself, because some of them did not initially include a phone number in their email, and we don't have their number in forward, so I'll have to reach out and ask what it is.

Thanks!

Name
david kuhr
Email
cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com
Address
w7642 cth aa
City
antigo
Phone Number
7156274280
Message
The election must be postponed. the northern 1/2 of the state has a lot of elderly and people who do not have access to the internet to do the bullsh? for an absentee ballot. sounds like something the liberals want to get a liberal judge on the supreme count. This is about as crooked and partisan as it gets.
Thanks, Dave
Sign up for E-Update
False

Name
Patrice Flock
Email
patriceandmike@gmail.com
Address
N8917 Water Power Road
City
Deerbrook
Phone Number
6085771376
Message
Rep. Felzkowski,

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Thank you for the information regarding Governor Ever's safe at home directive.

I have a deep concern regarding the April 7 election. I don't understand why the governor refuses to postpone the election. Many other states have postponed elections until a later date in spring. If Wisconsin is in such dire straits that businesses must close, why continue with the election at this time? In my opinion, it reeks of political subterfuge.

I don't favor only voting absentee and I don't favor eliminating a photo ID.

Is there anything I can do to make sure Wisconsin has a fair election in April?

Yes, I have requested and received my absentee ballot and mailed it today.

Sincerely,
Patrice Flock

Name
Debra Stadler-Gapko
Email
debrastadlergapko@gmail.com
Address
N1014 Leafy Grove Rd
City
Merrill
Phone Number
7154322636
Message
I am more than happy to follow Gov Evers orders to stay at home but totally oppose continuing to hold the election on April 7. That is absolutely ridiculous to put everyone that votes at high risk of contracting the virus. I am an election worker and will not work that day and will not vote.
Sign up for E-Update
False

Dear Representative,

The business shutdown order tramples our right as citizens. I have an association a small legal office that prepared a safe plan whereby only one of the staff members is manning the office and keeping the servers going while everyone else is set up with home computers. This is order is nuts.

What about our logging operations where the operators and drivers never get within 20' of anyone else.

This order is imperiling all of the employees but endangering the survival of many small businesses. The Governor apparently has not a clue how businesses survive on the thinnest of margins.

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I'm disgusted. These actions will create problems far more serious than the virus itself.

This is the first time I've been so motivated to write you,

Regards,
Don Schoonenberg
Summit Lake, Wisconsin

Good afternoon,

As a resident of central Wisconsin, specifically the Village of Birnamwood, I am concerned about the use of cabins by southerners and also very concerned about the return of the snow birds to Wisconsin.

I have a number of friends "down south" who plan on driving home soon.

These people are not mentioned in anything I have read or when the Governor specks. We can not take it for granted that any of these people will automatically self quarantine. Also we can not assume the people from southern Wisconsin or northern Illinois will stay home and not come up here to their cabins.

We need to get the word out how detrimental this could be to the central and northern part of our state.

I spoke with someone yesterday, who lives in Pewaukee, and is now working from home so he decided to pack up himself and the kids and go up to his folks house in Antigo for the week. He will be returning to his home with the kids this week. This is a prime example of the lack of common sense that not only he and his wife lack but I am sure many, many others lack the same common sense.

Please address this somehow, so that people understand "stay home" means your primary residence. Also "stay home" is not visiting grammas and grandpas.

Thank you,
Jody Dombrowski
jedombrowski@yahoo.com

Who does the governor think he is??? God? So its necessary to shut down thousands more businesses and destroy peoples lives economically over a virus thats killed 4 people in the state? And then he has the gall to announce that he will "allow" us to still go outside to walk a dog? How gracious! Lord Evers says I can walk Fido. We're saved.

Use whatever power you have to tell Evers to go pound sand. We can fight this virus without forcing people to commit financial suicide. And the idea that government will save small business is horseshit. There is never any money for us. The big corps will get bailed out, and the best any small business can hope for is a loan they can't afford to pay back.

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End this shit.

Chad Waterhouse

Enough of the stupid virus-adults should be able to make their own decisions-a clear example of the ' 1 size fits all ' failure.
how is this going to this going to end? By adding more time, extending weeks beyond, or is this the new normal and we should just expect this every 6-8 years? Won't there be more damage from bankruptcies, suicides, and Government created poverty, (where none existed) than deaths from Covid-19?? And don't insult my intelligence by saying Gov. will make payments or loans---we know where the money comes from in the first place...

My oldest daughter just had her last rotation cancelled-she is besides herself since she does not know how this could affect her May graduation from Pharmacy school....still waiting to hear if Graduation will be canceled-A true lifetime milemarker...

I'd rather you work on getting lazy town clerks opening for early voting, like, say, here in Nokomis!!! Why can lefties in Madison and Milwaukee have weeks of voting, while we are only offered absentee or election day!! That's what I prefer you contact me and work on-it's a fundamental disadvantage to rural living!!

Dr. Snadra and Kevin South
Nokomis

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COVID-19 Resource Guide

Dear Neighbors,

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.

Below are some of the essential and reliable resources to which you can turn for updates as well as some key places you can contact for help. You can always contact my office if you have any questions and my staff and I will work to connect you with the right resources.

We're all built tough in the Northwoods. I know we'll get through this--together.



State Representative Mary Felzkowski

Contact my Office

Phone: 608-266-7694

Email: Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wi.gov

Follow my Facebook page for updates:@RepFelzkowski

Website:http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/35/felzkowski/covid-19-information/

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If Your Job Has Been Impacted

- **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.
- **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.
- **Local Resources** – You can call the North Central Wisconsin Job Center Help Desk at 888-258-9966.

If You Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness

Based on 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.

- **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, such as those with diabetes or liver disease might be at risk
  - It's recommend that people who are pregnant be monitored

The amount of information available can be overwhelming. I want to provide you three trusted websites to receive accurate and up-to-date information.

- The Center for Disease Control https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- The Department of Health Services https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm
- Federal Agencies Clearinghouse https://www.coronavirus.gov

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If Your Business Has Been Impacted

- **Small Business 20/20** – Businesses with 20 or fewer employees may be eligible for up to $2,000 over two months to cover costs such as rent, payroll, and utility bills to provide relief for fixed monthly expenses. Small businesses must apply for the grant through a local Community Development Financial Institution.

- **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.
    - 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. DHS Emergency Order #12 outlines essential businesses as well as provisions for "manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries." If you are unsure if your business is essential, WEDC recommends reviewing this provision before contacting them. Read the order at https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf.

If You're Wondering How You Can Help

- **Donate Blood**–Right now, Red Cross inventory is at critical levels. Their sites are taking extra precautions to make sure giving blood is safe. If healthy, please consider giving blood by calling 1-800-RedCross or going to redcrossblood.org to find a blood donation location in your zip code.

- **Help Local Businesses**- My office has compiled a list of all the restaurants in our district that are currently offering delivery, carry out, or both. Please help our local small businesses weather the storm by buying a meal out when you can. Head to my website for the list.

- **Take Care Of Your Neighbors**- Offer to pick up groceries or prescriptions for elderly neighbors who should be staying home.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:52 PM
To: 'Douglas Parrott' <parrott@wpmca.org>
Subject: Petroleum Marketers in 35th AD

Hey Doug,

I hope things are going well and you're staying safe. Rep. Felzkowski was wondering if you would be able to provide us with a list of gas stations or petroleum marketer members in our district? She is hoping to reach out and partner with them on a public information project.

Please let me know if you have this info.

Thanks!

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 3:10 PM
To: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: poll worker training stuff

Hey!

So Mary just called saying Adam is going to work on a graphic for the poll worker training. Do you want me to put together a blurb on it for offices?

Thanks,

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 3:21 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: poll workers

With the April 7th election only days away, our amazing local clerks are working around the clock to send out requested absentee ballots and do everything possible to make sure the day runs smoothly and safely.

I would like to encourage anyone who is healthy and low-risk and feels comfortable to please consider volunteering to be a poll worker on Election Day. As most of you know, our elections days run like a well-oiled machine because we have so many dedicated volunteers. Many of our regular volunteers are those who are currently high-risk for the virus and need to stay home.

Volunteering to work at the polls is not as hard as you may think! There are a few different positions, some that require training, some that don't, and some that require residency and others that don't. Please look at the following document that goes through what each of these positions does.

Additionally, if you are interested in learning more, the Elections Commission recently provided local governments with a COVID-19 webinar that will help local clerks and poll workers ensure our polling places are safe. That webinar can be found here.

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VOTE
POLL WORKERS NEEDED:
LOW-RISK, HEALTHY ADULTS
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLERK
WI-REP-20-0887-A-001680
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[Date]

[CONTACT]

[Phone number]

Stay Safe by Practicing Religion and Spirituality from Home

[City, state] – On March 24, 2020, Governor Evers issued a Safer at Home order, directing Wisconsinites to stay at home in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. This order is in effect until Friday, April 24, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued.

Safer at Home allows individuals to leave their homes for limited essential activities, including shopping for groceries, obtaining medicine, and caring for a family member in another household. Essential businesses and operations are also allowable, though physical distancing and other safety measures are required to keep employees and customers safe.

The order does not allow for gatherings of more than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time. A confined space is not only limited to indoor gatherings, but also includes any defined space, including parking lots and festival grounds. This includes religious gatherings, drive-in services, weddings, and funerals. Any gathering with fewer than 10 people must still adhere to physical distancing requirements by staying at least six feet from others and staying home if you are sick. It is also important to limit gatherings only to people living within the same household to avoid transmitting the virus through social networks.

Physical distancing is our only defense against this virus. Community, faith- and spiritual-based organizations have an important role in slowing the spread of COVID-19, especially among high-risk populations. These organizations often nobly serve those who are most vulnerable, including people with heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes. These community members are at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 illness.

“This is a challenging time for all and we have to make big sacrifices for a little while to protect the health of our community,” said insert health officer/director/spokesperson name, title, health department name. “For many in our communities, coming together to practice our religious and spiritual beliefs provides hope, strength and social connectedness. We look forward to the day we can again allow in-person gatherings to take place. In the meantime, we ask that you stay connected with one another through phone calls, video chats, text messages, and other ways.”

Religious and spiritual leaders should continue to stay up-to-date on information related to the pandemic and actively disseminate accurate and timely information. This includes developing information-sharing systems with partners, including local health officials, and communicating this information to regular attendees, people being served by the organization, and the broader community.

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Thankfully, with modern technology there are many creative options available for staying connected and nurturing spiritual health during this challenging time. Many churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and other places of worship are offering services through television, radio, podcasts, and livestreams on the Internet. “Individually, and as families, taking time to be mindful, meditate, and pray is important for spiritual health while we all do our part to keep our community safe while staying safer at home,” says insert health officer/director/spokesperson name, title (if not used above).

We sympathize with congregants of faith- and spiritual-based organizations that miss the services and fellowship, but the goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy by following the practices put in place by the Safer At Home order.

If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211-211. For up-to-date information, please frequently monitor the local health department social media or website, the DHS website for updates, and follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

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Physical distancing is our only defense against this virus. Community, faith- and spiritual-based organizations have an important role in slowing the spread of COVID-19, especially among high-risk populations. These organizations often nobly serve those who are most vulnerable, including people with heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes. These community members are at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 illness.

“This is a challenging time for all and we have to make big sacrifices for a little while to protect the health of our community,” said insert health officer/director/spokesperson name, title, health department name. “For many in our communities, coming together to practice our religious and spiritual beliefs provides hope, strength and social connectedness. We look forward to the day we can again allow in-person gatherings to take place. In the meantime, we ask that you stay connected with one another through phone calls, video chats, text messages, and other ways.”

Religious and spiritual leaders should continue to stay up-to-date on information related to the pandemic and actively disseminate accurate and timely information. This includes developing information-sharing systems with partners, including local health officials, and communicating this information to regular attendees, people being served by the organization, and the broader community.

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Thankfully, with modern technology there are many creative options available for staying connected and nurturing spiritual health during this challenging time. Many churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and other places of worship are offering services through television, radio, podcasts, and livestreams on the Internet. “Individually, and as families, taking time to be mindful, meditate, and pray is important for spiritual health while we all do our part to keep our community safe while staying safer at home,” says insert health officer/director/spokesperson name, title (if not used above).

We sympathize with congregants of faith- and spiritual-based organizations that miss the services and fellowship, but the goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy by following the practices put in place by the Safer At Home order.

If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211-211. For up-to-date information, please frequently monitor the local health department social media or website, the DHS website for updates, and follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:02 AM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Cc: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Priority Issue

Apparently the Clerk of the Town of King has a pretty serious lung issue and several of their constituents are very upset we're making her work and putting her at risk.
She herself has not called and the clerks as a group wanted the election to proceed.

If you want to call her and ask how she's doing and if she feels she has enough support?

Donna Edwards
Phone: 715-908-0001
Cell: 715-966-1767

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WMC
WISCONSIN MANUFACTURERS & COMMERCE

To: Wisconsin State Legislature

From: Corydon Fish

Date: April 10, 2020

Re: Released COVID-19 liability protection measures are inadequate.

Recently, WisPolitics distributed summaries of draft legislation relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency being considered by the Legislature's Republican majorities. Actual bill language has not yet been released.

The Republican majorities appear to be working on necessary, fair liability protections for healthcare providers and their employees who are putting their personal health at potential risk as they work to treat patients and fight this novel coronavirus. **Thank you for including these protections for healthcare providers and their employees**.

Other measures recommended by WMC are either apparently *not* being considered or the language being considered is inadequate.

Enact civil liability limitations for manufacturers of PPE and COVID-19 treatment equipment.

The plain-language summary released by WisPolitics contains problematic provisions related to exemptions from liability for manufacturers producing critical products to address the public health emergency, highlighted below.

From the summary released by WisPolitics:

> **EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**
>
> Exempt manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products in response to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order 72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) from civil liability associated with injury or death caused by those products. The manufacturer, distributor, or seller would be exempt from civil liability only if the product were sold or donated to a nonprofit organization or unit of government at a price that does not exceed the cost of production, defined to include only the cost of inputs, wages, operating the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product. Define emergency medical

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> supplies and equipment as any medical equipment or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease associated with a public health emergency, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and any other item determined to be necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. Specify that the exemption would not apply if the death or injury were caused by a willful act or omission.
>
> [Draft legislative proposal summary p. 7, emphasis added.]

WMC strongly supports exemptions for civil liability for manufacturers of medical equipment associated with COVID-19, but the following two provisions make this particular proposal unworkable:

- **Limiting the civil liability exemption to manufacturers only selling the products at cost provides *no* protection for those businesses who are *already* manufacturing such equipment as part of their regular business model.** Furthermore, this language would provide no financial incentive for manufacturers to repurpose their facilities to make medical equipment. It is not practical to require businesses who in good faith want to help the state by manufacturing critical supplies to choose between 1) selling the products at cost and potentially losing substantial profits in order to receive the liability exemption or 2) selling the products at a standard price point and risking losing millions to frivolous lawsuits filed by aggressive plaintiff attorneys. Private businesses should not be expected forgo their entire business model in order to receive civil liability exemptions that are fair, as the state expects businesses to step up and produce vital equipment. If these provisions are enacted, few if any additional businesses may begin manufacturing equipment associated with COVID-19.

- **The Legislature should not limit the civil liability exemption for manufacturing of critical supplies to only the public health emergency created under Executive Order #72 and any legislative extension.** Even after the current wave of COVID-19 ends, the state may want to begin stockpiling necessary equipment to treat any remaining cases and prepare for a future outbreak. The Legislature should extend the liability exemption for any manufacturer willing to make these critical products, whether in response to or in preparation for any public health emergency.

Bipartisan legislatures and governors across the country have already enacted appropriate liability exemption provisions for manufacturers without these arbitrary limitations. The Wisconsin Legislature and Gov. Evers should do the same.

WMC encourages the legislature to adopt civil liability exemptions for manufacturers of medical equipment used to address COVID-19. But the provisions outlined in the draft summary are

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unworkable and would not provide a meaningful, effective incentive for manufacturers to take on the risk of making these critical products.

We respectfully encourage you to enact liability protection for manufacturers of all types of respirator masks certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Welfare and any manufacturer who chooses to repurpose their facilities to manufacture personal protective equipment or equipment in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

In addition, two other needed protections do not appear to be under consideration by the Legislature.

Enact civil liability protections for employers keeping their workers and workplaces safe.

Enact liability protections, including an exception to the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act for measures to mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak, to allow businesses to screen employees and visitors (e.g., by taking a temperature scan) for signs of illness prior to entering a business or employer facility. Further, provide liability protections for employers who require employees to engage in proper hygiene procedures. **The summary released by WisPolitics gives no indication this necessary liability protection for the broader business community is being considered.**

Enact civil liability protections of persons rendering aid.

Create a civil liability exemption for any person providing aid or support to assist those suffering from the communicable disease or engaged in efforts to combat the spread of the communicable disease identified in an emergency public health order. **The summary released by WisPolitics gives no indication this necessary liability protection for the persons rending aid is being considered.**

Thank you for your consideration of these important public policy proposals. Please feel free to contact Corydon Fish at cfish@wmc.org or (262) 758-9132 if you have any questions.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:13 AM
To: 'Justin Wadsworth' <jw.country106@gmail.com>
Subject: PSA: Absentee Voting: radio ad
Attachments: VOTE NOW PSA.pdf; ABSENTEE BALLOT.MP3

Hey Justin,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me on the phone. Attached and below is the information, text, and MP3 of the PSA we discussed.

As I mentioned, the language was written in conjunction with the Elections Commission and this is a non-partisan, non-political reminder of how people can vote during this unprecedented situation.

The recording is a sample made by a radio station and you are more than welcome to make your own. The only ask by the Commission is you stick to the same language and information shared.

Some stations have begun running this Public Service Announcement where they have recent openings in their rotation.

Additionally, like we talked about, our office will be making the ask that healthy individuals, who are able and comfortable, to sign up to be poll workers on election day. Our office would appreciate if you can join us in spreading the message so our local clerks have the manpower and assistance they need on election day.

Thank you again for your time, Justin, and please let me know if this is something your station will be able to do and if you have any questions.

Hope you're staying safe!
Stamena

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:44 AM
To: 'Lonnie Strauss' <lonnie@sunriseamfm.com>
Subject: PSA: Absentee Voting: radio ad
Attachments: VOTE NOW PSA.pdf; ABSENTEE BALLOT.MP3

Hi Lonnie,

Tried calling the offices to see if I could reach you but they mentioned you were out for today. I was calling about a Public Service Announcement the assembly is trying to share to encourage absentee voting. Attached is the text and MP3 of the PSA.

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If there is anyone else over at Sunrise I should be reaching out to instead about this, please let me know or feel free to forward this email to them. Please let me know if this is something your station in Merrill will be able to do and if you have any questions.

Hope you're staying safe!
Stamena

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:57 AM
To: "Bayne-Allison, Galen - DAIT" <Galen.Bayne-Allison@da.wi.gov>
Subject: Public Health departments

Hey Galen,

Would you mind providing me with what your local health department received?

Thank you!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 1:56 PM
To: "Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov" <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request (WI-SEN-20-0889)
Attachments: WI-SEN-20-0889.pdf

Dear Public Records Officer:

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

Sincerely,

Vibha Kannan
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

PRR: WI-SEN-20-0889

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:50 PM
To: 'Van Thiel' <svanthiel@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE:

Steve and Margie,

The biggest hurdle with moving this election, apart from timing, is that over 3500 local positions across Wisconsin would sit vacant if the election were postponed, and for almost two months if June 9th would have been the date. There is no mechanism for the legislature or the Governor to all for the people in their positions to continue serving. Even if we were to pass a bill, state law cannot supersede the Wisconsin Constitution, so it would be challenged as unconstitutional. So then you have local officials who are in a position where they possibly cannot make decisions in their local governments, all during a global pandemic. This is an extremely dangerous scenario that we were not willing to just roll the dice on. I'm talking mayors, school boards, judges, town, municipal, and county boards. All the states you mentioned, I have no idea what their constitution says around this, but I do know what Wisconsin's says. What would you suggest be done in this situation?

Thank you,

Mary

From: Van Thiel <svanthiel@new.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re:

We appreciate your response, but we do not appreciate your telling us that it was not possible to make adjustments for this election. That excuse is unacceptable. Any person with a fair amount of intelligence would be insulted with your excuse.

Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Puerto Rico were able to place the health and safety of their citizens as a priority at this time.

Your answer truly proves that you have failed at your job. There is no reason for you to offer the excuse that adjustments were ?simply not possible? when the actions of other states prove that adjustments WERE possible.

We were not ?venting? and do not appreciate our concerns being considered as such. We were stating facts.

We had completed absentee ballots several weeks ago because we suspected that the majority of Wisconsin legislators would not be able to act prudently in making a decision regarding this issue.
Your decision did not affect us, but, unlike you, we are concerned about ALL citizens of our state. That was the reason we expressed our thoughts.

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Steve & Margie Van Thiel

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 3:25 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Steve and Margie,
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> Thank you for your email. I agree with your points, and I think that even though the situation is far from ideal, the election today is open to electors, and has been for weeks through the absentee process. I have done everything I can over the last weeks to help people vote, get connected with their polling places, and connect volunteers with their clerks so that today would as safe and efficient as possible. I can understand that people are scared, people are frustrated. My number one goal has been to help my constituents make it through the unprecedented time to the other side. I in no way have dismissed health risks. I have told everyone I have talked to that if they do not feel comfortable being at the polls, whether as a poll worker or as a voter, then they should absolutely stay home and vote absentee.
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> Have a good day,
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> Mary
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> **From:** van thiel <outlook_22362BCA2BB74A0A@outlook.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:27 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:**

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It is time to return the job you were elected to do. NOW. It is your job to support the election process, not hinder it. It is your job to place the safety of Wisconsin?s citizens as a top priority, not to dismiss the health risks you are fully aware of that exist at this time.

The time is NOW.

Steve & Margie Van Thiel

920-809-2682

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:24 PM
To: 'van thiel' <outlook_22362BCA2BB74A0A@outlook.com>
Subject: RE:

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:19 PM
To: 'Beth Bartelt' <bartelt.beth@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Beth,

Thank you so much for emailing on this. Your ballot will absolutely be counted, it just needs to be postmarked by tomorrow. Since you already sent it, it was postmarked well in advance. Clerks have until April 13th to receive and count their votes, which will give them more time to process this unprecedented number of ballots coming in the mail.

Thank you for voting and for being kind in your email. I really appreciate it,

Mary

From: Beth Bartelt <bartelt.beth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

I've never voted by absentee ballot before...always at the polls. This year I ordered a ballot by mail since my health condition is high risk and others in my family are high risk. Now, there are sources saying mail services can be slowed in areas due to staffing reductions. I mailed my ballot yesterday, but our community now sends mail to another city for processing and I almost forgot due too all the other things going on right now. Hoping it gets there in time to be counted!

Voting absentee is a new experience for many, and necessary for many. I urge an extended deadline for absentee ballots to allow all voters a voice.

Beth Bartelt
Merrill, WI

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:16 PM

To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re:

Like it, but am a little brain dead. Maybe run it by stamena

Get Outlook for Android

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:13:50 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Good evening everyone,

I know there has been a lot of confusion today so I wanted to provide all of you with information so you are prepared for tomorrow.

The April 7th Spring Election will be happening tomorrow and polling places will be open.
If you need information about where your polling place is located, please go to the following site, or let me know and I can send you the address. https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace.

Municipal and county clerks have been working around the clock to make sure each polling place is safe and adheres to social distancing. I know a lot of polling places are doing drive thru voting, which will allow for you to stay in your car and avoid person-to-person contact. If you feel most comfortable wearing Personal Protective Equipment, like gloves, or a mask, or a scarf, I encourage everyone to do that.

For those of you that received an absentee ballot but have not yet returned them to your clerk, your absentee ballot needs to be postmarked by tomorrow, April 7th.

COVID-19 has been a really trying time for everyone, and I think we can all agree that this is not an optimal situation. Although frustrating, we can all do this. I will be driving around polling places tomorrow in my area just to see if there is any help I can give. If you have thoughts or concerns, I am available tonight, tomorrow, or at any time. Please reach out to me.

Thank you and have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:50 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE:

This is great
I like the not an ideal situation language. Doesn't start anything. Just is what it is.

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

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As of right now, for those that voted absentee, your absentee ballot needs to reach your local clerk by Monday, April 13th, which is a week from today. I would encourage all those able to make sure their ballot is postmarked by tomorrow.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:29 PM
To: 'Robert Nailen' <rnailen@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE:

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Thank you,

Liz

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4:20 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE:

I really want thank you to each one of you for the feedback. I understand everyone has concerns surrounding COVID-19, and I'm hoping I can help explain why people are hesitant to move the election.

- Moving the date in the middle of voting and especially so close to the election date creates unmanageable chaos.
- Over 1 million absentee ballots have already been sent out, and the deadline to request one is not until tomorrow, so I am sure we will see that number grow even more. The question becomes, what do we do with all of the absentee ballots that have already been sent and already turned in?
- Here are just some of the other questions that come up when discussing moving the election:
    - How long do we extend the election? Some people have mentioned the May 12th special election date and I totally understand wanting to use that date. What if we are still under social distancing, and have to consider moving the date again?
    - What if something happens between now and then and voters demand they be given the chance to change or re-cast their vote?
    - What do we do for the local government positions that are going to be vacant while we wait for the new election date? What if local governments can't respond to this or another crisis because decision makers aren't in place to make those decisions?

Voting in elections is a fundamental right for all our citizens. I totally understand everyone's frustrations that our elections have been impacted by this crisis. Our reality is this**: Governor Evers has said the date is not going to move and the legislature cannot move it without him.** The Elections Commission has said the date is not going to move, and now the court is signaling today that they are not going to order the date to move.

Knowing this information, my number one goal and my job right now is to help our amazing clerks run their polling places safely and efficiently, so that everyone can get in to vote, and get out quickly.

We have been encouraging anyone and everyone who does not feel safe going out to vote absentee and thankfully so many people are choosing to do that. This means that all of those people are going to stay home on Election Day, making it so much easier to social distance and avoid the spread.

The National Guard will be helping man the polls that day, and the Elections Commission is providing extra supplies to clerks, as well as extra COVID specific training. There is also funding included in the federal stimulus package to help with the increase costs of administering the election. If we all continue to work together, we can make sure that voting on April 7th is done safely.

If you have questions about anything in particular, please continue to reach out. I really appreciate the continued feedback.

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Mary says this is too moody. What can I take out to make it less so? She says it's easy to tell we are frustrated:

I really want thank you to each one of you for the feedback. I understand everyone's concern surrounding COVID-19, and I'm hoping I can help explain why people are hesitant to move the election.

- Moving the date in the middle of voting and especially so close to the election date creates so much chaos.
- Over 1 million absentee ballots have already been sent out, and the deadline to request one is not until tomorrow, so I am sure we will see that number grow even more. The question becomes, what do we do with all of the absentee ballots that have already been sent and already turned in?
- Here are just some of the other questions that come up when discussing moving the election:
    - What happens for people who move to Wisconsin or to a different place in Wisconsin between now and some new, unknown date? Do we let them vote again, knowing they are likely voting in different jurisdictions for different people?
    - How long do we extend the election? Some people have mentioned the May 12th special election date and I totally understand wanting to use that date. What if we are still under social distancing, and have to consider moving the date again?
    - What if something happens between now and then and voters demand they be given the chance to change or re-cast their vote?
    - What do we do for the local government positions that are going to be vacant while we wait for the new election date? What if local governments can't respond to this or another crisis because decision makers aren't in place to make those decisions?

Ultimately, everyone has a fundamental right to respond to their government by voting in elections. I totally understand where everyone is coming from. Our reality is that the Governor has said the date is not going to move and the legislature cannot move it without him. The Elections Commission has said the date is not going to move, and now the court is signally today that they are not going to order the date to move. Knowing this information, my number one goal and my job right now is to help our amazing clerks run their polling places safely and efficiently, so that everyone can get in to vote, and get out quickly. We have been encouraging anyone and everyone who does not feel safe going out to vote absentee and thankfully so many people are choosing to do that. This means that all of those people are going to stay home on Election Day, making it so much easier to social distance and avoid the spread. The National Guard will be helping man the polls that day, and the Elections Commission is providing extra supplies to clerks, as well as extra COVID specific training. There is also funding included in the federal stimulus package to help with the increase costs of administering the election. If we all continue to work together, we can make sure that voting on April 7th is done safely.

If you have questions about anything in particular, please continue to reach out. I really appreciate the continued feedback.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:30 PM
To: 'Martin Strandberg' <martind1966@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Martin,

Thank you for your email concerning unemployment. I totally understand where you are coming from and wanted to let you know it's something that's being discussed for potential legislation from the legislature soon. The delay has occurred because we in Wisconsin needed to wait until the federal legislation was passed and signed. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is currently working on a memo that goes into the federal stimulus in detail, and will tell us exactly where we need to amend state law to be able to adopt what the federal government has passed. Once we know, we can fold some or all of those suggestions into legislation that we will pass on the state level.

I hope this is helpful information. Have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Martin Strandberg <martind1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

I was really disappointed to find out that our state government has yet to suspended the one week waiting period for unemployment. At a time when most Wisconsinites really need it. The Clovid 19 is an unexpected national disaster calling for extreme measure's. Most people know when a layoff is coming, we did not see this coming and our less prepared than normally would be. I as a voting independent in Lincoln county am extremely disappointed our representatives who should be more prepared have not taken care of this issue. If you have done any shopping lately I'm sure you have noticed the price increases, groceries are ridiculous. The only thing cheaper is gas. Sincerely a voting member of your committee. I just find it hard to believe this is not a priority. It's to late for me and my kids this week but please help someone next week.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 4:25 PM
To: 'Doug VanOrnum' <DougV@dvoinc.com>
Subject: RE: A deeply disappointed Republican

Doug,

Thank you for the response. What I am hearing about the polls is the same as your experience, which is what we expected with how high the absentee ballot count was. I do agree with you that there are areas around the state that have had different experiences. I think it's really important to point out that each municipality chooses how many polls to have open. In the case of the City of Milwaukee, they chose, I think quite recklessly, to only have five polling places open. Yes, some poll workers across the state decided to stay home today, which they have every right to do and I encouraged for anyone feeling uncomfortable. However, over 2400 National Guardsmen and women were deployed yesterday and today to make sure polling places were adequately staffed. Milwaukee had the means to keep more places open, and they made the decision not to do that, making social distancing a lot harder.

None of this situation was ideal, but I really have to disagree with you that this was a no brainer. Moving an election so close to the actual date is extremely complicated, and creates 1000 new problems, while not necessarily solving the old ones. I agree that some around the US are puzzled, and I can't help that now. We did the best we could with the information we had at the time, with the resources we knew we had to make it happen.

Thank you again for your email. I really appreciate when people who are frustrated can still have a meaningful dialogue about something without that getting in the way.

Mary

From: Doug VanOrnum <DougV@dvoinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: A deeply disappointed Republican

Dear Rep. Felzkowski,

Thank you for your response. I realize there are many justifications given for moving forward with in-person elections rather than postponing them. There are legal/judicial and constitutional reasons. We Americans like to persevere despite all obstacles. And there aren't that many cases in WI yet, etc…

All true! Which I agree can serve to make this question appear to be "gray," and not black-and-white.

Except: "Public Safety." FWIW, our own polling location today was **well-operated** and **not over-populated** thank goodness. However*, that obviously hasn't been the case everywhere*. Particularly in urban areas. As such, where public safety is concerned there should have been an easy and bi-partisan path to postpone all this for a couple of months -- w/o making it a constitutional or judicial issue. I do not know how one can deny even to oneself that there are also strong political factors at work. Otherwise why would efforts and opinions on this fall so neatly along party lines? Even if I otherwise

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philosophically agree with those motivating factors – I believe Wisconsin can and should do better for ALL its citizens **during a health crisis**.

This should have been a no-brainer. Most of the rest of the country is amazed. I hope we can all learn from this experience – as unfortunately there will probably be a "next time."

Again, I appreciate your response Rep. Felzkowski.

Thank You,
Doug VanOrnum
920-418-4543

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Doug VanOrnum <DougV@dvoinc.com>
Subject: RE: [External] A deeply disappointed Republican

Doug and Melissa,

Thank you for your email. I know you are angry, and I can understand your perspective. I know it's easy to look at this as a political move. It just wasn't. I'm happy to have that conversation with you if you want. If you were just contacting me to vent, that's okay too.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Doug VanOrnum <DougV@dvoinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: A deeply disappointed Republican

Dear Rep. Felzkowski,

This WI Republican is, frankly, in utter disbelief that our WI legislature are forcing my family members to show up *in pers*on at the pols today. Some, like many, did not receive their ballots in the mail (though requested several weeks ago). We have young children. And, we have family members that work in health care. Rep. Felzkowski, believe me -- *none are in a good place right now*!

For you and our legislature to make this decision simply to gain a political advantage is…beyond our comprehension. Regardless of how severe you personally think this virus is, or will be, the fact remains that people ARE getting sick. People ARE dying from it. It is spread through proximity and contact -- and these actions and political gamesmanship forces people to congregate.

You did not actively oppose having elections today, correct? I did not find anything saying otherwise. By definition this means you must be okay knowing your actions (and inactions) WILL directly result in more sickness -- and deaths! -- in Wisconsin? Really? How can you (or anyone) be okay with that? My question

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is, How many lives do you think its “okay” to further disrupt, and even destroy, to meet a political objective? Is there a fixed number that is acceptable? What IS that number, exactly?

Don’t tell us it’s the Governor’s fault, that he could have asked sooner etc, etc. BS. If he had the result would have been the same. At any time our legislature could have made a different choice all by itself.

I am Republican. I have worked many campaigns over the decades and have been privileged to meet and shake President Reagan’s hand. I am NOT okay with this action yesterday. With YOUR decision. This is not simply yet another national embarrassment for Wisconsin -- you and the WI Republican Party are literally electing to *put the public safety in peril.* For what? Remember, if you or one of your family members does get sick, one of our family members might be providing their care. Meanwhile -- please be aware that you, and the Wisconsin Republican Party, are risking the permanent loss of our faith, and support, due to these *monumentally ignorant actions*.

While it’s too late now to change this decision – it’s not too late to recover our collective dignity and make a public national statement communicating that compelling public elections today was, in hindsight, a mistake. At least others can potentially learn from our foolishness.

Sincerely,
Doug & Melissa VanOrnum

Doug VanOrnum | Vice President, Strategy & Technology | **DVO, Inc.** | Tel: 920 . 849 . 9797

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:09 PM
To: 'Joanne Drew' <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Absentee Ballots

Joanne,

Just wanted to reach out to say that if you change your mind on speaking with me, you can always call my cell phone: 715-966-3366.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots

Unbelievable! It is suppose to be the worst week of the pandemic, and you are going ahead with the election. Totally irresponsible and it will KILL Wisconsinites!

Many polling places will be closed which will lead to more social contact rather than more social distancIng. I'm very hesitant to go to the store and pharmacy now because of the recent spread in Wisconsin and your decision will only make it worse.

You indicated that mailing ballots to all registered voters could lead to 200,000 ballots to incorrect addresses which may lead to voter fraud. However, you are not concerned that closed polling places will lead to many voters not voting at all (likely low income voters). And much WORSE, this will unnecessarily spread the virus faster in Wisconsin which will KILL more people. Yes, it will kill voters and even worse, those that made the right choice to stay away from the polling places.

If I was unable to obtain an absentee ballot, I would not be voting. Just by chance I saw an article in my local paper in time that gave instructions on how to request one. No, most people have had others things to worry about during this pandemic than to think about requesting an absentee ballot in time and requiring a photo ID makes it more cumbersome.

Oh yes, and then your argument that it would be unconstitutional to delay the election. Hmm, your won't even mail Absentee Ballots let along postpone the election like other States with April elections have done. A one time, temporary fix during this unprecedented, horrendous safety concern. But you are ok with a permanent civil rights violation of illegal search to get on an airplane. More people will be harmed by going forward with open polling places.

I just can't believe you are that cold, uncaring and selfish!

Joanne Drew
Merrill, WI

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Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 30, 2020, at 10:33 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Joanne,
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> I have gotten a few calls where people were not sure what to do. I connected them with their municipal clerk, and everything was figured out. If you know of people who don't have the means to vote absentee, send them my way, and we will help them.
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> Thanks,
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> Mary Felzkowski
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:27 AM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots
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> I already voted by absentee ballot. I am concerned about others, low income, that don’t have the electronic means to request a ballot and send a copy of ID.
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> Cold!
>
> Sent from my iPad
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>>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 10:17 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>> Joanne,
>> It was not me, but the Elections Commission, the non-partisan organization who helps run the elections for the state and maintain our voter registration and registered voters lists, that believes 200,000 people on the list of moved. I don't think we have data on how many of those addresses have a forwarding address in place. The law requires voters to inform the Elections Commission of a move within 30 days after moving, or the Commission is required by law to remove those voters from the registered list. It's the law.
>> We absolutely are encouraging everyone to register online and vote absentee. Ultimately, this has nothing to do with political partisanship, but protecting the integrity of the entire election for both sides. If you don't feel safe voting at the polls, then vote absentee.
>> Mary
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
>> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:07 AM
>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>> Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots
>> Ok
>> But you could waive the photo ID requirement Encourage people to register online And What proof do you have that 200,000 voters moved. For the most

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part, people give the Post Office a forwarding address, just have those ballots returned.
>> OR delay the election. The local positions could be maintained with individuals currently hold those positions.
>> You are just putting politics above people's lives!
>> Sent from my iPad
>>>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 9:14 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>>> Hey Joanne,
>>> Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.
>>> 1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.
>>> 2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.
>>> 3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them. You mentioned that the risk of voter fraud is low, but in this scenario, it absolutely would not be.
>>> 4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.
>>> 5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.
>>> 6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.
>>> I wish the Governor had consulted with the Elections Commission before asking the legislature to move in this direction. They could have provided him with valuable information on why this isn't feasible right now, with the election less than a week and a half away. I totally understand where you are coming from and also want to make sure that our election is as safe as possible for everyone involved. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. I will be sending out information later today encouraging low risk, healthy adults (like college students currently back at home) to become poll workers, so that those who don't feel comfortable going to the polls can stay home and vote absentee. The Elections Commission is also offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe.
>>> Thank you again for your email,
>>> Mary Felzkowski
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Joanne Drew <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
>>> Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:38 PM
>>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>>> Subject: Absentee Ballots
>>> Why don't you do the responsible thing and vote to have absentee ballots mailed to all registered voters. Under the circumstances, you could waive the requirement for a photo ID to vote. After all, the chances of voter fraud are are so low in the first place. But no, you would rather risk even more people's lives by opening up the polling places so it can spread faster to every county in the State.
>>> You are being irresponsible and risking people's lives. My God! What's wrong with you!
>>> Joanne Drew

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>>> 1305 E 9th St
>>> Merrill, WI. 54452
>>> Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:05 PM
To: 'Kris Walker' <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Subject: RE: + COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

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Okay sounds great!

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From: Kris Walker <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: + COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

Good afternoon Liz

We kept digging…

I found “On March 12, 2020, the Wisconsin State Bureau of Procurement implemented a blanket business case exception for those products needed to support agency preparedness measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic."

There is no specific document to refer, however we may have enough information to find the exception on-line, to assist those in decision making capacities.

Thank you for your service.

Kris Walker – Manager
Laird Plastics Wisconsin
5969 Haase Rd Deforest WI 53532
Discussion Points
Office 608-249-0090 / 800-873-8427

From: Kris Walker
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

Hello Liz
Thank you for the follow up

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Generally speaking we were advised: “DHS facilities must do their purchasing through approved suppliers and also have contracts in place at the state level. Grainger was mentioned as one of the primary ones. I was told they only source from other suppliers if their approved one can’t provide what is needed. At that point they need to collect a minimum of 3 quotes and are required to go with the lowest cost supplier.”

Pre-Covid this may have been a prudent approach – in today’s environment it may make good sense to relax these rules to better serve our health care professionals and citizens.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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To: Kris Walker <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Subject: RE: COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

Hey Kris,

Do you have a list of what the rules and regulations that are holding you back? That would be helpful.

Thanks,

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Kris Walker <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Subject: COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

Good afternoon Wisconsin State Representatives
Laird Plastics is an infection control face mask supplier.
We are advised by various state agencies that we stymied by pre-Covid19 purchasing rules and relations.
Please consider relaxing these rules in these extraordinary times so we may best protect our health care workers and citizens.

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Keep fighting the good fight and helping flatten the curve.
Thank you for your consideration.

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We have mobilized and are geared up to produce 25,000 shields per day. We expect to receive by end of week and will ship immediately.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:41 PM
To: 'joanne petersen' <janetjopeters@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Joanne,

Can I ask, did you decide to vote absentee?

Thank you,

Mary

From: joanne petersen <janetjopeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

I am an American! I should feel free to vote without fear of death or illness. And this modern-age there is no reason why we should not be able to vote electronically in times of national crisis. To insist that we go to a polling place tomorrow April 7th is insanity. I hope you are prepared for the backlash. The Republican Party has abdicated their moral responsibility to this country. shame on you!!!!! I will not forget!!!! We have a fucking IDIOT for president and worst of all you all know it.... Do something!

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:05 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 2 voicemails

Sounds good. Is mary signing on to hutton's letter?
Also for Margaret- is there anything I can tell her about her husband's physical therapy?

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 2 voicemails

Yes you can take those. On the golf courses one, Steineke is working to try to get those reopened, and Hutton has a letter he's sending tomorrow. You can mention "our caucus" is trying to change WEDC's mind, but ultimately it is their determination that stands.

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From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 2 voicemails

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The other was healthcare related:
Margaret Leek 715-453-1912
Email is leet.peggy@gmail.com
Her husband is in pain and isn't being allowed to see his physical therapist because it's considered non urgent but planned parenthood is allowed to be open. She is pissed off. Why are they exempt when her husband is in pain.

I can take both if you need since I'm sure you're swamped, just let me know.

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I would just say that you totally understand how frustrating it is that planned parenthood can be open. I think this physical therapist hasn't been shut down, he or she is likely just trying to manage their own workload and exposure by limiting appointments to urgent needs only until the peak of exposure passes. I would encourage them to have a conversation with their doctor to talk about how they will get through the next month without his appointments, and get suggestions from PT on that so he's not just floating out there with no information. He could also see if there is another physical therapist that does have more availability right now that he could see in the mean time.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:18 PM
To: "'krpop@aol.com'" <krpop@aol.com>
Subject: RE: 4/7/2020 election

Kathryn,

Thank you for your email, and your time today. I really appreciate it.

Thank you again,

Mary

From: krpop@aol.com <krpop@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 4/7/2020 election

I support Gov Ever's proposal to not open the polls on Tuesday 4/7/2020 and mail ballots to all registered voters who have not already voted early either in person or by absentee. Another option would be to open the polls as usual, but extend the time for people to request an absentee ballot out a week or two after 4/7/2020. I am disappointed that it appears by their statement, Voss and Fitzgerald are not willing to help Wisconsin citizens with this and protect them from possible exposure to COVID 19.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:39 PM
To: "Rep.Steineke" <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 35th AD restaurant list

Thank you for getting that for us!

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From: Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 35th AD restaurant list

Representative Felzkowski,

Many of our offices over the past week have worked to compile lists of local restaurants that are providing delivery or take-out services to customers. To the best of our ability, we have reached out to these local, small businesses to ensure that the list we share with our constituents is accurate and up-to-date.

Recently, we received a list of restaurant and food service license holders from DATCP. A list of such establishments in your district is attached to this message.

Now knowing that delivery and take-out is not effected by Gov. Evers' "Safer at Home" order, this contact information can be helpful as you work to keep your office's listings current.

You may wish to contact the restaurants on the attached list to be sure their availability and offerings during this time, before adding them to your posted list. There is a primary address and phone number listed for each business and many also include secondary contact information for the individual restaurant license holder.

If you have questions, please feel to reach out to my office.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:03 PM
To: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 50 piece rule

Okay good to know!

Thanks! I hope you are doing well too.

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From: Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 50 piece rule

Liz,
It may be addressed in the legislation that will be taken up in response to the Coronavirus. Until a final decision is made on that legislation though, I would continue to work under the assumption that we're still limited on April 15th.
Hope you and your family are doing well!
Kit

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 50 piece rule

Hey!

Any luck on the extension for the 50 piece rule for e-newsletters? I know we had talked about this, but I can't remember what the resolution was. The last we talked, they were saying 500 pieces maybe? If not resolved, I just want to send out last one out letting people know we aren't allowed to send anything anymore.

Thanks!

Liz

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Thanks Mike. Then the question becomes, what do we do when everything is more fuel efficient and the gas tax doesn't collect nearly enough to cover road maintenance? I get a lot of feedback on both sides of the gas tax, but objectively, the benefits to the tax would be that it's based on usage, and captures people from out of state. However, every year, it becomes more and more inefficient as the main source of state funding. I also get a lot of feedback on both sides about transportation funding in general, from people who don't want to see any added funding, to those that email me about particular roadways that have needed attention for a long time. It's just a really complicated issue, and hard to really make everyone "happy" here. Needs are also so different across the state that it's hard to have an apples to apples conversation.

Thanks again for your time.

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Mary:

If you want my opinion it would be to raise the gas tax especially while our gas has been relatively inexpensive and I mean before COVID-19. Obviously it is a lot lower now.

Why increase the gas tax? Because smaller more fuel efficient cars are easier on roads while larger heavier less fuel efficient cars/trucks are harder on roads.

I realize someone will raise the issue of a hybrid SUV like we own being heaver and thus "not paying their fair share" but how many hybrid SUV's are there in the State of Wisconsin? While at the same time, you are penalizing those smaller hybrid cars which have less wear and tear on our roadways.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:09 PM
To: 'Doug VanOrnum' <DougV@dvoinc.com>
Subject: RE: A deeply disappointed Republican

Doug and Melissa,

Thank you for your email. I know you are angry, and I can understand your perspective. I know it's easy to look at this as a political move. It just wasn't. I'm happy to have that conversation with you if you want. If you were just contacting me to vent, that's okay too.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Doug VanOrnum <DougV@dvoinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: A deeply disappointed Republican

Dear Rep. Felzkowski,

This WI Republican is, frankly, in utter disbelief that our WI legislature are forcing my family members to show up *in pers*on at the pols today. Some, like many, did not receive their ballots in the mail (though requested several weeks ago). We have young children. And, we have family members that work in health care. Rep. Felzkowski, believe me -- *none are in a good place right now*!

For you and our legislature to make this decision simply to gain a political advantage is…beyond our comprehension. Regardless of how severe you personally think this virus is, or will be, the fact remains that people ARE getting sick. People ARE dying from it. It is spread through proximity and contact -- and these actions and political gamesmanship forces people to congregate.

You did not actively oppose having elections today, correct? I did not find anything saying otherwise. By definition this means you must be okay knowing your actions (and inactions) WILL directly result in more sickness -- and deaths! -- in Wisconsin? Really? How can you (or anyone) be okay with that? My question is, How many lives do you think its "okay" to further disrupt, and even destroy, to meet a political objective? Is there a fixed number that is acceptable? What IS that number, exactly?

Don't tell us it's the Governor's fault, that he could have asked sooner etc, etc. BS. If he had the result would have been the same. At any time our legislature could have made a different choice all by itself.

I am Republican. I have worked many campaigns over the decades and have been privileged to meet and shake President Reagan's hand. I am NOT okay with this action yesterday. With YOUR decision. This is not simply yet another national embarrassment for Wisconsin -- you and the WI Republican Party are literally electing to *put the public safety in peril.* For what? Remember, if you or one of your family members does get sick, one of our family members might be providing their care. Meanwhile -- please be aware that you, and the Wisconsin Republican Party, are risking the permanent loss of our faith, and support, due to these *monumentally ignorant actions*.

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While it's too late now to change this decision – it's not too late to recover our collective dignity and make a public national statement communicating that compelling public elections today was, in hindsight, a mistake. At least others can potentially learn from our foolishness.

Sincerely,
Doug & Melissa VanOrnum

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:03 AM
To: 'Patricia Hammel' <pkhammel@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: AB 481 and 482 Allowing banks and financial advisors to ignore advance directives of anyone over age 60

Patricia,

Here is the response to your email. We do not have any calls from you on record. If you called and asked for a call back, then I am very sorry that does not happen, we do everything in our power to make sure that everyone who asks for correspondence back hears from us. I hope you will continue to reach out when you have information or thoughts to share.

Thank you,

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Patricia Hammel <pkhammel@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: AB 481 and 482 Allowing banks and financial advisors to ignore advance directives of anyone over age 60

Hey Patricia,

I was able to speak to the author's office and wanted to clarify some points on the bill. First, in the situations the bill allows for, the bank teller wouldn't be making this decision, but the bank teller's manager. Age 60 was used because it is the standard age for the elderly, and used across many different platforms. It's meant to be a stop gap for those who need it. I totally understand what you are saying about you being completely capable. I would feel the same way as I am staring at age 60 in just a few years. Having said that, there are those that are vulnerable that do not have the capability. I wanted to ask if you have other thoughts about how to protect this population.

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Thank you for your additional thoughts, I really appreciate it!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Patricia Hammel <pkhammel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:58 PM

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fred Berner <ADJ@dwave.net>
Subject: AB 481 and 482 Allowing banks and financial advisors to ignore advance directives of anyone over age 60

Dear Rep. Felzkowski;

I am an attorney who has had a general practice in Wisconsin for 38 years including estate planning and advance directives. Although I am aware of the problem of elder financial abuse, the proposed legislation AB 481 and 482 go too far in giving financial institutions and advisors carte blanche to ignore clients' advance directives and delay their transactions simply because the individual is over age 60 and the bank teller or stock broker believes they are "vulnerable." The bills need to be amended to eliminate the presumption that anyone over age 60 is "vulnerable." I am 65 years old, still practicing law full time, and argued a case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court last year so I don't believe I should be presumed incapable of handling my own financial affairs. A full 20% of Wisconsin residents are now over age 60.

Worse, the financial institutions and actors who are allowed to ignore people's advance directives and delay their financial transactions for 10 (this was expanded by amendment; none of the amendments has any positive impact except the DOJ training to recognize signs of impairment) are completely insulated from the potentially very costly consequences of their "belief" that someone is vulnerable.

Just because AARP (of which I am not, and never will be a member due to their actions regarding prescription drug sourcing and cost controls that continue to cost seniors millions) thinks this bill is good does not mean it is good for Wisconsin. The Elder Law section of the Wisconsin state bar, including most of the lawyers who deal with Wisconsin elder law issues, has gone on record against it. I am not sure the supporters, or even the sponsors of this ill conceived bill understand its implications.

I recommend you read Attorney Carol Wessels' analysis of the bill; https://nebula.wsimg.com/a5fd5be4e95091e941f7a1bf83e74884?AccessKeyId=3D3D135547ED636376DD&disposition=0&alloworigin=1 and propose to amend it accordingly, or vote against it in its current form. It is ageist, and does more harm than good.

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We did have an intern filling in during the period you had emailed, so I apologize, we never received the message you left with her. It sounds like you did talk to someone the second time, so I'm glad you were able to get through, and also received an email response from our office. We do everything we can to respond to all constituents, so I apologize that you did not receive that level of service. We will make sure that is not the case moving forward.

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I called your office twice prior to sending this email. The first time an "intern" answered and took down my number. No one returned the call, so I called a second time. That person didn't seem to understand what I was saying about the bill and I think they suggested I send an email. Which I did, when I had time (after work).

I subsequently discussed this with an ADRC caseworker at a dinner and she said they supported it. However in discussing it with her, it did not appear that she had read it. She had an opinion about what it did that was the polar opposite of what it said.

Lots of bad or inadequate information out there.

Patricia Hammel
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fred Berner <ADJ@dwave.net>
Subject: AB 481 and 482 Allowing banks and financial advisors to ignore advance directives of anyone over age 60

Dear Rep. Felzkowski;

I am an attorney who has had a general practice in Wisconsin for 38 years including estate planning and advance directives. Although I am aware of the problem of elder financial abuse, the proposed legislation AB 481 and 482 go too far in giving financial institutions and advisors carte blanche to ignore clients' advance directives and delay their transactions simply because the individual is over age 60 and the bank teller or stock broker believes they are "vulnerable." The bills need to be amended to eliminate the presumption that anyone over age 60 is "vulnerable." I am 65 years old, still practicing law full time, and argued a case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court last year so I don't believe I should be presumed incapable of handling my own financial affairs. A full 20% of Wisconsin residents are now over age 60.

Worse, the financial institutions and actors who are allowed to ignore people's advance directives and delay their financial transactions for 10 (this was expanded by amendment; none of the amendments has any positive impact except the DOJ training to recognize signs of impairment) are completely insulated from the potentially very costly consequences of their "belief" that someone is vulnerable.

Just because AARP (of which I am not, and never will be a member due to their actions regarding prescription drug sourcing and cost controls that continue to cost seniors millions) thinks this bill is good does not mean it is good for Wisconsin. The Elder Law section of the Wisconsin state bar, including most of the lawyers who deal with Wisconsin elder law issues, has gone on record against it. I am not sure the supporters, or even the sponsors of this ill conceived bill understand its implications.

I recommend you read Attorney Carol Wessels' analysis of the bill; https://nebula.wsimg.com/a5fd5be4e95091e941f7a1bf83e74884?AccessKeyId=3D3D135547ED636376DD&disposition=0&alloworigin=1 and propose to amend it accordingly, or vote against it in its current form. It is ageist, and does more harm than good.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:09 PM
To: 'Joy Fischer' <joyfish924@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Absentee ballots health concern

Joy,

I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I wanted to check in with you and let you know that I got a lot of really encouraging feedback yesterday about the polling places in our area. Thanks to people who decided to vote absentee (currently over 1 million people!), a majority of polling places had a manageable amount of people come through during the day with no lines, certainly not the crowds we normally see on Election Day. I heard from others that their polling place was clean, run well, and had the necessary social distancing in place. I am really sorry to hear you did not receive your ballot. When you reached out to your clerk, what did they say concerning the issue? The Elections Commission is currently investigating the amount of undelivered ballots in Milwaukee. There are clerks who have said they did mail them, so that leaves the Post Office. If you're willing, please let me know how your experience was at the polls.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Joy Fischer <joyfish924@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee ballots health concern

My name is Joy Fischer,

I am writing because I requested my absentee ballot before Friday April 3rd and have not received it?
If I don’t receive my absentee ballot tomorrow, I will have NO CHOICE but to leave my house and go to in-person voting! I will ensure that my family holds ALL the election board, WI State & Sheboygan County responsible for my death and/or hospitalization, if I contract COVID-19 due to a lack of timeliness in distributing absentee ballots!

I refuse to have my right to vote taken from me! My family will be advised to seek legal representation to ensure the election board, WI state & Sheboygan County is held liable for my hospitalization and/or death!

I will not forfeit my right to vote! If I do not receive my absentee ballot by tomorrow I will go out and vote in-person to keep my right! I am extreme angry that my life is going to be put in jeopardy in order to keep my right to vote!

I will be seeking legal representation for this going forward! Being forced to vote in-person tomorrow will void these last 2 weeks stay at home order! The stay at home order already created hardships for WI citizens & now we are being asked to GO OUT ANYWAY?

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Why even keep the stay at home order in effect, at this point, since WI citizens lives are not valued by our governing organizations?

Sincerely,
A very angry & voter rights violated Wisconsin CITIZEN! Pray to God I don't die exercising my right to vote tomorrow! I am also immune compromised so let that weigh on your conscience!!

Joy Fischer

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:30 AM
To: 'Joanne Drew' <jgulke@indy.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Absentee Ballots

Joanne,

I have gotten a few calls where people were not sure what to do. I connected them with their municipal clerk, and everything was figured out. If you know of people who don't have the means to vote absentee, send them my way, and we will help them.

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Cold!

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:02 PM
To: 'Chris Marlowe' <chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Absentee Tracking

Chris,

Thank you for your email! I know Mary already had plans to give you a call over the next few days, but I have provided her with your email and Meagan's response.

Have a great day and thank you for everything you do for the north!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
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From: Chris Marlowe <chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Tracking

Hi Meagan

We are behind in tracking absentee ballots for both April and May in WisVote. I have our county board organizational meeting and orientation for new members looming.

My office cannot sustain its current load. It is me and my deputy. I also have my own election and campaign to run as well. I would take a beating, from some, if I cut off our muni clerks as our WisVote reliers. The absentee tracking is way too cumbersome.

I understand that this is in statute. Us clerks, and I think I can speak for a high percentage of us (cty and muni), have absolutely had it with this. It has spoiled our election experiences.

I am willing to sit on any committees designed to reconfigure our state voting. I am not suggesting a complete revamp, but maybe that is what will come of it.

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I know you are busy and I do not need a reply. I just want you to know how many of us are feeling. I do not like to complain without a solution. We have town halls and town clerks that do not have internet or cell service. I can count probably 5 municipal clerks that will hang up a ton of experience if I cut them off. I have two really good newer clerks, that have large municipalities and are reliers, that have had it with our process.

If we are to remain status quo, I believe counties should be subsidized to hire county staff and municipalities to pay their clerks more. They have been consumed by this through an already very stressful time. When our legislators agreed on this they did not account for the work it would create.

One last thing, I found it ridiculous that anyone can claim that by having the election, we were putting our electors at risk. You had to be living under a rock or coming out of a coma to not have heard about absentee and early voting? Our society cannot keep catering to the "underprivileged/under informed", whom choose to be and stay there! Maybe we could put them to work tracking these abs ballots? It is ironic that some people don't have enough work, and some have too much:)

Thanks for all you do Meagan - I know you are in a tough spot!

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Chris

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2020 ELECTION SCHEDULE:

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- * Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote - Tuesday, April 7th
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- * Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 11th
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:26 PM
To: 'Kim Ward-Shakal' <kwcrazyhouse@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: absentee voting

Kim,

Thank you for everything you are doing on the frontlines to help flatten the curve. You are a hero!

Mary

From: Kim Ward-Shakal <kwcrazyhouse@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: absentee voting

Hello Representative Felzkowski,
Governor Evers would like all Wisconsin voters to be allowed to cast their ballots from home this Spring election due to the Covid 19 virus pandemic. As an RN working during this worldwide disaster and with coronaviruses escalating daily I urge you to do the right thing and push to make voting by mail for all eligible Wisconsinites happen.
Thank you,
Kimberly Ward Shakal RN

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 9:21 AM
To: "Handrick, Joe" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Absentee Voting Information

Thank you Joe! We have been putting this in our e-update and I was going to put in on FB today! Appreciate the graphics.

Hope you're hanging in there.

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From: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:16 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting Information

Dear Member:

Please use social media and your e-updates to share this information with your constituents.

2 graphics are attached you can use

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". Voters will need to upload their photo ID if they have not voted absentee before.
- Voters can also use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill It out, and mail it in. Voters will need to attach a copy of their photo ID and know their local clerk contact information to use this method.
- Finally, voters can email (or fax) their local clerk and request a ballot.

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Voters can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

All absentee ballot requests must be made by **Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00PM** for the April 7th election.

Please note that in order to request an absentee ballot, voters must already be registered. As a reminder, the deadline for online registration has been extended by a federal court to March 30th. For more information about registration, please go to www.myvote.wi.gov.



Note to members: It is 100% appropriate to use your office and your official platforms to share information about how to absentee vote. Obviously, you should not advocate for or against any candidate or referendum. To be cautious, you may wish to refrain from using phrases such as "be sure to vote" – Your focus should be on sharing with them information on how to request an absentee ballot so they can vote.

Joe Handrick
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:09 PM
To: 'Karen Karow' <kdkarow@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Absentee Voting

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Mary

From: Karen Karow <kdkarow@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting

Dear Honorable Falkowski,

Please vote for absentee ballots tomorrow. We're all safe in our homes, let's keep it that way. I already voted, but believe it makes sense to extend the voting deadline and send ballots to all registered voters.

Thank you, Karen Karow

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:20 AM
To: 'Roseann Hoffman' <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Subject: RE: accounting as an essential business
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Good morning,

I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

1. 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.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Roseann Hoffman <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: accounting as an essential business

Please consider accounting as an essential service. I would love to stay holed up in my home however, my office services MANY small and micro businesses that rely on me and my staff to guide them through these tough storms. The steps and details necessary to receive the available help may appear easy to some of us but, to my clients it could be extremely overwhelming and a matter of their business survival.

The extension of time to file tax returns may relieve some pressure from my office but, as stated by many it is very important to get the refunds back into the hands of the people that need it most. The clients I serve are too complicated for them to try and file their returns themselves. They too will be relying on us to provide this function in as speedy a time as we can.

Please allow me to continue to help my neighbors and community.

Roseann Hoffman, CPA
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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:37 PM
To: 'Roseann Hoffman' <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Subject: RE: accounting as an essential business

Roseann,

Thank you for your email and sharing your perspective. Governor Evers has not yet released any information about what businesses will be deemed essential vs non-essential, but I am going to send his office an email with your concerns to make sure they can hear directly from you.

Thank you again for reaching out. Please let me know if there is anything else you need from my office.

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Please allow me to continue to help my neighbors and community.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11:36 AM
To: 'Roseann Hoffman' <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Subject: RE: accounting as an essential business

This section would also cover you on page 13:

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).

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Roseann Hoffman <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Subject: RE: accounting as an essential business

Good morning,

I am reaching out with more information regarding Governor Evers' new "stay at home" order. I have attached the order for you, but it is very long. The section that will cover you is the following found on page 12:

1. 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.

I hope this is helpful to you! Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Roseann Hoffman <roseannh@shawanocpa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: accounting as an essential business

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:36 PM
To: 'Steve' <moke500@airnetisp.com>
Subject: RE: Action needed NOW

Steve,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, my office has been overwhelmed with calls and emails since Monday, so I haven't been able to reach others. I totally agree with your sentiment in this email and am happy we were able to prevail in the Supreme Court to keep the election in place on April 7th. There were not easy decisions here, but ultimately moving the election just was not possible. From what I have heard from in my district and around the state, polling places were well staffed and well run, with safety a huge priority for all involved. Given the circumstances, I don't know that we could have asked for a better situation, at least in the North. I can't say the same for Green Bay and Milwaukee. It's unfortunate that local officials in those areas did not keep more of their polling places open. With the help of new poll workers and the National Guard, that should have been possible, especially when hearing that Madison was able to keep 75% of their polling places open.

Thank you for your thoughts and taking the time to email! It's important.

Mary

From: Steve <moke500@airnetisp.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:35 PM
To: Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Action needed NOW

I have been watching in deep distress what has been going on in the last few weeks concerning the upcoming election next Tuesday. I am 66 years of age. Thanks to my father, I have been watching politics from a very young age. I am absolutely appalled by what has been happening to this country in less than two months of time. It now seems that if the government pays us with enough blackmail money, we will look the other way and not be concerned about how our constitutional rights are being violated.

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As I am writing this letter on Friday evening, April 3, not only are the Democrats frightened about the upcoming election, but they are in full panic mode. As we are only a few short days away from Tuesday's election, these left-wing liberals are absolutely "freaking out". They are willing to do anything they can, whether legal or not, to stop next Tuesday's election. I was reading an article this evening from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, in which the reporter stated that what now prompted Governor Ever's to change his mind about having the election next Tuesday and to ask lawmakers to push the date of the election to May 19, was a tweet from president Donald Trump announcing his support for Dan Kelly to the Wisconsin Supreme Court race. In addition, in that same article, it was reported that State Sen. Lena Taylor, community activist Tory Lowe and others are suing Milwaukee and state election officials in federal court to try to postpone the in-person election until **September 8**. ARE YOU KIDDING ME????

Sadly, it appears to me that the evidence is starting to add up that what they are trying to do for the upcoming Tuesday election is based more on politics then the safety of the people regarding the coronavirus health problem. All one has to do is to look back a few short days ago when the United States Senate was trying to get the bill passed regarding the coronavirus outbreak. President Trump and the Republicans were trying to get this ironed out with the Democrats in very short order. But who steps into the fray to stop all of the momentum, none other than Sen. Schumer and Representative Pelosi. They held the bill up for 3 days in order to get hundreds of millions of dollars for their pet projects, which had absolutely nothing to do with coronavirus. Like I said before, the Democrats could give a

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damn less about the people or the country. Quite a few years ago, Rahm Emanuel made his famous statement, “You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that is it's an opportunity to do things that you think you could not before.” He repeated that same statement just a few days ago. And the governor of California in the last few days has also made that same statement. And I think that Governor Ever’s holds to that same opinion. If the Democrats had really cared about what was happening to the people and businesses of this country, both physically and economically, they wouldn’t have held this bill up for an additional three days to get money for their pet projects.

This brings us back to Governor Ever’s and what he is trying to do in Wisconsin. He is so desperate to try to do whatever it takes to assure the outcome in Tuesday’s election. I believe that he is stressed out about not getting enough votes for his fellow Democrats in the upcoming election from his liberal base in the cities of Madison and Milwaukee. As a matter of fact, in my opinion, Governor Ever’s thinks that the entire state of Wisconsin consists **only** of the cities of Madison and Milwaukee. He doesn’t really care about the hardships that he puts on the citizens of the rest of the state, as long as he placates his liberal base in these two extremely liberal cities.

As you well know, there have been numerous lawsuits filed to either stop or postpone the election. Now, U.S. District Judge William Conley is getting involved. An extreme left-wing liberal, who in my opinion, has no morals or ethics when it comes to legislating from the bench. I thought that we had laws that specified how our elections are to be held and the

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procedures involved. He apparently wants to rewrite the law, using the coronavirus as an excuse, taking away the citizens right to go to their specified polling places to cast their vote. Not only is he in favor of the entire electorate of this state voting by absentee ballot, now he wants to have everyone vote by a mail-in ballot. He also ordered that clerks will not be allowed to count those votes until April 13. I thought that state law required that the vote totals be made available to the public immediately after the election. Who is going to have control of those ballots in the meantime? If that happens, I wouldn't be surprised to see that some ballots from conservative districts would mysteriously disappear and others from liberal districts would suddenly be found hiding in some obscure place. I don't put anything past what these liberals might stoop to to win an election.

I thought there were requirements that state that every ballot must be signed by a witness or two? And what about the photo ID law? How can there be verification if this person is who they say they are, a legal U.S. citizen, and a permanent resident of their voting district? How can one man unilaterally change our election laws? I thought that duties of the judge were only to interpret the law, not to rewrite it to fit their political ideology. I don't care if he is a U.S. District Judge or not, I don't believe he has that power. Where is that spelled out that a federal judge has the right to change our constitutional laws? Like I said earlier, I believe the Democrats and this liberal judge are setting up a foundation to permanently change how we vote in this state. If that were to happen, I'm sure that the liberals will come back at a later date and say, " See how well it worked by having mail-in ballots. Let's make this a permanent fixture in our future elections". And if you legislators object to that notion, they will

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appeal it to some liberal judge who will readily agree with them. I can see the writing on the wall.

I firmly believe that between tonight and next Tuesday's election, either Governor Ever's or this liberal U.S. District Judge will take steps to stop the election, or perhaps stop me from voting at my local polling place and force me to vote by mail. Our constitutional rights as citizens of Wisconsin and the United States of America have been trashed and abused in so many different ways in the last month, that at this point, I wonder if we will ever return to how it was just a few short months ago.

I want you as an elected representative of the people of the state of Wisconsin to take whatever steps are necessary, either legislatively or judicially, to stop this abuse of power, both from the Governor and from this or any other liberal judge. Keep April 7 as election day.

Sincerely,

Steve Schlund

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:41 PM
To: 'Flip' <flippidot@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Agenda for today's session

Flip,

Thank you for reaching out. Would you mind providing your contact information? Our first priority is always to 1. Make sure you receive a response and 2. To make sure you actually reach your representative, so we want to make sure that happens!

Thank you,

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
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35th Assembly District
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Flip <flippidot@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Agenda for today's session

Rep. Felzkowski,

I was wondering whether you know if the assembly plans to take up any further action regarding postponement of in-person voting in today's session.

Thanks in advance,
Flip Pidot

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:10 PM
To: 'Parker Johnson' <pjordan687@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: All Mail Voting for the Upcoming Election

Good evening Parker,

I gave you a call today and left you a message on your answering machine. Please feel free to give me a call back at any time. (715) 966-3366.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Parker Johnson <pjordan687@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: All Mail Voting for the Upcoming Election

Good morning Representative Felzkowski,

I am reaching out to you today to express my extreme disgust and disappointment in the legislature's decision to not even consider all-mail voting during this worldwide pandemic. In this unprecedented time, I understand that decisions can be tough. However, even though decisions are tough, it's not an excuse to make foolish ones.

Coronavirus has had an unexpected and rapid effect on everyones' lives. Personally, my once and a lifetime study abroad experience has been stripped away from me, so I know firsthand.

I highly urge you to speak with Robin Vos and Scott Fitzgerald regarding this issue. As a mostly neutral political science student that has studied both American and European politics, I can tell you that this move of blocking all-mail voting will not fare well for your party. The risks involved are just simply and obviously too high for normal in-person voting. In the northwoods, this may be overlooked, but as you know, there are still confirmed cases here as well. I also speak for many of my fellow northwoods constituents who have all expressed extreme disappointment and we currently find ourselves as a whole shaking our heads.

Ever since the the time of Governor Evers' election, I have observed the Republican party attempt and succeed at several power grabbing, partisan, and unconstitutional moves and measures. It has been very disappointing to watch. Please put a stop to it. Doing what you can to support all-mail voting (for this election or however long this pandemic lasts) would be a positive change and a change in the right direction.

Putting politics aside, I believe you are a good person, so please do the right thing. If all-mail voting is not allowed, coronavirus cases will rapidly increase, voter turnout will be an all time low, or both of these will happen together (which is almost certainly likely). If these things are

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allowed to happen, you will hear from many more constituents and I promise they will not be as nice or civil as I have been.

Please think on this and make the right decision.

Thank you and have a good day,
Parker

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:06 PM
To: 'djblbowen' <djblbowen@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: All mail-in Election

Jean,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time today. I really appreciate it.

Mary Felzkowski

From: djblbowen <djblbowen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:07 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: All mail-in Election

I am urging you to consider the safety of your constituents in the upcoming election and vote Monday for an all mail-in vote. The same mission will be accomplished and no one's health will be compromised, including poll workers. You are voted into office to vote on behalf of those who voted for you. Your political party affiliation should NEVER be a factor in your decisions. Please vote Monday for an all mail-in election.

Jean Bowen,
Voter and Senior Citizen

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 8:57 PM
To: 'Jean Bowen' <djblbowen@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: All mail-in Election

Jean,

Thank you for your email! I have not yet had a chance to review your Lincoln Hills idea, but just wanted to let you know I did receive your email, and also had written down the concerns on the white lines. I will review this over the next couple of days once I can get through my (very long) call list.

Thank you so much again for your ideas. That's where it all starts! Have a good evening,

Mary

From: Jean Bowen <djblbowen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: All mail-in Election

Hi Mary:

I was glad to have the opportunity to speak with you today, even though I was on a busy street and it was not the easiest to hear. As a reminder, I brought up also the issue of road lines that are difficult to see as they wear off and never seem to be repainted unless they are repaired or reconstructed in some way. I think it should be a fluorescent color that simply can't be missed. How cool would our roads look!

The other issue I wish I would have remembered at the time is the future of the Lincoln Hills facility. I know the plan was to transform it into a medium security prison , but have not heard anything lately. I have a very bold and resourceful idea for the facility. As an instructor for NTC in the Lincoln County and Marathon County Jails, I have met and worked with many inmates, incarcerated for many reasons. A large number of them are addicted to drugs or alcohol. They are begging for rehab programs, but only a very small fraction are ever accepted into such programs. I would propose turning Lincoln Hills into an Adult Rehab facility. I can't imagine it would cost any more to make this decision as opposed to a prison, maybe even less. Your staff would be different, however. Drug counselors, AA leaders, GED/HSED instructors, technical skills educators so that each person will be released alcohol/drug free, with a high school credential and solid work skills to get a job. This could be a collaboration between the DOC and the Wisconsin Technical School System. The goal would be to build up self-esteem and set inmates up to be work ready, with a process that matches them with jobs in their home area.

I think this would be a big step in the direction of rehabilitation rather than strictly punishment. Again, I am not sure where in the planning process the state is regarding this facility, but I would urge you to share this suggestion with your colleagues and give it serious consideration. I would also suggest creating a task force along with technical school leaders to investigate how you could partner together, as they do with the other prisons and county jails. There are many qualified technical school leaders who could share their knowledge and expertise with the state DOC. Specifically, I have worked with Amber Stancher, Dean of Basic Education & Learning Resources at Mid=State Technical College, who has

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extensive experience working with the WTCS, Wisconsin DPI, and DOC. She could be a valuable asset to the team.

Once again, thank you for listening to me today and reading my suggestion regarding the Lincoln Hills facility. I am very excited about the possibilities for our incarcerated population.

Jean Bowen

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:07 PM
To: djblbowen
Subject: RE: All mail-in Election

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Voter and Senior Citizen

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 9:25 AM
To: 'edandsharons' <edandsharons@aol.com>
Subject: RE: All Merrill address

Oh no! I'll look into that. Thank you for letting me know!

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: edandsharons <edandsharons@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: All Merrill address

As I look at it all the Merrill restaurant addresses are wrong.

Bill
Ed and Sharon’s

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:30 PM
To: 'MYRA AND RICK' <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Subject: RE: AMAZING

Rick,

I agree with you that it is really concerning. It is the job of local clerks to make sure these ballots go out. If they are sending them, I also find it astounding that they aren't being delivered. The Elections Commission announced yesterday that they are doing an investigation into the missing ballots and why so many of them were not delivered. I will be very interested to see what they find.

Thanks for your email. Lots of frustrating situations to work through right now,

Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: AMAZING

ONCE AGAIN I STARTED MY DAY READING THE GREENBAY PAPER. AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER REFLECTED ON SENATOR FEYEN BEING TOLD ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS EITHER BEING NOT SENT OUT TO VOTERS OR NOT SENT TO THE TOWN CLERKS. IT IS AMAZING THAT THE TWO COUNTIES LISTED WERE WINNEBAGO AND OUTAGAMIE. SO YOU HAVE BINNS OF BALLOTS AND THEY THE BALLOTS JUST SIT IN A CORNER OR SOME PLACE ELSE? NO ONE EVEN NOTICED. COME ON LOOK I KNOW THEY HAVE MAIL SORTERS AND IF THOSE FOLKS ARE DOING THEIR JOBS HOW IN THE WORLD DOES THIS HAPPEN? OH YOU MEAN THEY JUST SAT THERE AND WHERE DID THEY JUST SIT THERE? WELL THEY SAT THERE IN THE POST OFFICE IN MILW. SOUNDS KIND OF STRANGE TO ME, SEEING THAT THESE BALLOTS ARE VERY EASY TO SPOT DO TO THERE BEING LARGE IN SIZE. SO WE GET A RESPONSE FROM THE POST OFFICE BOSS MEAGEN WOLFE AND SHE SAYS WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE FILLED OUT OR ON THERE WAY TO CLERKS. WAIT A MINUTE IT DOESN'T MATTER. THEY WERE NOT WHERE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE. THEY WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SITTING IN BINNS AT THE POST OFFICE. LOOK AT WORK PEOPLE HAVE POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILLTY AND WHO OR WHOM DID NOT DO THEIR JOB? THIS WHOLE MATTER JUST REEKS OF SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST A MISTAKE. SOMEONE DID THIS AS A WAY OF DOING THEIR SHARE TO NOT ALLOW THE FOLKS FROM THOSE AREAS HAVE THEIR VOTES COUNTED, AND WE KNOW WHY. THE WHY IS THAT THESE FOLKS VOTE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE. IN MY MIND THIS WAS DONE ON PURPOSE. MS. WOLFE HAS SOME ANSWERING TO DO AND SO DOES THE SUPERVISOR FROM THAT SECTION. THE ELECTION COMMISSON HAS SOME WORK TO DO LET'S HOPE THIS DOES NOT JUST GET A BRUSHOFF. TO ME THIS IS A FEDERAL CRIME OR AT THE LEAST A STATE CRIME AND THE ATTN GENERAL SHOULD SEND AGENTS TO THE POST OFFICE AND CONDUCT A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. I AM SURE HE WILL NOT DO THAT AND OF COURSE WE KNOW WHY. SO NOW WHAT DO THE BALLOTS GET COUNTED THAT WERE FILLED OUT OR DO THE VOTERS WHO NEVER GOT THEIR BALLOTS GET A CHANCE TO VOTE? WHAT A MESS. WONDER IF TONY THINKS THIS IS A BIG DEAL AND WONDER IF HE WILL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT OR JUST KEEP HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS. TAKE CARE HOPE MY NOTE WAS NOT JUST VENTING BUT THIS DEAL SHUOLD NOT BE BRUSHED OFF. RICK

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 11:08 AM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Another Constituent issue

Okay thank you! Does that work for the one I sent you earlier this morning as well?

Elisabeth Portz
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35th Assembly District
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Another Constituent issue

Hi Liz,
Don't worry—it's what we're here for essentially, getting people connected to these programs and services. We're not far behind at this point. Though some times they're not available when our UI staff call them. But we're within a day's worth of messages at this point.
We also continue to change the website to allow people to do more themselves, such as change names, update passwords, etc.
I'll have someone reach out.
John

From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Another Constituent issue

Hey John!

I really feel bad continuing to reach out to you on these, please let me know if I should do something different. We had another person reach out to us that's trying to login but is getting the same "call" message. He says he's been calling for 9 days and can't get through. Is there any "wait in the queue or type in your number and we'll call you back in the order it was received" option? This one is not actually a constituent but reached out directly to us for some reason.

Mark Carter
616 E 8th St.
Belvidere IL. 61008.
815-656-1707.
Last of SS# 8405

Thank you again for helping with these!

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Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:27 PM
To: 'Victoria Gorzalski' <vgorzalski@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7

Victoria,
Thank you for your time and your email. I apologize for not getting back to you until now, I've been trying to reach out to everyone I've heard from over the last couple of days. I did give you a call. Please feel free to give me a call back whenever you have time. 715-966-3366.

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Victoria Gorzalski <vgorzalski@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

It is time to put aside partisan politics and vote to delay the Spring election. I am,simply, dumbfounded by the lack of good judgement on display in our government. Do the responsible thing.

Victoria A. Gorzalski

Sent from my iPhone

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:32 PM
To: 'Niel Schueller' <nmschueller@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Neil,

I apologize for the lateness of my email, but I just wanted to reach out to you and your wife and thank you for your kind email. I have to say that today has been a really rough day for speaking to constituents, and it was a really nice break to read yours and read some kindness.

Thank you again for taking the time. It really does matter,

Mary

From: Niel Schueller <nmschueller@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:22 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

Representative Fetzkowski

I wanted to let you know that my wife and I support the decision not to cave into Governor Evers theatrics, asking at the 11th hour to change the election. I understand there will be some risks, but we are still committed to being election officials for the town of Summit in Langlade County. We have made special provisions, and we believe we can hold a safe election.
Governor Evers should have called a session a few weeks ago if he really wanted to reach a compromise, but instead he wanted to set the stage to try to discredit the Republicans. He has decided to use the same tactics the Democrats have chosen to use at both the State and Federal levels, and I am sick of it. Thank you for approaching this issue with common sense.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 9:08 AM
To: 'Thayer Davis' <thayercdavis@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Thayer and Judie,

I am sorry I haven't been able to get back to you from your first email. I have you on my call list from Tuesday and will be working my way through that so we can talk through it. I agree with you that 5 polling places in Milwaukee is unacceptable. This was a decision made by the Mayor of Milwaukee. Yes, there were poll workers all over the state that decided to stay home (as I recommended to anyone who felt uncomfortable going), but there was an influx of new people wanting to volunteer, in addition to over 2400 National Guardsmen and women that were deployed to help run the polling places on Monday and Tuesday. The City of Milwaukee chose to close all but 2% of their polling places, even though there would have been help there for them if they had wanted to keep more of them open. Even 10 would have been better than 5. The same situation occurred in Green Bay. The Mayor declined helped from the National Guard, and only kept two polling stations open. Meanwhile, Madison was able to keep 75% of their polling places open, and did not experience the lines or the wait times in the two other locations. I totally understand the frustration here, but these were entirely local decisions.

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Thayer Davis <thayercdavis@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

Mary,
So many of us are still in disbelief that you and your Republican colleagues allowed the election to go forward and put so many people and there families in harms way. This was so wrong on so many different levels, from the absentee ballot requests that couldn’t be filled to the lack of adequate polls in Milwaukee and Green Bay. 5 poles out of 180 that were open in Milwaukee is unacceptable!! Talk about a disenfranchised election, you got it....
along with a lot of national attention.
Thayer and Judie Davis

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:33 PM
To: 'Niel Schueller' <nmschueller@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

So sorry, I spelled your name wrong, Niel! Thank you again.

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:33 PM
To: Niel Schueller <nmschueller@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Neil,

I apologize for the lateness of my email, but I just wanted to reach out to you and your wife and thank you for your kind email. I have to say that today has been a really rough day for speaking to constituents, and it was a really nice break to read yours and read some kindness.

Thank you again for taking the time. It really does matter,

Mary

From: Niel Schueller <nmschueller@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:22 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

Representative Fetzkowski

I wanted to let you know that my wife and I support the decision not to cave into Governor Evers theatrics, asking at the 11th hour to change the election. I understand there will be some risks, but we are still committed to being election officials for the town of Summit in Langlade County. We have made special provisions, and we believe we can hold a safe election.
Governor Evers should have called a session a few weeks ago if he really wanted to reach a compromise, but instead he wanted to set the stage to try to discredit the Republicans. He has decided to use the same tactics the Democrats have chosen to use at both the State and Federal levels, and I am sick of it. Thank you for approaching this issue with common sense.

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Niel & Janet Schueller
N7944 McCloud Drive
Gleason, WI 54435
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:35 PM
To: 'Steve Brown' <swbrown13@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 In-person voting

Steve,

Thank you for reaching out. Would you mind providing your contact information? Our first priority is always to 1. Make sure you receive a response and 2. To make sure you actually reach your representative, so we want to make sure that happens!

Thank you,

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Steve Brown <swbrown13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 In-person voting

Good Morning Mary Felzkowski,

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 ma'am…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'

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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 ma'am…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

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:12 PM
To: 'Roberta Johnson' <rlynnj52@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: April 7

Roberta,

I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I wanted to check in on you and see if you still worked the polls yesterday, and ask what your experience was.

Thank you for your time and everything you did to make yesterday run smoothly,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Roberta Johnson <rlynnj52@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7

Please vote in favor of a mail election. I work the polls and an very concerned.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:34 PM
To: 'Linda K' <momkleinhans@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th

Linda,

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From: Linda K <momkleinhans@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th

Please advise me on your reasoning to not approve a delay on tomorrow's election.

It appears that you couldn't care less about your District.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:21 AM
To: 'Pam Schmidt' <Pam.Schmidt@co.shawano.wi.us>
Subject: RE: April 7th Election concerns

Hey Pam,

I just wanted to send you a quick note that the legislature will not be moving forward with a mail-in ballot initiative. It just is not feasible for the reasons you listed and more. I have already heard from many clerks, like yourself, that just do not have the manpower to do this, even if it were possible for the state to get the clerks the materials they needed in time.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us! It's really important for us to hear from everyone around the state about this.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Pam Schmidt <Pam.Schmidt@co.shawano.wi.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Tauchen <Rep.Tauchen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Mursau <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Pam Schmidt <Pam.Schmidt@co.shawano.wi.us>
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Pamela Schmidt
Shawano County Clerk

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:55 PM
To: 'Meagan Cihlar' <mjc@ntmtr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Election

Meagan,

I wanted to reach out and let you know that I did try to call, but reached your voicemail so I left a message. If you would like to give me a call back, feel free to do that whenever you have time: 715-966-3366.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Meagan Cihlar <mjc@ntmtr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th Election

As a citizen of your district, I have no other words than to say SHAME ON YOU.

I cannot go to work, I cannot go to the doctor, I cannot take my sick animal to the vet.
(The list could go on, but I don't really think you care.)

Because of your actions, citizens of your district HAVE NO OTHER OPTION than to go and vote in person tomorrow. They have to choose between voting–their right– and potentially exposing themselves to a pandemic.

Shame on you.

I sincerely hope you and your staff are taking the place of all the poll workers who are ALSO TERRIFIED of becoming sick and spreading the illness, since it doesn't seem that you are taking the pandemic seriously.

You have lost the public's confidence. You certainly are working for your own interests.

You do not represent me, my friends, or my neighbors.

Meagan Cihlar
Merrill, WI

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:27 PM
To: 'terry bucaro' <bucaro2go@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Terry,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: terry bucaro <bucaro2go@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:39 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Yes, let's have a conversation tomorrow.
715-966-0606

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 9:48 PM, Rep. Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Terry,
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> It's late, but I'd love to talk to you on the phone tomorrow if you are willing.
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> Thanks,
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> Mary
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> **From:** terry bucaro <bucaro2go@yahoo.com>
> **Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:43 PM

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

I'm so disappointed in you Mary, and your fellow Republicans for going against Governor Evers and his quest to protect the voters of Wisconsin. I can't believe you care so little for our safety.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:58 PM, Rep. Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

WEEKLY E-UPDATE

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Thank you and have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:24 PM
To: 'Brad and Tamie Hall' <btbarocket@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Tamie,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and your willingness to speak with me.

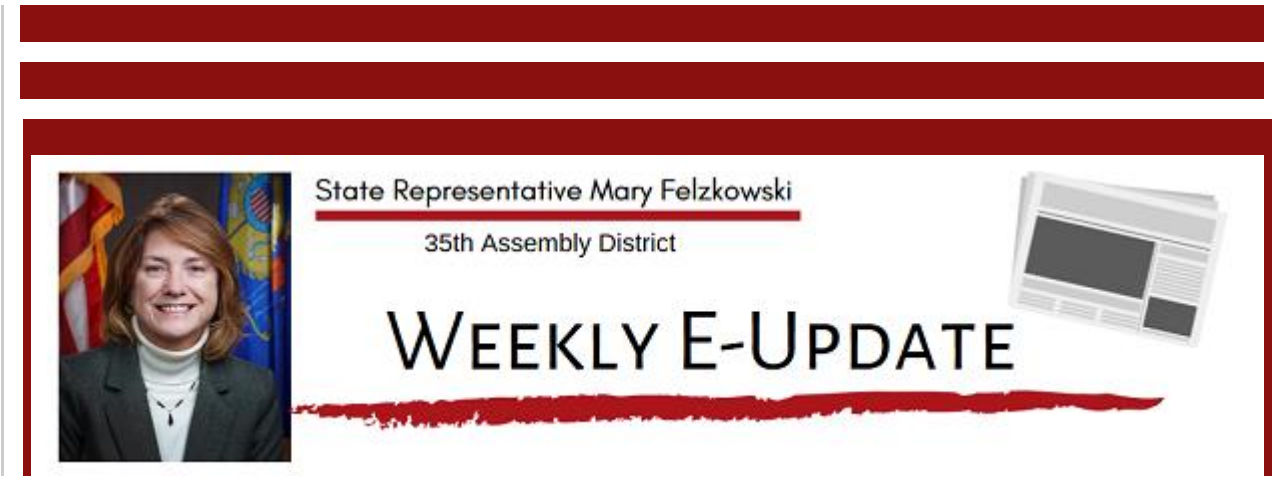
Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Brad and Tamie Hall <btbarocket@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

I requested to vote absentee as I hope many other people did as well. I believe in the right to vote and how important it is, but to put the lives of poll workers and officials at risk during what we are told is going to be one of the worst weeks for this country, to ask people to violate the stay at home order for something that could have had other options is horrible. There were ways to allow people to vote without holding this election tomorrow. I hope people remember this when it is time to re-elect some of the people responsible for this decision. This is not the national headline that Wisconsin needs to make. Terrible decision and I hope your email gets flooded with opinions from voters the way that Facebook and other media are getting flooded from people on both sides of the aisle that agree this was a terrible decision.
Tamie Hall

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:20 PM
To: 'Karen Koth' <karenkoth@charter.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Karen,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone, and your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Karen Koth <karenkoth@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary I can't even believe we are having this primary...every one wants to vote but with this unfortunate virus.. it was the responsibility of government to postpone it...I'm hoping our state does not see a surge in cases.. putting politics over human safety is the ultimate SHAME !!
Respectfully,
Karen Koth

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'Christine Vorpagel' <dynamo@markerman.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

That's absolutely right, Christine! Thank you for always sending positivity our way. We all appreciate it.

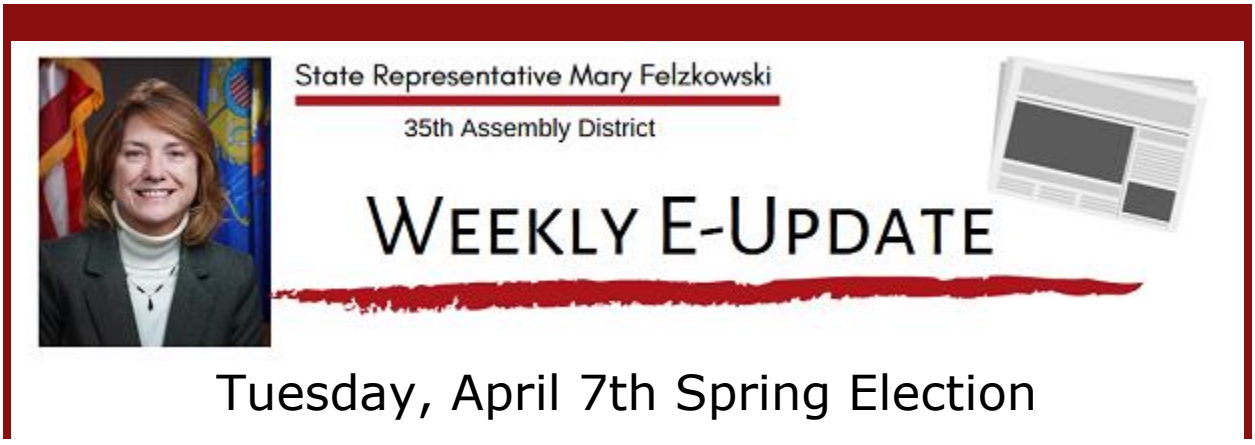
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank You for your concern. Dan & I voted absentee 2+ weeks ago *IF Only More had heeded the Advice of the State & Local Authorities*!!! And it had been years since we voted early. Be Safe... Be Healthy... Best Wishes to You & your Staff. Gratefully,

Christine Vorpagel
Dynamo! Creative Marketing & Media
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cell: 715-551-3189

---- Original Message ----
From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: 4/6/2020 8:07:30 PM
To: "Christine Vorpagel" <dynamo@markerman.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:03 PM
To: 'Patrick Zimick' <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Pat,
Thank you for your email. You are right that we were not in session as a full body on Saturday, and I will tell you why. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers had said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into special session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. In addition to that, Governor Evers called for the special session on Friday, and then we didn't even receive a copy of what legislation he wanted us to pass until 2pm on Saturday, on the very day we were supposed to be passing it. I understand what it looks like, but it was just not possible on the timeline the Governor was asking for.

As to why I opposed his order on Monday, the answer is that, regardless of whether or not the election should be moved, and I totally understand why people were hoping for that, the Governor circumvented state law and the constitution with his order. I do not believe that any elected leader should be able to break the law, regardless of the circumstances. I don't believe that there is any good reason for one person to have the power to temporarily suspend our rights. The constitution is what our society is built on, even more important during a global pandemic, not less. Elections are our constitutionally protected way of holding our governments accountable. Allowing for those in that government to mess with that, even in a time of crisis, is so dangerous. I can understand if you disagree, but it's how I feel, and it wouldn't change based on who is serving in an given position.

I can tell you that when we do convene, which will be in the next few days, if we are allowed to be in Madison, that's where I'll be. I also reached out to my polling place to see if my husband and I could volunteer. Unfortunately, they and several other locations said they did not need the help. I am grateful for all the positive stories I've heard today about the polls in our area. People have told me that they were clean, professionally run, social distancing was in place, and they felt safe.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Patrick Zimick <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:05 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

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I see that none of you showed up. I assume it was to stay safe. Yet your Party pursued two types of legal actions to make sure that poll workers and voters are putting their health at risk. You and your Republican counter parts never tell the public what you are up too. I noticed your weekly update doesn't include an explanation of why you opposed the Governors actions to protect the Voters and Poll workers. While you all didn't convene for your own safety.
Again Party and money over the Health and welfare of the public. The Deaths of the citizens of Wisconsin is on your Hands. Be sure and Wash them!!!

Pat Zimick

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 8:08 PM
To: Patrick Zimick <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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To: 'Carol Woody' <shopping_carol@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Carol,

COVID symptoms look like a lot of the symptoms we see in a lot of common illnesses, so we should wait to react until we know more and it's confirmed. Thank you for keeping me in the loop on this, I really appreciate it!

Mary

From: Carol Woody <shopping_carol@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

A friend texted me and said was from channel 7, news. Was hoping to hear more with news tonight. I'm guessing they were waiting for results, or had symptoms and voted, as I know incubation period longer than 2 days. Will see what news says tonight. Despite present outcome today, was a truly stupid, risky time to have the primary.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 9, 2020, at 3:17 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Carol,
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> Can you tell me where you are getting your information? DHS updates their numbers every day at 2:00pm, and has of an hour again, we still don't have any cases in Lincoln or Langlade County. Here is the website for you to see: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm. Does whatever you are looking at also distinguish between voting in person vs absentee?
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> **From:** Carol Woody <shopping_carol@yahoo.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:04 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:46 PM
To: 'melinda childs' <mrhchilds@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Melinda,

I sincerely apologize that I have not been able to get back to you until now. As you can imagine, I am hearing from lots of people in the district and all the calls and emails made it difficult to get back to others in a timely fashion. I wanted to reach out and see how Tuesday went for you. I know you mentioned that you would likely be working the polls? How did that go for you? I so appreciate your willingness to help make the election run smoothly.

I am sick of all of this too. COVID has created a lot of really impossible situations. I can tell you that not moving the election was not an easy choice, and there were no good options. I am really grateful for all of the positive stories I heard yesterday about the polls in our area being clean, not crowded, run professionally, and with social distancing in place. I agree that 5 polling places in Milwaukee is unacceptable. This was a decision made by the Mayor of Milwaukee. Yes, there were poll workers all over the state that decided to stay home (as I recommended to anyone who felt uncomfortable going), but there was an influx of new people wanting to volunteer, in addition to over 2400 National Guardsmen and women that were deployed to help run the polling places on Monday and Tuesday. The City of Milwaukee chose to close all but 2% of their polling places, even though there would have been help there for them if they had wanted to keep more of them open. Even 10 would have been better than 5. The same situation occurred in Green Bay. The Mayor declined helped from the National Guard, and only kept two polling stations open. Meanwhile, Madison was able to keep 75% of their polling places open, and did not experience the lines or the wait times in the two other locations. The unfortunate reality is that there were some bad local decisions made that don't really make a lot of sense.

Thank you again for everything you are doing. I know these are tough times, but in the end everyone working together will help us make it through to the other side.

Mary

From: melinda childs <mrhchilds@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you for your note and I appreciate you clarifying the information on absentees since I have beens seeing alot of questions about that on social media. I am very concerned about the health and well being of our citizens of Wisconsin. I called my clerk today to find out when out ballots needed be in and found out she is a high risk individual who was planning to serve as a judge tmrw. Before I knew what I was doing I offered to take her place. This is not what I want to be doing tmrw when I'm in the midst of working on my PPP application for the nonprofit I work for and homeschooling my 2 kids. My husband has been suffering terrible anxiety since this all started and is terrified that I will be at the polls tomorrow. Also found out the judges in

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my district work from 6:30am- 9:00pm that only magnifies the exposure. Our clerk told me today that 4 out of our 5 judges are high risk. I offered to take the place of one. Still leaves three. Why should any of us have to be deciding who is more or less likely to be sick and whose lives are more important than others. All of this is in our own back yard meanwhile I read Milwaukee will have 5 polls open when they usually have over 100. How is this safe for the voters of Wis. I'm just sick about all of this. Why is this happening. Why can't our state be unified for the good of its citizens.
Thank you for hearing me out.
Melinda Childs
Town of King

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020, 8:03 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:23 PM
To: 'Jean Roach' <jmroach@me.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Jean,

I appreciate your response, and your willingness to continue to speak with me on this. I understand where you are coming from, but I disagree with the premise of your statement completely. We will just have to agree to disagree on the motives you laid out.

On the extension of absentee ballot return, it was and is still extended. Under current law, absentee ballots need to be received and counted by the local clerk by the end of Election night. Under the current situation, people were able to have their ballot counted as long as it was postmarked on election day. This extends when you can turn your ballot in by several days because, under normal circumstances, most people have to mail their ballots in the week before to make sure they arrive by election day. In addition to that, clerks have until April 13th to receive and count absentee ballots. The reason that a lot of people are concerned about ballots being turned in after what is laid out here is that it becomes an election integrity issue, which impacts both sides, not just Republicans. If election results begin to leak out before the final tally is announced, the election can be skewed by subsequent ballots tallied. Again, this impacts both sides.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Jean Roach <jmroach@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,

I appreciate you taking the time to personally respond to my concerns about voter suppression. I have no doubt that you did everything you claim to make sure voters got absentee ballots and that polling places
followed all the health recommendations for prevention of the spread of the virus.

My concern is that you belong to a party that is committed to suppressing the vote in Wisconsin and
around the country. There is no denying that over the past 10 years your party has added obstacles that
make voting more difficult in Wisconsin. That is a travesty and this most recent primary election is a further example
of those efforts. There is no denying that extending the date for a return of absentee ballots would have been the
safe choice for prevention of further spread of the virus. Instead, your party fought to stop that. There is no

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explanation other than desperation to keep the vote totals down.
I do not doubt your sincere interest in serving the public, but I wonder why you're a member of a party that
works to undermine voter participation.

Jean

On Apr 8, 2020, at 4:39 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Jean,
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> I want to apologize greatly that I was not able to get back to your mail-in ballot email from a few days ago. With the multiple election changes on Monday, our office was understandably flooded with calls and emails, and I'm just now able to make it to others. I totally understand where you are coming from, and why you are angry. However, I totally disagree with you that any of this was about suppressing the vote. You are certainly entitled to your opinion, but making assumptions about the motives of others will only further the divide in our country, especially when you are wrong. I have spent the last three weeks doing everything I can to help all voters, regardless of politics, get the information they need to vote, whether it be in person yesterday or via absentee ballot. Thankfully, we now know that there was a record out turnout from absentee ballots and I am happy to see that all of the encouraging the Legislature and the Governor did over the last few weeks made such a huge impact. I also heard from a lot of different people yesterday that chose to vote in-person who commented that their polling places were clean, had substantial social distancing mechanisms in place, and were well run and staffed overall. Because of the amount of people who voted absentee, there were far fewer people at the polls, making it a lot easier for everyone to vote safely.
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> I will continue to do everything I can to make sure my constituents have the information and the help they need to make it through to the other side of this pandemic. I'm sure you will do the same for everyone in your circle.
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> I wish you the best,
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> Mary
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> **From:** Jean Roach <jmroach@me.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:34 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: April 7th Spring Election Update
>
> Your Party will go to any length to suppress the vote, including endangering the health of voters. It's disturbing and regrettable that you haven't spoken up that you don't support such actions. Therefore, I must conclude you do.
> Jean Roach

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Pelican Lake

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 9:22 AM
To: 'Julie Studt' <peapod61@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

You too, Julie. I wish you all the best.

From: Julie Studt <peapod61@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you Mary.. I as a friend will always support and have trust in you.. thank youI will pass on condolences to Adam and Monique.. It's hard being a parent knowing your child is laid off no paychecks for the first week of unemployment and then have father in law pass .. it's a very trying time for us and every one else going through this .. Be safe and take care .. Julie

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 8, 2020, at 8:19 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Julie,
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> This is currently a provision that Republican leaders included in their legislative package that they presented to Governor Evers today. From what I know, there is broad support for this and I would expect it to be in the final version of the legislation that should be voted on over the next couple days. Part of the issue is that experts needed to comb through the federal legislation passed so we would know what on the state level needs to be changed in state law to be able to access that funding.
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> I'm really sorry to hear about your son's father in law. I feel for him and send my prayers to your family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do,
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> Stay safe,
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> Mary
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> **From:** Julie Studt <peapod61@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:44 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: April 7th Spring Election Update
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> I wish this government in office could of waived the one week of unemployment holdings for the real people this effects And start being more concerned about this

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situation Adam my son lost his father in law due to this virus and I have close friends that have this also .. I just want you to be aware of please start looking out for us little people .. we are the ones that supported you through the years and are very concerned on things happening around us.. Take care and be safe JULIE Studt

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:36 PM
To: 'Robert Duwe' <bobduwe@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Bob,

Thank you for your email. Poll watchers are generally used to oversee the counting to ensure proper counting and that the law is being followed. I hadn't seen that on the news, but with absentee ballots, as you know because you filled it out, you have to sign the back and have a witness sign. Each clerk as a voting book. When a ballot is sent out, a note is made in the voting book that that person was sent a ballot. Then, when the ballot is returned, a note is made that that voter successfully voted absentee. This is what prevents people from being able to vote in person and via absentee ballot. If one person received two ballots, a clerk would see that in their voting book and on their ballot envelope, and only one would be counted.

I hope that helps! Thank you,

Mary

From: Robert Duwe <bobduwe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hi Mary,

I did vote by absentee ballot and mailed it over a week ago. I am wondering what guarantee (100%) that absentee ballots all get counted accurately? News included yesterday that someone did receive two absentee ballots to use.

I feel it is time to design a new voting system with voter ID and electronic computation that is as reliable as financial systems. Voting without trustworthy Voter ID must never be allowed.

Please work to improve and solve issues with the voting system. Same old issues return at every election.

Thanks,

Bob Duwe
239470 N 72nd Ave
Wausau, WI 54401

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 8:05 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:33 PM
To: 'jm krall' <jmkrall@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you so much for emailing. This is one of the only nice emails I've received in the last 72 hours. Your kind words matter and are appreciated.

Thank you again,

Mary

From: jm krall <jmkrall@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:11 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thanks for helping to be a voice of reason and standing up for our rights against Governor Evil.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:54 PM
To: Jeffrey Krall



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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:30 PM
To: "'canoeman@charter.net'" <canoeman@charter.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Tom,

Thank you for your response. I've heard that question a lot, "why did you challenge the order?" The answer is that, regardless of whether or not the election should be moved, and I totally understand why people were hoping for that, the Governor circumvented state law and the constitution with his order. I do not believe that any elected leader should be able to break the law, regardless of the circumstances. What if he passed an unconstitutional order to temporarily confiscate guns, in the name of public safety during the crisis? What if, in the name of stemming the amount of misinformation during the crisis, he passed in an unconstitutional order stating that no one could post anything on their facebooks? I don't believe that there is any good reason for one person to have the power to temporarily suspend our rights. The constitution is what our society is built on, even more important during a global pandemic, not less. Elections are our constitutionally protected way of holding our governments accountable. Allowing for people in that government to mess with that, even in a time of crisis, is so dangerous. I can understand if you disagree, but it's how I feel, and it wouldn't change based on who is serving in an given position.

This is a really really difficult time. There are no easy answers. Not moving the election was not an easy choice to make. I am grateful that our state allows for absentee balloting, seemingly for situations just like these. I am grateful that so many people decided to vote from their homes, so that polling places yesterday were able to run smoothly, with nothing like the crowds we normally see on election days. I heard from many that their polling place was clean, run professionally, and that social distancing was in place. And I'm grateful that we had so many people helping to make that happen.

Thank you again for continuing to speak with me, I really appreciate your time.

Mary

From: canoeman@charter.net <canoeman@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:51 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Thank you for your prompt response, frankly I have never had any State Representative and /or Congressional Representative, or Senator respond so quickly and with a thought out and reasonable response. Normally if they even bother to respond (Senator Johnson has never responded) it is some "canned" talking points. I also can appreciate your argument.

I will say a couple more things.

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I certainly understand that the Governor's order was unconstitutional, however it didn't need to be challenged. I know, I know it's a slippery slope once we allow that to happen. But I think we can agree that these are unprecedented times and maybe they call for unprecedented thinking, and unprecedented cooperation. Rhetorically speaking, what would have happened if the Governor had waited till this morning to move the election?

I also understand your point regarding the Saturday session and the clerks concerns. As to the "risk", what's more risky having a legislative session that could be done very quickly or exposing the entire State's voting population, and by extension their families, to the Covid-19 virus.

I will end with one final thought. This seems an opportunity for the legislature to make a bold move and as soon as you can be back in session a Bill could be introduced to allow the Governor, under dire circumstances only, **to move an election date**.

No one is hurt by this. I know that there are thousands of County and Municipal races on the April 7th ballot, and terms won in those elections need to start, but write the law such that in this extreme emergency the incumbent continues to perform the duties of the office until the election can be held. In this way there is no loss of services to the people of Wisconsin.

Again I thank you for your quick response and appreciate your willingness to listen to me rant. I'm hopeful that positive change can come from this dangerous time.

Tom Younger
District Director, Job Service, Department of Workforce Development, State of Wisconsin (Retired)

From: "Rep.Felzkowski"
To: "canoeman@charter.net"
Cc:
Sent: Monday April 6 2020 10:09:16PM
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Tom,

Thank you for your email. Today has been a really rough day. I've talked to people all over my district, some mad at the Supreme Court ruled Governor Evers' order unconstitutional, some mad at Governor Evers for putting the order in place in the first place, some just scared, or confused, or looking for reassurance. I think a commonality between everyone is fear. I think most people have never seen anything like COVID-19 in their lifetime and they are really terrified of the unknown. I can totally understand that. Some are afraid of losing their rights, losing their way of life, losing their freedoms. I

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can also totally understand that. Some just want to go back to life four weeks ago, and I am right there with them.

The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible.

I don't disagree with you that the information we have right now, today, supports moving the Election date. It has not been along the way, and I don't believe the medical advice has been consistent over the last several weeks. The CDC has changed their rulings on whether COVID lives on surfaces, changed what the symptoms are, changed whether or not people should be wearing masks. As the CDC learns more about the virus, so do we as people. It certainly makes moving forward easier, but it definitely doesn't give us the ability to go back and change decisions already made. None of these situations or decisions are or have been easy, and I have to say that the suggestion I don't care about my own family or my constituents' health and well-being is just wrong. At the end of the day, the Governor changed his mind and asked for something when it was too late to the Legislature give it. Regardless of whether or not someone believes the election should be moved (and I totally understand why people are hoping for that outcome), what Governor Evers issued today was unconstitutional. Republicans did not decide that, the Constitution and the Supreme Court did.

This situation has been scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.

Thank you, have a good night.

Mary

From: canoeman@charter.net <canoeman@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

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Dear Representative Fezkowski,

I have been a Wisconsin resident my whole life. This is the most despicable thing I have ever seen.
Wisconsin Republicans will have the blood of anyone infected with Covid-19 on their hands.

I worked for Republican Governors during my career in State service, none of them would ever have thought this abortion the current republican legislative leaders have done to voting rights acceptable.

Tom Younger

From: "Rep.Felzkowski"
To: "Tom Younger"
Cc:
Sent: Monday April 6 2020 7:56:38PM
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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To: 'Julie Studt' <peapod61@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Julie,

This is currently a provision that Republican leaders included in their legislative package that they presented to Governor Evers today. From what I know, there is broad support for this and I would expect it to be in the final version of the legislation that should be voted on over the next couple days. Part of the issue is that experts needed to comb through the federal legislation passed so we would know what on the state level needs to be changed in state law to be able to access that funding.

I'm really sorry to hear about your son's father in law. I feel for him and send my prayers to your family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do,

Stay safe,

Mary

From: Julie Studt <peapod61@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

I wish this government in office could of waived the one week of unemployment holdings for the real people this effects And start being more concerned about this situation Adam my son lost his father in law due to this virus and I have close friends that have this also .. I just want you to be aware of please start looking out for us little people .. we are the ones that supported you through the years and are very concerned on things happening around us.. Take care and be safe JULIE Studt

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:39 PM
To: 'Jean Roach' <jmroach@me.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Jean,

I want to apologize greatly that I was not able to get back to your mail-in ballot email from a few days ago. With the multiple election changes on Monday, our office was understandably flooded with calls and emails, and I'm just now able to make it to others. I totally understand where you are coming from, and why you are angry. However, I totally disagree with you that any of this was about suppressing the vote. You are certainly entitled to your opinion, but making assumptions about the motives of others will only further the divide in our country, especially when you are wrong. I have spent the last three weeks doing everything I can to help all voters, regardless of politics, get the information they need to vote, whether it be in person yesterday or via absentee ballot. Thankfully, we now know that there was a record out turnout from absentee ballots and I am happy to see that all of the encouraging the Legislature and the Governor did over the last few weeks made such a huge impact. I also heard from a lot of different people yesterday that chose to vote in-person who commented that their polling places were clean, had substantial social distancing mechanisms in place, and were well run and staffed overall. Because of the amount of people who voted absentee, there were far fewer people at the polls, making it a lot easier for everyone to vote safely.

I will continue to do everything I can to make sure my constituents have the information and the help they need to make it through to the other side of this pandemic. I'm sure you will do the same for everyone in your circle.

I wish you the best,

Mary

From: Jean Roach <jmroach@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Your Party will go to any length to suppress the vote, including endangering the health of voters. It's disturbing and regrettable that you haven't spoken up that you don't support such actions. Therefore, I must conclude you do.
Jean Roach
Pelican Lake

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 3:54 PM
To: 'kris galezewski' <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Kris,

Robin was provided the equipment by his polling place, and it is my understanding that PPE was provided by polling places to most, if not all, poll workers yesterday. I imagine that the answer is yes, they were asked to reuse their equipment throughout the day. I had not seen anywhere that Robin opposed to using the National Guard, so I googled it and saw that he said he was not opposed. I know I certainly wasn't opposed and really appreciate all who worked at the polls yesterday.

Thank you again for your email. I do also sincerely hope that you and yours stay safe. Thank you,

Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
Something we can agree upon. Although it is probably likely someone manning the polls would be more likely to contract the virus, this too applies to the people who were waiting in line. Many of the photos I saw had shown voters not wearing masks. While voters are standing outside for hours does not equate to safety in a pandemic situation. Since there are not enough test kits to test everyone, we have no idea who is a carrier and who is not. Robin was not exactly in the front line of the polls. He was just orchestrating movement of vehicles. I did not see any of the other volunteers wearing full body PPE? How was it that Robin had access to the PPE and the other people did not? Hardly a case that he would contract the virus. Given that PPE is in such high demand, how did Robin have access to this equipment when our front line responders do not? Or they are asked to reuse their PPE because of all the shortages? Perhaps the polls should have been open longer. Why was this not discussed with the election board as an option?

Milwaukee has the highest percentage of covid19 positive cases. I can see why the senior population who volunteers their time to assist with the election, chose not to volunteer for fear of contracting this virus and the decrease in polling stations. If I recall, Robin and company objected to the National Guard actually helping with the polling process. My understanding was the National guards role was for crowd control. The elderly population is at greater risk health wise if they were to contract this disease.

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It's sad that our state representatives do not put the lives of their constituents first. The Wisconsin Supreme court met virtually due to the coronavirus. Yet they felt it was safe to subject voters to unnecessary exposure. It just wrong and sad.

I wish you a Happy Easter, and sincerely hope you or any member of your family does not contract this virus.

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:07 AM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Kris,

Everyone at that polling place yesterday was required to wear that attire, Speaker Vos had no choice. If he had refused, he would not have been able to work at the polls. From the pictures I have seen and the stories I have heard, poll workers around the state were asked to wear PPE yesterday. Objectively, it is more likely that someone working at the polling for 15 hours will contract COVID than someone who is voting at the polls for a few minutes. I agree that the lines for voting were regrettable. Larger cities like Green Bay and Milwaukee should have kept more polling places open. Madison, for example, was able to keep 75% of their polling places open, so it doesn't really make sense that a large population hub like the City of Milwaukee, was only able to keep 2% of their polling places open, especially with over 2400 National Guardsmen and women deployed to help.

Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
You area correct, I am an expert. I work in healthcare and recognize the severity of this virus. Unfortunately, you and your fellow Republicans believe people's lives are expendable. Having Robin Vos parade around in full body PPE does not justify the premise that it is safe to vote. It only displays his level of ignorance about the virus. It was safe for him, but not the thousands of people standing in line to vote. Your party has failed to put safety first. Shame on you for supporting such tactics.

Kris Galezewski

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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 4:12 PM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Kris,

Well, you are the expert.

Have a nice day,

Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,

Perhaps this article is worth reading. In any event, the bottom line is the elections could have been postponed on Saturday without causing any issues.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/us/politics/wisconsin-pandemic-primary-republicans.html?smtyp=cur&smid=fb-nytimes&fbclid=IwAR3yf4RV_cfwW4o9gNLWqQ2W6MqO9opM_vzQW8bNioee9Q0VgCc_lBkWDyo

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 3:32 PM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Kris,

Here are some more facts for you. I can't tell you how many times I've been asked to work with Governor Evers. When he came out over and over and said, hey, I'm not moving the election, legislative leadership supported him publicly, and then continued to work with the Elections Commission and their local clerks to do everything possible to make this election safe and efficient. I'm going to include for you what Governor Evers was saying literally the day before he asked the Legislature to come into session:

Thursday, April 2, 2020

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"Our democracy is essential, it must go on. Keeping people safe is the governor's top priority but we want people to participate in this election. We want as many people as possible to vote from home," Evers spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff told POLITICO.

She dismissed the possibility of the governor attempting to halt the election like DeWine did. "It's not going to happen," Baldauff said. "He doesn't want to do it and he also doesn't have the authority to do it."

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He gave legislative leaders no notice, no time. We had no options. One of the many unprecedented issues that have occurred during this pandemic is that the Senate and the Assembly have never had to come in virtually to vote, there has never been a need. Staff and legislators have been frantically working to put together that technological framework. It requires mailing technology to members so they can be virtually present at vote, it means putting in a lot of new administrative directives so people can still socially distance. I can tell you that I will be present in Madison that day, as will many of my colleagues. Without knowing he was going to change his mind, there was no way for the legislature to come in as a full body on Saturday. When he made his announcement on Friday, he did not even have legislation drafted for legislators to look at. We did not even see what he wanted us to pass until close to 2pm on Saturday, the very day we were supposed to have passed it.

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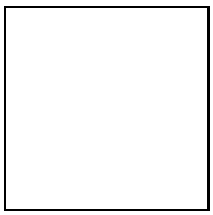
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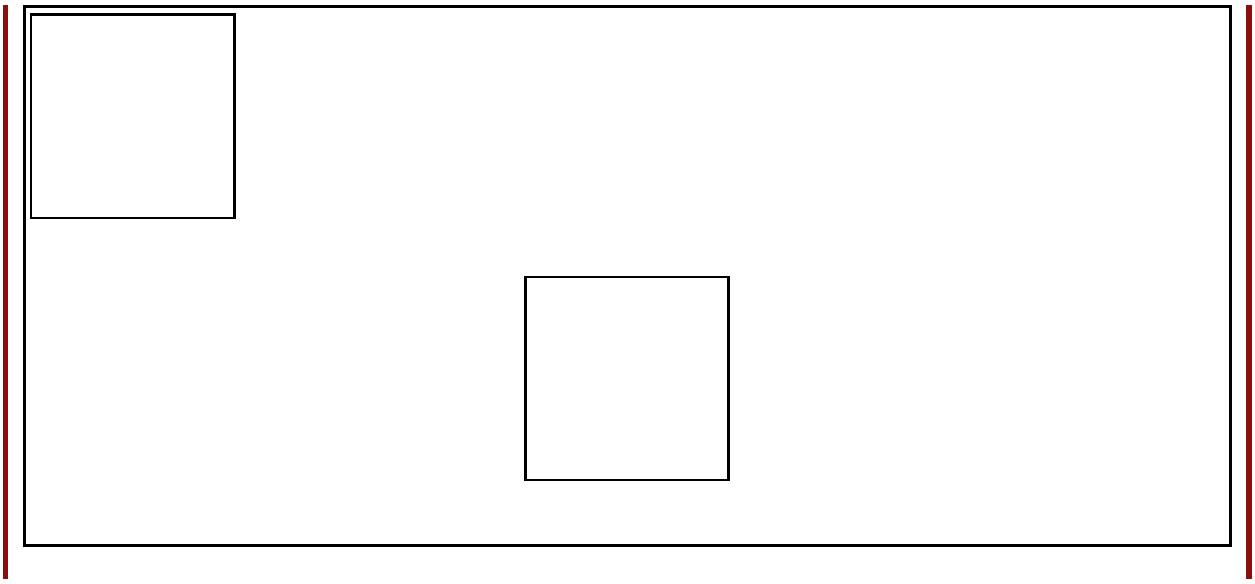
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In addition to that, the Wisconsin Elections Commission was told repeatedly by states that had done all mail-in-ballots, that we as a state should not try to do in 2 weeks what it has taken them years to setup in other states. I know it is easy to say that we were obstructionists, we didn't try to work with him, we sat on our hands. It's just not the case. We simply did not have the time or the ability to do what Governor Evers was asking. There were no easy decisions or good options here, but changing the election, and doing so in that manner, would have created 1000 new problems, without solving all of the old ones. You don't have to agree with that, you are absolutely entitled to your opinion, but I at least wanted you to have more information about what actually happened here.

If you entrenched on your own side, and prefer to continue blaming Republicans, that is your right.

Have a good day,

Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,

You can rationalize your decision however you want, however here are the facts:
The governor wanted to reschedule the elections to a later date, however you and your fellow partners did not show up to the special session to discuss postponement of the elections for a later date that would be safer for everyone given the spread of this virus. Your disregard for the gravity of this virus is appalling.
Fact: The governor wanted mail in voting, your group objected
Fact: An appeals court judge allowed an extension to mailing of absentee voting, your group filed a challenge which ended with the decision to make sure all absentee votes had to be post marked by today.,

In essence the GOP wanted less of a voter turn out to ensure your group would maintain control in the courts. We all know the politics behind all of your legal challenges. You wanted to prevent Wisconsinites from voting any way you could. You should have done what was right for the safety of Wisconsinites. This is where you failed. You have shown the people of Wiscosin that their lives are of no consequence to you. If they die because of the virus, you do not care because they had to make a choice between voting and their health safety. Shame on you and

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all the GOP. Voter fraud is virtually nonexistent. And when it does occur it's a Republican engaging in such behavior.

Like a mentioned the onus is on you and all the GOP for the intentional spread of the coronavirus, and any deaths.

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:49 AM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Okay, I disagree with you completely, but I do appreciate you taking the time to email.

Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
There is nothing to talk about. Your decisions and the decisions of your party has compromised the lives of many people. It's clear Republicans care more about securing their party in government than the lives of innocent people who elected you. Any new outbreaks, illnesses and deaths with be a stain that people will remember.

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:36 AM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Kris,

I can understand your anger. Please let me know if you want to talk about it today. There's a lot more going on than what it seems. At this point, what we have is not ideal, as nothing during COVID has been. My goal is to help my constituents with everything they need to make it through this.

Thanks for emailing,

Mary

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From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Kris Galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update

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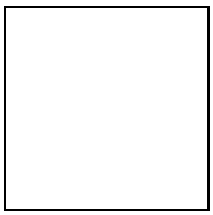
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Mary Felzkowski

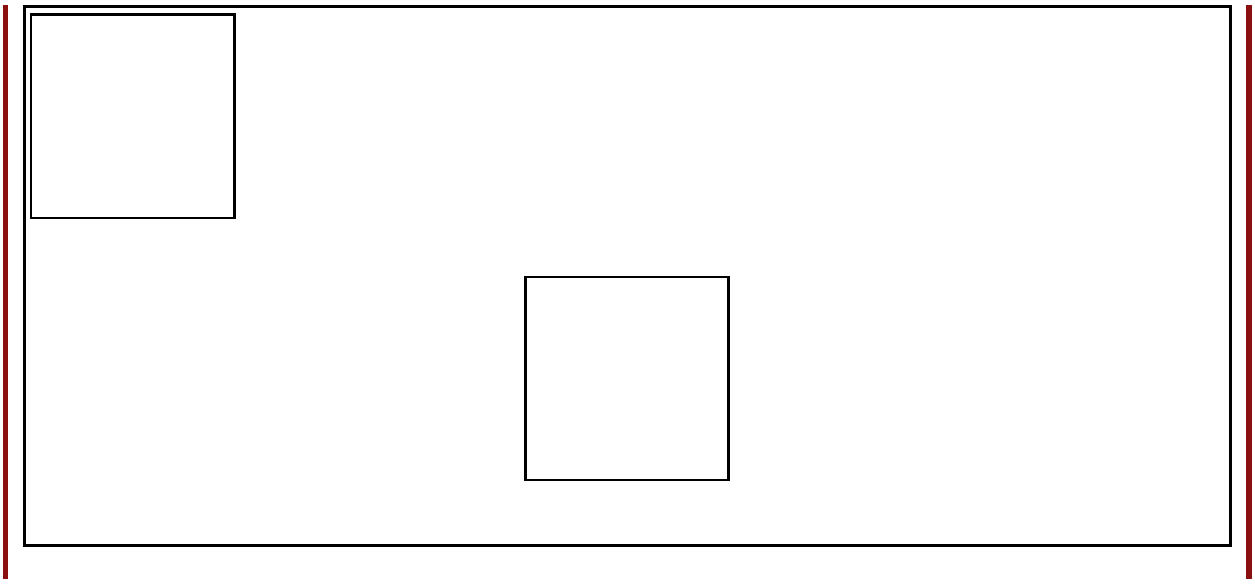
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:28 PM
To: 'Henry Leonard' <leonhpn6419@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Henry,

Thank you for your email. I understand the frustration, and the fear, and the anger. I honestly do not have words to respond to you and to what your email contains. I truly saddens me that people honestly believe what you wrote, and I don't doubt that they do. I am sure that there is not one thing I could say or do that would convince you, or the people you have spoken to otherwise. All I can say is that your thoughts about my motives as a person, and as a Republican legislator are 1000% not true, and frankly it's absolutely appalling. I agree with you that people not receiving their ballots is very concerning. The legislature has absolutely nothing to do with that. I have no idea why so many people in the Milwaukee area have not received their ballots that they requested. It is up to the local clerks to provide those ballots. Again, the legislature has no impact on whether local clerks provide absentee ballots. For the past three weeks, my office and I have spent countless hours communicating with constituents with the sole goal of making sure that every eligible voter who wants to vote can do so, either via absentee, or in-person. There are no more words.

Mary

From: Henry Leonard <leonhpn6419@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Dear Rep. Felzkowski,
I have spent the past 3 days calling our voters in the city of Milwaukee asking if they received their mail-in ballot and if not, what would be the best plan to make sure they can vote. Within this time I spoke with a significant number of people who simply are not healthy enough to vote in-person. Contrary to Mr. Vos's non-medical opinion that we are all safe to vote the evidence conflicts with the reality when you look at the death rate among our black community in Milwaukee. You know how they say that perception is 90% of the truth in one's view. Every black person I spoke to said the same thing, this was a ploy to steal the election and that this is the republican strategy for November. One 77 year old woman told me "my race and even some of your people have paid with their blood to give us black folk the right to be represented." Here again, white people want to make sure we don't count. I cannot disagree with her. She asked me, "do you feel that oppression?" "That is what it feels like every time we try to lift our heads and do the right thing." Dear Representative the whole world cares less about your conservative court members that use technicalities and political spin to justify injustice. It is a blatant injustice to not allow over 9100 people their constitutional right to vote. Worse, it is a human injustice if it results in deaths. That is what our rallying call will be in November. These are real people with souls just like the people you represent in your district. We need real compromise and that could have started with the party in power. As a Christian and as a person who lives my faith I cannot see any justification in your parties actions.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Henry Leonard
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:15 PM
To: 'jesserogue' <jesserogue@aol.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Okay I will. Thank you for checking. I did see that you were not in my district, but figured I would check in anyway. I will remove you from the list.

Have a good evening,

Mary

From: jesserogue <jesserogue@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you. I just rechecked the legislative map. I am represented by Bob Kulp. I have reached out to him. I am sorry to add to your list accidently. Please remove my name from your call list.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/7/20 8:50 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: jesserogue <jesserogue@aol.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Janeen,

Thank you for getting back to me with your contact information. I have added you to my call list. I apologize in advance if I'm unable to call you tomorrow, I'm trying to go in order of calls or emails received, and my list was so long today that I did not make it all the way through.

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Mary

From: jesserogue <jesserogue@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:58 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

I'm sorry that I did not check my personal email until tonight. I'd be available tomorrow.

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Date: 4/6/20 9:50 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: jesserogue <jesserogue@aol.com>

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Janeen LaBorde

122707 Rock Rd

STRATFORD WI

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From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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Date: 4/6/20 7:49 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Janeen Laborde <JESSEROGUE@AOL.COM>

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:04 PM
To: "'lnkresch@frontier.com'" <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Lester,

It's my understanding that the school is trying to reach out to you. I think they were looking for your email.

Thank you!

Mary

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank You so much for your help. I will keep you updated on the outcome.

Les Resch

On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 02:36:02 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Lester,

I reached out to the Principal of the school to see what he knows. He said he was not aware of it before so he is going to talk to the band teachers and see what he can figure out.

Thank you again!

Mary

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

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The company is called Voyager International out of Morristown, NJ. My grandson attends Wittenberg/Birnamwood Hign School. I am not sure how many students were going but at least 6. The number for the School is 715-253-2213.

Thank You For Your Help.

Lester Resch

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:11:52 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Lester,

Thank you for reaching out on this. Can you give me more information about who the high school students were going through specifically? Once I know more I can look into it for you. I agree with you that this is not right.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention,

Mary

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Rep. Felzkowski, I have a grandson who was chosen to represent the State of Wisconsin in a High School band made up of High School Students from our state. The trip has been canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, which is bad enough, but when they wanted to get there down payment back each student was charged $1900.00. I think this is outrageous. There are students that had to raise the money themselves and now they want to keep $1900.00 from each of them. Please advise.

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Thank You

Lester Resch

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 08:05:37 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 4:18 PM
To: 'WALT HOBBS' <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you, Walt. I appreciate your opinion. The one thing I do want to say is that the City of Milwaukee chose on its own, as did all municipalities, how many polling places to have open. There were over 2400 national guardsmen deployed yesterday and today to help local clerks run the elections, so closing all but five was an unnecessary, and frankly reckless decision. I know that there were some poll workers staying home, and they have every right to do that, but Milwaukee would have had the help they needed if they had chosen to keep more locations open.

Thank you again for your email yesterday and your call today. My staff, Liz, did tell me about the call and let me know how you feel. I hope your daughter's day with successful.

Have a great evening,

Mary

From: WALT HOBBS <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

I talked to the young lady in your office at length this morning, I am not good at names but thought it was Liz? She was very professional and you are lucky to have her. After our conversation, I know you are busy and we do not need to talk. That said I still hold you and your republican colleagues responsible for this fiasco you call an election. Five voting places in Milwaukee give me a break please, and people will get sick and some may die, their blood will be on your hands. This did not have to happen and you will not win in the world of public opinion. I do hope you, your family and your staff are spared what you may have unleashed on others.

Regards,
Walt

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 11:10 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Walt,
>
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You are not worth commenting on, how you can live with yourself is beyond me. That said you know the Wisconsin republicans can not win a honest election.

Sent from Samsung tablet

-------- Original message --------

From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Date: 4/6/20 8:01 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Walt Hobbs <ribbrisket@gmail.com>

Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update

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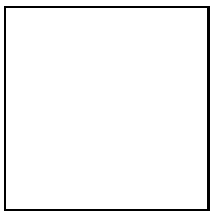
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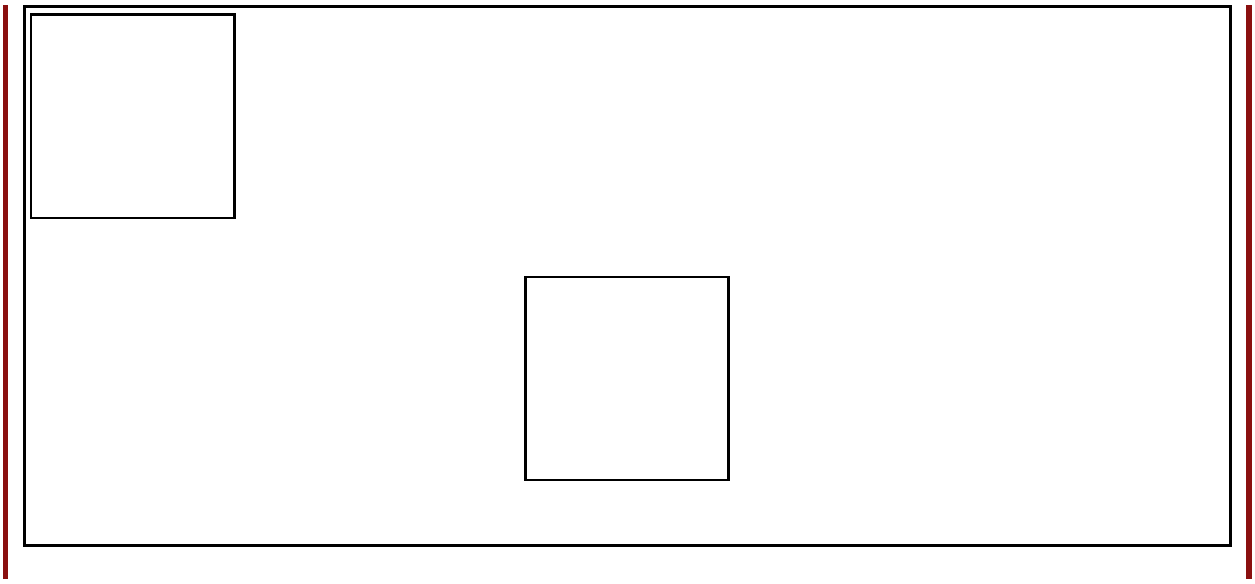
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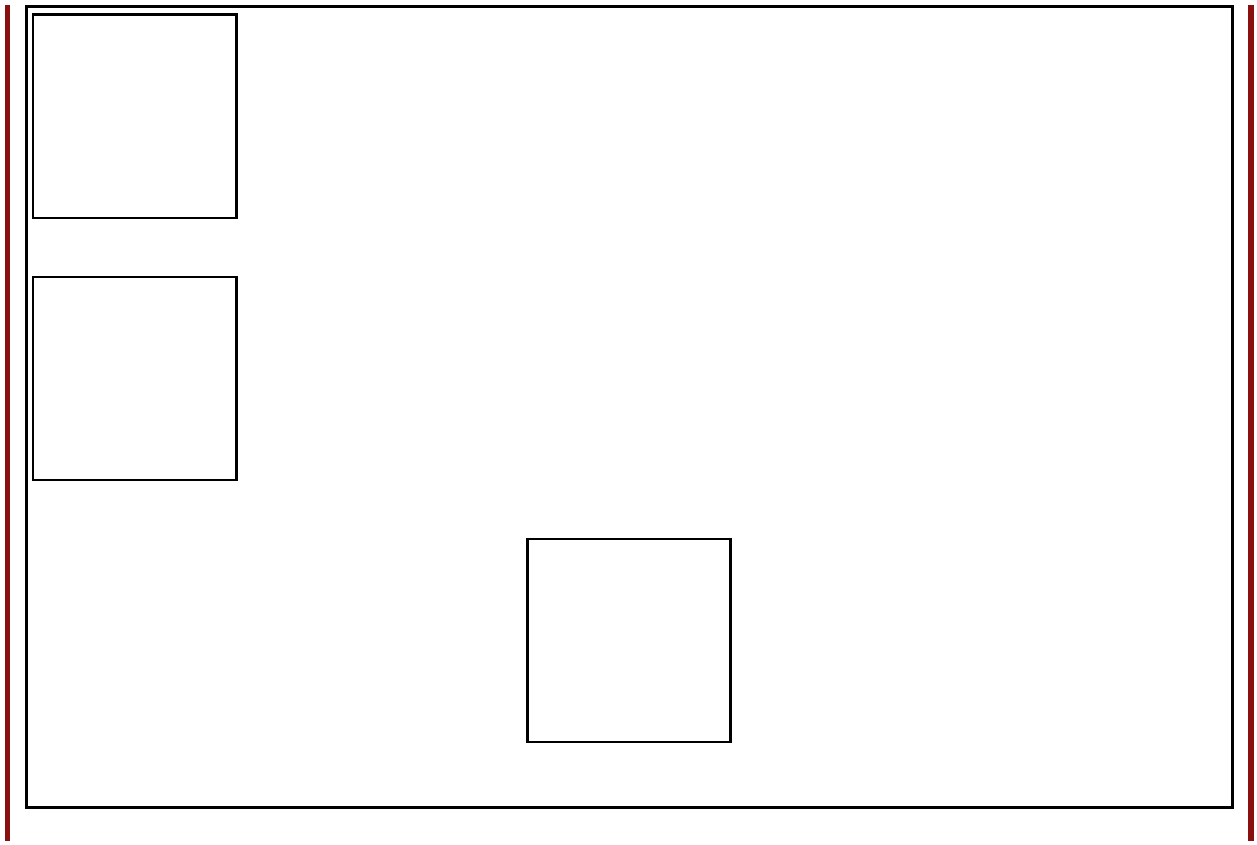
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:31 PM
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If you entrenched on your own side, and prefer to continue blaming Republicans, that is your right.

Have a good day,

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Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,

You can rationalize your decision however you want, however here are the facts:
The governor wanted to reschedule the elections to a later date, however you and your fellow partners did not show up to the special session to discuss postponement of the elections for a later date that would be safer for everyone given the spread of this virus. Your disregard for the gravity of this virus is appalling.
Fact: The governor wanted mail in voting, your group objected
Fact: An appeals court judge allowed an extension to mailing of absentee voting, your group filed a challenge which ended with the decision to make sure all absentee votes had to be post marked by today.,

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Like a mentioned the onus is on you and all the GOP for the intentional spread of the coronavirus, and any deaths.

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:49 AM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Okay, I disagree with you completely, but I do appreciate you taking the time to email.

Mary

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:40 AM
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Mary,
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To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
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Thanks for emailing,

Mary

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Kris Galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
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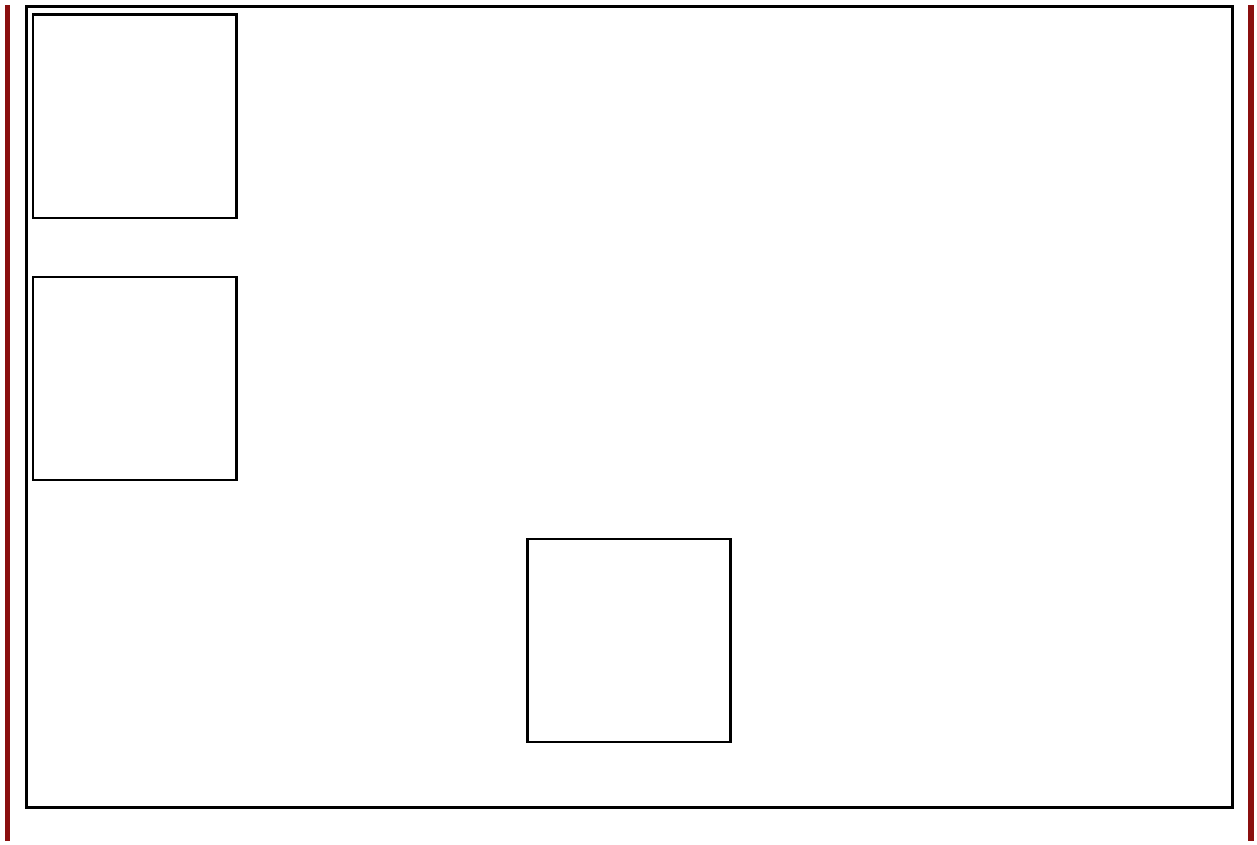
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:01 PM
To: 'Jamie Peel' <jamiep24@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Jamie,

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Thank you,

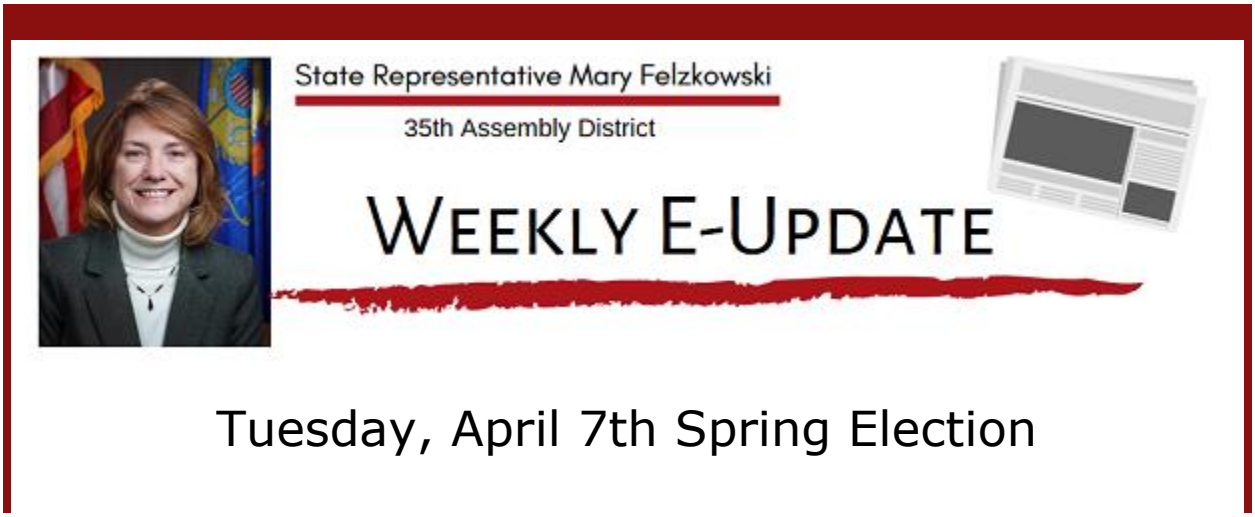
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Stay safe out there, Mary - heaven forfend that you would pick up the bug and infect someone!

John Ramsey

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:30:47 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey John,

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There are a lot of reasons why a mail-in ballot system would not work in Wisconsin right now. We could go over it by phone tomorrow if you have time, otherwise I can talk to you about it further via email. Whatever you have time for.

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Mary

From: J Ramsey <rocketrocks@yahoo.com>
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Too bad people will end up dying because of yet another sick ploy by so-called Christian "leaders" in our governments.

Ug.

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On Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:53:02 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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You're probably not a bad person - I've spoken with people that know you - but how you can live with yourself with the weight of actions like this on your record speaks to some disconnect between the type of person you could be versus the type of person you actually are. If there is a god you pray to (and I'm sure it's the white sky daddy that so many "conservatives" espouse belief in), may he/she have mercy on your craven actions in a time of such calamity and misery for us all.

Stay safe out there, Mary - heaven forfend that you would pick up the bug and infect someone!

John Ramsey

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:30:47 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey John,

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There are a lot of reasons why a mail-in ballot system would not work in Wisconsin right now. We could go over it by phone tomorrow if you have time, otherwise I can talk to you about it further via email. Whatever you have time for.

Thank you for the email. I know it's a tense time, but I am available.

Mary

From: J Ramsey <rocketrocks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:16 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Maybe - just maybe - then, Republicans shouldn't be fighting in Supreme Court to prevent every voter from being able to vote by mail - *especially* in a time like this pandemic, it's beyond the smart thing to do. It's the *right* thing to do. So, why isn't happening? Continued voter suppression and further disenfranchised segments of the population that likely would vote for real substantial compassionate government which, as we are well aware, doesn't exactly jibe with the all-powerful GOP vision of an all-white, all-elite super-society.

Too bad people will end up dying because of yet another sick ploy by so-called Christian "leaders" in our governments.

Ug.

John Ramsey

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:53:02 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:35 PM
To: "'lnkresch@frontier.com'" <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Lester,

I reached out to the Principal of the school to see what he knows. He said he was not aware of it before so he is going to talk to the band teachers and see what he can figure out.

Thank you again!

Mary

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

The company is called Voyager International out of Morristown, NJ. My grandson attends Wittenberg/Birnamwood Hign School. I am not sure how many students were going but at least 6. The number for the School is 715-253-2213.

Thank You For Your Help.
Lester Resch

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:11:52 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Lester,

Thank you for reaching out on this. Can you give me more information about who the high school students were going through specifically? Once I know more I can look into it for you. I agree with you that this is not right.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention,

Mary

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From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Rep. Felzkowski, I have a grandson who was chosen to represent the State of Wisconsin in a High School band made up of High School Students from our state. The trip has been canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, which is bad enough, but when they wanted to get there down payment back each student was charged $1900.00. I think this is outrageous. There are students that had to raise the money themselves and now they want to keep $1900.00 from each of them. Please advise.

Thank You

Lester Resch

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 12:00 PM
To: 'Mr jaron childs' <jaronchilds@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Jaron,

I totally understand where you are coming from, and I hope you can believe me when I say that I feel the same frustration. There should be more cohesion, especially during a difficult time like this. This election is not ideal. Nothing with COVID has been. I would like to explain why the election was not moved, but it's hard to give you that feedback without just looking like I'm defending myself and others. If you are interested, I can talk you through it. I'm not interested in a blame game here, but I'll just say this. We have continued to try to work with Governor Evers. I know what the media says, and what the story looks like. I'm fully aware of all that. At the end of the day, it's been really hard to get straight answers and to get information before things happen so that we can prepare and work together. But we are where we are now, and my goal is to do everything I can to protect my constituents within the power I have as just me.

Thanks for letting me reach out. I really appreciate your time,

Mary

From: Mr jaron childs <jaronchilds@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
I appreciate your response. It's nice to hear that your staffer thought I was kind. I try to be. She was understanding, patient, and sincere. The tone of the email that I fired off this morning was less kind than I would have liked. Forgive me, I was full of anger. It's just so disheartening to see all levels of government unable to cooperate during an emergency of this magnitude. This is likely the price for decades of political polarization and unending campaigns. I don't need to discuss anything on the phone. I just needed to let those with the power to act know how frustrated I am.
Thanks for your time,
Jaron

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 9:22 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Jaron,

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My staff told me you called yesterday, and she said you were really kind. I appreciate you sharing your thoughts. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss this over the phone today.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Mr jaron childs <jaronchilds@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Greetings Rep. Felzkowski,

My wife is working the polls today in the rain in the Town of King so that the 70 year old clerk with lung disease won't be exposed to covid-19.

The State of Wisconsin has failed to protect the health and safety of it's citizens. I can't imagine what was more important than that, but I'm sure you'll all find someone other than yourselves to blame for this breathtaking inability to lead.

Sheltering-in-place in King (until our possible infected wife/mother returns),

Jaron Childs

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 11:48 AM
To: 'kris galezewski' <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Okay, I disagree with you completely, but I do appreciate you taking the time to email.

Mary

From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
There is nothing to talk about. Your decisions and the decisions of your party has compromised the lives of many people. It's clear Republicans care more about securing their party in government than the lives of innocent people who elected you. Any new outbreaks, illnesses and deaths with be a stain that people will remember.

Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:36 AM
To: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Kris,

I can understand your anger. Please let me know if you want to talk about it today. There's a lot more going on than what it seems. At this point, what we have is not ideal, as nothing during COVID has been. My goal is to help my constituents with everything they need to make it through this.

Thanks for emailing,

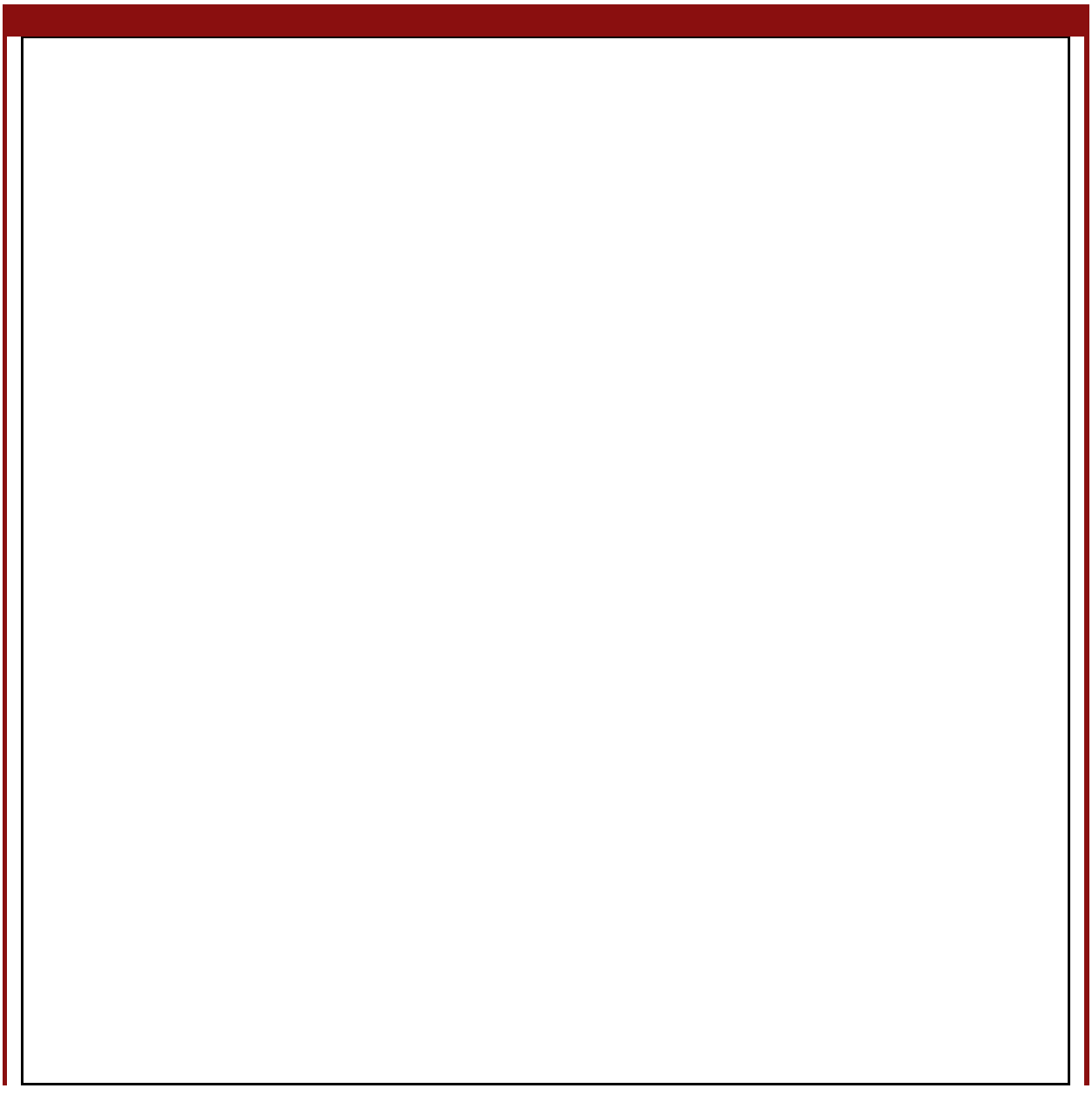
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From: kris galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

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Kris Galezewski

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Kris Galezewski <kgalezewski@wi.rr.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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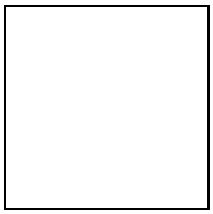
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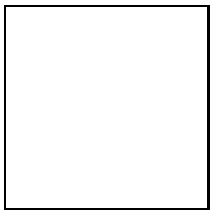
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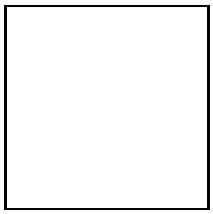
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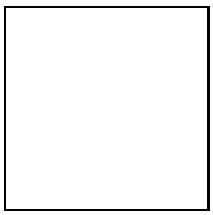
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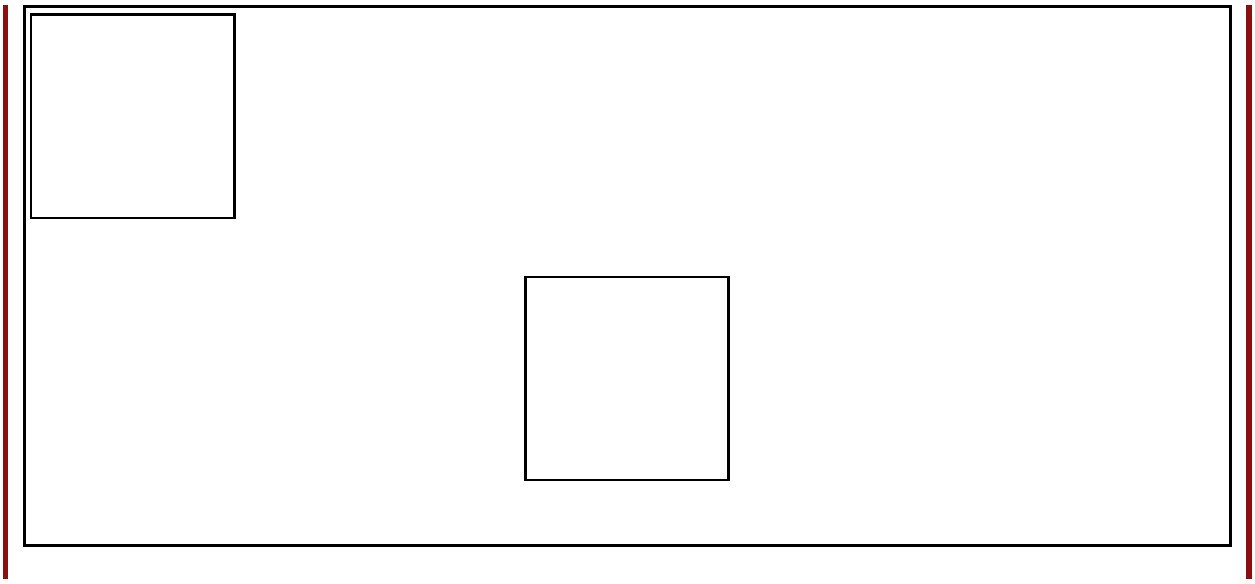
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 10:50 AM
To: 'Stephen Balow' <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Stephen,

I will unsubscribe you if you want, but wanted to reach out first to see if you would like to talk on the phone today. If not, I understand. If so, please provide your phone number.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Please unsubscribe me from your distribution list. Rather than use the unsubscribe link, I wanted to write to you and explain my rationale.

Today's vote represents an epic failure for the Republican party in Wisconsin. The decision to hold this election at this time now solely rests with the Republican legislature. Making matters worse is the absence of any reasonable rationale.

I have never in my life considered voting Democratic but the reckless disregard for public safety makes me reconsider.

Saddened and disenfranchised,

Stephen W Balow
2495 Norway Point
Pelican Lake, WI 54463

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 7:54 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 10:43 AM
To: 'John P Thomas' <jmilw8@aol.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

John,

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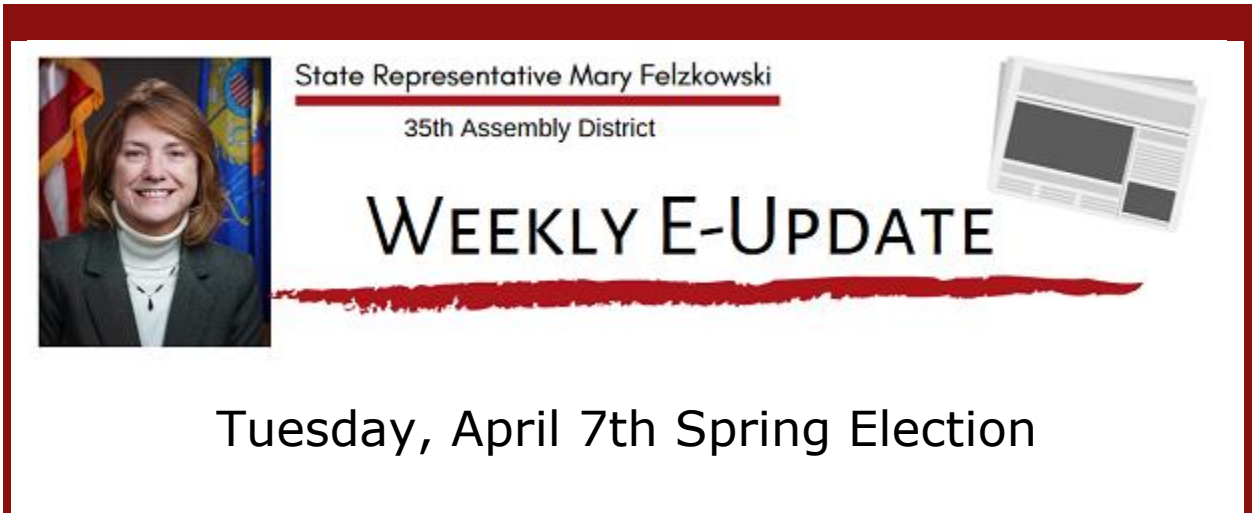
Mary

From: John P Thomas <jmilw8@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:43 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Shame on you and all of your cronies in the greedy, racist, power hungry Republican Party. In the interest of the health of your constituents this election should have been postponed.
Sincere yours,
John P. Thomas

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 10:10 AM
To: 'ribbrisket' <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Walt,

Thank you for your email. If you would like to talk about it over the phone today, please send me your phone number.

Thank you,

Mary

From: ribbrisket <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

You are not worth commenting on, how you can live with yourself is beyond me. That said you know the Wisconsin republicans can not win a honest election.

Sent from Samsung tablet

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From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/6/20 8:01 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Walt Hobbs <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:22 AM
To: 'Mr jaron childs' <jaronchilds@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Jaron,

My staff told me you called yesterday, and she said you were really kind. I appreciate you sharing your thoughts. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss this over the phone today.

Thank you,

Mary

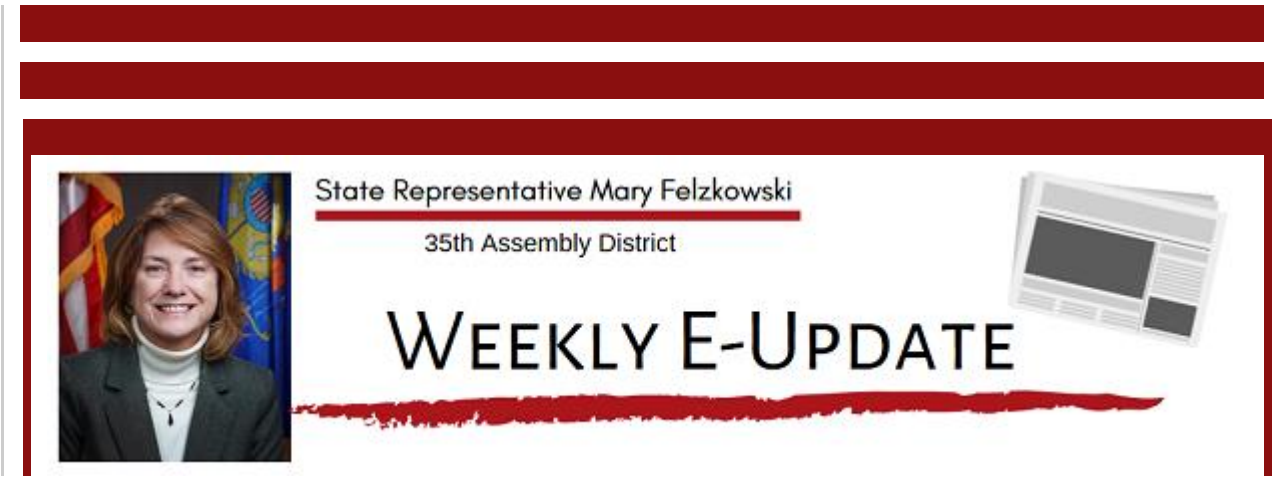
From: Mr jaron childs <jaronchilds@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Greetings Rep. Felzkowski,

My wife is working the polls today in the rain in the Town of King so that the 70 year old clerk with lung disease won't be exposed to covid-19.
The State of Wisconsin has failed to protect the health and safety of it's citizens. I can't imagine what was more important than that, but I'm sure you'll all find someone other than yourselves to blame for this breathtaking inability to lead.

Sheltering-in-place in King (until our possible infected wife/mother returns),
Jaron Childs

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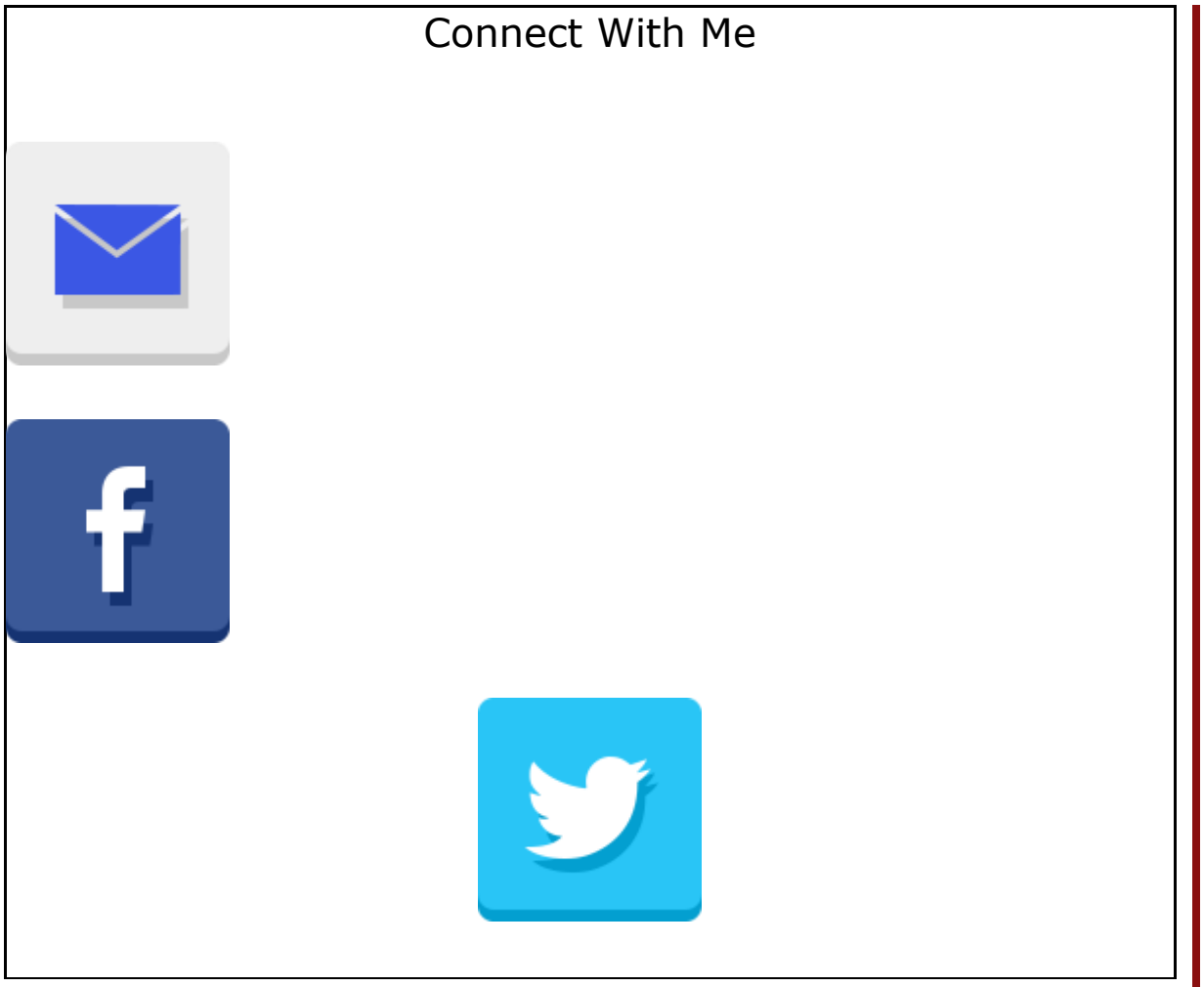
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"He was wrong in the long run. But who isn't?" - Tony Judt - Postwar

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:21 AM
To: 'Bob Mott' <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Bob,

Thank you for your reply. I can understand your line of thinking, but I can tell you with 100% certainty that Governor Evers' order was challenged because what he did was unconstitutional. I know in the face of potential exposure to a disease, that seems that it doesn't matter, but our rights, as protected by state law, and by the constitution, are always important, if not moreso during a pandemic like this. I don't like the political nature of everything that happens as much as everyone else, and I think it's easy to look at this and look for ill intent, but at the end of the day, one person should not, and actually does not, have the ability to override the law. Whether I think the election should move is irrelevant in the face of that fact. Allowing the order to stand knowing it was 100% illegal is so dangerous when looking at the precedence it sets. It's neither callous nor uncaring to want to protect Wisconsin residents by upholding the law. When I was elected, I swore to uphold the law and the constitution, and that's what this is.

I appreciate you reading through my emails and being kind. We can all get through this together if we can be kind to one another. If you want to discuss this further, please let me know.

Mary

From: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
Thank you for your detailed reply.
When I look at decisions made at any level of government, I ask what's the reason behind the decision. Sometimes it's follow the money. Sometimes it's philosophical such as personal property rights or no new taxes. Sometimes there is no discernible reason.
It seems to me that the decision by the Republican Party to challenge in court the Governor's decision to delay the election must have been because the party perceived a political advantage. The Republican Party must feel that by having the election today that their chances of advancing their candidate improves.
It may well be that the Democrats push to move the election was perceived by that party as an advantage to the Democrats.
Lost in all of this is what is best for the people.
I'm not a doctor or scientist but the CDC, Dr. Fucci, and Doctor Birx are saying don't go out this week. Don't go to the grocery store; don't go to the gas station; stay home since this is the apex; this is Pearl Harbor week. So what does Wisconsin do- challenge that belief by telling people that it is OK to go to the polls. For what reason - political.

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We know that many poll workers are older. We know that older people are more susceptible to the virus. We know that virus is spread person to person. We know the virus remains active on surfaces like tables, door knobs, even cardboard for hours or days. We know that some people die of the virus. Yet politics trumps all.
By keeping the polls open, you are telling voters of Wisconsin that it is safe. People who believe and trust in you as a leader are putting themselves at risk needlessly.
People who volunteer as poll workers are putting themselves at risk needlessly.
I read an article the other day asking Where Is the President's Soul?
Sadly, I ask where is the soul of those who are putting people at risk today needlessly.
Again, I pray that no one dies because they were exposed on this election day when it could have been avoided.
Be careful as you go place to place today as you could carry it; you could pick up and transmit the virus. I hope that you have considered the risk versus the reward and that you have considered if you're going from place to place as part of your campaign for the Senate. That would definitely be needless= one day's campaigning.
Be safe.
Bob

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Bob,

Thank you for your email. Today has been a really rough day. I've talked to people all over my district, some mad that the Supreme Court ruled Governor Evers' order unconstitutional, some mad that Governor Evers put the order in place in the first place, some just scared, or confused, or looking for reassurance. I think a commonality between everyone is fear. I think most people have never seen anything like COVID-19 in their lifetime and they are really terrified of the unknown. I can totally understand that. Some are afraid of losing their rights, losing their way of life, losing their freedoms. I can also totally understand that. Some just want to go back to life four weeks ago, and I am right there with them.

The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks,

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Regarding your question about April 13th, that was something the US Supreme Court ruled on today. So yes, ballots will have to be postmarked by the 7th, but clerks can receive them and count them by the 13th, making it a lot easier for them to handle the increased workload properly.

This situation has been scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.

Thank you, have a good night.

Mary

From: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
I wouldn't want it on my conscience if 1 poll worker or one voter died because of this in person election.
I believe both parties could have seen that in person voting in the midst of a stay at home order is irresponsible.

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What is the justification for going ahead during what has been described by the federal doctors as the worst week and the week for everyone to shelter in place? I just don't get it.
I think the other part is what is the problem with absentee ballots being allowed through the 13th in this extraordinary time?
Thank you for going to the polling places but do so carefully.
Bob

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:06 PM
To: bobmott329@hotmail.com <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:50 PM
To: "'Joseph M. Leggett'" <mojeaux@charter.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Joseph,

Thanks for your email. I apologize for the lateness, I've just been trying to respond to as many people as I can. I can feel that you are frustrated. If you would like to talk about it, please let me know and I will make myself available.

Have a good night,

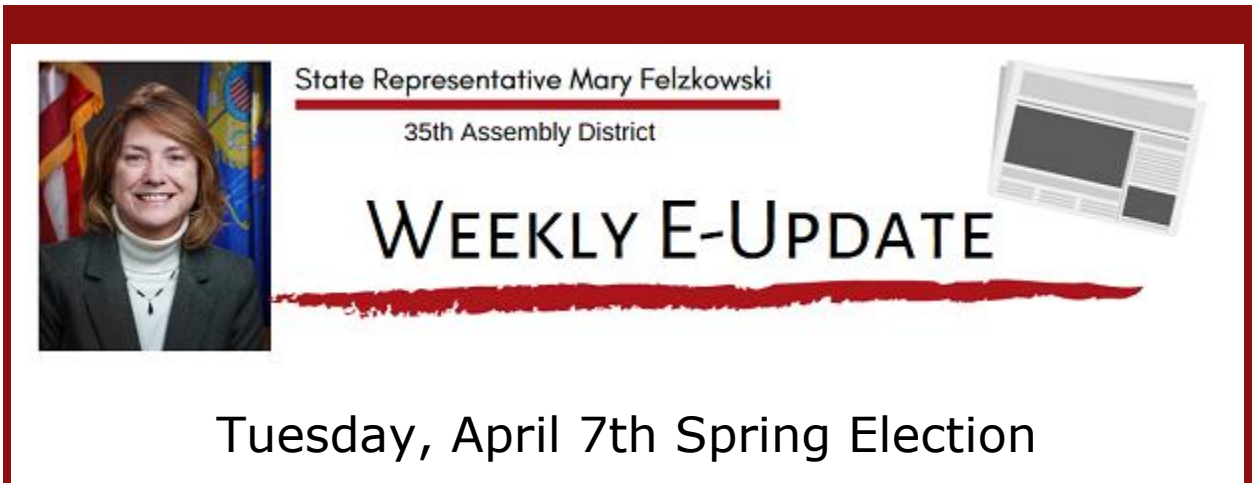
Mary

From: Joseph M. Leggett <mojeaux@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

From the party of death…don't even try and tell me you are right to life when your party sends us all into harms way. You are despicable!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:13 PM
To: 'Scott Theiler' <sjtheiler@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Scott,

I'm sorry that you feel that way. You are right that Republicans control the legislature. At the end of the day, the legislature cannot pass legislation without the governor signing it, and he was giving every indication for weeks that he would not move the election. He said this on multiple occasions publicly. I think it's easy to say now that we should have done one thing or another, but hindsight is always 20/20. I disagree that people have only been given one option here. Everyone eligible has had the option to vote absentee for weeks now. If what you say is true, and the legislature should have seen the writing on the wall, I have a hard time understanding why the voters shouldn't also have seen it too and requested their ballot ahead of time. We've been asking everyone to vote absentee for at least two weeks now. If a person is scared for their health, that was the option available to them. They have not been asked to choose between their vote and their health in any way.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Scott Theiler <sjtheiler@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

The NBA season was cancelled MLB was cancelled
ThePGA Schools Making the things we're changing argument does not hold water
Leaders were obligated to get out in front of this I didn't hear one Republican stand up and say we need to put the public safety first
The health of the public is foremost
An agreement could have been forged
The Republicans control the legislature
There is no excuse We don't live in a bubble. You could see what was happening in other states
Now we ask people to decide between their health and right to vote

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 9:46 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Scott,

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Thank you for your email and taking the time to email me twice today. I hadn't had a chance yet to respond to your first email, and I'm sorry for that. I was hoping you could tell me a little bit about why you believe this is self serving. I've seen that a lot today, and I honestly have no idea what that could possibly mean. The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible.

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Indifference is one emotion I definitely haven't experienced over the entirety of this pandemic, and I don't expect to. It's scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.

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Mary

From: Scott Theiler <sjtheiler@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Shame on you and the Republican
Party for ignoring the very clear and present danger to the voters
The medical advice is very clear
Your position on this is indefensible
Having an election is more important than the lives of your consistent
I can come to no other conclusion
You and your members have taken my
right to vote A truly selfish self serving position
Scott
Depraved Indifference

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:59 PM
To: 'Shannon Thielman' <shannon0312@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Shannon,

I'm really sorry to hear this. Hopefully you will receive them in the nick of time tomorrow and can get them to the post office. I would recommend bringing them directly to a post office box before the pick up time to make sure they are postmarked properly.

Hang in there,

Mary

From: Shannon Thielman <shannon0312@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:40 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you for the response. My mom actually called the clerk Friday and was assured that the ballots were in the mail. I'm afraid they are far from the only ones to be affected like this.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:38 PM, Rep. Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Shannon,
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> I'm really sorry to hear that. The US Supreme Court has ruled that ballots must be postmarked by tomorrow to be counted. Have you reached out to the town of Skanawan clerk? If they haven't received them yet, I don't know what the clerk can do, especially if all of you are in another state. I so wish I had known this was an issue even a couple days ago! We might have been able to have the clerk priority mail them to you. Please let me know if you'd like me to get the clerk's contact information for you.
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> Stay safe,
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> Mary

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From: Shannon Thielman <shannon0312@yahoo.com>
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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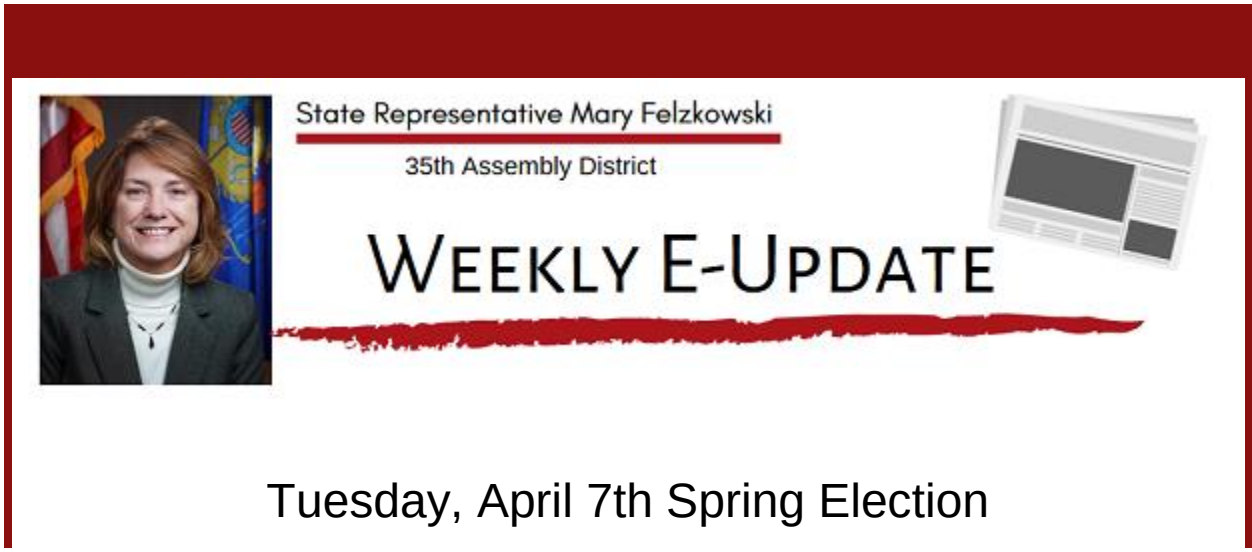
Please help: My parents and I are all constituents of yours. My parents are Andrea and Paul Fenner. We are all marooned by the coronavirus in North Carolina, where we had come to investigate their becoming snowbirds. The three of us requested our absentee ballots about two weeks ago. I received mine, but my parents, from the Town of Skanawan, have not yet received theirs. We have no printer, but fo have my laptop. They have voted in every single election and are devastated to miss this one. Is there anything you can do to help??

Thank you,

Shannon M Thielman

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:38 PM
To: 'J E' <mrjesquire@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you for your email. I apologize for my late response, I've been working through emails all evening. Would you have time to talk via phone tomorrow?

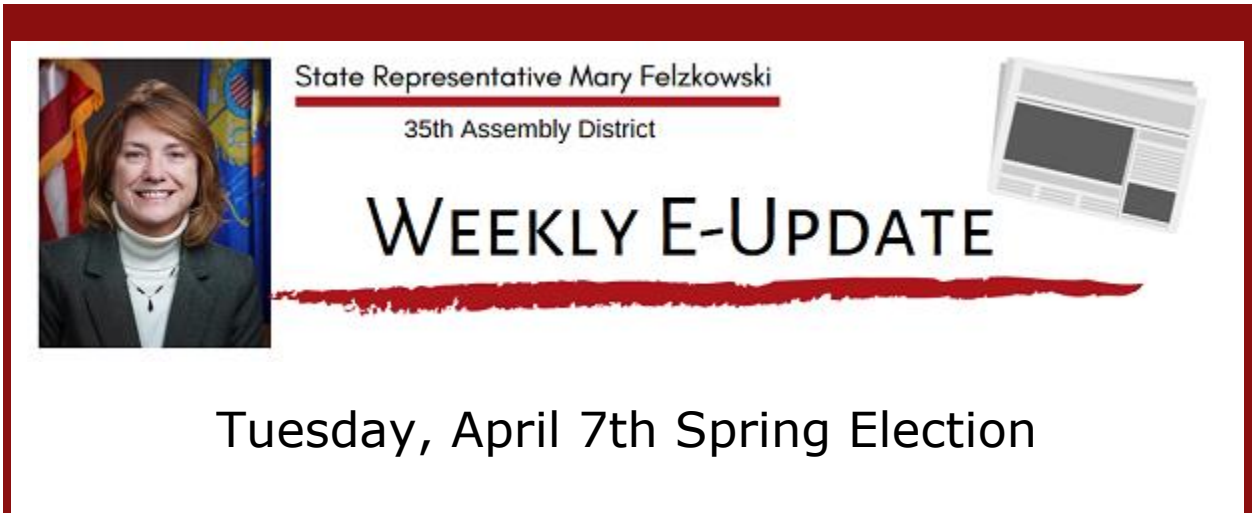
Thank you,

Mary

From: J E <mrjesquire@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you for your update. I am so sorry that your party has been so repugnant in dealing with the issue in REALITY. Why can't you work with the governor? it is sad. WORK TOGETHER!!! Your party leaders do everything possible to work against. WAKE UP. So the governor is a different party. WORK TOGETHER. Why is that so difficult? You lost the election. It is time that if you care about the people in your district and the state that you tell your party leaders to respect EVERYONE in the state. They only ADHERE to those that fill their money boxes. So sorry. What a loss in our state that once worked for everyone.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:37 PM
To: 'Shannon Thielman' <shannon0312@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Shannon,

I'm really sorry to hear that. The US Supreme Court has ruled that ballots must be postmarked by tomorrow to be counted. Have you reached out to the town of Skanawan clerk? If they haven't received them yet, I don't know what the clerk can do, especially if all of you are in another state. I so wish I had known this was an issue even a couple days ago! We might have been able to have the clerk priority mail them to you. Please let me know if you'd like me to get the clerk's contact information for you.

Stay safe,

Mary

From: Shannon Thielman <shannon0312@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Please help: My parents and I are all constituents of yours. My parents are Andrea and Paul Fenner. We are all marooned by the coronavirus in North Carolina, where we had come to investigate their becoming snowbirds. The three of us requested our absentee ballots about two weeks ago. I received mine, but my parents, from the Town of Skanawan, have not yet received theirs. We have no printer, but fo have my laptop. They have voted in every single election and are devastated to miss this one. Is there anything you can do to help??
Thank you,
Shannon M Thielman

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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To: 'J Ramsey' <jr@northwoodsguitar.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:16 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:27 PM
To: 'Bob Mott' <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

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Regarding your question about April 13th, that was something the US Supreme Court ruled on today. So yes, ballots will have to be postmarked by the 7th, but clerks can receive them and count them by the 13th, making it a lot easier for them to handle the increased workload properly.

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Thank you, have a good night.

Mary

From: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,
I wouldn't want it on my conscience if 1 poll worker or one voter died because of this in person election.
I believe both parties could have seen that in person voting in the midst of a stay at home order is irresponsible.
What is the justification for going ahead during what has been described by the federal doctors as the worst week and the week for everyone to shelter in place? I just don't get it.
I think the other part is what is the problem with absentee ballots being allowed through the 13th in this extraordinary time?
Thank you for going to the polling places but do so carefully.
Bob

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:06 PM
To: bobmott329@hotmail.com <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:11 PM
To: "'lnkresch@frontier.com'" <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Lester,

Thank you for reaching out on this. Can you give me more information about who the high school students were going through specifically? Once I know more I can look into it for you. I agree with you that this is not right.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention,

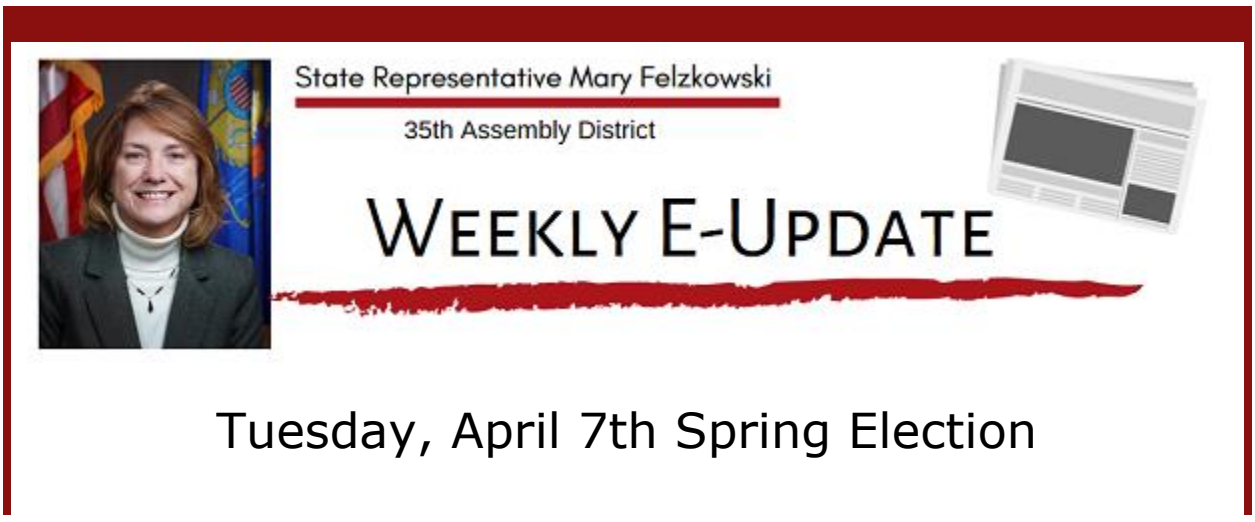
Mary

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Rep. Felzkowski, I have a grandson who was chosen to represent the State of Wisconsin in a High School band made up of High School Students from our state. The trip has been canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, which is bad enough, but when they wanted to get there down payment back each student was charged $1900.00. I think this is outrageous. There are students that had to raise the money themselves and now they want to keep $1900.00 from each of them. Please advise.

Thank You
Lester Resch

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Dear Representative Fezkowski,

I have been a Wisconsin resident my whole life. This is the most despicable thing I have ever seen.
Wisconsin Republicans will have the blood of anyone infected with Covid-19 on their hands.

I worked for Republican Governors during my career in State service, none of them would ever have thought this abortion the current republican legislative leaders have done to voting rights acceptable.

Tom Younger

From: "Rep.Felzkowski"
To: "Tom Younger"
Cc:
Sent: Monday April 6 2020 7:56:38PM
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Dan,

Thank you thank you for responding with something pleasant. It's been a really long day.

Please let me know if you need anything,

Mary

From: daniel hodkiewicz <dash54452@gmail.com>
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 9:50 PM
To: 'jesserogue' <jesserogue@aol.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Janeen,

Thank you for your email. I understand where you are coming from. It's late now and I'm just working through some emails, but would you have time to talk on the phone tomorrow?

Thanks,

Mary

From: jesserogue <jesserogue@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

This is so unfortunate. I am very disappointed that our legislators didn't halt this LAST week. Putting our communities at risk is a shame. SHAME on you!!!!!!

Janeen LaBorde
122707 Rock Rd
STRATFORD WI

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/6/20 7:49 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Janeen Laborde <JESSEROGUE@AOL.COM>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 9:48 PM
To: 'terry bucaro' <bucaro2go@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Terry,

It's late, but I'd love to talk to you on the phone tomorrow if you are willing.

Thanks,

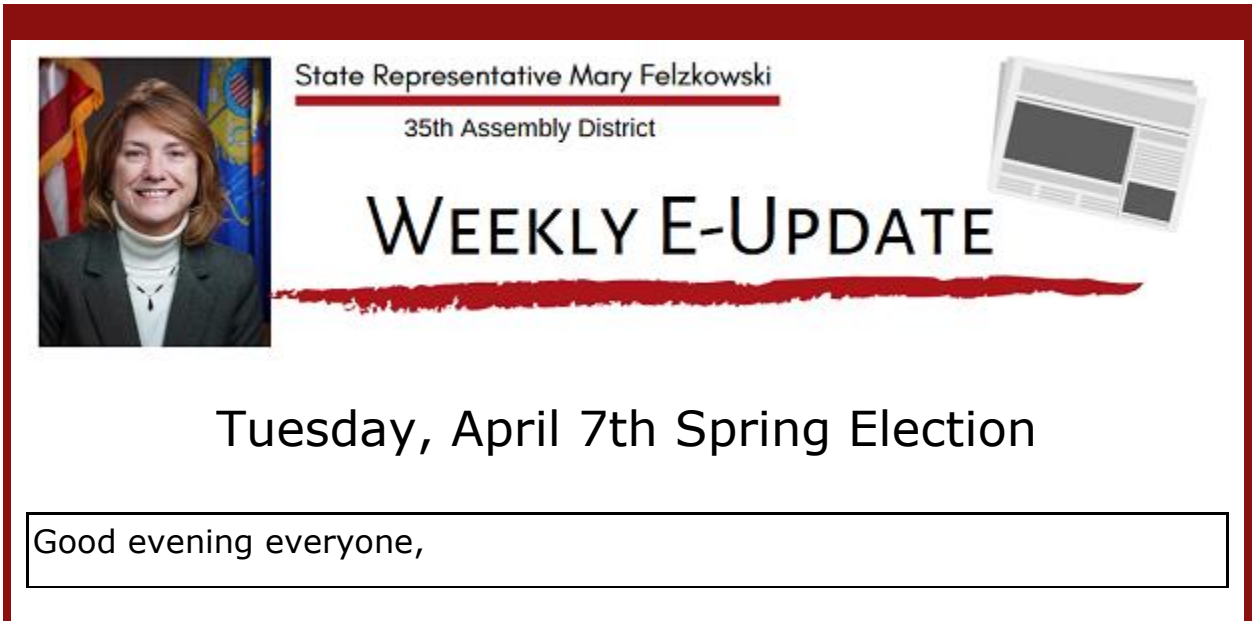
Mary

From: terry bucaro <bucaro2go@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

I'm so disappointed in you Mary, and your fellow Republicans for going against Governor Evers and his quest to protect the voters of Wisconsin. I can't believe you care so little for our safety.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 9:46 PM
To: 'Scott Theiler' <sjtheiler@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Scott,

Thank you for your email and taking the time to email me twice today. I hadn't had a chance yet to respond to your first email, and I'm sorry for that. I was hoping you could tell me a little bit about why you believe this is self serving. I've seen that a lot today, and I honestly have no idea what that could possibly mean. The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible.

I don't disagree with you that the information we have right now, today, supports moving the Election date. It has not been along the way, and I don't believe the medical advice has been consistent over the last several weeks. The CDC has changed their rulings on whether COVID lives on surfaces, changed what the symptoms are, changed whether or not people should be wearing masks. As the CDC learns more about the virus, so do we as people. It certainly makes moving forward easier, but it definitely doesn't give us the ability to go back and change decisions already made. None of these situations or decisions are or have been easy, and I have to say that the suggestion I don't care about my own family or my constituents' health and well-being is just wrong. At the end of the day, the Governor changed his mind and asked for something when it was too late to the Legislature give it. Regardless of whether or not someone believes the election should be moved (and I totally understand why people are hoping for that outcome), what Governor Evers issued today was unconstitutional. Republicans did not decide that, the Constitution and the Supreme Court did.

Indifference is one emotion I definitely haven't experienced over the entirety of this pandemic, and I don't expect to. It's scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.

Thank you, have a good night.

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Mary

From: Scott Theiler <sjtheiler@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Shame on you and the Republican
Party for ignoring the very clear and present danger to the voters
The medical advice is very clear
Your position on this is indefensible
Having an election is more important than the lives of your consistent
I can come to no other conclusion
You and your members have taken my
right to vote A truly selfish self serving position
Scott
Depraved Indifference

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2020, at 8:07 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 8:14 PM
To: 'Bob Mott' <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Bob,

Did you mean to respond with a comment or a question? Just wanted to make sure I didn't miss it.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Bob Mott <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:06 PM
To: bobmott329@hotmail.com <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 8:13 PM
To: 'sub79mk' <sub79mk@centurylink.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Okay, well I'm always available if you change your mind.

Thank you for everything you do,

Mary

From: sub79mk <sub79mk@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

No thank you. I'm an "essential" who needs to continue to do my job not educate the people running this state.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/6/20 8:05 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: sub79mk <sub79mk@centurylink.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thanks for your email. I understand your frustration. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss it with me more.

Thank you,

Mary

From: sub79mk <sub79mk@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:04 PM

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

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-------- Original message --------

From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Date: 4/6/20 7:57 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Mark Kero <sub79mk@centurylink.net>

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 8:12 PM
To: 'Dennis Weiss' <denniswaterfallweiss656@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Dennis,

That is a great question. Thank you for reaching out to me on this. Theoretically, mail picked up at your mailbox should be postmarked the same day. However, if the post mark is critical, the advice is to do what you are saying which is to bring it to the post office and drop it in their box before the daily pick up time. You also have the option to interact with the teller at the front desk of the post office, and receive a receipt, but if you would rather not interact with people, the box at the post office is the best bet. You also have the option to drop your ballot off at your polling place in person.

Thank you!

Mary

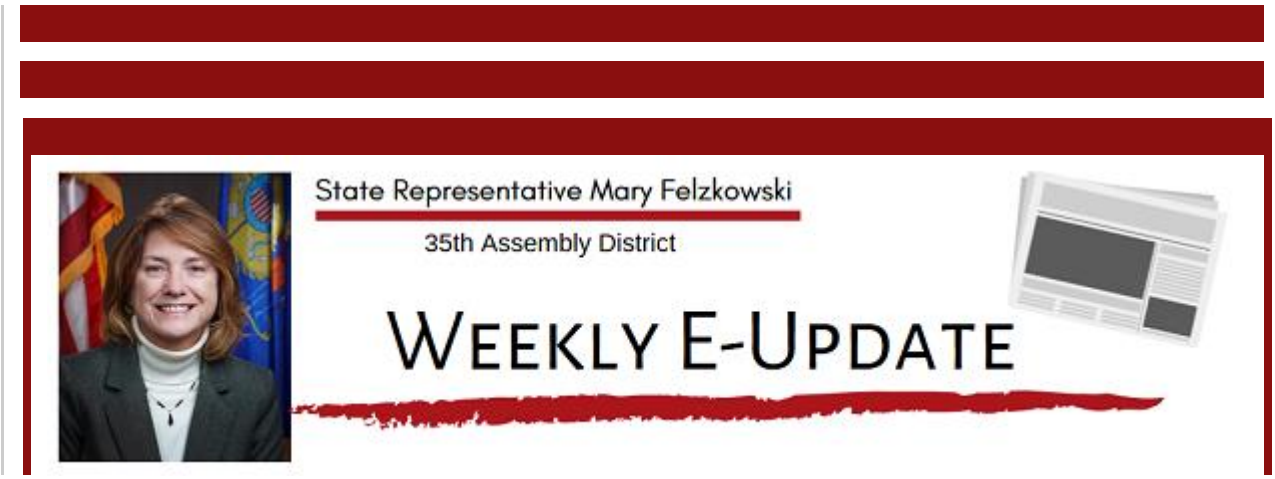
From: Dennis Weiss <denniswaterfallweiss656@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Mary,

I just got my absentee ballot in the mail right now. Does that mean I have to go to the post office tomorrow, to make sure is is dated on the 7th.

Dennis

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:59 PM
To: 'becki wilson' <will_be@charter.net>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

Hey Becki,

I apologize that it has taken me so long to get back to you. I've had you on my call list and was finally able to make it through the whole thing yesterday. I called the number we have for you, but it seems to be the School District of Rhinelander, and I didn't have your extension number. If you want to give me a call back, please feel free to do so any time: 715-966-3366.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Mary

From: becki wilson <will_be@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

I am appalled that the safety of the citizens of this state is being compromised by the absolute disregard for Stay at Home. That includes the safety of voters as well as poll workers. It forces citizens to choose between making a best decision for not just personal safety but also OTHER safety and their responsibility to vote. Wisconsin has been doing its best to quell and keep the virus curve from growing and spiking these past weeks, at great personal expense. This decision to NOT postpone voting as put out by our Governor today is unconscionable. The collateral damage that will occur with this election being held in the midst of a pandemic is irresponsible, reckless and rests solidly on the decision today to reverse Governor Ever's attempt TO keep this state and its citizens safe. And to NOT compromise the momentum and work of the people who have been following the Safe at Home guidelines and procedures. I hold you responsible, and even more damaging: you WILL be responsible for this decision, and will regret it no doubt always. After the fact. It will undo the hard work and commitment of all who have been in significant compliance with S@H. It will impact the voting numbers/results. Which btw should absolutely NOT be the priority right now. Surviving this outbreak should be our every focus and priority. Keeping COVID from spreading should be our absolute focus. This will compromise that for innumerable citizens in this state as a result of the choice to proceed with the election. That's on you.

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 7:52 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> [redacted]

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:35 PM
To: 'Peg Dart Thomas' <peg6earl4@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th voting

Hey Peg,

I apologize for the lateness of the email, I have been trying to respond to everyone I can. Would you have time to talk on the phone tomorrow?

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Peg Dart Thomas <peg6earl4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:30 PM
To: rep.someone@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th voting

Tom,
I just heard on the news that no action was taken today on securing the safety of WI residents by changing the voting date to a later date. When you meet on Monday, I hope you will vote to change the date to protect all WI citizens from potentially getting Covid-19.

I am very disappointed with the WI legislators letting their representation of their parties getting in the way of doing what is best for all the citizens of the state.

Not voting on all the appointees of Governor Tony Earl is simply showing how state Republicans both in the State senate and Assembly are throwing their weight around because you lost the governor election.

Please do what is best for the citizens of this state:
-vote for changing the date that the primary elections votes are due and that it all voting should be done by absentee voting.
-and all the Republicans in both houses need to swallow their pride and work with our Governor.

Peg

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 11:31 AM
To: 'Peg Dart Thomas' <peg6earl4@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th voting

Peg,

Thank you for your response. I have been encouraging anyone and everyone to vote absentee for weeks now, and thankfully, so many people in Wisconsin have decided to do that. I know this situation is not ideal, nothing having to do with COVID has been. The good news is that 1.3 million absentee ballots were mailed out to voters, so that is over a million people who will be voting at home, rather than going to the polls. For reference, 1.2 million people voted total in the last election, including absentee and in person voting. To see that our current absentee ballots have surpassed that is a really good sign that the polls will not be packed today and people will be able to social distance properly. I have been hearing from a lot of people who did go to the polls who said their polling place was empty except for poll workers when they went in.

Regarding the stretch of Hwy 51 you mentioned, the contract for that construction project was actually awarded less than two weeks ago. WisDOT expects the project to start in late Spring, but it's hard to know if COVID will affect that timeline or not. So far, construction has continued, so we will see.

I understand your anger, and I respect your decision to not want to talk to me about it. I hope you are staying safe,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Peg Dart Thomas <peg6earl4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th voting

Rep Felzkowski,
No I don’t want to talk on the phone and please do not add me to any of your e-mail promotions.

Since you decided to not keep your citizens protected from Covid-19, maybe you could give some consideration or better action on improving Hwy 51 between the Marathon County line and Hwy 8. We go out of way and use Hwy 8 and Cty A whenever we return home from Rhinelander or Minocqua. 51 between Hwy 8 County A is like a washboard. Peg

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 11:35 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Peg,
>
> I apologize for the lateness of the email, I have been trying to respond to everyone I can. Would you have time to talk on the phone tomorrow?
>
> Thank you,
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> Mary
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Peg Dart Thomas <peg6earl4@gmail.com>
> Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:30 PM
> To: rep.someone@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Felzkowski
<Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: April 7th voting
>
> Tom,
> I just heard on the news that no action was taken today on securing the safety of WI residents by changing the voting date to a later date. When you meet on Monday, I hope you will vote to change the date to protect all WI citizens from potentially getting Covid-19.
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> I am very disappointed with the WI legislators letting their representation of their parties getting in the way of doing what is best for all the citizens of the state.
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> Not voting on all the appointees of Governor Tony Earl is simply showing how state Republicans both in the State senate and Assembly are throwing their weight around because you lost the governor election.
>
> Please do what is best for the citizens of this state:
> -vote for changing the date that the primary elections votes are due and that it all voting should be done by absentee voting.
> -and all the Republicans in both houses need to swallow their pride and work with our Governor.
>
> Peg

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:37 PM
To: 'Linda K' <momkleinhans@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th

Hey Linda,

I reached out to you via phone and left a message. If you'd ever like to give me a call back, feel free to do that whenever you are available. 715-966-3366.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Linda K <momkleinhans@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th

my info is
Linda Kleinhans
PO Box 285
Mattoon, WI 54450

and my original question is now moot, for the moment, as Gov Evers has officially postponed the election, although I am sure someone is busy filing lawsuits already to block his call.

This issue should have been resolved weeks ago and both parties should have worked together. Yes, we should be able to vote but no, we do not need to risk getting sick and dying to do so. The inaction and partisanship is absolutely disgusting.

Sincerely
Linda Kleinhans

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:34 PM

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To: Linda K <momkleinhans@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: April 7th

Linda,

Thank you for reaching out. Would you mind providing your contact information? Our first priority is always to 1. Make sure you receive a response and 2. To make sure you actually reach your representative, so we want to make sure that happens!

Thank you,

Liz

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From: Linda K <momkleinhans@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th

Please advise me on your reasoning to not approve a delay on tomorrow's election.

It appears that you couldn't care less about your District.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:24 PM
To: 'Donna Simek' <dsimek@hughes.net>
Subject: RE: April Primary

Hey Donna,

I apologize that it took me so long to get back to your email from Saturday, and then this morning. I've been trying to return calls as they've come in. I tried to call you at two different numbers today but neither of them worked. Is there a number I can use to reach you?

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Donna Simek <dsimek@hughes.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April Primary

Boy, am I disappointed that the legislature could not work with Governor Evers on delaying the April Primary.. putting Wisconsin citizens in jeopardy of COVID 19.. Does this mean I can now stop self isolating? Really does this action make sense.. or is it totally political?

Donna Simek
Merrill, Wi

Sent from my iPhone

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:44 PM
To: 'Jan Rietz' <janrietz2326@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Blue Book

Hi Jan,

Thank you for reaching out to my office regarding the Blue Books. We have saved one to send you, but unfortunately, with the COVID-19 situation, my staff are currently working remotely and are unable to put it in the mail. I appreciate your patience and assure you we will mail your book over to you as soon as we can.

Thank you and I hope you're staying safe,
Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Jan Rietz <janrietz2326@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Blue Book

I would like a copy of the Blue Book please.

Janice Rietz
W7815 Simon Road
Fifield Wi 54524

Thank you.

https://www.facebook.com/1360180272/posts/10217313639857241/?d=n

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:44 PM
To: 'Mark and Laurie Peterson' <somolake47@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Blue Book

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Mary

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From: Mark and Laurie Peterson <somolake47@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Blue Book

Hi Mary!
Just saw your FB post-we'd love a blue book if there are any left!
Mark and Laurie Peterson
W8465 County Rd CC
Tomahawk Wi 54487
Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:02 PM
To: 'Jim Pagenkopf' <jbpagenkopf@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Bogus election

Jim,

Thank you for your email. I'm trying to reach out to each person directly to talk through concerns and thoughts on this. If you are willing, I can put you on my call list, but would need you to provide your phone number.

I did try to volunteer at the polls. I reached out to my polling place who said they didn't need me. They then reached out to several other sites for me to see if anyone else was short poll workers. Everyone got back to me saying they didn't need anyone. I did call a few places today to see if anything had changed, but it seems like, at least in my area, everything was well staffed.

Thanks,

Mary

From: Jim Pagenkopf <jbpagenkopf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bogus election

Well Mary.....how many voters did you sacrifice today to get that seat? Will you attend the funerals? Did you volunteer at the polling sites? You "Walker Republicans" will be remembered for the damage you did to our Democratic process. Looks like Jim Crow. Congratulations.....Jim Pagenkopf

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:25 AM
To: 'Donna Napierala' <donnanapierala123@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Business open for carryout

Thank you, Donna! I'll add them.

Mary

From: Donna Napierala <donnanapierala123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Business open for carryout

Surewood Forest bar and Grill is open for carryout but no delivery

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 8:29 AM
To: 'Dan Nordall' <sevenild@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Call

Dan,

I was just heading to my computer to thank you for your time yesterday. You beat me to the punch! I can understand where you are coming from on what the state of things feels like.

Thank you again for talking with me. Feel free to reach out to me any time you want to connect on an issue.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Dan Nordall <sevenild@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Call

Mary,
Just wanted to thank you for the call. That tells me you care about your constituents and that means a lot to me. I gave some thought to your question about specific examples and thought this reply is closer to my concerns. I believe that the WI and National Republican party leadership has moved too far to the right over time. My impression is that strict dogma has become more influential and important than cooperation and compromise. The same is increasingly true for the Democrats moving farther and farther left. I also believe that the citizenry has split likewise. Not sure which came first ... the parties or the public. To me, the result is that the winner of the battle has become more important than the purpose ... the needs of the majority. Who would have guessed that the moderates would be the vanishing minority. Enough said.

Thank you for the call. May the good of the whole be your be your compass.
No need for a reply,
Dan Nordall ... an old school Republican fading into the fog.

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:13 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you read this?

I think this is good- I would maybe add a line reminding her this situation evolves every day and we see measures pop up that the government had previously said were off the table suddenly be enacted—but—does that give her a sense of false hope? I'm not sure. I think it is as tactful an answer as we can give at this point. Great job!!

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can you read this?

Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. In reference to the change you suggested, I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them. Your suggestion is interesting, and would be something I'd bring up with your municipal clerk to see if they've talked to the elections commission about flexibility there. It may be that state law prohibits anyone but the voter from signing.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel

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comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

Mary

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:08 AM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you read this?

I think it's good. I added one section you could modify, just because I think we needed to hammer that a little more.

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can you read this?

Thank you for reaching out to me on the April 7th election. I wanted to provide more information to explain why I did not support Governor Evers' last minute ask to move the election date.

First and foremost, I do want to say that I absolutely understand where you are coming from and the concerns raised by people that do not think an April 7th election can be done safely. I think that an election like the ones we have seen in the past would be a cause for concern with packed polling places. Thankfully, the state of Wisconsin gives its voters options, and for the last three weeks, we have been encouraging everyone to request their absentee ballot.

Over 1.3 million people have requested their absentee ballot, which is a record-breaking amount of people, especially for a spring election. This means that over 1.3 million people will have already voted and will be staying home, which is great news for our polling places. For reference, just over 1.2 million people total voted in the 2019 spring election. We quite possibly might see more people voting absentee in this election than the total number of voters in the last spring election! So when it comes to in-person voting on Election Day, we are going to see far fewer people going to the polls. I know my polling place and many others are doing drive thru voting, so you don't even have to go into the polling place to vote in person. Many other polling locations have put in place a number of social distancing safeguards, and I truly believe that the image of 'crowds' at the polls is not one that will take place. Our local clerks have been preparing with the Elections Commission to hold this election in a manner tailored to the current public health emergency. Our clerks are doing everything they can to limit person-to-person contact.

Now back to moving the election date. Tomorrow, thousands of local government positions like County Executive, Mayor, City Council, Town Board, and judgeships will be on the ballot. During a global pandemic, it would be extremely dangerous for all of these positions to become vacant with no one in place to make decisions or to allocate funds, especially for such a long, unspecified and unknown period of time. I have heard a lot of people, including Governor Evers, suggest that we could just allow the people currently serving to continue in their positions until the election is rescheduled. **There is no mechanism for the Legislature, the Governor, or local governments to allow for this by tomorrow**. It would require a change to our state's constitution, which would require the legislature to pass a resolution in two consecutive sessions, and then a majority vote in favor by the people on the ballot through referendum. The legislature simply cannot do it, and certainly couldn't do it three days before an election. Even if the legislature were to vote to do this, and the governor were to sign it, it would not

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be upheld in court. So moving the election date means that our local governments will be immobilized for months.

Governor Evers knows this. He knows that the legislature cannot do what he is asking us to do, and has been saying so publicly for over two weeks. He has been telling legislative leaders and the public for weeks that we cannot and will not move the election for the very reason I just described. And yet, on Friday, three days before the election, he changed his mind. To me, that is not a sign of leadership, but of a last minute effort on his part to shift the blame. Regardless of why, the fact is that we did not come into session on Saturday because there is nothing under the law that would allow for us to do we he asked us to do.

Almost immediately after Governor Evers announced his plan on Friday, several of the local clerks in my district reached out to me asking me not to approve of his plan. They also cannot do what Governor Evers is suggesting they do. A mail-in balloting system cannot be done in Wisconsin on this kind of timeline, something the Elections Commission has expressed to the Legislature and to Governor Evers.

Please know that I agree with you that this is a serious situation, and we need to take precautions. We haven't seen positive cases in Lincoln or Langlade County yet, and I absolutely want to keep it that way. The fact remains that when I took the oath of office, I swore as your legislator to uphold the law and the constitution. I cannot do what Governor Evers asked me to do, but I can continue to do what I have been doing for the last two weeks, which is everything I can to make sure our poll workers have what they need to run this election smoothly. I have been encouraging people who are at risk or don't feel comfortable to stay home and vote absentee. I am so grateful that our state gives voters options when it comes to voting because it is exactly what will allow for this election to continue safely. I am also grateful for the 2,434 National Guard men and women who are being deployed to support polling places today and tomorrow.

If we continue to work together, we will make it through to the other side. If you want to talk further about this, please let me know and I can give you a call.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:27 PM
To: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus letter
Attachments: Mary Felzkowski signature.png

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From: Toftness, Jenny <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:45 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans - Staff Members <Legislative-Assembly-Republicans-Staff-Members@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Caucus letter

Hello –

Last night, I sent out a caucus letter to members at their firstname.lastname account. The deadline was today at noon, and we said we would assume if we didn't hear from anyone by noon, they were agreeing to sign on. I have heard from one member who won't sign on. But from everyone else, I'm just looking for e-signatures. If you have not sent me your bosses e-signature, would you please do that.

Thanks,
Jenny

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From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:27 PM
To: "Toftness, Jenny" <Jenny.Toftness@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:57 AM
To: "Rep.Loudenbeck" <Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Zimmerman, Danielle" <Danielle.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Thank you for putting this together- we really appreciate it!!

For the caucus records, we have reached out to our 3 radio stations:

Country 106 (Antigo)
WJMT, operated by Sunrise Broadcasting (Merrill)
WJJQ (Tomahawk)

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:

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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.

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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

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:31 AM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

On it.

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Will you work on this with our radio stations today? If you talk to them on the phone, you can also let them know we are pushing healthy, low risk individuals to become poll workers, and will be putting that into an e-update and on our facebook. Mary thought it would be great if the radios would mention it periodically so people I know poll workers are needed.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 8:41 AM
To: "Rep.Loudenbeck" <Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Thank you for working on this!

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 8:41 AM
To: "Rep.Loudenbeck" <Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Thank you for working on this!

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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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:

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Rep.Loudenbeck@Legis.WI.Gov
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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:22 AM
To: "Zimmerman, Danielle" <Danielle.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Caucus push for absentee voting: PSA radio ad

Hey Danielle,

An update from us:

WJJQ in Tomahawk will run the PSA

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

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:57 PM
To: "Sen.Tiffany" <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CDl School and DMV closures

K, thank you!

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From: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CDl School and DMV closures

Yep, I just sent a response email to Tim letting him know that we sent his letter over to DOT and the Guv's Office, and we will let him know when we hear back from them.

Chris

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CDl School and DMV closures

Thank you for sending this to DOT! Did you already respond to Karl? Just wondering if I should too.

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From: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
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From: Tim Kordula <timk@karlstransport.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:23 PM
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Respectfully,

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:58 PM
To: 'Tim Kordula' <timk@karlstransport.com>
Subject: RE: CDl School and DMV closures

Thanks for the information Tim! I know Senator Tiffany let you know we forwarded on your suggestions, I just wanted to let you know from my office as well that we are on it. I've also shared your thoughts with our leadership team in the Assembly.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Tim Kordula <timk@karlstransport.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:23 PM
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:49 AM
To: 'James Harding' <jbharding22@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Change email address

Done! Thank you!

Elisabeth Portz
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From: James Harding <jbharding22@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Change email address

Please change my email address from jbharding2@frontier.com to jbharding22@gmail.com

Thanks

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:12 PM
To: "'Raschka, Adam'" <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Subject: RE: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Hey Adam,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe!
I am acutely aware that this isn't at the top of the priority list at the moment as we all respond to the COVID-19 crisis, but I just wanted to check in again and see if any internal progress was being made on this issue?

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Raschka, Adam <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Stamena,

The attached letter was filed today with DATCP and Bill Wesselman confirmed a credit has been applied to the Zatopa account. There is a call tomorrow which I will not be able to join due to travel where we will continue to determine the extent of this error and ensure others deserving a credit receive one.

Adam

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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Raschka, Adam <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Subject: RE: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Hi Adam,

Could you call when you get a chance today? I will be looping in Jen Esser in Sen. Tiffany's office this afternoon so they are aware of the situation.

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Raschka, Adam <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Stamena,

Thank you for your patience. I brought this up with my boss this morning and he reached out to Bill Wesselman. I'm not sure what the result of that conversation was. I'll circle back with my boss in the morning.

Adam

Sent from iPhone

> On Mar 9, 2020, at 8:49 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Adam,
>
> Hope you had a good weekend! Could you email or call with an update today? I need to have a firm answer for Mary on this by tomorrow since it's been a month.
>
> Thank you,
> Stamena
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> ---
>
> **From:** Rep.Felzkowski
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 8:54 AM

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To: Raschka, Adam <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Subject: RE: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Hey Adam,

Where are we at with this issue?

Thank you!
Stamena

From: Raschka, Adam <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Stamena, I've been told the internal folks I'm working with have asked someone to reach out to the constituent. I'll let you know if I hear anything further.

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From: Raschka, Adam
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Charter Constituent Case- More Info

Thanks, for reaching out Stamena. I'm glad the fee has disappeared. I've reached out again today to ask when he will see a refund.

Adam

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Sent from iPhone

On Feb 17, 2020, at 10:31 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey Adam,

Hope you had a great weekend. To give you an update, we got this email from our constituent over the weekend:

"I received our February 7 bill from Charter today. The Franchise Fee has been removed. However, no refund or credit for the six months of Franchise Fees I paid was included. When you speak with their Legislative Liaison, would you please ask how and when this will be done? I would have thought everything would be included on one bill.

Could you find out if they have corrected accounts for all towns with the Rhinelander 54501 mailing address?

Thank you again for all your help!!!!"

Thanks,
Stamena

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 11:37 AM
To: 'Angela Close' <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Subject: RE: checking in

Hey Angie,

I got an answer for you on this. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er.htm This is a site for FAQs DWD is getting. Here is the question that seems to pertain to yours:

Can I stay home if I'm not sick but want to avoid getting sick by not being around others?

- * Check with your employer about its policies in this respect. There is no requirement that an employer allow healthy employees to stay home from work, and generally an employee who stays home when not sick has no protection from any adverse employer action taken because that employee stayed home. However, an employer could choose to allow such absences or authorize the use of paid time off for this purpose. Similarly, an employer may allow you to work from home. Check with your employer about work at home options.
- * If the employee does not have either a serious health condition, or a family member with a serious health condition whom the employee is caring for, then this type of absence is not protected by state or federal FMLA.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Subject: RE: checking in

Hey Angela,

I reached out to DWD on this and will get back to you when I know more.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Angela Close
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:19:21 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski
Subject: Re: checking in

Thank you Mary. I appreciate it. Stay safe and well and let me know if I can help in anyway!!!!

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To: Angela Close
Subject: checking in

Hey Angie,

I just wanted to check in to let you know that I have not forgotten about your request, I just simply don't have the answer. Governor Evers has chosen not to give any information to legislators. We have asked for a list of essential vs. non-esssential repeatedly, but his office will not be sharing anything helpful until tomorrow. I do know that he does plan to put the stay-at-home order in place tomorrow, so I will reach out to you as soon as I can with more details about what defines "essential."

Thank you again for reaching out to me,

Mary Felzkowski

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:27:22 PM
To: Angela Close
Subject: checking in

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Thank you again for reaching out to me,

Mary Felzkowski

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 2:49 PM
To: "'bbostrom@agraind.com'" <bbostrom@agraind.com>
Subject: RE: Checking in
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Hey Ben,

Here is the order if you haven't received it already! Can you please review this and let me know if you do believe you are covered? My guess is that you are, but I just wanted to check in.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:16 PM
To: bbostrom@agraind.com
Subject: FW: Checking in

Good evening Ben,

I just wanted to email you to let you know I did not forget about your questions from this morning. Unfortunately, Governor Evers has chosen not to provide any information to Legislators as we try to navigate this mess. What I do know is that he plans to sign the order tomorrow. We have asked repeatedly for the essential vs. non-essential list, which he will not give, and I honestly believe he hasn't finished yet. I will update you once I know more, and hopefully that will be midday tomorrow.

Thanks again for reaching out to us,

Mary Felzkowski

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 8:52 AM
To: 'Angela Close' <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Subject: RE: checking in

Good to hear. Thank you!

Mary

From: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: checking in

Thank you Mary, I have shared the link on my business resource page.

Much appreciated.

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Angela Close
Subject: RE: checking in

Hey Angie,

I got an answer for you on this. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er.htm

Equal Rights COVID-19 Information

dwd.wisconsin.gov

Information for Equal Rights consumers of DWD regarding the current COVID-19 virus.

This is a site for FAQs DWD is getting. Here is the question that seems to pertain to yours:

Can I stay home if I'm not sick but want to avoid getting sick by not being around others?

- * Check with your employer about its policies in this respect. There is no requirement that an employer allow healthy employees to stay home from work, and generally an employee who stays home when not sick has no protection from any adverse employer action taken because that employee stayed home. However, an employer could choose to allow such absences or authorize the use of paid time off for this purpose. Similarly, an employer may allow you to work from home. Check with your employer about work at home options.
- * If the employee does not have either a serious health condition, or a family member with a serious health condition whom the employee is caring for, then this type of absence is not protected by state or federal FMLA.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Subject: RE: checking in

Hey Angela,

I reached out to DWD on this and will get back to you when I know more.

Thank you!

Mary

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From: Angela Close <AClose@co.langlade.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: checking in

Another question came up regarding unemployment; Do you have clarification on unemployment eligibility after April 2nd? Example; if a company is considered an essential company and stays open but an employee chooses not to come to work due to the COVID-19 executive order and they feel that the company is not an essential company, would they be eligible for unemployment under the bill that was passed?

Thank you Mary

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From: Angela Close
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:19:21 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski
Subject: Re: checking in

Thank you Mary. I appreciate it. Stay safe and well and let me know if I can help in anyway!!!!

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From: Ben Niehaus <niehausb@myflorence.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 8:05 AM
To: Emily Payette <emily.payette0118@gmail.com>
Cc: "Rep.Swearingen" <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Jennifer Esser <jennifer.esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Sen.Tiffany" <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Rep.Mursau" <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wendy Gehlhoff <wgehlhoff@co.florence.wi.us>; Bruce <winchell@chartermi.net>; "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Rep.Nygren" <rep.nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Schwanz, Nathan" <nathan.schwanz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Child care in crisis

Just another thought this morning on this, and I think it would be worth the "look and see" to justify support for rural providers.

It's my understanding/recollection that no childcare provider can have more than 50 kids, correct? Else, I'll stand corrected.

So, in our urban/suburban, where some may have had well in excess of 50, they had to cut back, but as unfortunately some of those families with kids attending pulled their kids due to layoff, concerns, etc., I'd like to assume that the forced reduction helped to backfill among all providers so they are able to sustain.

Just a thought - again, know you are being overwhelmed with more requests for support and assistance, but trying to look at this through a justified lens and give some ideas for justification for your consideration.

Thanks,

Ben

On Sun, Mar 29, 2020 at 12:39 PM Ben Niehaus <niehausb@myflorence.org> wrote:

> I would surely reiterate what Emily is expressing. I know there are so very many businesses hurting right now, yet childcare providers are paramount, especially in our rural areas, for so very many reasons. Emily is our only childcare provider in the entire county, and as you all know from our recent conversations around the employment challenges, childcare has a lot regulation and requirements, both for the business and individuals, yet the compensation for providers is minimal relative to the credential requirement (hence high turnover in employees/providers), so unfortunately what is before us will certainly compound this challenge, or indirectly provide an opportunity for employees/providers who must layoff to find work in areas of essential function during these times, and then do they stay there after this passes?
>
> I wonder if this is a matter that can at least be addressed for the very small, rural childcare providers. As example, is this the same challenge in suburban/urban area due to demographics and many more in those areas serving in essential functions, therefore still needing the daycare,

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where maybe as a percentage, more of our families are employed in non-essential occupations as a percentage. Trying to figure an angle based upon data of what is that could justify how you and any of your colleagues in the legislature could look at this.

I can understand and appreciate these are VERY complicated times for you as legislators, with more of these types of emails and outreach as I can imagine, yet, does this one warrant a view through a different lense due to the rural dynamic?

I would be more than willing to contribute in any conversation towards a solution in this matter...I will do some further thinking as to how we could find a solution.

Emily, I have looped both Representative Felzkowski and Representative Nygren's offices in this as it very well may be a matter before providers in their respective areas of representation.

Best,

Ben

On Sun, Mar 29, 2020 at 11:08 AM <emily.payette0118@gmail.com> wrote:

> Morning!
> I am writing this email as a plea for support to child care centers across the state who are continuing to provide care for children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.
> While many facilities have seen a drop in their numbers of attendance most of them have continued to pay their staff either through their continued work at the center or sick/personal leave. Currently, I have two very small child care centers in northern Wisconsin and I fear that if we are forced to shut down or our attendance continues to drop, we will have many people unemployed and the fear of never regaining the enrollment we had and/or getting those staff to return.
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> We are operating on extremely thin margins already and then to continue to pay staff without the attendance of many children will drive us straight into bankruptcy.
> My request is for you to please look at some way to provide child care centers with direct financial support to ensure we can continue to provide care as well as maintain our payroll and ensure our staff can get hazard pay and continued paychecks.
> If you have, or need, any information please feel free to call me at 906.221.3191 or contact me via email.
> Regards,
> Emily Payette
> Owner
> Auntie M’s Child Care Centers
> Niagara and Florence, WI

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Ben Niehaus, District Administrator



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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:20 AM
To: "Bruce, Cory" <Cory.Bruce@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Child care in crisis

Thank you!!

-----Original Message-----
From: Bruce, Cory <Cory.Bruce@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Child care in crisis

Hi,
Jen Esser forwarded Ben's email to govenor's office and DCF. Jen - can you loop Mary's office in when you hear back on this too? Ben sent them a separate email from the rest of us and Stamena reached out to see if we had done anything on this yet.

Thanks,
Cory

-----Original Message-----
From: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Perez-Reyes, Nadya - DCF <nadya.perez-reyes@wisconsin.gov>; Cole, Jenifer - DCF <Jenifer.Cole@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Bruce, Cory <Cory.Bruce@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Cole, Jenifer - DCF <Jenifer.Cole@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Child care in crisis

Hi Zach, Nadya, and Jenifer,

We have the only child care provider in Florence County writing in to see if there's any assistance available for her. Wanted to check in with you all first as we sort through federal dollars and other things.

Many thanks for all you're doing.

Jen
Office of Sen. Tiffany

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From: emily.payette0118@gmail.com [emily.payette0118@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Rep.Swearingen; Esser, Jennifer; Sen.Tiffany; Rep.Mursau
Cc: Wendy Gehlhoff; Ben Niehaus; Bruce
Subject: Child care in crisis

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Regards,
Emily Payette
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:36 AM
To: "Esser, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Clerks

It'll be interesting to see if she DOES respond. I'm guessing she's pretty swamped.

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From: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Clerks

At first blush, let's have her respond first then I can have Tom call him later today.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 2, 2020, at 10:09 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> Are you guys responding to this? Since it went to Megan, we may just not.
>
> Elisabeth Portz
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> Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov
>
> **From:** Chris Marlowe <chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 AM
> **To:** Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Beth Hauser <Beth.Hauser@calumetcounty.org>; League of Municipalities <league@lwm-info.org>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Clerks
>
> Megan

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We are going to be in a clerk crisis next. The absentee tracking has completely bogged my office down. County Clerk offices are too lean to absorb this. County Administrations do not support our office enough. I may have to pull the plug on providing WisVote.

Our muni clerks have had it. My best ones are probably in their last term if they will even finish. My new ones are like, "what did I sign up for?"

My office should be subsidized by the state if I am to continue WisVote.

Allison relayed to one of my muni's that they are required by statute to put return postage on return envelopes. I cannot find this in statute. Our Governor appears absolutely clueless on the election process at this time.

Something needs to change. The WisVote program is great but the amount of work it has created has exceeded the clerks wage and manning.

Thank you!

--
Chris

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2020 ELECTION SCHEDULE:

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- * Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote - Tuesday, April 7th
    - * 7th Congressional Special Election - Tuesday, May 12th

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    - * General Election - Tuesday, November 3rd

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:57 PM
To: 'Tim Kordula' <timk@karlstransport.com>
Subject: RE: CLP Waivers

Tim,

Thank you for the email. I have reached out to WisDOT to see what I can find out. I appreciate you keeping me in the loop!

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mary

From: Tim Kordula <timk@karlstransport.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CLP Waivers

Hello Representative Felzkowski,
I hope this finds you safe and healthy!
I did send this to Senator Tiffany as well as Governor Evers,

Yesterday the FMCSA announced a waiver that would allow State third party CDL examiners to administer the Commercial Drivers Learners permits. As you may know, the Statewide Department of Motor vehicles are now on an appointment only and we are having issues getting our current trainees their CLP's. Wisconsin has not come on board with this waiver yet and I don't know that they will unfortunately. With the current situation, we very well could have a driver shortage when this is all over. Some of our drivers are already contemplating leaving the industry and that is just here. We need to keep the new drivers coming in and trained properly, but without a CLP that is impossible.
We will be asking the FMCSA to expand on this to also allow schools to administer this test on a permanent basis. The skills testing is already done solely by third parties in Wisconsin.
Who better to administer a knowledge test than those who actually teach the knowledge.
Right now though, we need the State to be onboard and allow Wisconsin's third party examiners to administer these tests.
With the Pandemic, keeping drivers and giving them the training they need is definitely a challenge. We have thought outside the box on social distancing and

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have installed "sneeze" guards in our training trucks and purchased all we need to be compliant. We need our drivers on the road.
I have attached the waiver, and I appreciate all you have always done for us in the past and in the future.
Take care, be safe and have a wonderful Easter!

Tim

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:00 PM
To: "Sen.Craig" <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services

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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

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Best,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

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Best,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

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920-648-3608

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:44 AM

To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: Constituent Call for you

Talked to Steve he is going to pull information together and get it to us for review

Get Outlook for Android

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:32:27 AM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Call for you

Steve Roades - Merrill, WI

Dairy Farmer, township of Pine River

7154093485-cell

- He has been battling stray voltage for 40 years
- The last battle started in 2010 - boiled down to electricity issues. Had the farm center out there in 2012. Hasn't had a complete herd of cows since 2010 because the stray voltage has killed off his herd. Has 22 cows in the barn. Is in major debt, but still running.
- Dave Hansen in Public Service Commissioner's office has been on his farm.
- He thinks he can finally milk cows again, after replacing power lines, and the harassment from the PSC employees over the last 8 years.
- Says he was investigated by Lincoln County Sheriff's department for animal abuse because of all of this
- He is turning 65, and his wife is turning 63, and both were going to retire soon, but coronavirus has led to them not being able to do that. They need his wife's income to keep the farm going. He blames the PSC because their inadequate testing led to 8 years of lost profit for his farm
- Wanted to talk to you directly.

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:21 PM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent can't get through

Hey John,

Hope you are having a great Thursday (Is it Thursday? I honestly can't remember). Just heard from this constituent again saying she hasn't received a call yet. I know last week the call backlog was about a day long, but if they haven't gotten to her yet, no worries. Just wanted to make sure that if they already called her, she says she hasn't received any messages and is hoping for a call back.

Thank you!

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From: Portz, Elisabeth
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent can't get through

Hey John,

I just got your other email, that is an ASTOUNDING increase in calls! You are all handling it beautifully, thanks for fielding all these requests.

I did have a constituent reach out that she hasn't been able to get through, and she can't leave a message. She tried to apply online, but like the others I've emailed about, it pushed her to call the number. Here is her contact information:

Brenna Osborne
715-219-4260

She has apparently been out of work since March 8th and has been trying to apply since the order went into place. Could we get her on the call list?

Thank you so much!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:57 PM
To: "Seitz, Bob - PSC" <bob.seitz@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Issue

Hey Bob,

I know things are totally nuts so no worries if you haven't had a chance to look into this yet, I'm just trying to stay on top of our outstanding cases as we get a huge influx of contacts each day about COVID.

Thank you!

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From: Seitz, Bob - PSC <bob.seitz@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Constituent Issue

Elizabeth,
I will look into the issue with staff Monday and call when I have some info.
Thanks,
Bob

> On Mar 13, 2020, at 2:57 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> Good afternoon Bob,
>
> Hope you are doing well. I spoke to Mary today who was contacted by a constituent having issues with utility rates. She wanted me to run the situation by you to see if you have any background on the situation. He has apparently already filed a complaint with the PSC.
>
> Alfred Morgenroth
> (310) 490-4101
> Tomahawk Power and Pulp Dam
> Project number 2239

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The company was purchased in October 2013, and his mom owns it. He had a five year contract, which ended in December 2018. He said that under the new contract, his rate was cut by 40%. He said this is because he is now being lumped in with other types of renewable energy. He says that the lower rate has made his business more difficult to run and he has had to fire people. He does not understand why this rate cut happened while others were given a 13% increase.

I'm working from home today, but can be reached via email or on my cell phone: (920) 471-8150. Otherwise I will be in the office next week!

Have a great weekend,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:55 PM
To: 'MYRA AND RICK' <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Subject: RE: corona 19

Rick and Myra,

Thank you for reaching out. I am with you on a lot of this and have been talking to a lot of really frustrated people, especially in our area because, you are right, we haven't had any confirmed cases. Yes, I think the short answer is that Governor Evers could have done it differently, but he has chosen not to do that. I know it is a really frustrating, but my main goal is to get everyone the information they need to get through this in one piece.

Thank you for hanging in there. I hope the weather lets you both get some rest,

Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: corona 19

JUST HEARD THE GOV. IS SHUTTING DOWN BUSINESSES THAT ARE NON ESENTIAL. I AGREE THAT IS NECESSARY IN SOME CASES BUT WE HERE IN THE NORTH HAVE NOT HAD A CASE. DO THE ORDERS HAVE TO BE STATE WIDE OR CAN THEY BE AREA WIDE? I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE BARS AND STUFF BUT WHY FORCE WORKERS AND BUSINESSES THAT ARE CLEAN TO SEND HOME THEIR WORKERS? THESE FOLKS DEPEND ON THE PAY CHECK AND IF THERE IS NO SICKNESS WHY? JUST MY THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE. MYRA AND I ARE FINE BEEN WATCHING LOTS OF MOVIES AND HOUSE CLEANING. FUNNY THING THOUGH WE FOUND SOME VERY OLD FREEZER STUFF THAT WE NEVER KNEW WE HAD. IT WAS VERY PAST THE FRESH DATE. MYRA AND SOME OTHER FOLKS ARE SEWING MASKS TO GIVE TO THE NURSING HOMES UP HERE. SOMEONE DONATED THE MATERIAL AND THE SEWING SHOP IN TOWN SENT OUT AN SOS. TAKE CARE. RICK

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6:11 PM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

I just realized I never responded to thank you! I appreciate you taking the time and finding this for us.

Thanks,

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From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

I think this page went up on either Thursday or Friday but it should answer a lot of the questions below including the ones on surfaces, clothes, and groceries. Obviously the mask guidance is changing so CDC would be the go-to for that.

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
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From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Coronavirus Questions

Hey Andrew!

There is so much information out there right now that I may have missed something you guys have sent out, but this constituent has a lot of specific questions about sanitizing and staying safe. Is there a particular DHS resource or a place you could send me to try to answer some of these questions? I know the CDC was silent on some of these, so I figured I'd ask you first.

Thank you for your help! Sorry to put more on your plate.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus Questions

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:43 PM

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To: Louise Doescher
Subject: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update



State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

WEEKLY E-UPDATE

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

With the April 7th election only days away, our amazing local clerks are working around the clock to send out requested absentee ballots and do everything possible to make sure the day runs smoothly and safely.
The Elections Commission recently provided local governments with a COVID-19 specific webinar that will help local clerks and poll workers ensure our polling places are safe. That webinar can be found here.
I am encouraging anyone who is low-risk and healthy to consider volunteering to be a poll worker on Election Day if you feel comfortable. As most of us know, our elections are able to run smoothly each year because we have so many dedicated volunteers. Many of our regular volunteers are those who are currently high-risk for the virus and need to stay home.

Volunteering to work at the polls is not as hard as you may think! There are a few different positions, some that require training/some that do not, and some that require residency/some that do not. Please look at the following document that goes through what each of these positions does. If you are interested in volunteering, let me know and I'll get you in touch with your local clerk OR you can search for them on your own by clicking here.

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Election Worker and Volunteer Information

Looking to help out at the polls for the April 7, 2020 election? If so, there are several different ways you can assist your community in running the election.

There are several jobs on election day to choose from and they each have their own residency and training requirements. Some jobs, like the Chief Election Inspector, require residency in the Town, Village or City where you serve and several hours' worth of training while other roles can be filled by volunteers with no residency or training requirements.

Here are the different jobs you can do on election day:

- ✓ **Polling Place Helper:** You can volunteer to help out at a polling place by making sure voters are in the correct lines, assist with enforcing social distancing and making sure the polling place is properly cleaned throughout the day. Citizens who just want to help with these tasks on election day do not need to meet any training or residency requirements.

- ✓ **Election Inspector:** You can work as an election inspector at any polling place in your county helping voters get checked in, issuing ballots and helping voters register. All you need to do is receive some training which you can take online and be a resident of the county where you would like to work.

- ✓ **Chief Election Inspector:** The Chief Election Inspector serves as the lead election official at a polling place. In order to become a Chief Election Inspector, you would have to take required online or in-person baseline training which lasts roughly 2 hours. Chief Election Inspectors must be residents of the town, village or city where you live (in a pinch a Chief Inspector can be from the county).

- ✓ **Greeters or Election Registration Officials:** Each polling place can have one person appointed as an official Greeter who must be a resident of the county where they wish to serve. Greeters can also help at a polling place by making sure voters are in the correct line and assist with sanitization efforts. Election Registration Officials, or EROs, must be residents of the county in which they serve and help voters with registering to vote on election day. Both greeters and EROs must take some training about the job they will be doing before election day.

If you are interested in working at the polls on April 7, 2020, find your clerk by searching using your address here: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyMunicipalClerk. Just click on their email address to send them a message with "Poll Worker Applicant" in the subject line with a few words about your interest and your contact information!

Job	Training	Training Location	Residency
Helper	None Required	N/A	None Required
Election Inspector	Some	Online or In-person	County
Chief Election Inspector	Baseline Training (@2 hrs)	Online or In-person	Town/Village/City
Greeter	Some	Online or In-person	County
ERO	Voter Registration	Online or In-person	County

Federal Stimulus Package

We are currently waiting for the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau to put together their analysis of what the Federal Stimulus Package includes and what Wisconsinites can expect. Once we have that document, I will send another update to all of you. In the meantime, if you have a specific question about the stimulus, please reach out and we will do what we can to get you an answer.

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For now, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has put together a summary document that you can see here.

You can still request your absentee ballot, last day for online registration!

Absentee voting is still a great option for those that would like to vote but also want to stay home. Please use this as a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.

For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, **absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home.** There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:

1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.

2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.

3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.

For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here. All absentee ballot requests must be made by **Thursday, April 2nd** at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.

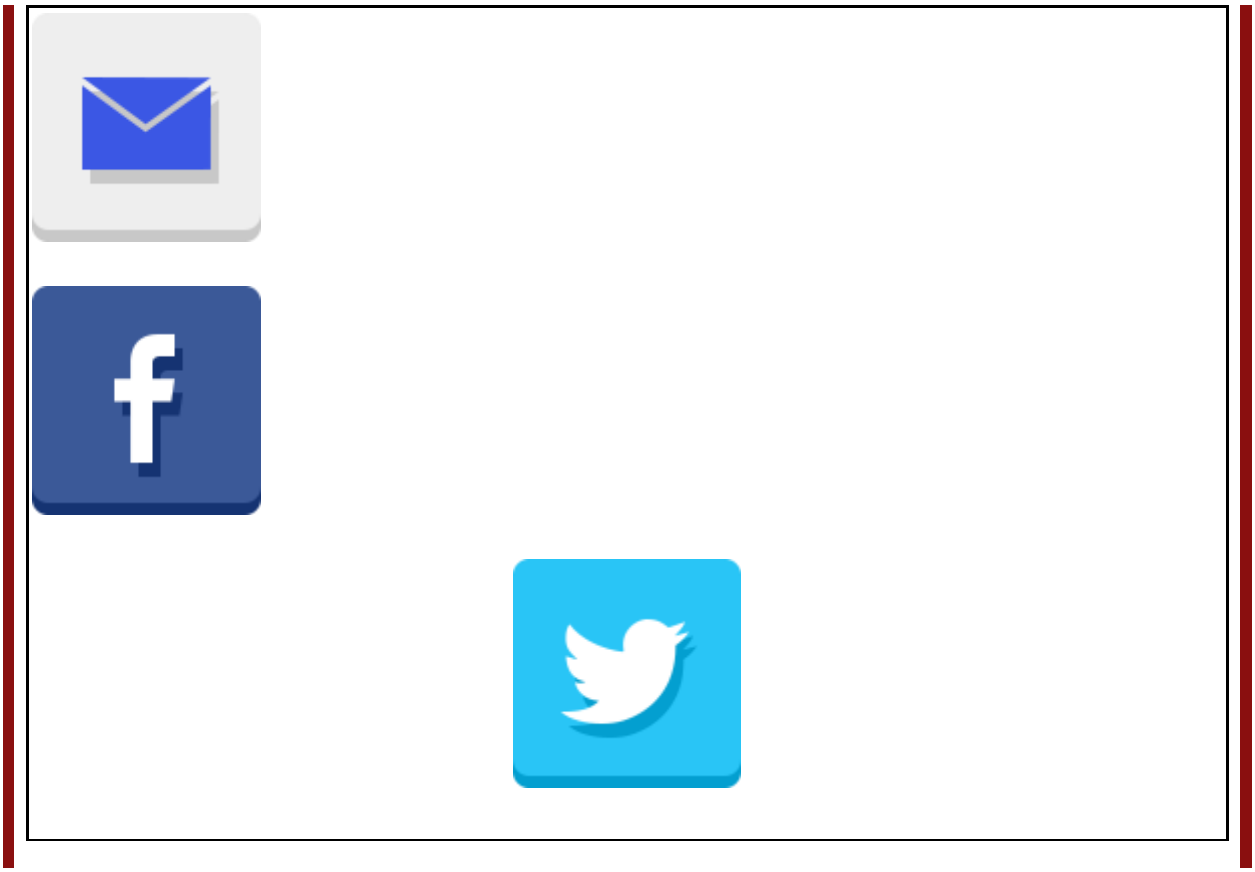
Please note that, TODAY is the last day for online voter registration. You can also register by contacting your local municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

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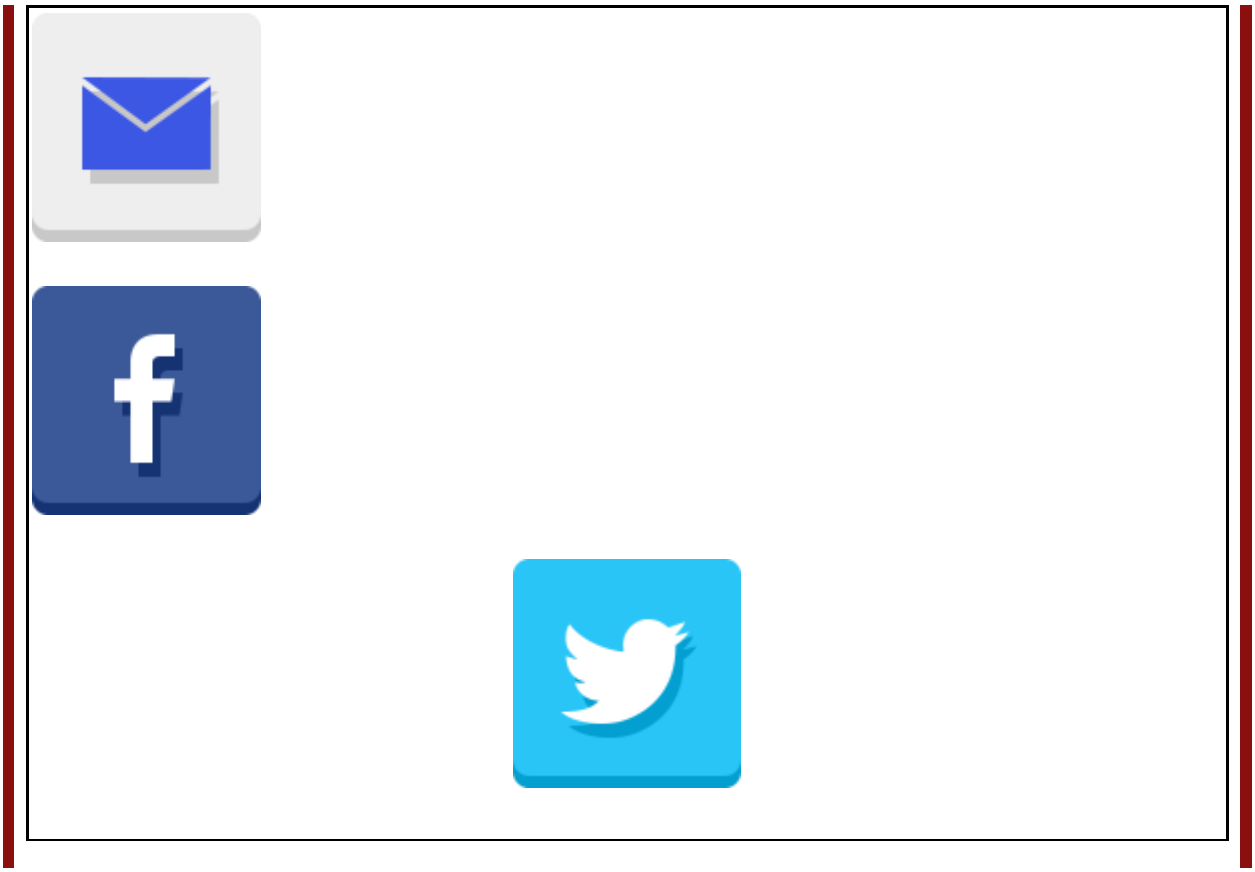
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To: 'Louise Doescher' <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

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I'm sorry to hear that, although I think we are in a bit of a different scenario than what is typical. Normally I feel like I would have been able to get back to you same day or next day, but with how many people are trying to interact with their government, either through legislators or their agencies, there are so many calls and emails and not enough staff to help field all of them in a timely manner. I hope you hear back soon, but hopefully the link I provided is helpful!

Mary

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 8:28 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

Thank you Mary. Johnson still has not answered me. I wrote him same day you suggested it. Typical. Louise

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Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 6:11 PM
To: 'Louise Doescher'
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

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Thank you for your patience!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Questions

Hey Louise,

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Mary

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus Questions

Louise Doescher

March 31, 2020

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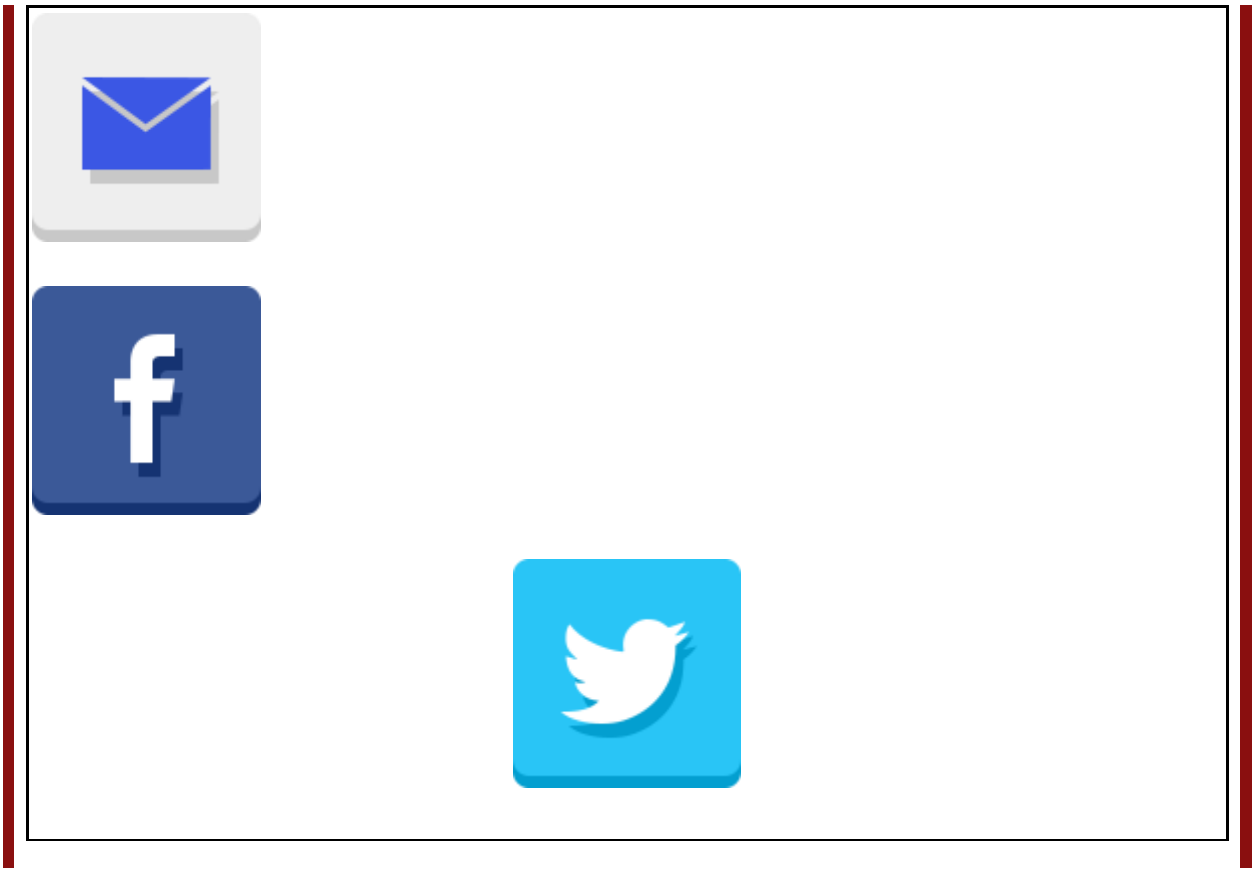
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Mary Felzkowski

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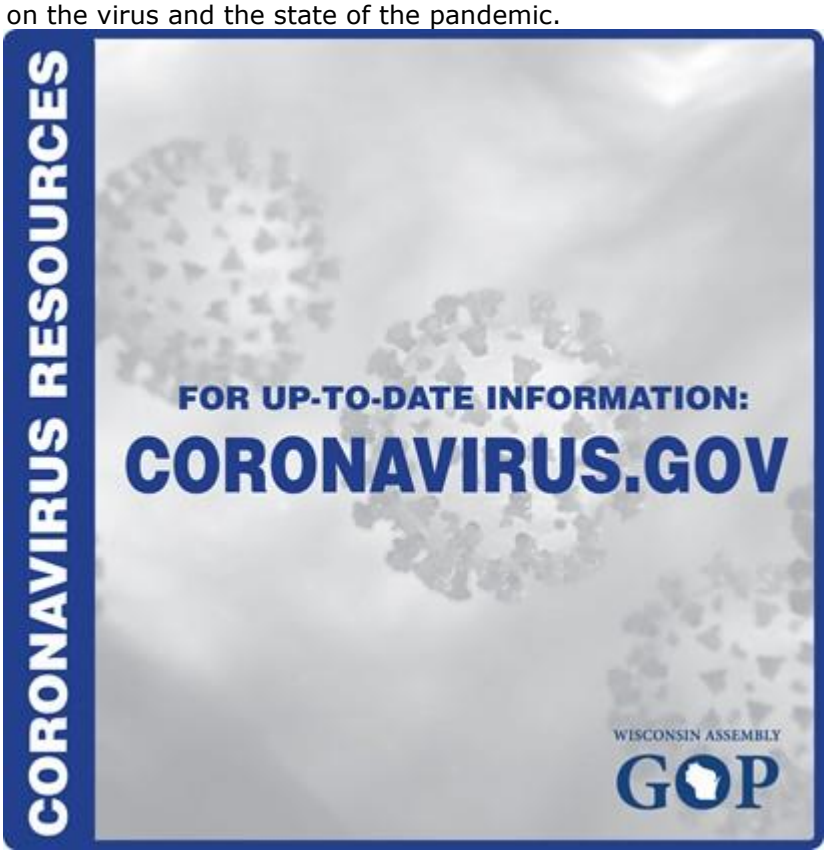
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Subject: RE: Coronavirus Update

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From: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Update

We'll have a press release coming out later today. No, rest areas are not closed. WI rest areas are open.

I believe this came to be a rumor yesterday when PA closed their rest areas, or so I've heard.

Diana Maas
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From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Coronavirus Update

Hey Diana,

We just got this from a constituent. Is it true that rest areas are shut down to the point where the truckers are not able to pull off to sleep? If so, is there any guidance from Gov. Evers on what truckers should do in the mean time?

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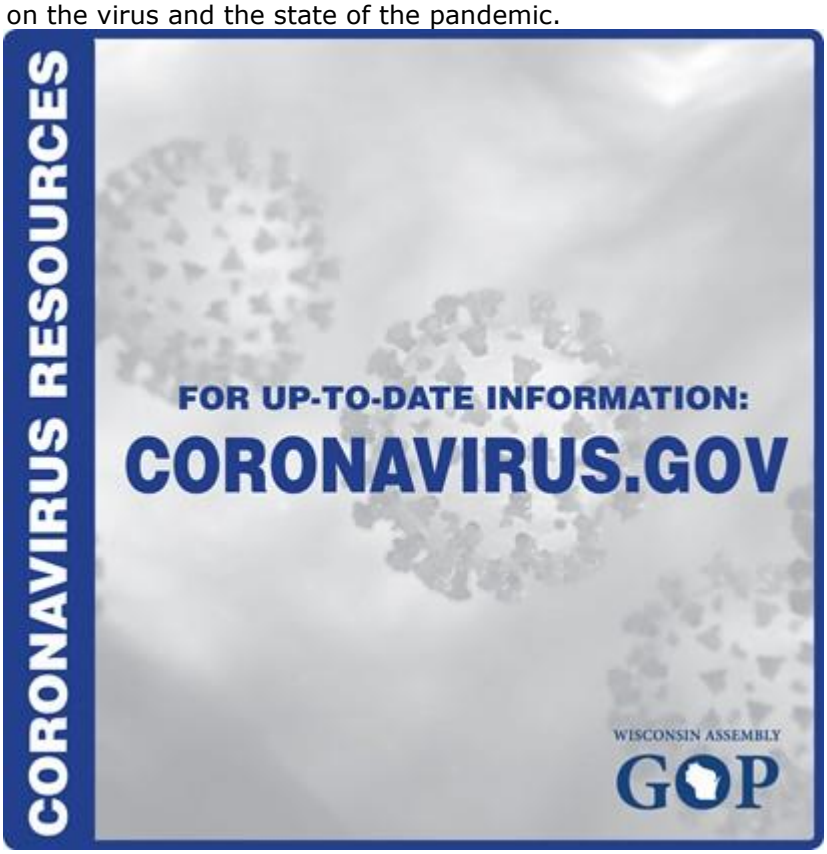
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 9:13 AM
To: 'Debra Durchslag' <debradurchslag@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Update

Thank you!

From: Debra Durchslag <debradurchslag@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:56 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Coronavirus Update

Absolutely, they were part of an Oneida CountyBoard of Health report.

Debra Durchslag

> On Mar 17, 2020, at 12:46 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> The negatives are great. Hopefully the 12 that are pending will also be negative. Can I ask where you found the county breakdown?
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Debra Durchslag <debradurchslag@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:40 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Coronavirus Update
>
> Just learned the following:
>
> As of March 15, 2020
> Oneida County COVID-19 Test Results
>
> | | |
> |---|---|
> | Pending Result | 12 |
> | Negative | 5 |
> | Positive | 0 |
> | Total Tested | 17 |
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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 8:57 AM
To: 'Jim Schulz' <jimschulz58@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Update

Jim,

Thank you for your follow up. Of the cases that are positive in Wisconsin, there are now several that have contracted COVID-19 through community spread, so these are people who have no known connection to someone with COVID or anyone who has travelled. Because of that, they absolutely could have contracted it from a bar, or a dental office, or a restaurant. There is no way of knowing exactly where they contracted it. You are right that none of the cases are yet in Northern Wisconsin and I am grateful for that.

Although I do agree that we need to respond accordingly to make sure this virus does not continue to spread, I am just as concerned as you are that our response is overblown, and that the negative impact to our economy will outweigh the positives. Please know that Republicans are pushing the Governor for answers and questioning absolutely every decision he makes. At the end of the day, he has statutory authority to make every single one of the decisions he has been making.

I'm sorry, I know this is not what you want to hear. We will do everything within our power to protect Wisconsinites, both from COVID and from the economic downturn it has caused.

Mary

From: Jim Schulz <jimschulz58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Coronavirus Update

No one in the state of Wisconsin has contracted covid 19 from a restaurant, bar, or dental office. The latest and closest covid 19 cases to northern Wisconsin were all from people who were returning from international travel. So are the republicans in Madison going to continue to allow a madman impose financial ruin on 232000 Wisconsin citizens formerly employed in restaurants bars and dental clinics? STOP THE MADMAN in Madison!!

Sent from my iPhone

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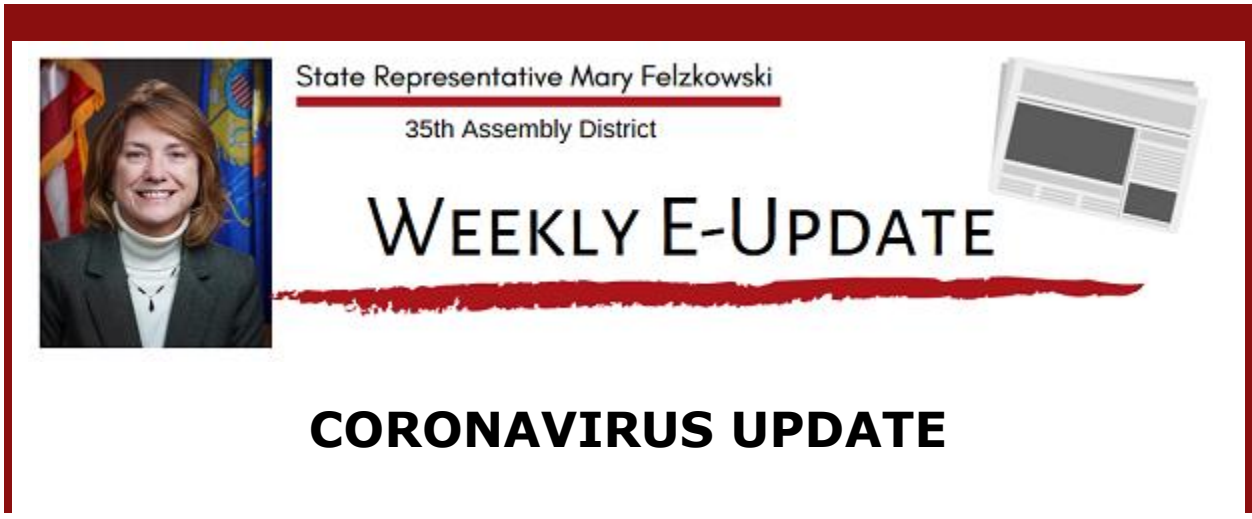
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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:59 PM
To: 'Jerry Schiltz' <jerryboris@charter.net>
Subject: RE: coronavirus

Jerry,
I totally understand your concern, but each of the people you mention had the option to vote at home, and were encouraged to vote from home for weeks. Everyone I talked to was encouraged to vote absentee. At risk poll workers were encouraged to stay home if they felt uncomfortable going. Absolutely no one needed to choose between voting and their health on Tuesday. I absolutely agree with you that these are trying times for every single person on this planet. Everything I heard from the polls in our area was that they were clean, run professionally, and that social distancing parameters were in place and easily followed.

Thank you.

Mary

From: Jerry Schiltz <jerryboris@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: coronavirus

when you go to bed tonight I would
like you to THINK of all the MOTHERS,
FATHERS,GRANDMOTHERS,AND,
GRANDFATHERS,who may have been
exposed to the DEADLY COVID-19
VIRUS while voting in person tuesday
who may have voted at home had
the DEADline for an absentee ballot
been extended during these TRYIN
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 3:50 PM
To: "Tierney, Michael - DSPS" <michael.tierney1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Cosmetology online instruction

Thank you for the information, Michael! I will pass it along to our constituent and let you know if they have any follow up.

Thanks!

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From: Tierney, Michael - DSPS <michael.tierney1@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Ellis, Justine <Justine.Ellis@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.James <Rep.James@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Dernbach, BJ <BJ.Dernbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Cosmetology online instruction

Good afternoon,

Due to the disruptions to higher education caused by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the Wisconsin Distance Learning Authorization Board (DLAB) is honoring the U.S. Department of Education's guidance stating that it is "providing broad approval to institutions to use online technologies to accommodate students on a temporary basis." Please see the Department's guidance in its entirety for more information.
https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/030520Guidance4interruptionsrelated2CoronavirusCOVID19

Therefore, institutions not approved for participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement will have the ability to accommodate students using online technologies on a temporary basis with no repercussions from the DLAB. This special accommodation will remain in place until May 31, 2020 and will be reconsidered at that time to determine if an extension to that timeframe is necessary.

Additional information will be posted on the Department website later today regarding this issue.

Thank you.

Mike

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:32 PM
To: "'tvbrand@frontier.com'" <tvbrand@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Council meeting agenda

Terry,

Thank you for keeping us in the loop on this. Please let us know what happens and continue to share your concerns with our office. I will fill Mary in on this.

Hope you're doing well and staying safe!

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From: tvbrand@frontier.com <tvbrand@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Glenn Bugni <gobugni@charter.net>
Cc: Len Boltz <lenboltz@gmail.com>; Roy Dieck <rwdieck@gmail.com>; Monson Monson <mmonsonpbs@yahoo.com>; Bruce Grassman <brucegrassman@gmail.com>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Country106 <country106@gmail.com>; Collin Driscoll <collin@tiffany4wisconsin.com>; Terry Brand <rplc.19langlade@gmail.com>
Subject: Council meeting agenda

Hi Glenn,

Hope you are staying safe and getting use to our new lifestyle.
FYI, I know you received at least 3 write in votes for County Supervisor.

I have a couple concerns with some agenda items for tonight's meeting.

The concept of having a COW meeting immediately followed by a Council meeting is not really very transparent.
What's the rush?

COW agenda items 7 and 8 are a concern.
7 makes it even more difficult for taxpayers to be notified of meetings.
8 allows a non elected person, or their delegate to make decisions on who gets a license to basically be a pharmacist. It also takes it out of the hands of elected officials.

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Neither of these items are mentioned in the ADJ story of April 7th. The public is not informed of this.

Neither of these issues needs to be addressed during a time that taxpayers will not be allowed to attend the meeting, neither appeared on the agenda of committees in the past couple months, and neither identifies where these ideas were initiated.

I think they should both be tabled, referred to committee, and then die due to lack of taxpayer support.

On the Council agenda,

Public hearing, how is this possible when the public will not be allowed in the meeting?

explain 29-20, intent to exercise police powers?

If this meeting is really needed, how about a larger venue like the Volm Theatre so the public can attend and have social distancing?

Your thoughts?

Thanks

Terry Brand

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From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:39 PM
To: Wisconsin County Forest Assoc <wcfa@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County

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Rebekah, absolutely, please send an email over to re-arrange a meeting when the situation allows.

Thank you and stay safe!
Stamena

From: Wisconsin County Forest Assoc [wcfa@frontier.com]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:30 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski
Subject: Re: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County

Good morning. I'd like to postpone the coffee get-together the Representative and I have for this Friday, the 27th. When things came down, I'll reach out and see if we can reschedule. Stay well.
Kind regards,
Rebekah

On Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 1:03 PM -0500, "Rebekah Luedtke" <wcfa@frontier.com> wrote:

> 10:15 on the 27th of March works well for me. I'll plan on meeting the Representative at the Café on Main.
> Thanks and have a good week,
> Rebekah
>
> **From:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 11:30 AM
> **To:** Rebekah Luedtke <wcfa@frontier.com>
> **Subject:** FW: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County
>
> Hi Rebekah,
>
> I'm sorry! Would we be able to do 10:15am on March 27th?
>
> Thanks,
> Stamena

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Rebekah Luedtke <wcfa@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County

Hi Rebekah,

That's great news! Let's make it at 'Café on Main' at 125 W. Wisconsin Ave. She'll see you there at 9:00am. If you can't find each other for some reason, her cell phone is: 715-966-3366.
We haven't received the stewardship requests from the department, but we'll let you know when we do.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Stamena

From: Rebekah Luedtke <wcfa@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County

Hi Stamena. Thank you for the response.
Yes, the 27th of March at 9 am works for me to meet with the Representative. Somewhere in Tomahawk is fine with me. She knows the area much better than I so I'm happy to meet wherever works best for her.
Kind regards,
Rebekah

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:47 PM
To: Rebekah Luedtke <wcfa@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County

Hey Rebekah,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your support with our office. We are waiting for the introduction of the requests so we can review the details. I appreciate the information you attached.

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We'll be happy to arrange a call for you and the Representative after we have a chance to look over the valuations and speak with our JFC partners.

Additionally, we are very eager to set up a coffee meeting for you and Mary. Would Friday, March 27th at 9:00am in Tomahawk work for you? She could also meet in Rhinelander if you prefer.

Please let us know,

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From: Rebekah Luedtke <wcfa@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: 'Shawn Pfaff' <shawn@pfaffpublicaffairs.com>
Subject: County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Applications - Florence County & Langlade County

Dear Representative Felzkowski,
Please see attached a letter of support for two County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship applications headed to the Joint Finance Committee soon. The Wisconsin County Forests Association feels both acquisitions are worthy and essential to continuing, and ensuring, high quality forest management in Wisconsin. We are respectfully asking the Joint Finance Committee for their support as well, and wanted to dutifully give you a heads-up of these projects as well.

I would appreciate any time you may have to chat about either project. Also, please feel free to reach out to Erik Rantala of Langlade County (715-627-6300 or erantala@co.langlade.wi.us) or Patrick Smith of Florence County (715-528-3207 x1701 or psmith@co.florence.wi.us) to discuss their respective projects. In addition, attached are the maps showing the acquisitions for your information.

Thank you in advance for considering supporting these proposals. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I'd also like to see what your schedule is like in March or April to get together and have a cup of coffee. What would be the best way to get something scheduled with you?

Kind regards,
Rebekah Luedtke

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:22 AM
To: "Borgerding, Nicole" <Nicole.Borgerding@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "King, Adam" <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Emmert, Alesha" <Alesha.Emmert@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Borgerding, Chris" <Chris.Borgerding@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Dernbach, BJ" <BJ.Dernbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Bacher, Luke" <Luke.Bacher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Luckey, Michael" <Michael.Luckey@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Zimmerman, Danielle" <Danielle.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Wolf, Jake" <Jake.Wolf@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID 3.31.20 thread
Attachments: DWD Update on Unemployment Insurance Developments.eml

Crazy unemployment insurance numbers from DWD:

Initial Claims
As you are well aware, Wisconsin has experienced unprecedented numbers of UI claims filed in recent weeks. From Sunday, March 15, when we began to see the effects of Governor Evers' declared public health emergency, to yesterday, March 30, 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.

Call Volume
Last week, the UI Division received more than 1.5 million calls, an increase of 6,208% over last year's *busiest* weekly call volume. Last Thursday alone, UI received 400,000 calls between 6 and 10 a.m., at times receiving 160 calls per *second*. The unprecedented number of calls overloaded the system, as it was not built to handle this type of call volume. We have since increased their phone capacity to allow 690 simultaneous calls.

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From: Portz, Elisabeth
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Borgerding, Nicole <Nicole.Borgerding@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; King, Adam <Adam.King@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emmert, Alesha <Alesha.Emmert@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Borgerding, Chris <Chris.Borgerding@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Dernbach, BJ <BJ.Dernbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Bacher, Luke <Luke.Bacher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Luckey, Michael <Michael.Luckey@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zimmerman, Danielle <Danielle.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wolf, Jake <Jake.Wolf@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID 3.31.20 thread

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https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/nearly-of-municipalities-don-t-have-enough-poll-workers-ahead/article_0e2ac76a-da6c-5126-92cf-e4c6570bfcf5.html#tracking-source=home-breaking

Nearly 60% of municipalities don't have enough poll workers ahead of April 7 election

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If we don't already have one, maybe a graphic on the child care resources for health care workers? That can direct people to DCF's new website?

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Anything in yesterday's update that would be a helpful graphic for socials or eupdates?
http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/05/steineke/media/1695/covid-19-info-sheet-33020.pdf

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Subject: RE: COVID Follow up

Thank you for the follow up and the link, Terry. I appreciate it.

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From: Reynolds, Terry <reynoldst@tomahawk.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID Follow up

Hi Mary,
Thanks for reaching out. All of our up dates for the COVID -19 information is on our website, which includes our breakfast and lunch information for our students during this time https://www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/district/covid-19-updates-and-information.cfm

I believe the measures the Governor Evers has implemented are appropriate, and though it will cause challenges I believe we will be able to meet them.
Thanks again,
Terry

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John, this is great news! Thank you for the update. Sounds like a really good plan to me to not have families coming to grab meals every day.

Sorry about the lousy timing of your birthday! Maybe it'll warm up a bit more and you can social distance outside doing something fun.

Thank you for all you do, John!

Mary

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Subject: Re: COVID Follow up

Mary,
The Board did approve meals for pickup beginning on Monday. We will be communicating with parents today. Monday they pick up breakfasts and lunches for Monday and Tuesday, on Wednesday the pick up for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. This schedule will repeat each week for as long as needed.

Any ideas for how I can celebrate my birthday next week? After all, it is Spring Break! 😀

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Attachments: Guidance for Campground Operators Following the Emergency Order.eml

DATCP direction to campgrounds.

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AP exams announcement today:
http://bristowbeat.com/news/college-board-developing-ap-home-testing-option-no-face-face-ap-exams/

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From Department of Ed:

TESTING WAIVERS AND STUDENT LOAN RELIEF

Today, in his daily press conference with members of the Coronavirus Task Force, President Trump announced that Secretary DeVos was taking some additional actions to support students, educators, and schools impacted by COVID-19.

First, the Secretary announced that students impacted by school closures due to the pandemic can bypass standardized testing for the 2019-20 school year. Upon a proper request, the Department will grant a waiver to any state that is unable to assess its students because of the ongoing national emergency, providing relief from federally mandated testing requirements for this school year. Many states have closed some or all schools. Therefore, any state unable to assess its students may seek a waiver from federal testing requirements by completing a form. At the Secretary's direction, the Department has dramatically streamlined the application process to make it as simple as possible for state leaders who are grappling with many complex issues.

Since student performance, as measured by assessments, is required to be used in statewide accountability systems, any state that receives a one-year waiver may also receive a waiver from the requirement that testing data be used in the statewide accountability system because of the ongoing national emergency.

Second, the Secretary announced that Federal Student Aid (FSA) is executing on the President's promise to provide student loan relief to tens of millions of borrowers during the national emergency. All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. This will allow borrowers to temporarily stop their payments without worrying about accruing interest.

The Secretary has also directed all federal student loan servicers to grant an administrative forbearance to any borrower with a federally held loan who requests one. The forbearance will be in effect for a period of at least 60 days, beginning on March 13, 2020. To request this forbearance, borrowers should contact their loan servicer online or by phone.

And, the Secretary has authorized an automatic suspension of payments for any borrower more than 31 days delinquent as of March 13, 2020, or who becomes more than 31 days delinquent, essentially giving borrowers a safety net during the national emergency.

Some borrowers may want to continue making payments, like those seeking Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) or those enrolled in a repayment plan with a manageable monthly payment. For borrowers continuing to make payments, the full amount of their payment will be applied to the principal amount of their loan once all interest accrued prior to March 13, 2020, is paid. The Department is working closely with Congress to ensure all student borrowers, including those in income-driven repayment plans, receive needed support at this time.

A borrower who has experienced a change in income can always contact their loan servicer to discuss lowering their monthly payment.

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Income tax filing deadline moved to july 15th. https://wkow.com/2020/03/20/income-tax-filing-deadline-moved-to-july-15-from-april-15/

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This is something I got from DWD in response to an issue I had – probably worth sharing widely. It's about fields that are looking for emergency employees (long-term care in our case, with kitchens, laundry, maintenance, etc. being critically understaffed). Meant to be a resource for people in immediate need of temporary work.

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Good morning. Just to give you a heads up. We are putting up a new banner on the Job Center of WI website which will highlight this issue, that is, the in-demand employers/industries needing those who are being laid off from other industries. When job seekers click on it, it will take them directly to those jobs available. We will be putting out a press release and sharing widely through social media, the chambers, etc., But when you see that, please send that out far and wide.
Thanks.
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Thank you guys for continuing to forward new items as they appear. It is extremely helpful.

Starting a new thread for today. Best,

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Attachments: Today's Wisconsin Health News: Officials fear shortage of protective equipment for healthcare workers.eml

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DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm said the department requested supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile, but have received notice they will only receive "a small allotment of a variety of pieces of equipment."

According to a **letter** from U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., and several members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation, the state has been notified that it's eligible to receive: 54,709 N95 respirators; 130,326 surgical masks; 24,816 face shields; 20,233 surgical gowns; 104 coveralls and 72,044 gloves.

Source: Wisconsin Health News (attached).

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Waupun prison employee tests positive for coronavirus

https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/waupun-prison-employee-tests-positive-for-coronavirus/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=waupun-prison-employee-tests-positive-for-coronavirus

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All,

For the foreseeable future, I'll be the one compiling the daily COVID response briefing doc for the caucus.

As you notices, tweets, press releases, etc., come in from state or fed agencies in re: to their response, if you could please copy that link into a reply to this message, it would be of tremendous help.

I'll start a new thread for us daily. Thanks,

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DWD encouraging people to file online:

Filings for unemployment benefits have increased significantly in recent days, something which comes as no surprise to you, I'm sure. Over 90 percent of these filing occur online, creating a much faster and more streamlined process. We are encouraging folks to apply online if at all possible. We are also frequently updating our FAQs and other informational resources as state and federal action is taken around UI. Links to those resources are below.

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From DFI on notaries: http://www.thewheelerreport.com/wheeler_docs/files/031920dfi.pdf

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All,

For the foreseeable future, I'll be the one compiling the daily COVID response briefing doc for the caucus.

As you notices, tweets, press releases, etc., come in from state or fed agencies in re: to their response, if you could please copy that link into a reply to this message, it would be of tremendous help.

I'll start a new thread for us daily. Thanks,

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The Department of Natural Resources has announced that admission fees are being waived for Wisconsin State Parks and Trails.

https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5069

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In light of COVID-19, the Department of Natural Resources will suspend in-person County Deer Advisory Council meetings planned for discussing this year's deer season antlerless permit recommendations and will instead use a call-in format. Meeting dates and times have not changed, and meetings remain open to the public.

https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5068

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And as I sent that.

Per DWD:

Per the US Department of Labor, claims data are embargoed until Thursday morning. Per the federal embargo, claim numbers for the prior week will be published to this site Thursday morning.

https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2020/03/23/feds-tell-ohio-other-states-not-to-release-daily.html

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I copied a lot of what you put together! Thanks for sending out something so quickly. I'm all by myself so it really helped me get something out right away!

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Attachments: WI Manufacturer Changes Production Line to Produce Disposable Face Shields.eml

Franzen Graphics of Sheboygan, WI has changed over a large portion of their production line to begin producing disposable face shields for Emergency Service or Essential Service personnel helping to fight COVID-19.

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St. Norbert, UW-Oshkosh offer free online tutoring for K-12 students

https://www.wbay.com/content/news/St-Norbert-UW-Oshkosh-offer-free-online-tutoring-program-for-K-12-students-569068211.html

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Green Bay has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to force the state to cancel in-person voting for the April 7 election and instead allow clerks to mail ballots to all registered voters, as a way to fight coronavirus.

https://www.wispolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200325Suit.pdf

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Morning gang,

Let's see what happens today. Thanks,

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Subject: RE: COVID Thread 3.26.20

Putting make up on is so last week.

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I'm in. ☺

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Thanks for the continued help!

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Wondering if it wouldn't be worthwhile to collaborate a bit with this group to assess caucus comms needs now that the safer at home order has been put in place. Would people be willing to hop on a Zoom video call tomorrow to just kind of brainstorm?

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:13 AM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 - Safer in Place

Do you have any timeline for when we will know what non-essential vs. essential means? Our office is already being bombarded with questions.

Thanks,

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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://wiseye.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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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

I'm guessing this covers you: Page 12:

1. 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.

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Good morning,

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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,
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 2:55 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Hey Zach,

We had a constituent email us this:

> The reference on the Order under 13 x. i., is 12b., 12d., and 12e.
>
> There is no 12b., 12d., and 12e on the Order. I think the correct reference is supposed to be 13b., 13d., and 13e.
>
> 12 must have been added afterwards, and the reference not corrected. I had two questions from operators on that already.

Just wanted to let you know,

Liz

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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

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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,
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:04 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Legislation: Disability Services Provider Network

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FYI.

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From: Forbes McIntosh <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:33 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Legislation: Disability Services Provider Network

Please find attached a letter from the Disability Service Provider Network (DSPN) regarding the COVID-19 legislation being drafted and under consideration from our new CEO, Lisa M. Davidson and Board of Directors President, Elizabeth Filter.

On behalf of Disability Services Providers across Wisconsin, we want to thank you for recognizing the needs of providers, participants, and their families during this public health emergency. DSPN members are prioritizing continuity of services for participants and their families; however, Long-Term Care providers are facing a significant crisis in recruiting caregivers causing unprecedented labor costs during this pandemic. Relief is needed now for these vital Long-Term Care organizations.

To avoid further disruptions for participants and their families, we ask that any COVID-19 legislation include the following:

- * **Clarifies the definition of "provider"** to ensure all Long-Term Care providers, including licensed and 1-2 bed certified Adult Family Homes, are eligible for financial relief and liability protection
- * Allows for participants to maintain **choice of their provider of service**

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 11:00 AM
To: 'Mark Ruvel' <Mark@championhcare.com>
Subject: RE: Covid-19 Plea

Mark,

Thank you for reaching out on this. I can only imagine how dealing with the pandemic and shuttered your everyday routines. Thank you for everything you are doing, and please let me know if there is anything you'd like to discuss outside of this issue over the coming days. Over the years, nursing homes in my district have continued to close, so I know how crucial it is that we keep this type of living around.

In the meantime, I will contact the Governor's office with your request.

Thank you again for your email and your time,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Mark Ruvel <Mark@championhcare.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Izzy Weinberg <Izzy@championhcare.com>
Subject: Covid-19 Plea

Dear Representative Felzowski,

My name is Mark Ruvel. I operate the Champion Care network, with 1 skilled nursing facility (The Bay at Eastview) and 1 assisted living center (The Bay at Garden View) located in your district. In these facilities, I have approximately 75 residents and 90 staffers that are on the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19.

Under the recently passed Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Congress appropriated approximately 580 Million dollars for Wisconsin to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. Congress also passed the CARES Act, which appropriates another $150 billion dollars for state and local governments through a yet to be determined formula. I recognize that there are many competing priorities for the best way to fight the virus, but I want you to realize that our facilities are running critically low on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and staffing needed to keep our residents safe.

To that end, I'm asking that you please reach out to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to urge them to allocate at least 20% of any Congressional funding be used specifically to help the long-term care facilities in the state. We will use these funds to engage new staff, retain existing staff and obtain PPE that is essential in containing the spread of the infection.

If you have any questions or need more facts regarding the situation on the ground, please reach out to me at (347) 409-9617 or via email at mark@championhcare.com.

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Representative, you are in a prime position to literally save lives. It's as simple as that. By helping give our heroic staff a voice in obtaining the resources they need to fight this threat, you are helping your constituents and the great state of Wisconsin deal with the greatest challenge many of us have ever faced.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 3:34 PM
To: 'Scott Manley' <smanley@wmc.org>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda

Thank you for sharing, Scott. Mary will be reviewing this shortly.

Hope things are well!

Stamena

From: Scott Manley <smanley@wmc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda

On behalf of Wisconsin's business community, we ask for your thoughtful consideration of WMC's COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda.

The agenda represents policies intended to help employers and employees during a pandemic that is already having unprecedented impacts on our state economy.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these policies, and would be happy to discuss them with your further and answer any questions. In addition, please also visit WMC's COVID-19 resource center for updated information that may be of benefit for your constituents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Scott Manley
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Questions about COVID-19? Visit WMC's Business Resource Center at wmc.org/coronavirus

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:13 PM
To: 'Kris Walker' <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Subject: RE: COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

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Hey Kris,

Do you have a list of what the rules and regulations that are holding you back? That would be helpful.

Thanks,

Liz

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From: Kris Walker <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Kris Walker <KWALKER@lairdplastics.com>
Subject: COVID19 Infection Control Face Masks Distribution Bottlenecked by pre-COVID purchasing

Good afternoon Wisconsin State Representatives
Laird Plastics is an infection control face mask supplier.
We are advised by various state agencies that we stymied by pre-Covid19 purchasing rules and relations.
Please consider relaxing these rules in these extraordinary times so we may best protect our health care workers and citizens.
Keep fighting the good fight and helping flatten the curve.
Thank you for your consideration.

Kris Walker – Manager
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We have mobilized and are geared up to produce 25,000 shields per day. We expect to receive by end of week and will ship immediately.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 9:01 AM
To: "Schultz, Rusty" <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: DATCP Issues RVP Variance Waiver, Providing Flexibility for Fuel Retailers

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So DATCP as a whole doesn't, but one of their bureaus does, and it's SO annoying. I think it's because they are sending them to the legislature each time, but each of the emails is going to a specific group of people, like dairy producers. Very hard to follow and it looks like spam.

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From: Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: DATCP Issues RVP Variance Waiver, Providing Flexibility for Fuel Retailers

These tools put like 1 in 10 releases on their website. So I have a hard time linking to a lot of the DATCP stuff. Thanks for passing along!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 25, 2020, at 8:58 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Elisabeth Portz
> Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
> 35th Assembly District
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> **From:** WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection <datcp@service.govdelivery.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:52 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** DATCP Issues RVP Variance Waiver, Providing Flexibility for Fuel Retailers

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elease Date: March 25, 2020

Iedia Contact: Ti Gauger, Public Information Officer, (608) 224-5007, Ti.Gauger@Wisconsin.gov

IADISON – Governor Tony Evers is allowing the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DAT aiver providing gasoline sellers extra time before they must shift to selling gasoline with low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP).

VP measures the volatility of gasoline. High-RVP gasoline is desirable for winter starting and operation, while lower RVP level voiding vapor lock during summer heat. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates the vapor pressure of ga etail stations during the summer ozone season to reduce emissions and reduce the effects of ozone-related health problems.

ormally, high-RVP gas (15 psi) cannot be sold after April 1st, when retailers are required to shift to selling low-RVP fuel (13.5 ow the spread of COVID-19 have led to fewer vehicles on Wisconsin roads, and less gasoline being purchased to power Wisco esult, the state's fuel infrastructure still contains high-RVP gasoline. The waiver issued today allows fuel up to 15 psi to be sold pril.

he April 1st reduction date is a state requirement of American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) fuel quality specificati hapter ATCP 94 of DATCP's Administrative Code. Any waiver beyond April 30th will need to be requested separately and inc e EPA, as the EPA has a mandated RVP reduction effective May 1st. Both conventional automotive gasoline and reformulated re included in the variance. Applicable federal fuel specification requirements continue to apply.

or additional information or to file a weights and measures complaint, visit datcp.wi.gov, send an e-mail to datcpweightsandmea r call 608-224-4942.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:20 PM
To: 'Michael Rocke' <mrocke@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Disappointment

Michael,

Thank you for your email. I understand where you are coming from. I think you'd be surprised to hear how many people reached to me wanting to vote in person, even though they knew they could vote absentee. I got a lot of really encouraging feedback Tuesday and yesterday about the polling places in our area. Thanks to everyone who decided to vote absentee (currently over 1 million people!), a majority of polling places had a manageable amount of people come through during the day with no lines, certainly not the crowds we normally see on Election Day. I heard from others that their polling place was clean, run well, and had the necessary social distancing in place, and that they ultimately felt safe.

I can promise you that the decision to not delay with anything but simple and it was not an easy choice. I was really conflicted about it over the last several weeks, and I know a lot of my colleagues felt the same. You mentioned logistics, and that was just one of 1000 new issues that would arise from extending the election. I understand why people wanted it, and really do, but at the end of the day moving it created more problems than it solved. I can go into more detail about why I don't think it was a feasible option if you are interested. If you are not, understand. I am so grateful to all of our clerks that did such an amazing job on Tuesday. I will be reaching out to them over the next week to see what they thought went well, and what they think needs to go better the next time around.

I hope you are well and that you have a good Easter weekend,

Mary

From: Michael Rocke <mrocke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Disappointment

Representative Felzkowski,

I am writing you today to tell you how disappointed I am that today's election was not postponed.

The announcement from Vos and Fitzgerald mentioned the millions of voters that are voting absentee. But, what about the risk to the rest of the voters? What about the risk to the clerks?

This Coronavirus situation needs to be taken seriously. It should have been a simple decision to delay the vote so that logistics could be put into place to allow everyone to vote by mail or online.

I won't be voting for you or anyone else that didn't try to delay the election and put appropriate

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logistics in place to minimize the health risk. I'm talking to all my friends and relatives, especially those in your district.

Sincerely,

Michael Rocke

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:18 PM
To: 'Carol McDougal' <carol.mcdougal@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: E-verify

Hey Carol,

Thank you for your email on this. I appreciate you giving me this background and helping me refresh my mind a little bit on the issue overall. I guess the short answer is that I'm torn. I support businesses having as much information as possible when hiring, but I am also wary of creating new unfunded mandates for businesses and local governments. I think ultimately, Governor Evers would never sign legislation for e-verify, so it's something we can take a look at, dig into more to learn how it could work in the state, and possibly pursue under a Republican governor.

I don't think your email made you seem like you don't have a kind heart. I understand where you are coming from on it. Thank you for getting involved and for being an advocate. Ultimately, it's how things get done.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Carol McDougal <carol.mcdougal@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: E-verify

Dear Rep. Felzkowski:
Congratulations on your decision to run for Senate in the 7th District. I was at the meeting in Antigo last evening where you made your speech. I had not met you before and in reality am new to the grassroots politics and the Republican Party. I am a recovering Democrat.

When you asked if there were questions, I asked you about your stand on E-Verify. You said you did not know what I E-Verify was but your staff said it was a federal program.

Actually, it is not merely a Federal program.

E-Verify is the law in 11 states. It could be the law in Wisconsin. That would be great.
E-Verify may have saved Molly Tibbits because her accused killer would not have been working on the dairy farm down the road from where he attacked her. He was an illegal alien working fraudulently with a stolen social security number. E-Verify connects with ICE to help locate and remove illegal aliens.

Illegal aliens are not the kind of people I want around me and my family because they have already broken our law coming here. We have enough of our own citizen criminals to deal with, we don't need to promote human trafficking from other countries. People cross our border and "disappear". E-Verify could help track them. E-Verify could be used to cross match for voter

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fraud, medicare fraud, food stamp fraud, housing fraud and help local authorities apprehend and detain criminal illegal aliens for ICE and eventual deportation.

I seem like I do not have a kind heart, but I do. I realize that people live in poverty in other countries. I feel bad for them. I am blessed to be an American. I understand that people want to come here to live. If they come here illegally, they have already broken our laws and should not be here. They have jumped ahead of people who have applied for legal immigration status. That is unfair to those who are legally working their way through the system. My son in law is from Malaysia. He came here legally. He is now a proud American. It took years and years for the process but he is now part of his own American Dream. He resents illegals who did not follow the rules and are now on welfare using up resources that should go to our elderly, military vets, poor, sick and downtrodden. We obviously have enough of our own Americans who fit those categories. If we stop the flow of free stuff, stop the flow of freeloaders and stop the flow of illegal invaders, our country would be so much better off.

So, those are my views on E-Verify. I do hope if you really do not know what it is, you will research it. Everyone I speak to is for E-Verify. In this day and age of electronics, it is simple to get the program up and running. I researched it on Google. Maybe you could find out how the 11 states that have E-Verify as a state wide program got that to happen.

It would be a very welcome cause to champion and I believe it would actually help your campaign and successful election. Nobody in Northern Wisconsin wants illegal aliens in their community unless, perhaps,they are getting a kickback for human trafficking them into the area or are involved in drug smuggling. After all, Mexican Cartels move drugs across the border on or in people and make billions of dollars doing that. Our Sheriff, Westen stated that Langlade Co has a major drug problem with meth coming from Mexico. It didn't get shipped up on UPS trucks from Amazon. I am afraid that if this is not stopped, our whole country will be destroyed from the inside out. I want to leave my children and grandchildren a wonderful, safe country. Help me do that, ok?

Sincerely,
Carol McDougal
Antigo, WI

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 11:58 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Education

Emailed Heather this morning.

In looking into DPI's latest COVID-19 briefings, it appears that the educator effectiveness and civics tests waivers are set up and in place, I am still looking into the legislative approval for the school start time and summer school flexibility.

From: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Education

Waiver to start early in 20-21 school year, summer school start time flexibility, and civics tests and educator effectiveness.
Would be interested in whether we are looking at these

Sent from Samsung tablet.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:28 PM
To: 'Julie Wendorf' <jrwendorf@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Election PLEASE READ THIS

Julie,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time today. I really appreciate it.

Thank you again and have a good night,

Mary

From: Julie Wendorf <jrwendorf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:35 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election PLEASE READ THIS

Regarding the upcoming election this Tuesday April 7 in Wisconsin:

This should be the most common sense vote you will ever make in your legislative career, and one you should be THE most proud of, and that is keeping YOUR Wisconsin people safe. People are dying by the hundreds and thousands every day because of this deadly virus that is EVERYWHERE. Orders are out in almost every state to stay home, avoid public places, social distancing - we all know the rules by now, particularly SAFER AT HOME!

Yes you can say people should have asked for absentee ballots, and many did. But now because of the daily escalation of this deadly virus, those who wanted to vote at the poll, may very well choose to be smart and safe and not even vote! Past poll workers are smart and know to stay home! And right now we

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supposedly could be in the worst 2 weeks of the spread. YOU SEE THE NUMBERS GROW EVERY DAY!

So WHY then, with all that we know, and all that is being learned almost hourly now, would you knowingly make the CHOICE to put your Wisconsin people in the most harm's way any American has ever seen.

Think of your own family members, maybe especially the older ones who have always been so proud to go and vote. Do you want them to go to the poll and vote this Tuesday, April 7?

Please be smart, as you are asking all of us to do, and vote for an ALL-MAIL ELECTION. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It is an issue of keeping all Wisconsin people SAFER AT HOME.

Thank you for keeping the safety of all of us, my loved ones and yours, in mind as you make this very important vote.

Julie Wendorf
jrwendorf@yahoo.com

P.S. I'd go further to say that to ensure all ballots get returned quickly and timely, do not require a stamp on the return!

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:56 PM
To: 'Nancy Korpi' <nkornh@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Nancy,

I apologize that is has taken me so long to get back to you. You have been on my call list which I was finally able to make all the way through last night. I reached your voicemail, but did leave a message. If you would like to call me back, please feel free to do so anytime: 715-966-3366.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Nancy Korpi <nkornh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

I find it unbelievable that your party refused to postpone the election in the middle of a pandemic. It's very obvious that you did it purely for political advantage with absolutely no concern for the health of either the voters or the people who work at the polls.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:53 PM
To: 'Robert Weaver' <bjweaver@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Judy,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Robert Weaver <bjweaver@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Dear Mary and Tom,
I don't understand why you would want to risk your voters lives by gathering at the polls in the midst of this pandemic. I have been a poll worker and know the proximity of voters and workers, staff and other voters. It is inevitable that the spread of a virus would take over with coughing, sneezing and even breathing going on at close quarters. Why would the Republican politicians want to spread the virus? Do you think only Democrats get sick ? Really, I would like to know…

Judy Weaver
1200 N. Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-7918

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:23 PM
To: 'PAMELA KOPP' <pamelajkopp@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Pam,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and for your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: PAMELA KOPP <pamelajkopp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Congratulations, you and your party have successfully disenfranchised the city of Milwaukee and anyone else too afraid to go to the polls tomorrow. I guess that was the plan all along. Low turnout usually benefits your party.
The WI Republican party is a shameful embarrassment.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 9:41 AM
To: 'PATRICK HOMMERDING' <troutn54@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: election

Patrick,

Thank you for your follow up. I can't speak to what other states did, I do not know what is in their constitutions. I know that ours prohibits extending terms for officials. A federal judge was overruled by the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of it. You may think what was done was not right. We will have to agree to disagree.

Have a good weekend,

Mary

From: PATRICK HOMMERDING <troutn54@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: election

A federal judge had previously rule that the legislature could and should pass an emergency bill to temporarily extend the terms of the officials affected. Other states have done so. But you and your Republican colleagues chose not to work with Governor Evers and pass an emergency bill to postpone the election the bill would have passed without opposition and the Governor would have signed it. There would not have been any litigation. Isn't it time for you and your colleagues to start doing the right thing instead of the republican thing?
Patrick Hommerding

On Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 5:27 PM PATRICK HOMMERDING <troutn54@gmail.com> wrote:

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> > Thank you for your email and your time,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: election

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Patrick Hommerding

Merrill, WI

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Patrick Hommerding
Merrill, WI

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:43 PM
To: 'Greg PLeski' <pleski@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Greg,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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From: Greg PLeski <pleski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

I think we need to postpone the upcoming election. Not knowing what the answer is, are ability to have a valid vote is under assault.

Greg Pleski
Merrill

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:17 PM
To: 'Lindy Mezei' <lindymezei@rocketmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election
Attachments: UPDATED - Clerk comm re FAQ and SVD and Polling Place Procs_3_13_20.pdf

Hey Lindy,

Thank you for reaching out. I know municipal clerks are working with the Elections Commission on the guidance for April 7th. Governor Evers has stated continuously that he doesn't believe we can move the election date, especially now that absentee ballots are already out there. The other concern is that, if the election date is postponed, you will have vacancies all over the state for local government positions. In a public health emergency, we need to make sure we have people serving in those positions so local governments can vote and make decisions for their area. I would reach out to your municipal clerk to learn more about what they are learning from the Elections Commission. Some of the ideas I've heard include spreading out the voting booths themselves to ensure adequate spacing between people, and some are purchasing pens so that each voter can take the pen with them, rather than having to share pens, as is usually done. I have also heard that the elections commission is also considering training college students who are interested in working at the polls so that some of our more elderly poll workers can stay home if they want to.

With Governor Evers' Stay At Home order coming out later this afternoon, we may learn more on this front, but as of right now, I have heard that nothing is changing for the election. Please let me know if you have more questions I can look into after you speak with the clerk. I'm also attaching a document I received from the Elections Commission.

Thank you and stay safe!

Mary

From: Lindy Mezei <lindymezei@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Hello Mary:

As a poll worker, age 70, I'm wondering if there will be any provisions to guard us from the C-virus. Other than social distancing, will there be some directives regarding the April 7 election?

Thank you.

Lindy Mezei

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 8:56 PM
To: 'Debra Stadler-Gapko' <debrastadlergapko@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election Day

Debra,

Thank you so much for following up with me and letting me know. I'm happy it all worked out.

Hope you both have a great weekend!

Mary

From: Debra Stadler-Gapko <debrastadlergapko@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Day

Thank you so much for taking the time to call me. I emailed Gov. Evers expressing my negative opinion on his decision to go forward with the April 7 election. I fully intended NOT TO VOTE in protest. After talking to you I realized that you were right and it is very important to vote. (I do really know that) so thank you for taking the time to send me the form to request an absentee ballot. My husband and I have filled it out and mailed it. The people in this district are very fortunate to have you as a representative. Senator "Tiny" Krueger was my uncle so I know how important it is to have someone that looks out for the Interest of the people. I am also a 17 year breast cancer survivor. Thank you. Debra Stadler-Gapko

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> I just wanted to say thank you for your time on the phone today.
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> Have a good day,
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> Mary

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Debra Stadler-Gapko

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N1014 Leafy Grove Rd

City

Merrill

Phone Number

7154322636

Message

I am more than happy to follow Gov Evers orders to stay at home but totally oppose continuing to hold the election on April 7. That is absolutely ridiculous to put everyone that votes at high risk of contracting the virus. I am an election worker and will not work that day and will not vote.

Sign up for E-Update

False

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:21 AM
To: 'chuck barrett' <ingotboy@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election tomorrow

Chuck,

Thank you for your email. I have never said that anyone should work at the polls who is not comfortable. I have been contacted by a lot of people in district that are 1. Interested in voting in person and 2. Interested in working the polls. If anyone feels unsafe or uncomfortable doing so, they should stay home and vote absentee. My comment about people getting the virus no matter what is based on what we are hearing from experts, many of which are saying that 60-80% of people will become infected with COVID-19, no matter what social distancing is put in place. The goal is to reduce the amount of people that get it at one time so that our health care system isn't overwhelmed at any given time. You are absolutely entitled to your opinion about the situation, and I absolutely respect that. At the end of the day, Governor Evers knows the election cannot be moved safely with three days notice. He has given many reasons over the last two weeks as to why the election cannot and should not be moved. You can make up your own mind about why he changed his mind, but what I know is that part of what he is asking for is unconstitutional, something the legislature has told him. The polls will be staffed, partially with volunteers, paid workers, and 2,434 National Guard men and women who are being deployed to support polling places today and tomorrow. My polling place is doing drive thru voting, to minimize almost all person to person interaction.

On voter turnout, you are actually incorrect there. In last year's spring election, just over 1.2 million people voted total, including in-person and absentee ballots. This year, over 1.3 million voters have requested their ballot absentee! So we are possibly going to see more people voting just absentee this year than we had total voters in the last election, which was another high profile supreme court position.

I hope you have a good day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: chuck barrett <ingotboy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Chuck Barrett
Land O Lakes, WI

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 11:29 AM
To: 'chuck barrett' <ingotboy@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election tomorrow

Hey Chuck,

Even though you did not include any comments, my guess is that you believe Speaker Vos should not be wearing PPE? Thank you for reaching out on this. Speaker Vos' polling place required all poll workers to wear what he was wearing. He would not have been allowed to volunteer if he had refused. Objectively, a person working the polls for 15+ hours has a higher chance of contracting COVID than someone who is at the polls to vote for a few minutes, so it makes sense that poll workers across the state were erring on the side of caution and wearing PPE equipment. I sure am grateful to all of them working spending a whole day making sure our elections were safe.

Thank you,

Mary

From: chuck barrett <ingotboy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Election tomorrow

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 11:53 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Chuck,
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> I wanted to respond about turnout.
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> - 2008: In the 2008 presidential spring primary, there were a total of 1,524,360 voters statewide, in-person and absentee combined.
> - 2012: In the 2012 presidential spring primary, there were a total of 1,088,102 voters, in person and absentee combined.
> - 2016: In the 2016 presidential spring primary, there were a total of 2.1 million voters, in person and absentee combined.
> - 2020: In this election, absentee ballots requested have already surpassed total voters in 2012, and are less than 700,000 people away from 2016 totals, just in absentee ballots requested.

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- It makes sense that there were more voters in 2016 than in 2012 because both Republicans and Democrats were electing their party's presidential candidate. It's more likely that we will see numbers closer to 2012 because only one party has a primary for their party's presidential candidate.

- The 2008 presidential primary numbers also support the trend that there is lower turnout in general when only one party is choosing their presidential candidate.

- So with over 1.3 absentee ballots already requested this year, we are definitely on track to have a typical amount, if not an elevated level, of turnout for this presidential primary election.

I can see that are you are not interested in having an open conversation, so I will just say thank you for reaching out to my office and sharing your opinions. I understand where you are coming from.

Mary Felzkowski

From: chuck barrett <ingotboy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Election tomorrow

Your comment on college kids stands as stated, there was no qualifier for "not comfortable" mentioned in your interview. No traveling and distancing are proven to be effective, and currently the only weapon we have. The Governors effort, be it late, to postpone would have allowed more to file for the extended absentee voting, but that idea was dashed. Wonder what party will be benefit from lower voter turnout - hmmm? I believe it's the largest populated areas that are now the Governors concerns like Milwaukee and Madison. Drive thru would be a big hit down there and the National Guard, all winners, what can go wrong? The election can't be "moved safely in 3 days", compared to what? The legislature could have voted to do so this weekend. You gave him less than 3 minutes to hear his argument. 15 states have postponed their primaries, 11 have not, but what do they know? My reference to "worst turnout" is to a presidential primary year, not an off year, my error for not stating, but most don't vote in off year elections so it's not an apples to apples comparison. I can find no source "expert" or otherwise, let alone "many", that predicts 261 million (80%) US citizens will be infected. Of course using your scientific logic and decisions we can probably get there. It's dangerous to site statistics, when you don't site sources. I am impressed you quickly responded to my email, thank you. No need to respond further as I think we both know your position at this point. I now need to get back to my regular job so I can pay my all my taxes.

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Chuck

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 10:21 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Chuck,
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> Thank you for your email. I have never said that anyone should work at the polls who is not comfortable. I have been contacted by a lot of people in district that are 1. Interested in voting in person and 2. Interested in working the polls. If anyone feels unsafe or uncomfortable doing so, they should stay home and vote absentee. My comment about people getting the virus no matter what is based on what we are hearing from experts, many of which are saying that 60-80% of people will become infected with COVID-19, no matter what social distancing is put in place. The goal is to reduce the amount of people that get it at one time so that our health care system isn't overwhelmed at any given time. You are absolutely entitled to your opinion about the situation, and I absolutely respect that. At the end of the day, Governor Evers knows the election cannot be moved safely with three days notice. He has given many reasons over the last two weeks as to why the election cannot and should not be moved. You can make up your own mind about why he changed his mind, but what I know is that part of what he is asking for is unconstitutional, something the legislature has told him. The polls will be staffed, partially with volunteers, paid workers, and 2,434 National Guard men and women who are being deployed to support polling places today and tomorrow. My polling place is doing drive thru voting, to minimize almost all person to person interaction.
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> On voter turnout, you are actually incorrect there. In last year's spring election, just over 1.2 million people voted total, including in-person and absentee ballots. This year, over 1.3 million voters have requested their ballot absentee! So we are possibly going to see more people voting just absentee this year than we had total voters in the last election, which was another high profile supreme court position.
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> I hope you have a good day,
>
> Mary Felzkowski

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From: chuck barrett <ingotboy@gmail.com>
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:58 PM
To: 'Timothy Micke' <micke1961@live.com>
Subject: RE: Election Tuesday

Hey Tim,

Thanks for the email. It's actually clear that he did know he didn't have the power to do this because he said publically five days ago that he knew he'd be breaking the law if he tried to move the election by himself. I think he is trying to absolve himself of any blame by doing what he did, knowing the Supreme Court would strike it down. We will absolutely keep a watch over him and be the check on his executive power we are meant to be in the Legislature.

Thank you again,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Timothy Micke <micke1961@live.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election Tuesday

To: Mary Felzkowski, representative
Tom Tiffany, SenatorAs.

Thank goodness. The election is scheduled for Tuesday!

I am very concerned about Governor Evers using executive power illegally. I don’t believe he understands the Wisconsin Constitution and the laws of our great state. Please keep a watch over him, check his power at the door, and stay conservative. Wisconsin has no need for these liberal Milwaukee/Madison politicians. Because they like to spend our money which is really not theirs. And I am concerned about his socialist tendencies anyway.

Thanks for listening.

Good luck in both your upcoming elections down the road.

Tim Micke
Township of Plover, Marathon County
236841 Eau Claire River Rd
Aniwa, WI 54408
715-449-9790

Happily retired from being a school district superintendent!!!

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:45 PM
To: 'Cathy Meyer' <northwoodsmeyer@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Jim and Cathy,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for taking the time on the phone and your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Cathy Meyer <northwoodsmeyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Hi Mary,
We are going to make this short and to the point because discussion on our election set for tomorrow has already been way too extended. We want you to know that holding an "in person" election with the pandemic raging is totally and completely wrong and irresponsible. People should not have to risk infection to vote. That makes no sense and is a treat to our democracy. Poll workers should also not be expected to work under such conditions. To allow the process to take place through the mail would be an acceptable option. To postpone is questionable because we have no idea how long this pandemic is going to keep us all in shelter.

We have voted by absentee ballot and returned our ballots days ago via the U.S. mail. We did what we thought best. Not everyone has done that. Please do not expect people to show up tomorrow in person and risk the spread of infection in our state. I do not know how in good conscience this should be allowed.

We just had to send these thoughts to you this morning as the special session of the Legislature is convening. You need to hear from constituents.

Thank You,

Jim and Cathy Meyer
W6083 Timber Lane
Tomahawk, WI
5448

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Cathy Meyer

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:59 PM
To: 'Steve Osness' <cheezhead19788@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Elections

Hey Steve,

Thank you for the email. We are still trying to figure out what our ability is here. We do not believe Governor Evers has the constitutional right to do what he has done today, but it's also impossible for us to meet today in session to pass anything to override it. Also, anything that we pass would have to be signed by Governor Evers himself, so it's pretty complicated. Please know what we are working on this and are doing whatever we can to make sure that the Governor must uphold the law.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Osness <cheezhead19788@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

Mary,

I am asking that you and the publican party step in and over ride governor Evers decision to postpone the elections. As Fourth district alderman of Merrill WI, I am asking for the constituents in my district to be allow to vote. This is against my constituents constitutional rights. This is illegal and this is Communism at its finest.

Steve Osness

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:51 AM
To: 'Tracy Hartman' <thartman@co.oneida.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Elections

Hey Tracy,

I just wanted to let you know that we are hearing from a lot of counties and local clerks with the same concerns. It's just not feasible to put something like this in place and the legislature will not be pursuing it. We all care about making sure this election is safe and runs smoothly, and I think a Mail-in ballot system at this point in the election goes in the opposite direction. The items that you mentioned you have no problem with are some items that legislators are currently reviewing.

Thank you again for your time and all the work you are putting in to help this election continue,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Tracy Hartman <thartman@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:05 PM
To: govgeneral@wisconsin.gov; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; meagan.wolfe@wi.gov
Subject: Elections

Good Afternoon,
I received the attached email from Jamie Kuhn, Director of Outreach for Governor Evers, this afternoon. I am very concerned with the Governor's request to Legislature to make changes to elections laws this close to an election. I sent a response to Mr. Kuhn and wanted to send my concerns to you. I hope that I can convey my thoughts in a way that impresses upon you the need to stop moving forward with trying to send absentee ballots to every voter in Wisconsin. Mr. Kuhn stated in his email that the Governor has asked the Legislature to pass legislation for three items.

- Allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted. I have no major issues with this, however, I think the legislation should state they would still need to arrive by the Friday after the election. It was done this way in the past and is doable.
- Extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots. I have no major concerns with this one either as long as the extended timeline doesn't interfere with the Counties ability to complete the Board of Canvass on time.
- Allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter. This raises a number of large concerns for my office and a number of the municipal clerks in the county that I have heard from. In Oneida County we have approximately 24,000 registered voters. In the 2016 April General Election (which is the election that most closely resembles this one) we had 15,492 voters vote. This was the number that I and the municipal clerks used when determining how many ballots to order and have available for April 7. We do not have ballots available for every voter. We do not have envelopes available to mail a ballot to every voter. We do not have the time it would take or the staff that it would take to mail a ballot to every voter. I don't envy the Governor the position that he finds himself in right now with COVID-19 or with this election. I think that you would find that Clerks feel very

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strongly about making sure that every voter has the opportunity to vote, however, sending ballots to every voter is not the way to do it with less than 2 weeks before the election. In Oneida County we have 21 municipalities and only 3 of those are staffed by full-time clerks. The other 18 of those are part-time clerks, many of whom have other jobs. They are already overwhelmed, overworked and overbudget due to the high volume of absentee requests. To expect them to somehow miraculously get ballots out to every elector is shortsighted, it can not happen. I listened to an interview with the Governor this afternoon and a reporter from our area asked him how Clerks were going to accomplish getting a ballot to every elector when there aren't supplies available to do that. The response from the Governor was that it wouldn't be easy. That is a very flippant response for such a large task that may be asked of our clerks. The interview then went to Ryan from the SEOC (I think that's what he said) and Ryan said that the WEC and SEOC has procured over 600,000 ballots for clerks across the state. That isn't accurate. They ordered and supplied over 600,000 envelopes to clerks and that was amazing, however, that isn't even a fraction of what will be needed if we have to mail a ballot to every elector. In Oneida County I received 7000 envelopes (I am so appreciative of those), however, we have 24,000 voters. In order to mail a ballot to an elector it costs $1.00 per voter. That's $24,000 that our municipalities will have to come up with to send the envelopes. I urge our Legislators to rethink making any law changes that would require an absentee ballot be sent to every voter.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Tracy Hartman
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PO Box 400, Rhinelander, WI 54501

From: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV <jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV <jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

Dear Elected Official,

Thank you for your tireless efforts during these times to serve the people of your community and the people of the state of Wisconsin. Your dedication to ensuring the safety of your communities is noticed, and we appreciate your leadership. We are all in this together, and we know everyone is doing the very best they can to keep people safe.

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Words cannot express our appreciation for all your work. We know you all are out their creating solutions to challenges.

Thank you again. As this situation impacts every person in the state of Wisconsin, we thank you for your service.

Jamie Kuhn
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 1:24 PM
To: 'Kim Trueblood' <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Elections

Kim,

Thank you for your email. Per usual, the Governor is choosing to decimate this information via social media, and not directly to our leadership team. Also per usual, there are no details included, especially on who would be required to send a ballot to everyone. I am already getting calls from town clerks on this and, as always, really appreciate your input.

We'll stay on top of this,

Mary

From: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Elections

Happy Friday Everyone!!

I think it goes without saying that you all know how I feel about these suggestions from the governor. Not only would this be a gross violation of the law requiring photo ID to vote, they would be a logistical nightmare for our municipal clerks. Clerks are already working around the clock to fulfill absentee ballot requests, to ask them to now send a ballot to every registered voter with just over a week to go before the election, would be downright impossible.

I am not AS opposed to his points 2 and 3, simply because the clerks are inundated with so many legitimate requests for absentee ballots that it is going to be a challenge to get them out in a timely fashion for the mail to deliver them by April 7.

An alternative that would provide some relief is to allow clerks to start processing absentee ballots on April 4 for those who have tens of thousands of ballots to process.

Thanks for all you do!!

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk
kim.trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:25 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: elections

You probably have to tell it to show images. This was the text:

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At the request of the Board of Directors, I am offering you the opportunity to sign a letter that will be delivered to the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, and Assembly Speaker. It will also be released to the media. If you would like your name to appear on the letter, please email Sandy Wanta at sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com or call her at 715-526-3157 **no later than 3pm on Friday March 27th**. Please indicate your name, town name, town position, and county.

We are also requesting that you contact your legislators and the Governor directly with your opinion, regardless of what that is (postpone or not), if you are so inclined. You can find out who your legislators are here - http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/?single=y&lat=&lon=&address= The Governor's office phone number is 608-266-1212.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: elections

Email didn't come through

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:28:27 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: elections

FYI, wanted you to see this email the Towns association sent out to its members encouraging them to ask for the election to be postponed. I agree with Chris that we will see a big influx of people calling and emailing.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: elections

Excellent, that is great to hear! And just an FYI, we had a constituent send us this as a heads up that our offices may start getting even more contacts regarding postponing the election.

WTA WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION
Empowering Town Officials

Town Clerks, Chairs, and Supervisors:

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Stay Safe!

Mike

[redacted]

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: elections

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:13 PM

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Subject: Re: elections

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:28:27 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: elections

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Stay Safe!

Mike

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:46 PM
To: "'Dsegos@gmail.com'" <Dsegos@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Elections Absentee Ballot Question

Hey Davina,

I apologize that I missed your call today. It's been crazy with tons of calls and emails coming in about the election. Senator Tiffany's office did let me know that you called them as well. I know their office was able to contact with your son and that he appreciated the call. The issue that occurred will certainly be something we flag in the event that the National Guard needs to be mobilized in a similar fashion again. Let's hope that is not needed. I will say this would be a great opportunity for both of you to request your absentee ballots for the May 12th election now so this same thing doesn't happen from that perspective too!

Thanks again, have a great evening.

Liz

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:13 PM
To: 'Fred Lintereur' <lintefre@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Elections

Fred,

I apologize for taking so long to get back to you. I just wanted to reach out to thank you for your time on the phone and your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Fred Lintereur <lintefre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

I implore you to work with Governor Evers to ensure that our elections are fair and SAFE. I'm tired of the partisan games.

Thank you,
Fred Lintereur
Rhinelander, WI

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:55 PM
To: 'Michael Bowers' <mike@poolproswi.com>
Subject: RE: Essential Business

Can I ask who you reached out to? At this point, we are asking the Governor for more information, but he has not released anything at this time. Your representative can share your request to be deemed as essential with the Governor's office.

Thanks,

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From: Michael Bowers <mike@poolproswi.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential Business

Hi Elisabeth

Thank you for your response. I have reached out to every Senator & Representative in the State and have received little to no response or actionable information. In my role as Director of the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, I am not only lobbying for my company but for all of those that I represent throughout the State of Wisconsin. A little clarification would go along way to helping us all keep things together and minimize the impact of the new Executive Order. If you have a source for which I could attain the requested information it would be greatly appreciated. I await your response.

Thank you,

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On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 1:33 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Thank you for your support.

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 3:11 PM
To: 'Dan Lenz' <President@PHTAMidwest.org>
Subject: RE: Essential Business Classification Request

Okay thank you for the update. We have not received anything locally yet, but I will watch for it.

Have a great day,

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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From: Dan Lenz <President@PHTAMidwest.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: board@phtamidwest.org
Subject: RE: Essential Business Classification Request

Hi Liz,

Our association has members throughout the state of WI as well as IL. We have reached out to all legislators in both states from our association level, and individual members are reaching our locally as well.

Thank you,

Dan

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Dan Lenz <President@PHTAMidwest.org>
Subject: RE: Essential Business Classification Request

Dan,

Thank you for your email. I wanted to check with you to see if you are located around the state, or just one area? If just in one area, I would encourage you to reach out to your representative, who can then share your concerns with the Governor's office as we learn more about what essential vs. non-essential means.

Thank you!

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From: Dan Lenz <President@PHTAMidwest.org>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential Business Classification Request

Representative Felzkowski,

I currently serve as President of the Midwest Chapter of the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA), the world's oldest and largest association representing swimming pool, spa, and hot tub manufacturers, manufacturers' agents, builders, designers, distributors, suppliers, installers, retailers, and service technicians. Our chapter represents the states of Wisconsin and Illinois.

As more information on COVID-19 is being disseminated by the federal, state and local governments, there has been a push to classify industries as essential or non-essential. Those deemed as essential can continue to operate as quarantines and restrictions are put in place.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Additionally, the World Health Organization states that controlling water quality is necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

PHTA firmly believes the companies that supply pool sanitization and disinfection materials (through manufacturing, distribution or retail stores), the companies that manage the maintenance of swimming pools, hot tubs and other artificial bodies of water and the companies currently constructing inground pools and spas are essential to preventing the transmission of infectious diseases, helping maintain community health, and ensuring public safety.

Without proper pool and hot tub maintenance (which includes circulation and treatment of water) various pathogens can grow, such as Pseudomonas, Cryptosporidium, E. Coli, Shigella, etc. It can also create a breeding ground for mosquitoes, other pests and the diseases they may carry, which presents a risk not only to bathers but to the entire community at large.

Additionally, it is critically important that active inground pool and spa projects be completed. Unfinished projects pose significant public safety risks as potential issues such as cave-ins and pool popping, as well as the dangers resulting from an active construction site. And, the impact of long-term exposure to the elements may result in the community health issues noted above.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 1:08 PM
To: 'Justin Phillips' <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: RE: Essential Business Form

Hey Justin,

That's what I've been trying to access but there is no form that I can see. This is what my screen looks like. What am I missing? Thanks!!



Elisabeth Portz

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From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential Business Form

Here's the link: https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/
That form goes directly to our legal team. Can you share what industry the business looking to make an appeal is in?

Justin

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Justin Phillips
Legislative Liaison
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
Division of Public Policy
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Madison, WI 53703
(608) 210 – 6763
Justin.phillips@wedc.org

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: Essential Business Form

Hey Justin,

On the website, a form to appeal an essential business ruling is referenced, but I couldn't find anywhere I the site to click on it. Could you send it to me and let me know who to send it to at WEDC?

Thank you,

Liz

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 10:56 AM
To: "'tonykuss@frontier.com'" <tonykuss@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Essential Business Request

Okay stand by, I am going to get you the form you need to submit for that. I'd recommend doing that first, because that is what the Governor's office will direct you to do right away.

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From: tonykuss@frontier.com <tonykuss@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential Business Request

Mary

I have not gone through the process with WEDC

Tony Kusserow
President/Owner
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715-536-8954
tonykuss@frontier.com

On Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 10:24:36 AM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hey Tony,

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Thank you!

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From: tonykuss@frontier.com <tonykuss@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential Business Request

Representative Mary Felzkowski

Please share the attached letter with the Wisconsin House Senate and Governor.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Respectfully,

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Subject: RE: Essential Business Request

Hey Tony,

Here is the website to fill out the form! https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/. It should be at the bottom of the page. I was using Chrome when I first tried to see it and I couldn't, so if you have a hard time seeing the form, switch to a different browser. When you submit your claim here, it goes directly to WEDC's attorney team. Once they get back to you, please let us know!

Liz

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential Business Request

Elisabeth

Please hold onto the letter until I do some additional research.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 1:58 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Essential business

So I figured out that it doesn't show up with Chrome, at least not in my browser. I let Justin know. I'm just going to tell the constituent to try to use a different browser if it doesn't show up.



Elisabeth Portz
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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Essential business

Liz,

It is at the bottom of this webpage: https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/

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

From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential business

Hey Zach,

I already reached out to WEDC, but do you have a copy of the WEDC form businesses should fill out if they think they are doing essential business? It's referenced on the website, but I could not find the actual form, or who to send it to.

Thank you for your help!

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:16 PM
To: 'Brandon Ziegler' <zieglerlandscaping@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Essential businesses
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Hey Brandon,

Here is the order. I agree with you that I don't see a specific reference to this. I've attached a copy of the order for you. I am going to direct you to the WEDC website for essential business. Ultimately, WEDC is making final determinations on what businesses will be deemed essential or non-essential. After looking over the website, if you are unsure, there is a phone number you can call to clarify with them as to whether you are or are not.

https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/

Please let me know if you have any issues with this process and need any help from me.

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Brandon Ziegler <zieglerlandscaping@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential businesses

So I did read the order and couldn’t find any info on landscaping, lawn mowing and concrete work ?

Sent from my iPhone

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 9:28 AM
To: 'Brandon Ziegler' <zieglerlandscaping@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Essential businesses

Here you go, Brandon.

201 West Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53703
608.210.6700

-----Original Message-----
From: Brandon Ziegler <zieglerlandscaping@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:00 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential businesses

I can’t seem to find the phone number could you help me

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:53 PM
To: "Rostan, Jason" <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Essential Businesses

Thanks for putting that together!

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From: Rostan, Jason <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:47 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential Businesses

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/124hLyoRocG1dW3n8iI1zl4NJBMssfBmdTgZdG59WniU/edit?usp=sharing

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:08 AM
To: "'schoonenberg.d@gmail.com'" <schoonenberg.d@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Evers Shutdown Edict

Don,

Thank you for your email on this, especially if it is your first time emailing! As you can imagine, I've received a lot of similar correspondence, and I agree with your sentiment. At the end of the day, Governor Evers currently has emergency powers that give him the power to do every single thing he has done. Please know that, while we in the legislature are doing the best we can to work with his office and work bi-partisanly, we are pushing back behind the scenes, especially when we don't believe decisions are being made with science-based/fact-based data. My first and main goal during this time is to continue getting information to the people who need it, help constituents connect with their government meaningfully, and hopefully help to get all of us through this in on piece.

The Governor has these powers for 60 days. After that, he needs approval from the legislature to continue. He has asked for his powers to be extended indefinitely, which is not something I think a lot of my colleagues would support. I think the state is best led in these situations with one leader at the helm to make sure information and decisions are funneled appropriately with the lowest opportunity for confusion and chaos. However, be rest assured, the legislature will continue to demand answers for our constituents, and will be the check on the Executive Branch we need to be.

Thank you again for your thoughts, I really appreciate your time. Please let me know if you have any specific questions that I can answer for you.

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: schoonenberg.d@gmail.com <schoonenberg.d@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Evers Shutdown Edict

Dear Representative,

The business shutdown order tramples our right as citizens. I have an association a small legal office that prepared a safe plan whereby only one of the staff members is manning the office and keeping the servers going while everyone else is set up with home computers. This is order is nuts.

What about our logging operations where the operators and drivers never get within 20' of anyone else.

This order is imperiling all of the employees but endangering the survival of many small businesses. The Governor apparently has not a clue how businesses survive on the thinnest of margins.

I'm disgusted. These actions will create problems far more serious than the virus itself.

This is the first time I've been so motivated to write you,

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Regards,
Don Schoonenberg
Summit Lake, Wisconsin

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 4:22 PM
To: "Jensen, Jeanne M - MUN" <jjensen@antigo-city.org>
Subject: RE: Executive Order #73 for the Spring Election - PLEASE DO NOT ENACT

Jeanne,

Thank you so much for reaching out so quickly to let me know where you stand. What the Governor has proposed is not even feasible, and the legislature will not be taking up his legislative suggestions. Thank you again for letting us know.

Mary

From: Jensen, Jeanne M - MUN <jjensen@antigo-city.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV <jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Executive Order #73 for the Spring Election - PLEASE DO NOT ENACT

Governor Evers, Senator Tiffany, and Representative Felzkowski:

I have been made aware of Governor Evers request to hold a Special Session (Executive Order #73) on Saturday, April 4, 2020 to take up changes to the upcoming Spring election. This would allow an all-mail election with provisions to send ballots to all registered voters by May 19th if they have not already requested one**. I am asking you NOT to vote for this action.** There are a number of reasons for this.

First, municipalities lists of registered voters are not always up-to-date because people do not always think of registering at their new address to vote when they move until an election they are interested in is held.

Second, how can ballots be mailed to every registered voter and still keep the integrity of the election with no requests and no photo IDs being filed. Well over a million voters have already followed the correct process and requested ballots and provided the required ID. **Voters should be responsible for requesting a ballot and following the required guidelines if they want to vote absentee.**

Third, sending ballots to all registered voters will result in extreme unexpected, unbudgeted additional expenses for municipalities for the cost of all the extra postage, supplies (envelopes, ballots, etc.), and overtime expenses for staff. I do not think I am overstating that 100% of the municipalities will not have enough ballots and/or envelopes to be able to do this without even taking into consideration the expense of it. Would we even be able to get the necessary supplies? There has already been an issue with envelope supplies.

Fourth, if this election is extended into May what happens with all the required Council Reorganizational meetings to be held the third Tuesday of April? What do Councils do in the interim without a full Council?

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Fifth, what happens to the May 12th Special Election for the 7th Congressional District that we have already mailed a huge number of ballots for?

I urge you NOT to approve Executive Order #73 requiring ballots to be mailed to all registered voters or to extend the spring election into May.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeanne M. Jensen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
City of Antigo
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:14 PM
To: 'Sanky Test' <mmarino@sankyinc.com>
Subject: RE: Expand early voting in Florida before March 17!

Sanky,

Rep. Felzkowski is a state representative in the state of Wisconsin. I would reach out to your Florida representatives about Florida business.

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Sanky Test <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Expand early voting in Florida before March 17!

I'm writing to voice my concerns—with the support of All Voting is Local—regarding lack of access to early voting in our county for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) on March 17, in the August Primary election, and the 2020 General Election.

As your office is surely aware, early voting has been instrumental throughout Florida in expanding voter participation. As many as 869,453 voters cast their ballots early in 2016, not an insignificant number.

This year, we can expect record turnout. We must be prepared—especially given the chaos we saw on Super Tuesday. At a polling location at Houston's historically black university Texas Southern University, one man waited for six hours to cast his ballot.

All Floridians remember the long lines at the polls that have burdened voters in past cycles. In 2011, Governor Rick Scott signed into law significant cuts to early voting. The result? Floridians waiting hours to cast their ballot in the 2012 presidential election. More than 200,000 voters left the polls without voting.

I demand that you offer the maximum number of days and hours of early voting allowed under Florida law, which is especially important for voters of color, students, and voters with disabilities.

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Restore opportunities to vote early so that every eligible voter in Florida can make their voice heard. Remember, this responsibility lies with you. Thank you in advance for protecting our democracy.
Sincerely, Sanky Test

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:45 PM
To: "'jfljml2002@hotmail.com'" <jfljml2002@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: extend voting

Jim,

I just wanted to reach out and let you know I gave you a call but got your answering machine, so I left a message. If you'd like to give me a call back, feel free to do that whenever you have time: 715-966-3366.

Have a good weekend,

Mary

From: Jim l <jfljml2002@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: extend voting

approve the gov,s request to vote by mail, and extend balloting to may 19.
thanks

Sent from Outlook Mobile

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 10:40 AM
To: 'Don Dunphy' <dondunphy@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Favor needed

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Subject: Favor needed

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Thanks for your help. Don

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To: 'Don Dunphy' <dondunnphy@gmail.com>
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Hey Don,

Have you been hacked?

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Thank you for responding to my email.Please I want to ask you for a favor.I need to get an iTunes gift card for my relative but I can't do this now because I'm currently not available. Can you get it for me at any store or pharmacy around you? I'll pay back as soon as I am back. I will be glad if you can be of a good assistance to me.

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To: "Lang, Bob" <Bob.Lang@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Bob Lang, Director
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:20 PM
To: "Lang, Bob" <Bob.Lang@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sorry Bob! My boss just told me LFB is already working on a memo for tomorrow or Wednesday. Feel free to ignore my email.

Have a great day!

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Thank you.

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From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Tierney, Michael - DSPS <michael.tierney1@wisconsin.gov>
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To: "Koles, Michael - Other" <mike.koles@wisctowns.com>
Subject: RE: Forestry as Part of Executive Order Exemption

Hey Mike,

Our office is sending each "essential" request we receive directly to the Governor, so I will include this in one of the requests I'm sending. If the loggers can also email individually, that would likely help the Governor's office feel the impact. We would love to pass all of those on as they come in.

Thank you!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Rep.Mursau <Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stafsholt <Rep.Stafsholt@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Quinn <Rep.Quinn@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Importance: High

Rep. Felzkowski, Rep. Quinn, Rep. Mursau, Rep. Swearingen, Rep. Stafsholt, Senator Tiffany, and Senator Petrowski:

I'm writing to ask that if you all can help to make sure forestry is exempted in the order that would be helpful. We're getting calls from up north that depend on tourism and forestry and they are very worried that not exempting forestry will result in more economic fall out than is necessary. The loggers tend to work alone or in 2 person teams so they are already social distancing and with the same person daily. With the storms from last year, there are billions of board feet that need to get cleaned up by early summer or the wood fiber will be useless, causing even more economic harm to landowners who were counting on that logging check coming in. The mills would hopefully remain open as well since they must process the wood in a timely manner. I know you all understand that wood spoils, much like milk spoils, but few in Madison likely understand this.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Mike

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Mike Koles
Wisconsin Towns Association
Executive Director
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-3157

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:07 PM
To: "'Benedict, Jeff L.'" <JBenedict@churchmutual.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Hey Jeff,

This is Rep. Felzkowski's legislative email, so she is prohibited by law from discussing campaign related material. If you would like to discuss the campaign, please reach out to her at FriendsofMaryF@gmail.com. We can provide you with contact information but cannot arrange communication with them.

I apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for reaching out!

Liz

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From: Benedict, Jeff L. <JBenedict@churchmutual.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Okay,I plan to send you a donation to your campaign. I have always liked you and Tom Tiffany. Any thoughts of Senator if Tiffany gets elected to Congress?
Jeff

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Yes, I am.

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Mary

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To: 'Stephen Balow' <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Stephen,

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Mary

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

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While I am sure there is a balance between patient confidentiality and public awareness, I am hopeful that people might even agree to some information about them being included in general statistics.

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Again, thanks for the fine work.

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From: Kati Vasa <katiisaacsonvasa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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How do u get a hold of sentor johnson

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> Kati,
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> Mary
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> **From:** Kati Vasa <katiisaacsonvasa@gmail.com>
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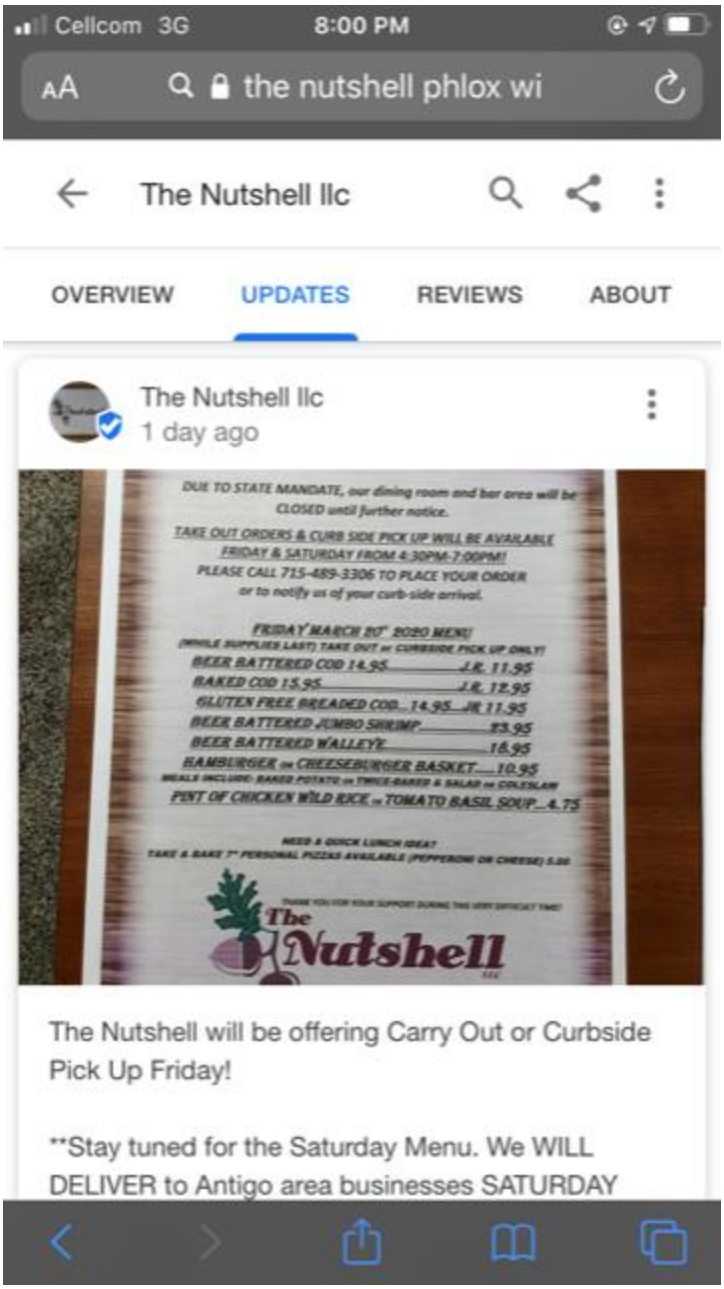
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:23 PM
To: 'jessie dixon' <dixojm@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Thank you Jessie! I've added them to the list and will be updating the website today.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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From: jessie dixon <dixojm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

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Thank You

Jessie

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:10 PM
To: 'Kati Vasa' <katiisaacsonvasa@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Kati,

Thank you for your email. The stimulus package discussion is something going on at the federal level in Congress. It is my understanding that Republicans offered a $1 trillion stimulus package in the Senate. The latest I have seen is that the package was voted on recently, and failed on a 49-49 vote. I am sure they will continue to work on a package, but I would encourage you to reach out to Senator Johnson to learn more about the inner workings of that process.

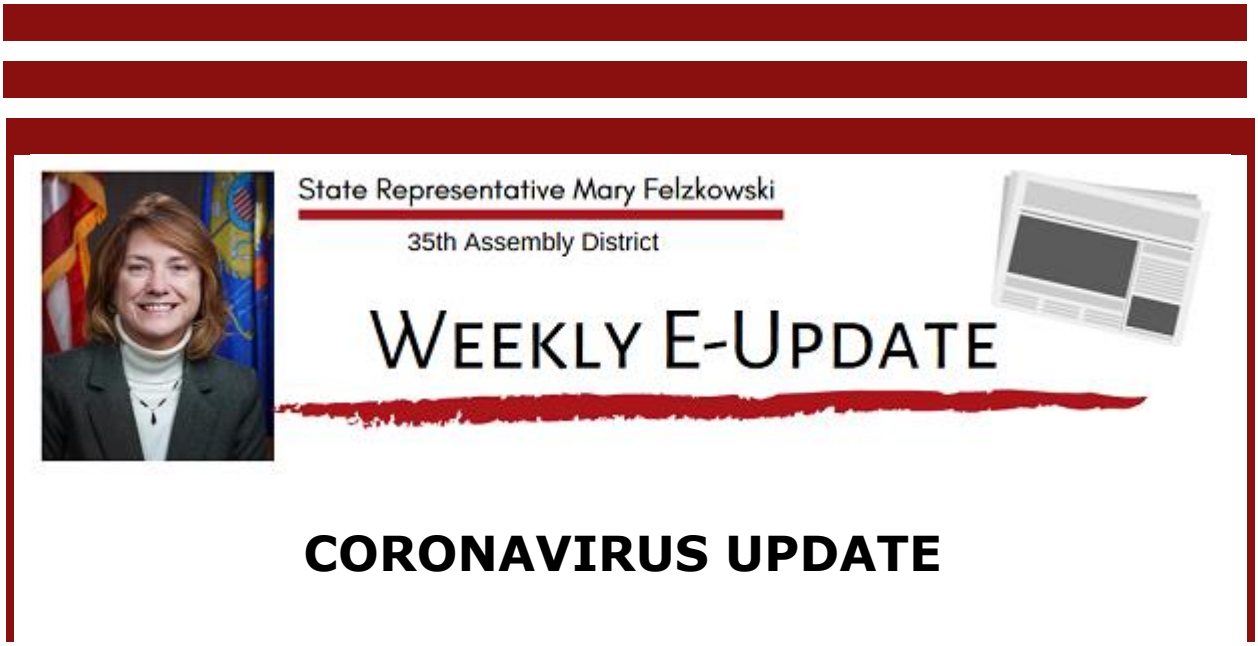
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Mary

From: Kati Vasa <katiisaacsonvasa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

How is the stimulus checks thing going

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To: 'John Reich' <johnreich59@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

John,

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Please let me know if you need any other information after speaking with the clerk! Thank you,

Mary

From: John Reich <johnreich59@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 5:50 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

can i still vote in person @ the merrill town hall?

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To: 'Greg Bessa' <kjbessa@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Thank you for your kind words, Greg!

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Mary

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From: Greg Bessa <kjbessa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

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Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020, 10:25 PM
To: 'Louise Doescher' <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Hey Louise,

Your first email actually referenced rest stops, so I reached out to DOT on that point specifically because WIsDOT controls the rest stops, where many truckers choose to sleep overnight. The truck stops are currently closed to dine in, but are still able to provide take out food. My office reached out to the ones in my district last week and many are currently offering take out at this time. Hopefully truckers continue to use the rest stops for sleeping and bathroom breaks.

Thank you again for reaching out, I really appreciate you looking out for those that may not have the ability to reach out to me!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

I didn't write to you about the rest stops. I wrote to you about the restaurants closing..... the truck stops.....where all folks can go to eat. I hope that was clear. I know nothing first hand. Louise

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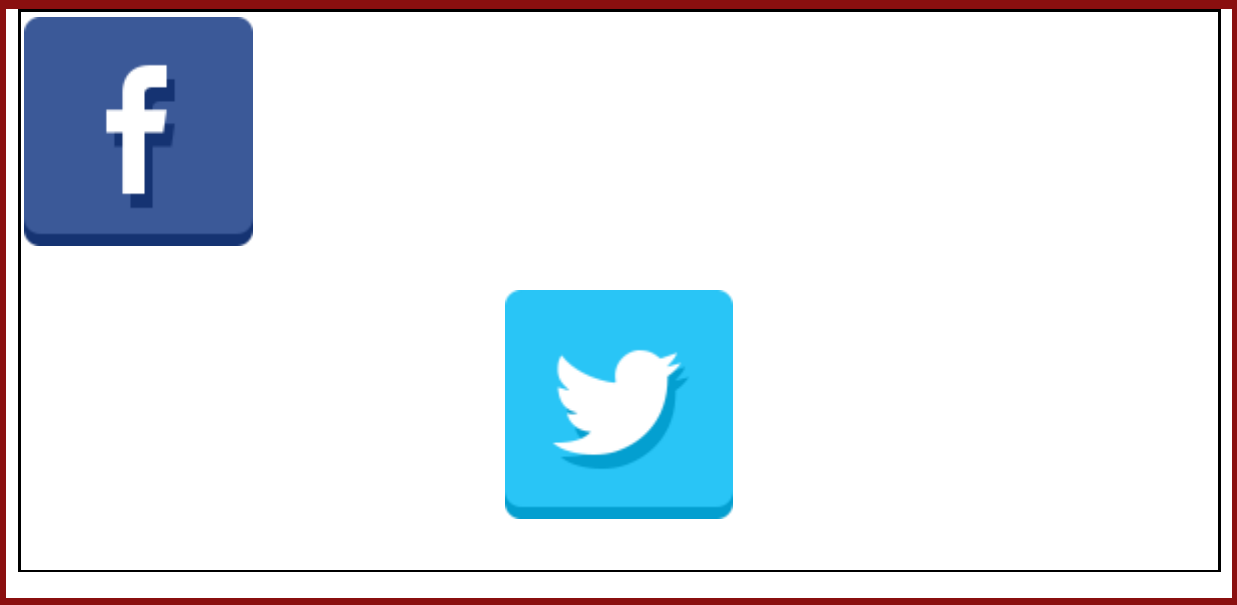
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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 5:45 PM
To: 'Brian Kingsley' <brian.kingsley@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Oh I apologize. You stated in your last email that you were going to block my emails. Is that no longer your intent?

This information may be helpful to others in Lincoln County. I would encourage you to send it along. Thanks,

Mary

From: Brian Kingsley <brian.kingsley@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

At a time when the World and community needs to come together, you still find time to send me SPAM emails. Please desist from sending me this

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 5:35 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:11 PM
To: 'Kingofcarney' <kingofcarney@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Dr. Sandra and Kevin South,

Thank you for your email on this. As you can imagine, I've received a lot of similar correspondence, and I agree with your sentiment. I think a lot of the response has been knee jerk, especially the stay at home order. Rather than treating Wisconsinites like adults, Governor Evers decided to put restrictions on every aspect of our lives. At the end of the day, Governor Evers currently has emergency powers that give him the power to do every single thing he has done. Please know that, while we in the legislature are doing the best we can to work with his office and work bi-partisanly, we are pushing back behind the scenes, especially when we don't believe decisions are being made with science-based/fact-based data. My first and main goal during this time is to continue getting information to the people who need it, help constituents connect with their government meaningfully, and hopefully help to get all of us through this in on piece.

The Governor has these powers for 60 days. After that, he needs approval from the legislature to continue. He has asked for his powers to be extended indefinitely, which is not something I think a lot of my colleagues would support. I think the state is best led in these situations with one leader at the helm to make sure information and decisions are funneled appropriately with the lowest opportunity for confusion and chaos. However, be rest assured, the legislature will continue to demand answers for our constituents, and will be the check on the Executive Branch we need to be.

Has your daughter heard anything more about how her loss of rotation will affect her graduation? I know a lot of ceremonies have been cancelled, which is tough enough, but having that date extended all together would be much more difficult.

On the elections, this is something that the Legislature tried to make more uniform, by giving all municipalities the same amount of time to early vote, two weeks. I agree with you that rural communities are definitely at a disadvantage here, which is why we tried to put that in place. Unfortunately a judge struck that provision down.

Thank you again for your thoughts, I really appreciate your time,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kingofcarney <kingofcarney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update

Enough of the stupid virus-adults should be able to make their own decisions-a clear example of the ' 1 size fits all ' failure.
how is this going to this going to end? By adding more time, extending weeks beyond, or is this the new normal and we should just expect this every 6-8 years? Won't there be more damage from bankruptcies, suicides, and Government created poverty, (where none existed) than deaths from Covid-19?? And

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don't insult my intelligence by saying Gov. will make payments or loans---we know where the money comes from in the first place...

My oldest daughter just had her last rotation cancelled-she is besides herself since she does not know how this could affect her May graduation from Pharmacy school....still waiting to hear if Graduation will be canceled-A true lifetime milemarker...

I'd rather you work on getting lazy town clerks opening for early voting, like, say, here in Nokomis!!! Why can lefties in Madison and Milwaukee have weeks of voting, while we are only offered absentee or election day!! That's what I prefer you contact me and work on-it's a fundamental disadvantage to rural living!!

Dr. Snadra and Kevin South
Nokomis

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:07 PM
To: 'Kevin Colloton' <kecolloton@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Fuhrer EVERS!!!

Kevin,

Thank you for your feedback. I certainly understand the frustration and I am hearing from a lot of people who are feeling the same. Rest assured, we are pushing back hard where we can and preparing for session, likely early next week.

Thank you again,

Mary

From: Kevin Colloton <kecolloton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Duchow <Rep.Duchow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fuhrer EVERS!!!
Importance: High

Since when did we elect das Fuhrer!!!

EVERS works for me and other Wi residents, he doesn't get to choose our rights, our freedoms!!!

His Edicts are frankly unconstitutional, have zero common sense and are frankly just silly. This guy is a complete clown who can't think his way out of a room with multiple doors!!!

The Wuhan flu is turning out to be a pretty big nothing burger! All the "experts" are proving to be completely wrong! And now our state and national economies are in RUIN!!!

Why are the other chambers not in session pushing back on his silliness? please get back and reign in this CLOWN we have masquerading as a governor!!!

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Kevin Colloton

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:34 PM
To: 'Bill Hass' <bhass@wittbirn.k12.wi.us>
Subject: RE: FW: April 7th Spring Election Update

Thank you! I wasn't quite sure where to go next, so please keep me in the loop and let me know if there is anything else I can help with.

Mary

From: Bill Hass <bhass@wittbirn.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: April 7th Spring Election Update

Rep. Felzkowski,

Thank you for letting me know. I did not hear about this before. I will let our band teachers know, to see if there is any other information I can obtain.

Bill

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 11:53 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Good morning Principal Hass,
>
> A constituent reached out to me on this issue. I'm not exactly sure there is anything I can do since it's a company in NJ, but thought I'd reach out to see if you have any insight.
>
> Thank you!
>
> Mary Felzkowski
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> **From:** lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:54 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

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The company is called Voyager International out of Morristown, NJ. My grandson attends Wittenberg/Birnamwood Hign School. I am not sure how many students were going but at least 6. The number for the School is 715-253-2213.

Thank You For Your Help.

Lester Resch

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:11:52 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Lester,

Thank you for reaching out on this. Can you give me more information about who the high school students were going through specifically? Once I know more I can look into it for you. I agree with you that this is not right.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention,

Mary

From: lnkresch@frontier.com <lnkresch@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7th Spring Election Update

Rep. Felzkowski, I have a grandson who was chosen to represent the State of Wisconsin in a High School band made up of High School Students from our state. The trip has been canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, which is bad enough, but when they wanted to get there down payment back each student was charged $1900.00. I think this is outrageous. There are students that had to raise the money themselves and now they want to keep $1900.00 from each of them. Please advise.

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Thank You

Lester Resch

On Monday, April 6, 2020, 08:05:37 PM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



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Tuesday, April 7th Spring Election

Good evening everyone,

I know there has been a lot of confusion today so I wanted to provide all of you with information so you are prepared for tomorrow.

The April 7th Spring Election will be happening tomorrow and polling places will be open.

If you need information about where your polling place is located, please go to the following site, or let me know what your address is and I can send you the location. https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace

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Municipal and county clerks have been working around the clock to make sure each polling place is safe and adheres to social distancing. I know a lot of polling places are doing drive-thru voting, which will allow for voters to stay in your car and avoid person-to-person contact. If you feel most comfortable wearing Personal Protective Equipment, like gloves, or a mask, or a scarf, I encourage everyone to do that.

For those of you that received an absentee ballot but have not yet returned them to your clerk, your absentee ballot needs to be postmarked by tomorrow, April 7th.

COVID-19 has been a really trying time for everyone, and I think we can all agree that this is not an optimal situation. Although frustrating, we can do this. I will be driving around polling places tomorrow in my area just to see if there is any help I can give. If you have thoughts or concerns, I am available tonight, tomorrow, or at any time. Please reach out to me.

Thank you and have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 5:27 PM
To: 'John Hanz' <john.hanz@co.lincoln.wi.us>
Subject: RE: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Okay thank you for the information!

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: John Hanz <john.hanz@co.lincoln.wi.us>
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Subject: Re: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Mary,
The bathroom facilities have been closed because of the total disregard for the bathroom facilities. So much debris and garbage had been dumped into the toilets we were unable to hire a septic pumper to pump facility. They smell so bad we needed to close them. Also the maintenance cost increased dramatically. So the Highway Committee followed suit with WisDOT and closed the bathrooms.

John

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 3:36 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey John,
>
> I wanted to reach out to you because we received the constituent question below (at the bottom). I reached out to WisDOT but they told me that Lincoln County now owns it. I was hoping you could give me some more background.
>
> Thank you in advance!
>
> Liz

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Elisabeth Portz

Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N

35th Assembly District

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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Rep. Felzkowski,

Total ownership and maintenance responsibility of this property was transferred to Lincoln County in 2014. WisDOT has had no involvement in this site since the transfer.

As you know, our state owned rest areas remain open.

Thanks,

Diana

Diana Maas

Legislative Liaison

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Desk: (608) 266-9465

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diana.maas@dot.wi.gov

From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Diana,

Hope you had a good weekend. Are you familiar with the rest area/way side mentioned here? I didn't see it on the website but I might have missed it. Any information you have would be great! I can also reach out to the regional person if that would make more sense.

Thanks!

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Dorothy Jorgensen

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Address

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City

Tomahawk, Wi

Phone Number

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Message

Mary, I read in your email that rest areas are open and it made me think of something I would like to know but don't know who to contact. Hoping you can help me. I am wondering why the wayside at Hwy 8 and Cty A just north of Tomahawk has been closed for a few years? They put in the parking lot for trailer for ATV's and snowmobiles to unload and then closed the bathroom. This didn' make much sense to me. People are going to need a restroom after traveling her and also before loading up and heading home. Thank you for all the info you provide in your emails. Dorothy Jorgensen

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:14 PM
To: 'John Sturm' <jsturm3415@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

God bless you, John!

Mary

From: John Sturm <jsturm3415@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:22 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

I know from being Hamburg Town Chairman for many years, it's nice to hear that you are doing something good and right sometimes. All to often we drift into only hearing the negative things. Keep it up and stay healthy!

John

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020, 20:15 Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Thank you for your kind message, John. It's one of the only nice things we've received today.
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> Have a great day,
>
> Mary
>
> **From:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 8:12 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Marathon

Phone Number

7152184196

Message

Keep up the great work!

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:12 AM
To: 'Jody-Ellen Dombrowski' <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: GOLF COURSES

Hey Jody,

Yes there is a petition to reopen golf courses, but only with certain parameters in place, like allowing people to self-pay so there's not a need for people to interact. So it would essentially be a mechanism to allow for people to get some exercise, use their own equipment, and still social distance. I don't believe that the use of carts would be a part of that either. So if it were to happen, I don't think an open golf course pre-COVID would look the same as an open golf course during COVID.

Just wanted to clarify what I've been hearing and why I signed a letter supporting it. I agree with you completely that every business and worker is essential in one way or another, so if we can be thoughtful about how businesses operate, or don't, during this pandemic, we can hopefully continue protecting Wisconsinites, both from getting the illness, and by promoting good mental health, which is also important. If we can do that, we can also reduce the amount of economic fallout that we will all have to deal with together after the outbreak passes.

Thank you again for your thoughts. Please let me know if you have anything else you'd like to discuss! Hope you have a good day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jody-Ellen Dombrowski <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Congressman Mike Gallagher <wi08mgima@mail.house.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: GOLF COURSES

Good morning,

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They said the golf course association has a petition going around so that golf courses are listed as "essential".
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I do not think I should risk dying so someone can go play golf.

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Thank you,
Jody Dombrowski
Birnamwood, WI

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:35 AM
To: 'Jody-Ellen Dombrowski' <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: GOLF COURSES

Jody,

I understand what you are saying, and I am absolutely not saying that people should not social distance. They should be because we need to get to the other side of this. However, what your friend is doing and the suggestion to open golf courses aren't really the same thing. The thing with golf courses is that there's really very little risk of spreading the virus if you're out, walking the course, and using your own equipment. People are cooped up in their own homes going a little (or a lot!) stir crazy, and this would be just one thing people can look forward to that will not negatively impact our ability to fight the outbreak. It's the same reason Governor Evers and the DNR have left all of the State Parks open (and have waived fees!), so that people can get out and about without interacting with each other. I see no problem with that, and actually think it's a good thing.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jody-Ellen Dombrowski <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: GOLF COURSES

I am so disappointed in your decision to sign.
Have you been out and about? People are not practicing distancing, go to any store that is open, watch the people. I even have a friend who called and invited us over for steak dinner this Saturday to help them celebrate their anniversary. We have not left the house in weeks and will not go to their house, they don't get it.
People don't get it, and people need the direction that has come down.
Golfing will be there, April is pretty iffy for golfers anyway, why can't they wait until May?
Those who are following the safer at home orders are waiting.

Jody Dombrowski

On Friday, April 3, 2020, 09:12:30 AM CDT, Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Jody Dombrowski

Birnamwood, WI

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:08 AM
To: 'MYRA AND RICK' <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Subject: RE: GOOD MORNING

Good morning Rick,

First off, I hope you and Myra are staying safe and taking care.
You hit the nail right on the head with the election situation. This is an unprecedented, difficult time and we understand everyone is trying to do the right thing, but we cannot compromise the integrity of our elections. Additionally, many of our local clerks have reached out incredibly concerned because the mail-out option the Governor suggested is simply not physically feasible.

It is great to hear that you have already voted absentee. My office and the rest of the Legislature are now focused on getting as much information out there as possible about absentee voting and making sure everyone's voice is heard. People need to exercise this fundamental right, even during times like these.

Prime rib is always a great choice- thanks for supporting the local restaurants. That's how we'll all get through this.

Have a great week,
Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: GOOD MORNING

ONCE AGAIN THE GOV. WANTS TO PULL A FAST ONE. VOTING WITHOUT AN ID. THEM DEMS. NEVER STOP WITH THEIR TRYING TO RIG AN ELECTION. MYRA AND I VOTED BY ABSENT TEE, AND WE SHOWED OUR ID. HOW IN THE WORLD CAN THE STATE MAIL OUT ALL THE BALLOTS? WHAT I THINK I THINK HE IS TRYING TO POSTPONE THE ELECTION AND THIS IS JUST A FIRST STEP. I SEE HIM COMNG FORWARD WITH A BIG SPLASH TO DO THAT. COULD BE WRONG BUT THAT IS MY THOUGHTS. WE ORDERED PRIME RIB FOR SUPPER LAST NIGHT AND IT WAS VERY GOOD ORDERED FROM THE NIKOMIS PUB. RICK
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:38 PM
To: 'MYRA AND RICK' <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Subject: RE: GOOD MORNING

Rick and Myra,

Thanks for your email today. It was nice to see the proverbial friendly face amongst many others that are less than happy with the way things have gone today. COVID-19 has created so many less than ideal situations, so we all just need to find a way to make it to the other side. I agree with you that everyone who wanted to vote had the ability to do that. It's just a really tense situation that I expect to continue hearing about for a long while. Glad you both are able to make it out four wheeling. That has to help with the sanity of being kind of stuck. Fries and I are definitely looking forward to the warmer temps hopefully coming soon.

Thank you again for your nice check in. I appreciate it,

Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: GOOD MORNING

HOPE ALL IS WELL, WE ARE WEATHERING THE STORM OF THE 19. WE WENT OUT 4 WHEELING SUNDAY BY OURSELVES. THERE WERE SOME OTHERS OUT BUT NOT MANY. WE WENT WEST AND NORTH UP TO THE PIER WILLOW AREA. SOME SNOW ALONG THE ROADS. TRAILS ARE CLOSED SO THAT WAS HOW WE HAD TO GO. DID FOLLOW THE GOV. AND HIS LAST DAY APPROACH TO MOVE THE ELECTION. HE LOST AND HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO LOOSE BUT STILL DID THE POLITICAL B.S. ONCE AGAIN HE AND HIS HANDLERS WANT TO CREATE SEPARATION AMONG THE CITIZENS. LOOK ANYONE WHO WANTED TO VOTE WOULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO VOTE. IT WAS THAT SIMPLE. ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS CALL YOUR TOWN CLERK UP HERE AND ASK CAN WE GET A BALLOT? AND THIS BUSINESS ABOUT A SPECIAL SESSION, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT? SOCIAL DISTANCING, NOT. OH WELL HE IS WHAT HE IS. 2 BIG DEFEATS ONE ON THE STATE LEVEL COURT AND THEN ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL.
TAKE CARE MAYBE THE WEATHER WILL BREAK AND YOU 2 CAN DO SOME FIXING ON YOUR PLACE UP HERE. MYRA AND RICK
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 5:06 PM
To: 'Roger Ross' <rross.qrp@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: gov evers and his election shenanigans

Roger and Lee Ann,

You are 100% right about the special session. Coming in at the last minute to try to change the election 3 days before it happens it not logistically feasible, and I think Governor Evers knows that. We will not be convening as a full body tomorrow to take up his legislation. I've already heard from 5 of the clerks just in my district pleading that we don't support this plan. It would put all of them in such a terrible position, and would cause so much confusion and chaos, that I cannot, in good conscience, support any of it. Right now, clerks have more time to count and receive ballots. With over 1 million ballots requested, I really don't expect the polls to be what they normally are. A lot of polling places are switching to drive thru voting, which will really cut down on the amount of face to face interaction required to vote in person. We can get through this if we work together. My husband and I are hoping to volunteer at the polls to help things along if they need it.

Thank you again for your email and your thoughts. I appreciate your time as always.

Mary

From: Roger Ross <rross.qrp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: gov evers and his election shenanigans

Good Afternoon Mary, Tom. I guess I really should have seen this coming when Nancy Pelosi started agitating for all mail-in voting as part of the insane spending bill just signed by President Trump. What an obscene bill that was agreed to. Now San Fran Nan is saying she wants that on the "next" series of bills they want (but shouldn't be needed) to battle the Wuhan virus. It boggles the mind.

The reason I'm reaching out to both of you today however is because our useless Governor must have been just waiting and waiting to spring this "Special Session" on you and Lee Ann and I are imploring you to not take the bait regarding the governors plans. We have been bombarded with suggestions to vote absentee on TV and Radio while we have been mostly staying at home. My choice was and will always be to show up at my polling place and vote on the special day we set as a state and country for our elections. This time however, given the possible health concerns, and to satisfy Lee Ann that this one time we should vote by mail even though we are here now, both Lee Ann and I secured our ballots and we have completed them and sent them in. Judge Conley already went a step way beyond what I'd care to see happen by extending the time to get in an absentee ballot but I don't really know what can be done about that at this late date so perhaps that was all part of the plan to bugger up our election.

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When you show up tomorrow for the session the governor has called we know you are in a difficult position and while we hope there is not an official extension for the vote, we would like to say that under NO circumstance should you agree (as our representatives) to moving all voting to mail ballot. There will be no hiding from the pushback from people like Lee Ann and me.

Thanks for your consideration.

R. Roger & Lee Ann Ross
Tomahawk, WI

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:02 AM
To: 'dennis patrick' <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Government paychecks

Dennis,

Thank you for your email. Governor Evers made the decision all on his own to do a stay at home order. The legislature had no say, and in fact, we had been told for several days leading up to the order by Governor Evers' staff that he would NOT be putting a stay-at-home order in place. I totally understand where you are coming from and agree that it is a frustrating and impossible situation for our business owners and those who work for them.

Mary Felzkowski

From: dennis patrick <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:33 PM
To: EversInfo@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Senator Tammy Baldwin <do_not_reply@baldwin.senate.gov>
Subject: Government paychecks

I think it's time you and all members of the electorate stop accepting pay. You mandated that the working people of this state stop receiving pay so it's your obligation to lead the way and stop receiving pay like the rest of us unless you believe your above the taxpayers of this state. We're all in this together or aren't we?
Dennis J Patrick
W4148 County Rd H
Irma, WI 54442

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:54 PM
To: 'Tracy Sturm' <tas11158@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers - Stay at HOME ORDER

Tracy,

Thank you for your email. I totally understand the frustration, and I think it's something a lot of people, especially in the north, are feeling. I wanted to send you the updated outbreak information from today: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm. We are currently at 707 positive tests, with 37 counties currently impacted. The last two days, there has been a jump of 120 positives each day. Ultimately, I agree with you that treating the whole state the same when there are not positive tests in the North can be really frustrating and seemingly unfair. Unfortunately, Governor Evers has chosen to make the stay at home order statewide, and there is nothing the legislature can do to impact that because he has emergency powers to issue these orders. My main goal at this point is to be an information source for my district and make sure that everyone who is impacted can make it to the other side of this situation intact. I hope I can help anyone who is having trouble getting connected with an agency, or finding the answers they need.

Thank you for your email, and I hope that you and your family are doing okay,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Tracy Sturm <tas11158@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Governor Evers - Stay at HOME ORDER

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

I am against the extended Safer at Home order that Governor Evers forced on us Wednesday March 25th at 8:00am which will extend until April 24th. I am following the 15 day Stay at Home order the President has issued - this was sensible and smart. Now I feel that we need to GET BACK TO WORK as soon as possible - especially in areas that are not seeing a spike in Covid 19 cases.

WE are not the State of New York! To date we have 5 deaths in the Great State of Wisconsin from Covid-19 and, as of today we have 457 confirmed cases. We have tested 8237 Wisconsinites and if my calculations are correct 94.5% of the the people who were tested DO NOT HAVE THE VIRUS.

Data from the CDC in 2017 shows we lost 11,680 lives to Heart Disease, 11,318 to cancer, Accidents took 3,746 lives. To compare "Apples to Apples" we lost 974 lives to the Flu/Pneumonia in 2017. As of Feb 24th we lost 17 people to Snowmobiling - are we going to outlaw snowmobiles? I feel it is tragic that we lost those 5 lives but what will be the cost of lives when people lose their JOBS and our economy crashes? At some point our employers will not be able to continue to keep us on the payroll - of course all of you in the legislator will continue to get a check. What about the people who work in the service industry - Bartenders, Waitstaff, Retail Employees, Sales Personnel, Salon Workers, etc. Currently a lot of these people are already out of a job! How will these people take care of their families in the long term?

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We have approximately 44 Counties who have not seen 1 COVID-19 case as of today. We have 5.7 million residents in the State of Wisconsin and of that 457 have been identified with the Covid-19. How does this justify shutting down our whole state to business and our right to work?

The State of South Dakota is using a County by County order which seems reasonable to me. You can not compare Milwaukee County with Counties who do not even have a single case of this virus.

I am a law abiding citizens that wants to GET BACK to WORK within reason. I expect our Governor to treat us as ADULTS and not Children who need direction. I can make informed decisions and act responsible!

I was lucky to meet you last year at a "Town Hall" and felt that you are a common sense Legislator and we really need to you to help us be heard with our Governor. He has over reacted and needs to get Wisconsin back to work using common sense. For the record my county still does not have one case of Covid-19.

Respectfully.

Tracy Sturm

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 12:40 PM
To: 'Jeff Burns' <jburns@weinbrennerusa.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Order

Hey Jeff,

I think you *could* be covered under that section, but Rep. Felzkowski's office can't really determine that for you, only WEDC can. So at this point if you are unsure, I would recommend reaching out to them directly to see what their determination is. If you go to this link, https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/, it's a good resource and has a contact number at the bottom. I'm guessing they are being inundated with calls, but I would try that number now, and then give it a while if you can't get through immediately. If you're still having trouble getting through to them, that we can try to help you do that.

I hope this helps!

Thank you,

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Jeff Burns <jburns@weinbrennerusa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Order

Liz,

Thank you for supplying the order.

We've read through the order and have determined that per Paragraph 13 section v, we do provide footwear to the industries we've highlighted on the attached copy. Given this, are we correct in determining we are considered an Essential business?

Sincerely,

Jeff Burns
President

Thorogood® | *JOB-FITTED Footwear*
108 S Polk St · Merrill WI 54452
715-536-5521 ext. 315

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Cell 719-337-6690

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Jeff Burns <jburns@weinbrennerusa.com>
Subject: Governor Evers' Order

Hey Jeff,

Here is the order. It is 16 pages long. Please go through it carefully, and see if any of what is included as exempt or essential applies to you. If you think it does, nothing more needs to be done. If you don't think it does, then we will need to contact WEDC to see what they say. If they say you are non-essential, then we can make a request from our office to classify your business as essential. There is no guarantee that the request will be granted, but we'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Scott Suder <Suder@wipaper.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 6:06 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Press Conference
Attachments: WPC.ND Paper Donations.WI Press Release.pdf; WI Paper-Converting CoronaVirus Support Final.pdf

Good Afternoon Stamena,

Thank you for reaching out to us on this matter. We will certainly keep you apprised of our industry's efforts to produce and provide such medical equipment and especially appreciate your offer to assist in those endeavors. We will let you know if we need anything.

Again, thank you for your kind offer. We really appreciate it!

P.S. Please find attached the latest press releases that we have sent out related to the COVID 19 virus and how papermakers are responding.

Best Regards,

Scott Suder
President
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Wisconsin Paper Council
TEL: 608.467.6025 - CELL: 608.400.3077
Website: https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=www.wipaper.org&umid=bd9c85ff-1896-42c3-a886-887edd487bf1&auth=07cf988da9fa8b6cd051aae6a7294268a3f8ae34-2db8b017dc9e61e1abf37984c17421c030ca84dc
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From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Scott Suder <Suder@wipaper.org>
Subject: Governor Evers' Press Conference

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Hi Scott,

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I hope you and the entire Paper Council team are doing well and staying safe! I'm reaching out because in his press conference earlier today, Governor Evers mentioned he is working through you to arrange something with WI paper mills to supply personal protection equipment. If there is any way Mary can assist with these efforts, or if there is anything our office can do to support the Northwoods paper industry during this time, we are always here.

Thanks,
Stamena

Stamena Ivanov
Policy Advisor
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 11:19 AM
To: 'Mary Bach' <BachReds1945@hotmail.com>
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Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Hey Steve,

Thank you to your wife for helping our elections run smoothly. With the election on April 7th, Governor Evers has stated time and time again that he will not be moving the election, and he doesn't actually have the power to do it on his own. Neither does the Elections Commission. He most recently asked the Legislature to institute a totally mail-in ballot initiative. In our state, this just not a feasible option for several reasons:

1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.

2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.

5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.

6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:56 PM
To: 'Mark Powers' <pow100@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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I totally understand where you are coming from, Mark. This has caused a lot of impossible situations. Please let me know if you need anything from me or my office during this time.

Mary

From: Mark Powers <pow100@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

If he keeps this ridiculous order up for the entire period there will be many individuals that will not be able to afford to "Buy Local"

-----Original Message-----
From: Rep. Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
To: Mark Powers <pow100@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Mar 24, 2020 2:29 pm
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To: 'Vicki Kickhaver' <yayagal@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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Hey Vicki,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. I agree that it does give out mixed signals that everyone must stay home, but let's have a lot of people in the same place for voting. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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From: Vicki Kickhaver <yayagal@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Victoria Kickhaver <yayagal@frontier.com>
Subject: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Ms Mary Felzkowski – As a poll worker and being over 65, I am concerne
upcoming primary election on April 7. Because of the severity and manda
home order, should the primary also be postponed until a later date? We n
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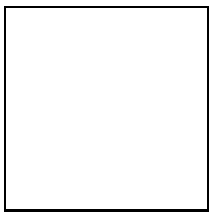
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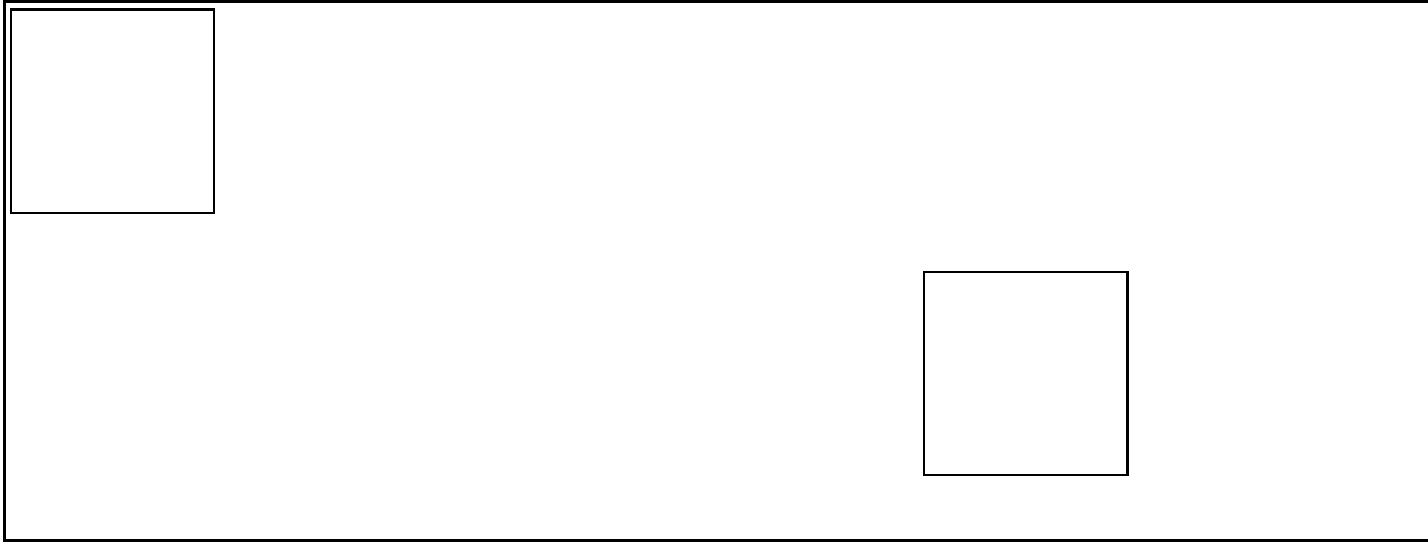
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To: "'kathleenjw20@yahoo.com'" <kathleenjw20@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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Kathleen,

Outdoor activity is essential travel, so yes! Fishing is absolutely allowed. Everyone doing outdoor activity must still utilize social distancing and stay at least 6 feet from anyone not in their household. There is no limit to how far you can travel for outdoor activity. The DNR is simply suggesting staying closer to home, but you can drive over county lines to fish. I think there is a concern that a lot of people may travel to their second homes to congregate, which can create new issues, so the order technically states that you must stay within your primary residence. Having said that, if you travel back to your primary residence after fishing, I don't think any violations of the order have occurred.

Thank you for reaching out! Please let me know if you run into any issues with this or anything else.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kathleen Willcome <kathleenjw20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Hi,
We can't seem to determine if one is able to go fishing as far as this Safer at Home order. It seems the DNR is advising people can go fishing but stay close to home. Most are traveling a distance to go fishing. Can you confirm the details as it seems unclear?
Thank you,
Kathleen Szutkowski

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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Hey, thank you for reaching out. I absolutely think this counts as outdoor activity and is allowed under the order, as long as you are social distancing from everyone that is not in your household (so staying 6 ft away).

Thanks for the question!

Mary

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:36 PM
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We live up north and enjoy outdoor activity. Is riding around on your ATV/UTV considered outdoor activity and therefore essential?

Sent from my iPhone

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Kevin and Patti,

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I am happy to hear you'll be moving to Tomahawk, we will be happy to have you!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kevin Colloton <kecolloton@gmail.com>
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Our excuse of a Governor continues to prove he's a clueless empty suit! This Wuhan virus is a medical emergency, but it's not even close to a national or state crisis that warrants a half baked martial law declaration! I have rights, and this empty suit of a governor is not going to infringe on my freedoms!!!

My family and I will follow national guidance for the Wuhan virus, but this clown governor I simply ignore. He's governor due to voter fraud in Dane and Milwaukee county, and due to a Pot referendum! He's illegitimate as far as I'm concerned!!!

My wife and I will be moving to the Tomahawk area this summer and look forward to supporting and having you as our representative in Madison!

Regards

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To: 'Randy Halbach' <randy.halbach@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

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From: Randy Halbach <randy.halbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:32 PM
To: 'Pat Brimacombe' <patbrim47@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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Hey Pat,

You emailed my email back to me with no message. Was there anything you needed from me or my office?

Thank you!

Mary

From: Pat Brimacombe <patbrim47@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 2:27 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



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To: 'Ron Zimmerman' <rdz9795@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update
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From: Ron Zimmerman <rdz9795@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

My son & grandson are suppose to fly to South Carolina to meet us. I assume this means they will not be able to fly out of Madison. Correct?

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From: John Cobb <cobbjohn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Unlike several other Democratic Governors, I do not believe Governor Evers has exempted business that sell firearms and ammunition as essential businesses. I do not know where you sit on that issue, but I can assure you it is a concern for me any many other Wisconsinites. Please push back for these vital businesses. Thank you.

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McDonald's					Yes
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Vickie and the Vets Bar	(715) 623-5810	1216 Elm St	Antigo	Yes	Yes
Birnamwood					
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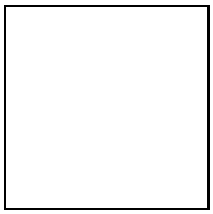
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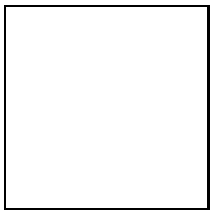
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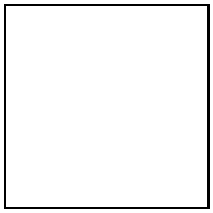
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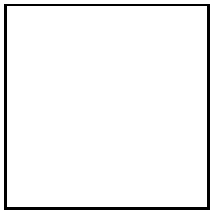
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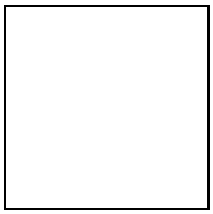
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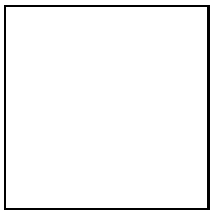
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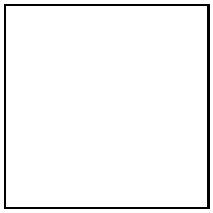
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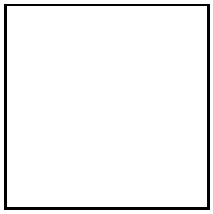
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To: "'melindabuck@hotmail.com'" <melindabuck@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update absentee ballot

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Good morning Melinda,

Do you need help obtaining an absentee ballot?

Thank you,

Mary

From: melindabuck@hotmail.com <melindabuck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: "'melindabuck@hotmail.com'" <melindabuck@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update absentee ballot

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Haha That is no worry at all!

Have a great weekend, Melinda!

Mary

From: melindabuck@hotmail.com <melindabuck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update absentee ballot

I am so sorry. I accidentally sent that to you. I must have hit reply instead of forward and I sent it before realizing my error. I meant to send your email to my husband so he could also follow the link to request an absentee ballot like I did. Thank you for inquiring. I was kind of hoping maybe it would just never get to you.😁
Melinda DeGier

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 3:04 PM
To: 'Mary Bach' <BachReds1945@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

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Hey Mary,

I am still waiting on more information, but it appears Kimberly Clark sold that part of the business in 2018 to what is now Owens-Minor/Halyard. I have asked for more details, but wanted to get this to you for now.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Mary Bach <BachReds1945@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update

Kimberly Clark asked for a bail out in the past year…they have a medical division that makes masks and other critical supplies. Where are these products? Are they selling them to other countries when we need them?

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Mary Bach
Subject: Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order- Coronavirus Update



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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 12:17 PM
To: "Sen.Tiffany" <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Grave concern with Safe at Home shutdown

Mary also spoke with him!

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From: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Grave concern with Safe at Home shutdown

Hi,

I gave Tony a call and talked to his business associate. They are concerned that their business will not qualify as essential under the EO, and they wanted more clarification. I recommended that they take a look at the WEDC page regarding essential businesses to see if they could fall under a mentioned essential service, and if not then they should make a designation inquiry on the WEDC page.

Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District
Christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov
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From: tonykuss@frontier.com <tonykuss@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Grave concern with Safe at Home shutdown

Mary Felzkowski & Tom Tiffany

Please shed some light on Gov. Evers decision to set up "Safe at Home" until April 24th, 2020

I have some grave concern for the extended time verses what our president is announcing?

Thank you

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:45 PM
To: "Rostan, Jason" <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Greenhouses - Essential Business Update

Hey Jason,

Mary's got a florist who works alone and has asked if she can deliver. You mentioned that she could mail out products. Could she still deliver?

Thanks,

Liz

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From: Rostan, Jason <Jason.Rostan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:29 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Greenhouses - Essential Business Update

Hello Everyone,

With the switch by the federal CISA list to include landscapers as essential, it has had an effect on greenhouses as well.

Before this week, greenhouses were allowed to only sell ag production products. These would include fruit or vegetable seeds or plants. They were also allowed to "maintain" their nursery stock, which would include watering and other activities to keep the plants alive.

With the change in classification of landscapers, I asked for more clarification for greenhouses. Under the information I received, greenhouses/nurseries will now be able to operate to supply professional landscapers and other "essential services." Some of these essential services could include construction, pesticides and forestry services.

For residential customers, greenhouses would be able to mail them products out of their place of business.

While this isn't a full shift into the essential category, it does allow additional revenue sources for these businesses that make the bulk of their sales in the spring.

If you have questions, please let me know.

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Jason Rostan
Policy Advisor
Rep. Tyler August's Office

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 4:18 PM
To: "'mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com'" <mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com>
Subject: RE: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Michelle,

Thanks so much for the information! I think I remember Mark from a lobby day he participated in. We will take the 3 names ☺ (pretty standard for our district)

Thank you!
Stamena

From: mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com <mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Hi Stamena,

Hope you're well also! Wow, it's kind of sad, but we only have 3 of them. We also have Russ Davis Wholesale as an allied member—they have a warehouse in Merrill. They may be helpful to you as well. The contact there is Mark Maloney, mmaloney@russdaviswholesale.com.

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Butch & Tammy Gilbert
115 S. Superior Street, Antigo
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No email

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:22 PM
To: mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com
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Hey Michelle,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe! I was reaching out to you in your capacity as lobbyist for the WI Grocers Assn. We were wondering if you happened to have a directory or list of grocers in our district? Mary was hoping to reach out to them to partner on getting information out to our constituents.

Thank you!

Stamena Ivanov
Policy Advisor
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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 5:09 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Wow. That is sad!

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From: mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com <mkussow@wisconsingrocers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Grocers in the 35th Assembly District

Hi Stamena,

Hope you're well also! Wow, it's kind of sad, but we only have 3 of them. We also have Russ Davis Wholesale as an allied member—they have a warehouse in Merrill. They may be helpful to you as well. The contact there is Mark Maloney, mmaloney@russdaviswholesale.com.

Butch's SUPERVALU
Butch & Tammy Gilbert
115 S. Superior Street, Antigo
715-623-5417
No email

Dave's County Market
David Bonnell
300 E First St., Merrill
715-536-2571
owner1514@svharbor.com

Trig's

Bob Jaskolski, President
662 N. 4th St., Tomahawk
715-453-2174
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Madison, WI 53703
Direct: 608.210.3304
Cell: 608.225.7477
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https://www.wisconsingrocers.com/covid-19

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Hey Michelle,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe! I was reaching out to you in your capacity as lobbyist for the WI Grocers Assn. We were wondering if you happened to have a directory or list of grocers in our district? Mary was hoping to reach out to them to partner on getting information out to our constituents.

Thank you!

Stamena Ivanov
Policy Advisor
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:55 PM
To: 'MYRA AND RICK' <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Subject: RE: HAPPY EASTER

Rick and Myra,

Right there with you guys. I hope you have a wonderful Easter, even if it doesn't look like a normal year for any of us.

Thanks again,

Mary

From: MYRA AND RICK <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: HAPPY EASTER

THOUGHT WE WOULD SEND EASTER WISHES TO YOU 2 AND TO YOUR FAMILIES. THESE PAST MONTHS HAVE BEEN VERY TRYING NOT ONLY ON OUR STATE BUT OUR NATION. JUST A THOUGHT AS WE APPROACH THIS BLESSED TIME AS CHRIST TRIED TO UNITE PEOPLE ON FAITH AND SCRAFICED HIS LIFE ON THE CROSS FOR ALL OF MANKIND LET US HOPE AND PRAY THAT ONCE OUR NATION AND STATE RECOVER FROM THE ALL OF THIS WE AS A STATE AND NATION ONCE AGAIN REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE UNITED AND HOW IMPORTANT EACH AND EVERY PERSON IS IN THIS NATION. HAPPY EASTER AND MAY YOU AND FAMILY HAVE A BLESSED WEEKEND. RICK AND MYRA ROSS

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:15 PM
To: 'MYRA AND RICK' <rossnorthwoods@charter.net>
Subject: RE: HELL-O

Rick and Myra,

Thank you for reaching out. You are so right that life today is much different than life even a week ago. I'm hoping the weather will improve so people can still distance themselves while getting some fresh air. I think this situation is definitely stressful for all involved, but I think the response has been generally good, especially since most governments, local, state, and federal, have never dealt with something like this before. It's an ever-changing thing, but I think we'll all get through it.

Stay healthy, stay sane!

Mary

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Subject: RE: Help with unemployment please!

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Subject: RE: Help!

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To: 'Erik Pfantz' <epfantz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Holding in-person voting during the peak of a pandemic

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Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Erik Pfantz <epfantz@gmail.com>
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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 11:05 AM
To: 'jm krall' <jmkrall@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Honoring a Local Legend and Corona Virus Update

Jeff,

Thank you for your email and everything to do to make snowmobiling possible of us and those who travel to our area, Jeff. We couldn't do it without you.

Hope you are all staying healthy,

Mary

From: jm krall <jmkrall@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Honoring a Local Legend and Corona Virus Update

Nice to see Gary being honored for his work with snowmobiling. He deserves it. Too bad he supports/rides a foreign made brand of snowmobile (Ski-doo) that is working diligently to put our two American snowmobile brands (Arctic Cat & Polaris) out of business.

There are so many other snowmobile club members (myself included) that volunteer countless hours and personal resources with little or no recognition. Snowmobiling is an important part of Wisconsin's economy. I feel it's long past time that people who demonstrate a dedicated commitment to the building and maintenance of the trail system deserve something more than just a plaque and a pat on the back. Without us the entire sport and the industry as a whole will collapse.

Thank you for your continued good work, Mary.

Jeff Krall
President, Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club
Merrill, WI

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Jeffrey Krall

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State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

WEEKLY E-UPDATE

Rep. Felzkowski's March 12th E-Update

Honoring Gary Hilgendorf

Last month, I had the incredible honor of presenting Gary Hilgendorf of AWSC - Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs with a citation for his countless contributions to the sport of snowmobiling in our state.
With 6 decades of achievements, there are too many to list. Gary had a prestigious racing career, racing at the World Championship Track in Eagle River. He is a master trail groomer taking home the title of International Groomer of the Year in 2011. He was one of the leaders of the Badger State Games Torch Rides and was instrumental in bringing the tradition back this year for the first time in 30 years.

Gary has served on the Governor's Snowmobile Council, as President of the Knight Owls Snowmobile Club and currently serves as Lincoln County Snowmobile Council President.

Wisconsin State Senator Tom Tiffany and I were proud to present him with a citation congratulating him on his immense contributions to the sport.
Thank you Gary!

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COVID-19 Update

Earlier today, Governor Evers declared a public health emergency in the state of Wisconsin over the spread of the corona virus, COVID-19.
It is important to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus in our state.
The CDC states that the best way to prevent illness due to exposure to the virus is to limit person-to-person contact as much as possible.
Here are a couple tips to follow:
-Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds
-Stay home if you are sick
-Cover coughs and sneezes
All levels of government are working cohesively to prevent the spread of this virus. The state's health department and the CDC will be providing updates at the following links:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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Please make sure to go to trusted news sources for information on the virus and the state of the pandemic.



Rural Camp Bills Signed into Law

Earlier this month, Governor Evers signed several bills I authored regarding regulations that govern overnight recreational camps.

Some of the Northwoods' best hidden gems are recreational camps tucked throughout rural Wisconsin that bring campers from dozens of countries here to experience our beautiful natural resources and grow fond memories of Wisconsin that last a lifetime.

These camps not only teach children independence, social skills, and love of the outdoors, they also bring in millions of dollars in rural tourism revenue and employ hundreds of local residents.

The package of bills we created alleviates the duplicative and burdensome regulations these camps undergo, ensuring their continued success

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One of the bills signed addresses onerous commercial building code regulations and the other bill allows for camps to use electronic record-keeping for health records, removing an antiquated bound-book requirement that they currently have to follow.

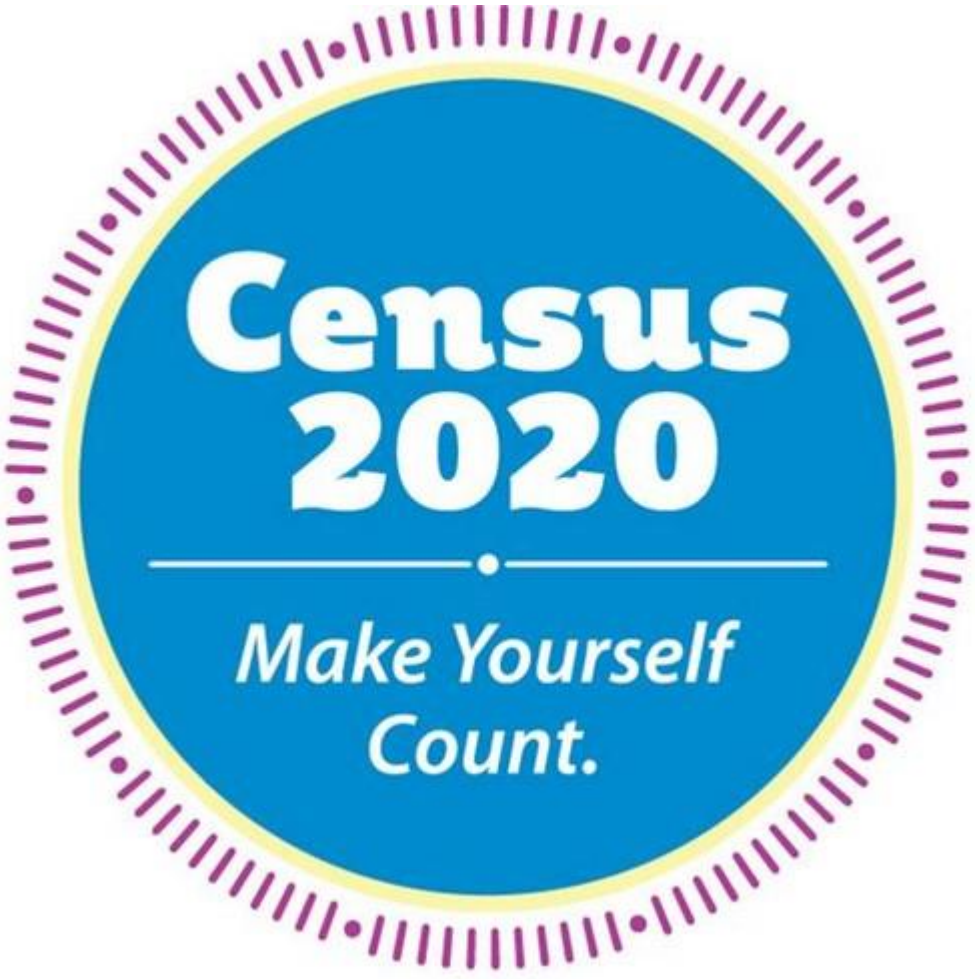
2020 Census

Every 10 years, states are constitutionally required to participate in the national census.

The 2020 Census will likely be arriving on your doorstep next week. It is crucial to fill out all the requested information.

Remember that the census data determines how much funding our region receives from the federal government and how many congressional representatives our state gets.

For any questions head to: https://2020census.gov/en/what-is-2020-census.html



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:36 PM
To: 'John' <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Subject: RE: Hope to see you on TV

Hey John,

I reached out to my polling station, who said they did not need more help. So then they reached out to several others for me to see where else my husband and I could go. All of them indicated they didn't need help, but I will be visiting the polls tomorrow just to see if there is anything I can do to be helpful.

Thank you for your email,

Mary

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Subject: Hope to see you on TV

I hope to see you on tv helping out at the polling places tomorrow.
John

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:17 AM
To: 'TJ Davis' <tjdavis86@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: HOW COVID-19 KILLS--I'm a Surgeon--And Why We Can't Save You

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TJ,

Thank you for sharing this video.

Hope you are safe and well,

Mary Felzkowski

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https://youtu.be/4J0d59dd-qM

Judie Davis
Your health is your wealth!

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Subject: RE: How does this look?

Okay I posted it. I'd say spend more money on this one. It's really important to we get this out to as many people as possible.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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To: 'Kat1' <kathyr240@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: How prepared is Wisconsin?

Hey Kathy,

Thank you for your email and reaching out! I appreciate you thinking about this. The Department of Health Services finally added to their website with the percentage of positive cases that are currently hospitalized, but I do not believe that is being broken down by county at this time. I did just receive some helpful information from the Wisconsin Hospital Information that includes some of what you are getting at, and I've attached that to this email here: this infographic. WHA is expecting to see more detailed regional information in the coming days. If you click around this site, DHS has added new data today that breaks it down by more than just county, including age bracket, sex, and others. https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm

Regarding respirators, masks, gowns, etc. Yes all of that data is being tracked by the Department of Health Services, although it's more difficult to release the information because it changes so rapidly. Many companies have stepped up to manufacture masks and respirators, so as they produce more, Wisconsin will have more in stock. There is also a statewide effort to collect these types of materials from people and businesses that are willing to donate them. I also know that people at home are allowed to sew masks for hospitals as long as it follows an approved pattern. I also know the Governor just moved to spend several hundreds of millions of dollars on more of the items you listewd. So, rest assured, the tracking is happening on that front, it's just a hard number to get out there.

I hope this is helpful! Thank you again for reaching out. I really appreciate it.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kat1 <kathyr240@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: How prepared is Wisconsin?

I see many Governors talking stats about preparedness, but cannot find much information on Wisconsin. I know the websites that show cases & deaths by county etc., but what are the numbers as far as hospital beds, respirators, masks, gowns, gloves etc.? Does anyone actually know or are we sticking our heads in the sand (inside our homes, of course) and riding this out blind?
A lot of people are looking for this info.. I think many would take it more seriously if they knew how many/few ICU beds were available. I live in Merrill, we haven't had any recorded cases....yet, but the stats would be good if only because it shows someone is actually counting. We here about people in other areas who were told they are "probably positive" but haven't been tested so their families are still going out to the store etc.. That's crazy! We should be better than this.

Is there a resource? If not can you find someone who knows and get them to share?

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Thank you!
Kathy Rohde
Merrill, WI

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As to why I opposed his order on Monday, the answer is that, regardless of whether or not the election should be moved, and I totally understand why people were hoping for that, the Governor circumvented state law and the constitution with his order. I do not believe that any elected leader should be able to break the law, regardless of the circumstances. I don't believe that there is any good reason for one person to have the power to temporarily suspend our rights. The constitution is what our society is built on, even more important during a global pandemic, not less. Elections are our constitutionally protected way of holding our governments accountable. Allowing for those in that government to mess with that, even in a time of crisis, is so dangerous. I can understand if you disagree, but it's how I feel, and it wouldn't change based on who is serving in an given position.

I can tell you that when we do convene, which will be in the next few days, if we are allowed to be in Madison, that's where I'll be. I am grateful for all the positive stories I've heard over the last couple days about the polls in our area. People have told me that they were clean, professionally run, social distancing was in place, and they felt safe.

Thank you,

Mary

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Why did you refuse to postpone the election?
I would love to understand.
Jane

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As to why I opposed his order on Monday, the answer is that, regardless of whether or not the election should be moved, and I totally understand why people were hoping for that, the Governor circumvented state law and the constitution with his order. I do not believe that any elected leader should be able to break the law, regardless of the circumstances. I don't believe that there is any good reason for one person to have the power to temporarily suspend our rights. The constitution is what our society is built on, even more important during a global pandemic, not less. Elections are our constitutionally protected way of holding our governments accountable. Allowing for those in that government to mess with that, even in a time of crisis, is so dangerous. I can understand if you disagree, but it's how I feel, and it wouldn't change based on who is serving in an given position.

I can tell you that when we do convene, which will be in the next few days, if we are allowed to be in Madison, that's where I'll be. I am grateful for all the positive stories I've heard over the last couple days about the polls in our area. People have told me that they were clean, professionally run, social distancing was in place, and they felt safe.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Jane Shinners <jmshinners@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: http://milwaukeejournalsentinel.wi.newsmemory.com/?publink=00eb8b1fa

Why did you refuse to postpone the election?

I would love to understand.

Jane

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 2:59 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Jane,
>
> Yes I did, and I disagree with your comments. If you want to blame Republicans, I can't stop you. As I said in my last email, you have the right to your own opinion.
>
> Thank you,
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> Mary
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> **From:** Jane Shinners <jmshinners@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:22 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: http://milwaukeejournalsentinel.wi.newsmemory.com/?publink=00eb8b1fa
>
> You obviously didn't read my last emai.
>
> Jane

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 2:19 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Jane,
>
> You are certainly entitled to your opinion. All I can do is share the truth with you, I can't make you believe it.
>
> Have a good day,

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Mary

From: Jane Shinners <jmshinners@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: http://milwaukeejournalsentinel.wi.newsmemory.com/?publink=00eb8b1fa

It was the Wisconsin legislature who refused Governor Evers's request to delay the election as in Ohio. The Republican governor of Ohio is given praise for considering the health of his constituents over politics. I am ashamed of the republican legislators that I voted for in Wisconsin.

Jane Shinners

Antigo,WI

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 1:39 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Jane,

Thank you for your email on this. The responsibility for what is laid out in the story you provided rests completely on the City of Milwaukee's shoulders. I agree that 5 polling places in Milwaukee is unacceptable. This was a decision made by the Mayor of Milwaukee. Yes, there were poll workers all over the state that decided to stay home (as I recommended to anyone who felt uncomfortable going), but there was an influx of new people wanting to volunteer, in addition to over 2400 National Guardsmen and women that were deployed to help run the polling places on Monday and Tuesday. The City of Milwaukee chose to close all but 2% of their polling places, even though there would have been help there for them if they had wanted to keep more of them open. Even 10 would have been better than 5. The same situation occurred in Green Bay. The Mayor declined helped from the National Guard, and only kept two polling stations open. Meanwhile, Madison was able to keep 75% of their polling places open, and did not experience the lines or the wait times in the two other locations. I totally understand the frustration here, but these were entirely local decisions.

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Thank you,

Mary

From: Jane Shinners <jmshinners@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: http://milwaukeejournalsentinel.wi.newsmemory.com/?publink=00eb8b1fa

http://milwaukeejournalsentinel.wi.newsmemory.com/?publink=00eb8b1fa

Are you willing to take responsibility if this proves to develop?

Or will you follow our president's lead and blame it on anyone else?

Jane Shinners,

Antigo,WI

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 12:50 PM
To: "'pbreutzmann@gmail.com'" <pbreutzmann@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today regarding the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL)

Paula,

I understand your frustration, and I know where you are coming from here, but I don't agree with your take on this. Everyone I know and work with has been encouraging everyone to vote absentee for weeks now, and Rep. Vos has been one of the biggest proponents of that. Regardless of whether someone believes the election should be moved (and I understand why people were hoping for that), Governor Evers simply did not have the power to issue the order he did yesterday. In all times, but especially in a pandemic, we all need to work together. No one person should be able to knowingly break the law or circumvent the constitution, no matter what the reason. Do I wish Governor Evers would have had conversations with us early on about moving the election? Absolutely I do. He had been saying over and over that he was not going to move the election, so the legislature tried to support him in that and move forward with making polling places as safe as possible.

Please let me know if you'd like to talk about this further. The media likes to paint a certain picture per usual, but I can assure you that everyone is trying to do their best with the information they have at the time.

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: pbreutzmann@everyactionadvocacy.com
<pbreutzmann@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL)

Dear Representative Mary J. Felzkowski,

As you may know, Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos has been one of the most vocal supporters of forcing Wisconsin residents to vote in person during this pandemic. Speaker Vos's actions are putting millions of voters at risk, and infringing on our democratic process.

What you may not know is that Robin Vos is also the president of the National Conference of State Legislatures. It's clear to me that any lawmaker who would actively work to force their constituents to choose between either risking their health or exercising their right to vote is not someone who is qualified to lead the NCSL.

I'm calling on you, as my legislature, to ask for Robin Vos's resignation from NCSL. Please reach out to Caroline Carlson at NCSL (caroline.carlson@ncsl.org) and urge her and her staff to ask for Speaker Vos's immediate resignation.

Sincerely,

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Paula Breutzmann
313 5th Ave Antigo, WI 54409-2218
pbreutzmann@gmail.com

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:23 PM
To: "'maria.low.nha@gmail.com'" <maria.low.nha@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today regarding the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL)

Maria,

I understand your frustration, and I know where you are coming from here, but I don't agree with your take on this. Everyone I know and work with has been encouraging everyone to vote absentee for weeks now, and Rep. Vos has been one of the biggest proponents of that, so to say that he was one of the most vocal supporters of forcing residents to vote in person is disingenuous. Everyone had the power to vote absentee, and I've been providing that information to my district for weeks now. Regardless of whether someone believes the election should be moved (and I understand why people were hoping for that), Governor Evers simply did not have the power to issue the order he did on Monday. In all times, but especially in a pandemic, we all need to work together. No one person should be able to knowingly break the law or circumvent the constitution, no matter what the reason. Do I wish Governor Evers would have had conversations with us early on about moving the election? Absolutely I do. He had been saying over and over that he was not going to move the election, so the legislature tried to support him in that and move forward with making polling places as safe as possible.

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Thank you,

Mary

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From: maria.low.nha@everyactionadvocacy.com
<maria.low.nha@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL)

Dear Representative Mary J. Felzkowski,

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Governor Evers has been relatively proactive in trying to mitigate the impact of the pandemic in this state. This insistence on holding in-person voting, especially in Milwaukee with FIVE polling locations open will negate any

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gains we have made, risk thousands of lives and reduce the likelihood of maintaining hospital capacity. It will also likely draw out the length of time our economy will be down.

Surely a one month delay with time for Residents to get mail in ballots is a simple measure that could alleviate a lot of risk.

There is absolutely no evidence that this is anything other than a massive voter suppression tactic, as if we don't already have enough voter suppression, voter purges and gerrymandering.

You Republicans are really at a point that you cannot get elected without cheating.

I am disgusted by your behavior, your pure disregard for the lives of WI citizens.

This Supreme Court seat in this absolutely illegitimate election at all costs shows us all who you are.

We are almost beyond ability to vote you despicable people out of office due to your level of cheating and corruption of our political process and courts. I think I'll be leaving this state that I have lived in all my life.

I'm calling on you, as my legislature, to ask for Robin Vos's resignation from NCSL. Please reach out to Caroline Carlson at NCSL (caroline.carlson@ncsl.org) and urge her and her staff to ask for Speaker Vos's immediate resignation.

Sincerely,
Maria Low
N8767 Bluebird Rd Birnamwood, WI 54414-9019 maria.low.nha@gmail.com

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:57 PM
To: "'tyler.ruprecht@outlook.com'" <tyler.ruprecht@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Hey Tyler,

Thank you for your email. I just wanted to respond to let you know that people are already allowed to vote via mail, and I have absolutely been encouraging everyone to do this if they don't feel comfortable going to the polls. No one who is at risk or doesn't feel comfortable should go, and I encourage everyone to stay home if that's what they want to do. Thankfully, so many people in Wisconsin have chosen to do that by voting absentee. With over 1.3 million absentee ballots mailed out, we have actually surpassed the total voter turnout from 2019, as well as the 2012 presidential primary total voter turnout already. This is wonderful! So many people are tuning into this election and trying to do so safely. I personally am so grateful that Wisconsin gives its citizens the ability to vote absentee if they need to. I have also heard from a lot of people in my district that really want to vote in person, and really want to work at the polls, despite the risk. With Governor Evers' new executive order today, we are still trying to figure out what that means tomorrow and the future. I hope to provide an update later tonight if we learn more that will be helpful for district constituents to know.

I appreciate your time and your opinion. I know these are scary, unprecedented times and we are all sort of operating without a map. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further.

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: tyler.ruprecht@everyactionadvocacy.com
<tyler.ruprecht@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Dear Representative Mary J. Felzkowski,

In today's Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, the editorial take a very clear position on whether Wisconsin should continue putting people at risk and running an election with too few poll-workers or poll locations. Namely, we should't. And I agree. I urge you to not put people's lives at risk by encouraging them to vote in person; voters and poll-workers like myself alike. This election will forever live with the memory that turnout was too few, not because people aren't doing their civic duty to vote, but because they ARE doing their civic duty to protect others through social distancing.

Please, delay this election and let us vote by mail!

* - https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/solutions/2020/04/03/editorial-wisconsin-election-should-not-happen-person/2945865001

Sincerely,

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Tyler Ruprecht
302 E Riverside Ave Merrill, WI 54452-3350 tyler.ruprecht@outlook.com

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 9:24 AM
To: 'Coreen Wendorf' <coreenwendorf@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Coreen,

Thank you for your email and support- I am one of the authors of the resolution.

Have a great day,
Mary

From: Coreen Wendorf <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS

COS CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Coreen Wendorf and I live in Merrill.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and business is a recipe for disaster.

What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by Washington, DC. Article V of the US Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing

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needed amendments to the Constitution.

Citizens for Self-Governance has launched the Convention of States Project to call an Article V convention to propose only amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

I support this approach. I want our state to be one of the necessary 34 states to pass a resolution calling for this kind of Article V Convention. You can find a copy of the model resolution and the Handbook for Legislators and Citizens (which explains the process and answers many questions) here: https://conventionofstates.com/handbook_pdf

I ask that you support the Convention of States Project and consider becoming a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Please respond to my request by informing the national COS team of your position, or sending them any questions you may have: info@cosaction.com or (540) 441-7227.

Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

Coreen Wendorf
coreenwendorf@yahoo.com
W5821 Hillside Drive, Merrill, WI, 54452

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:15 AM
To: 'Kim Boucha' <kimboucha@charter.net>
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Kim,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your support. I am one of the authors of the resolution.

Stay safe and have a great week,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kim Boucha <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:03 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS



Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Kim Boucha and I live in Tomahawk.

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Respectfully,

Kim Boucha
kimboucha@charter.net
1916 Co Y, Tomahawk, WI, 54487-9503

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:15 PM
To: 'David Reynolds' <dreynolds5963@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

David,

I am one of the co-authors of this resolution and completely agree with you.

Thank you for reaching out!

Mary

From: David Reynolds <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS



Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is David Reynolds and I live in Tomahawk.

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Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

David Reynolds
dreynolds5963@gmail.com
W4649 Shady Shore Road West, Tomahawk, WI, 54487

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 9:47 AM
To: 'Timothy Micke' <micke1961@live.com>
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Timothy,

I am one of the co-authors of this resolution and completely agree with you.

Thank you for reaching out!

Mary

From: Timothy Micke <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS



Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Timothy Micke and I live in Aniwa.

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Respectfully,

Timothy Micke
micke1961@live.com
236841 Eau Claire River Rd, Aniwa, WI, 54408-5061

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:14 PM
To: 'Joyce Wilmot' <joycewilmot41@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Hi Joyce,

Thank you for reaching out to me with your support- I am one of the authors of this resolution.

Have a great evening,
Mary

From: Joyce Wilmot <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS

COS CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

Dear Representative Mary Felzkowski,

My name is Joyce Wilmot and I live in Tomahawk.

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Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

Joyce Wilmot
joycewilmot41@gmail.com
6461 Hwy 8, Po Box 45, Tomahawk, WI, 54487-0045

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 5:07 PM
To: 'Stephen Balow' <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: I forgot ...

I've reached out to UW to see if they are already compiling data like this. As it changes so much every day, I'm not sure what the possibilities are, but I'll let you know if that information is already being worked on.

Thanks again,

Mary

From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I forgot ...

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

I forgot to mention a few other bits of information that might be helpful to people:

- * Trend lines (we see daily case counts but it's hard to remember what yesterday, much less the beginning of the week looked like);
- * Comparisons to other geographies (is the US more like China or Italy);
- * Comparisons to other health hazards (is this worse than the flu or H1N1).

Not that I think there is someone in our district that should be doing this … but, perhaps in the state or even at the University?

I am happy to provide assistance if there was an interest in providing such information.

Again, thanks for the fine work.

Best,

Steve Balow

> Begin forwarded message:
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> **From:** Steve Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
> **Subject: Re: Friday Evening Coronavirus Update**
> **Date:** March 20, 2020 at 6:35:11 PM CDT

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To: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

This is the second time I've written but the message is the same: Thanks for the great job you are doing. It helps to think our local Representative is involved and on top of things.

I have a small suggestion as well. Namely, as we move forward it would be helpful to know a bit more about the people who have contracted the virus. For each category (tested, tested positive, recovered and fatality) it would be helpful to know things like:

- * The age groups in each category;
- * Number of hospital admissions vs in-home for people who have tested positive;
- * Any treatment regimens that are gaining wide acceptance (Zpack, etc); and,
- * Number of people in each category (especially fatalities) with an underlying health condition.s

While I am sure there is a balance between patient confidentiality and public awareness, I am hopeful that people might even agree to some information about them being included in general statistics.

Last night, my brother-in-law called to say that his brother-in-law Gary knew one of the state's Covid-19 fatalities. It was particularly unsettling to hear that people had talked to the person in the morning and he said things we fine — only to pass away that evening. Given that Gary has had contact with the victim (who was on an Egyptian cruise), are left to speculate if there are any lessons to be learned.

Again, thanks for the fine work.

Best regards,

Steve Balow
2495 Norway Point
Pelican Lake, WI 54463

> On Mar 20, 2020, at 5:37 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> [redacted]

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State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

WEEKLY E-UPDATE

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Details regarding the coronavirus in our state continue to change on a daily basis. I wanted to provide you an update with some information you may not have seen in the last couple of days:

- * As of 5pm today, Governor Evers has issued another order that stipulates all **hair salons and barber shops** will have to close indefinitely. If a location is selling products, they can continue to do so.
- * If your **Driver's License or CDL** is expiring during the public health emergency, it will be extended automatically for 60 days. This will be noted on your file for law enforcement to see.
- * **Rest stops** are open in Wisconsin! There has been a rumor running around out there that Wisconsin has closed its rest stops. This is not true! They remain open, especially for our vital trucking industry who need these stops to stay well rested and healthy.
- * If you're looking for help from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) for yourself or your employees, please navigate the websites FIRST to see if your question can be answered there before calling. They have received an exponential increase in calls for **unemployment insurance**, so we want to make sure that everyone can get the answers they need in a timely manner.
- * The Department of Natural Resources announced that **Wisconsin State Parks and Trails** will **remain open**. While these properties

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are open to the public, property buildings (with the exception of restroom facilities) will be closed. Admission fees will be voluntary at self-registration stations or electronic kiosks. All DNR campsites will be **closed** through April 30th.

- * There is a rumor that the **Wisconsin National Guard** has been called up in Wisconsin to close Wisconsin borders and shut the state down. **This is NOT true.** Where possible, we need to do everything we can to shut down false information trails, so don't be afraid to reach out and ask if you're not sure about something.

If you have any specific questions not covered here, please reach out and my office will do everything we can to get you the answers you need!

You Can Still Buy Local!

As you all know, Governor Evers closed restaurants and bars at 5:00pm on Tuesday evening of this week. However, restaurants are still able to provide delivery and take out.



So what are you and your family having for dinner tonight? My office has compiled a list of all the restaurants in my district that are currently offering delivery, carry out, or both. If you as a restaurant are open and not on this list, please reach out to my office and we will add you!

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Please help our local small businesses weather the storm by buying a meal out when you can. Also, share this link so as many people as possible in our area can use it.

35TH Assembly District Currently Open Restaurants

Restaurant Name	Phone Number	Address	Municipality	Delivery?	Curbside/Carry-Out?
Antigo					
BB Jack's	(715) 623-5611	523 Superior Street	Antigo	Yes	Yes
Burger King	(715) 627-7155	2250 Neva Road	Antigo	No	Yes
Country Kitchen	(715) 627-4394	2506 Hwy 45	Antigo	Yes	Yes
Culver's	(715) 627-4700	2105 Neva Road	Antigo	No	Yes
Dixie Lunch	(715) 623-4634	716 5th Avenue	Antigo	No	Yes
Fast Stop Gas Station					Yes
Fifth Avenue Restaura Lounge					Yes
McDonald's					Yes
Swartzendruber's The Luncheonette	(715) 627-7027	1315 Forrest Ave	Antigo	Yes	Yes
The Green Hen-Natural Living Market	(715) 623-5369	727 Superior Street	Antigo	No	Yes
The Taphouse	(715) 350-7584	613 Edison St	Antigo	No	Yes
The Thirsty Bird North Star Lanes	(715) 627-4325	400 Prosser Place	Antigo	No	Yes
Vickie and the Vets Bar	(715) 623-5810	1216 Elm St	Antigo	Yes	Yes
Birnamwood					
Chet & Emil's Restaurant	(715) 449-2226	388 Main Street	Birnamwood	No	Yes

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April 7th Election

With the April 7th election fast approaching, I wanted to provide you with more information about absentee voting. Social distancing recommendations will be harder to follow on election day – so absentee voting is a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.

For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, **absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home.** There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:

1. 1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an

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absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.

2. 2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.

3. 3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.

For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here.
All absentee ballot requests must be made by **Thursday, April 2nd** at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.

Please note that in order to request an absentee ballot, voters must already be registered. As a reminder, the deadline for online registration has passed – to register, voters will need to contact their local municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 5:11 PM
To: 'Myra Falstad' <myrafalstad@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: In-Person Voting

Myra,

Thank you for your email. No one is asking voters to vote in person, in fact, we've been heavily encouraging everyone to vote absentee. There are some who really want to vote in-person, and it is their right to do so if they choose. With over 1 million absentee ballots requested, our polling places will not look like they do on normal election days because a large majority of people will be staying home. Thankfully, that has made it a lot easier for our clerks to put parameters in place promote social distancing and really limit face to face interaction, like drive thru voting. After Governor Evers' announcement today, I had five clerks reach out to me right away telling me they absolutely don't support his plan to move the election, or to do a mail-in ballot system. It simply isn't feasible and would cause a mass amount of chaos and confusion. I really encourage anyone who is worried about their health to vote from home, no one should go to the polling place that doesn't want to be there. My husband and I are hoping to volunteer at the polls if we are needed so we can help the day run smoothly.

Thank you and please have a good weekend,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Myra Falstad <myrafalstad@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: In-Person Voting

It is unconscionable to ask voters and volunteers to risk their safety just to exercise their constitutional right to vote durning this pandemic. In-person voting must be suspended and the timeline to request and mail-in absentee ballots must be extended. With out doing this Wisconsin is not only actively putting residents' heath at risk and adding to the spread of this virus, but also we are suppressing the votes of hundreds of thousands. This is unconscionable.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 4:46 PM
To: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Inclulsa team transfer

Okay that's really helpful. Did you get the latest thing from Dan? If not, I'll reach out ot this person with that newest contact.

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From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Inclulsa team transfer

Liz,

We have received a number of emails since the initial issue with Dan. Just saw that your office wasn't tagged on this.

Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District
Christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-266-2509

From: Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Chad Suwyn <chad.suwyn@adrc-cw.org>; Kimberly Lyons <klyons@familycarealliance.org>
Cc: Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>
Subject: RE: Inclulsa team transfer

Hello,
I wanted to reach out and introduce myself as Dan's new CRC.
I am fairly new to Dan's case (but have met with several/regional managers and previous IDT staff to better grasp member and this case).
I have worked for many years as a Community Resource Coordinator and am quite experienced with our PD/mental health members, that is part of why we were assigned to work with Dan.

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Just wanted everyone to have my contact information. I have also added Dan's HWC/RN and her contact information.

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Thanks for your time and please feel free to reach out as needed.
Stay Safe.

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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>; Chad Suwyn <chad.suwyn@adrc-cw.org>; Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Kari Pfender <Kari.Pfender@inclusa.org>; Kimberly Lyons <klyons@familycarealliance.org>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Inclulsa team transfer

They are continuing psychotic behavior In order tonight provide any services like they have done for years...
There There's no reason on the planet that I would did not have the services as stated for over 28 months..They are just continuing to be scam artist...The old team is no different than the new 1...
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From: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 10:01 AM
To: Dan Lee
Subject: RE: Inclulsa team transfer

Dan,

I have not spoken to anyone at Inclusa since the hearing. My understanding is that Inclusa offered the 12 hours through an Agency and you declined. If you feel you did not decline this service and/or want an agency to provide SHC services I would clearly indicate that to your new team. The letter indicated that after 12 hours were started; an evaluation would be done to see if more were needed.

Example:

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"I am requesting the 12 hours of SHC, to be provided by a home care agency."

Respectfully,

Christy Daley,
Regional Ombudsman
State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care
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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher X - LEGIS <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Inclulsa team transfer

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It looks like I am not even going to get 12 hours a month now for to even take out the garbage..
Bullshit..
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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:01 PM
To: Carolyn Nielsen; Daniella Edens
Subject: Re: Inclulsa team transfer

So no ramp, stair chair, etc, etc..

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 1:59 PM -0500, "Daniella Edens" <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org> wrote:

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Hello Dan,
We reviewed your authorized services and this is what Inclusa is currently authorizing for you:
Snow removal
Bus pass
Lifeline
CPAP supplies
Medication bubble packing
OTC supplements
Orthopedic footware
Compression garment
Home Delivered Meals
Counseling Services

Would you like us to send you a copy of your plan?
Hope that you have a nice weekend.



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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>; Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>
Subject: Re: Inclulsa team transfer

I was told to stay right and wait for the team to DO SOMETHING, ANYTHING..
It has been 28 month's...
Promises are never kept..

From: Daniella Edens <daniella.edens@inclusa.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 4:23 PM
To: Dan Lee
Cc: Carolyn Nielsen
Subject: RE: Inclulsa team transfer

We understand Dan, this is a very concerning time for many.

Have you been able to speak with your counselor about concerns/worries…….as this all can be very anxiety provoking.
You had a very good idea about counseling appointments via phone, have you brought this up to your counselor to see if it was a possibility?

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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:07 PM
To: onlyonmonday@yahoo.com; Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>; Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Kari Pfender <Kari.Pfender@inclusa.org>
Subject: Re: Inclulsa team transfer

I am at risk... Hello..
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:15 PM
To: 'Benjamin Rangel' <ben@bridgethecitypodcast.com>
Subject: RE: Interview with Bridge the City

Hi Ben,

Yes , she is available after 10:30. Do you have a day in mind next week?

Stamena

From: Benjamin Rangel <ben@bridgethecitypodcast.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview with Bridge the City

Hello!

Sorry I had to check-in with my team and with other potential guests to ensure people's availability. Things have obviously been hectic with the election.

Does Rep Felzkowski have any availability next week after 10:30 AM at all?

Best,
Ben Rangel
262-902-093

On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 2:17 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hi Ben,
>
> I apologize for the delay in response on our end- we have been a little busy over here! I wanted to reach out and ask if this is still a story you are working on, or if it has been placed on the back burner.
>
> Rep. Felzkowski would be very interested in participating, whether now, or later in the spring when things calm down.
>
> Thank you,

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Stamena Ivanov

Policy Advisor

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From: Benjamin Rangel <ben@bridgethecitypodcast.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview with Bridge the City

Liz,

That works well for us. Thank you so much and looking forward to hearing from you.

Ben

On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 3:54 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Ben,

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I believe Rep. Felzkowski will be interested, but she is currently out of the country. Can I follow up with you next week to set up a time?

Thanks,

Liz

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From: Benjamin Rangel <ben@bridgethecitypodcast.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Interview with Bridge the City

Hello, Representative Felzkowski.

Bridge the City is producing an episode about the state of marijuana in our city/state. We are researching a variety of perspectives and one of them includes the legislative angle. We hope to discuss the future of marijuana decriminalization/legalization in Wisconsin.

We also reached out to Representative Sargent.

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All interviews are currently conducted remotely. Generally, we are available for interviews after 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

Please let me know if you would be interested in speaking with us and if there is a time in the coming weeks that would work for you.

In service,

Ben

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Ben Rangel

Managing Editor/Co-Founder | Bridge the City

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Build relationships with those who challenge you. - Emerald Mills, Episode 25

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:12 PM
To: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

Absolutely, just passing it along. Mary will not go on.

From: Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

Speaker Vos received the same request. We generally don't entertain national media interviews and focus locally and regionally on getting the message out.

From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

FYI. We just received this request

From: Patricia Yacob <pyacob@nypublicradio.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

From: Patricia Yacob
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Intv. Request, New York Public Radio

Hello,

I'm a producer for Politics with Amy Walter from WNYC. I'm writing to ask if Representative Mary Felzkowski has 15 minutes for an interview on Thursday April 2nd. We're hoping to discuss Wisconsin's upcoming elections.

A bit about the program, in case you're not familiar with it: The Takeaway is an award-winning daily news show produced by WNYC and Public Radio International. The show airs across the country on more than 280 stations, reaching 2.7 million listeners nationwide.

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Amy Walter is National Editor at the non-partisan Cook Political Report and a regular contributor to the PBS NewsHour, where she offers her perspective weekly on "Politics Monday." Known as one of the most insightful political journalists covering Washington, she is the former political director of ABC News, and appears regularly on NBC's Meet The Press, CBS' Face The Nation, and FOX News' Special Report with Bret Baier.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Patricia

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:47 PM
To: 'Samantha Stohlman' <samantha@thewelchgroup.org>
Subject: RE: Invite: WI Bear Hunters Association Annual Meeting

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Thank you- she'll be there!

From: Samantha Stohlman <samantha@thewelchgroup.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Invite: WI Bear Hunters Association Annual Meeting

Hi Stamena!

We are rescheduling it to May 29th-30th.

On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 1:45 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Samantha,
>
> I wanted to check- Is this event still happening?
>
> Thank you,
> Stamena

From: Samantha Stohlman [samantha@thewelchgroup.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Samantha Stohlman
Cc: Bob Welch
Subject: Invite: WI Bear Hunters Association Annual Meeting

Good Afternoon!

You're invited to the Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association 2020 Annual Meeting March 27th-28th at the Central WI Convention and Expo Center in Rothschild, WI. Please see the attached invite for further details.

Questions and RSVP can be sent to to samantha@thewelchgroup.org or Bob Welch at bob@thewelchgroup.org

We hope to see you there!
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:42 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Issues with State Patrol

Thank you.

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Issues with State Patrol

Liz,

Correct, that is the direction we gave and continue to give as it relates to the "Safer at Home" order with not only the State Patrol but all state law enforcement.

I will flag this both for DOT and the SEOC.

Thanks,
ZM

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From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Issues with State Patrol

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Hey Zach,

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Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:20 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Issues with State Patrol

Thank you, we appreciate it!

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From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Issues with State Patrol

https://twitter.com/WisconsinDOT/status/1244721629592039425

This just got posted, and we will follow up with Superintendent Burrell about the issue you raised.

ZM

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:26 AM
To: "Learned, Julie" <Julie.Learned@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: JCLO March 19, 2020 Mail Ballot

Hey Julie,

I am working remotely and can't seem to figure out how to add her signature or how to actually vote for her. Is it possible to get a word doc version of the document so I can do that? I just called LTSB to figure out how to do it with the .pdf and they were not sure how to do that without paying for an adobe subscription. Thanks,

Liz

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From: Learned, Julie <Julie.Learned@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Hesselbein <Rep.Hesselbein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Hintz <Rep.Hintz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bewley <Sen.Bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Shilling <Sen.Shilling@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sappenfield, Anne L. <Anne.Sappenfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: JCLO March 19, 2020 Mail Ballot
Importance: High

Members, please sign and return the enclosed mail ballot, by email, by **TODAY at 11:15 a.m.** Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:48 AM
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Subject: RE: JCLO March 19, 2020 Mail Ballot
Attachments: mar19_dnc_elections.pdf

Here you go! Please let me know if you need anything else from us.

Thank you!

Liz <<mar19_dnc_elections.pdf>>

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Subject: RE: JCLO March 19, 2020 Mail Ballot

Hi Liz,

I will send you a Word version. (We only technically need the second page back.) Thanks for responding so quickly!!!

Julie

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Subject: RE: JCLO March 19, 2020 Mail Ballot

Hey Julie,

I am working remotely and can't seem to figure out how to add her signature or how to actually vote for her. Is it possible to get a word doc version of the document so I can do that? I just called LTSB to figure out how to do it with the .pdf and they were not sure how to do that without paying for an adobe subscription. Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:45 PM
To: 'Jim Pagenkopf' <jbpagenkopf@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Killing elections?

Thanks for the email, Jim. I wanted you to know I received it, but do not agree with the premise of your question at all.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Jim Pagenkopf <jbpagenkopf@gmail.com>
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Killing elections?

Why are Republicans afraid of Fair Elections??

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 12:06 PM
To: 'JK Hollenbeck' <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Legislative Authority to Revoke Executive Orders

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Jeff and Kristina,

Thank you for your feedback on this. I understand what you are saying and where you are coming from.

Mary

From: JK Hollenbeck <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Legislative Authority to Revoke Executive Orders

Ms. Felzkowski:
With respect, we are writing to let you know that we've become aware of Wisconsin statutory language that allows the legislature to pass a joint resolution revoking any/all of the governor's recent executive orders. In other words, we the people are not at the mercy of the governor's orders - i.e., they do not need to stay in place for at least 60 days unless he personally revokes them. The legislature is a co-equal branch of state government along with the executive and judicial branches and we the people need you to stand up for us to revoke the governor's orders that have shuttered our businesses, stripped us of our right to freely assemble, and seriously jeopardized our overall physical and mental health. These orders are actually far more damaging to far more people in the state than the virus will ever be - please watch this scientific analysis for proof of that: https://bit.ly/2JOD3xg – and we believe such joint resolutions could easily pass. But we need leadership from Speaker Vos now to make that happen. We have written to him and to Senator Fitzgerald asking them to put forth a joint resolution, and we're now writing to you – as an Assembly leader – to urge you to impress upon Mr. Vos how important this is. Please stop "waiting" and start acting. If states like South Dakota and countries like Sweden can adequately protect their most vulnerable citizens from infection by the virus without locking down the entire population, Wisconsin can too. You showed active leadership in standing up to the governor's attempts to circumvent today's election; please stand up to the executive orders – all of them related to this virus situation - as well.

Jeff & Kristina Hollenbeck

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 2:36 PM
To: "Maffet, Lisa" <Lisa.Maffet@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: letter

Thank you, thank you!!!!

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From: Maffet, Lisa <Lisa.Maffet@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: letter

Hi Liz,

Here is the letter, please let me know if you need anything else.
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Stay safe and healthy.

LISA MAFFET | Payroll and Benefits Officer
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:16 PM
To: 'Sean Joyce Whipp' <Sean.JoyceWhipp@aspirus.org>
Subject: RE: Liability for Triage Protocols During Pandemic Crisis

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Hey Sean,

Thank you for your email and staying in touch with us on things. It is my understanding that legislators and stakeholders are currently working on this to be included in the legislation the Legislature will take up soon. I can't comment on something I haven't seen yet, but I do support reasonable protections overall in this arena. Once we are able to take a look at what is being put together, let me know if you have any further thoughts and please feel free to keep keeping me in the loop.

Hope you are staying above water! Thank you for every single thing you are doing to help us get through this,

Mary

From: Sean Joyce Whipp <Sean.JoyceWhipp@aspirus.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Liability for Triage Protocols During Pandemic Crisis

Dear Senator Tiffany and Representative Felzkowski,

I'm writing to you today to ask for your assistance with passing some kind of legislation — or executive action or SOMEthing — to protect hospitals and healthcare workers from liability for making necessary and proper triage decisions during a surge of patients due to the coronavirus crisis.

Here at ALH, we have been creating guidelines with our Aspirus system partners for how to allocate potentially scarce resources (hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators, etc.) when the demand exceeds our supply. These guidelines are similar to those that have previously been published by states (New York, Utah, Michigan), and they're similar those of nearly every other hospital and healthcare system everywhere. Part of my role at ALH has been to ensure that all of these guidelines are in conformity with Catholic moral thought. They are. God help us that we ever reach the point of having to put these guidelines into play.

I want to emphasize this: we sincerely desire to continue to care for our patients and families the very best way that we can. I'm not asking you for unreasonable protection---several other states have provided this kind of protection within their states for folks who are acting in good faith according to established guidelines. These are difficult times, with professionals legitimately worried about having enough PPE, bringing infections home to their families, having to work longer hours in less than optimal conditions. I'm just asking you to lighten the load by removing the threat of potential lawsuits against professionals operating in good faith. The Journal of the American Medical Association, too, Is advocating for these kinds of protections.

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Thank you for your consideration and your advocacy.
Thanks, too, for visiting us here in Antigo back in December. I trust that you know that we're doing good work here for the good people of Wisconsin.
Gratefully,
Sean

Sean Joyce Whipp, MTS, M.Ed, MS
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:49 AM
To: "Klessig, Shari E - DHS" <Shari.Klessig@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Hi Shari!!

How are you doing!! Thank you so much for doing this for us.

We have all of Lincoln County (so "big" cities are Tomahawk and Merrill), Part of Langlade County (Antigo, Aniwa, Mattoon, Elcho), parts of Shawano (Birnamwood and Bowler), and some townships in Oneida County and Marathon County. Here's the legislative map for reference!

https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/?asm=35&single=y

Thank you so much again! Hope you are all doing well. Miss being over there!

Liz

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From: Klessig, Shari E - DHS <Shari.Klessig@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Hi Liz –
Can you send me a list of what cities and/or counties are in the 35th district? That would help us get you a list quickly.
Thanks!
Shari

Shari Klessig
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Wisconsin Department of Health Services
"We are all in this together." ~ Kitty Rhoades

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From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: List

Hey Andrew,

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Thank you for your thoughts!

Liz

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From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:07 AM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Thank you so much, Andrew! Please thank Shari and DQA for me.

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-------- Original message --------
From: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/4/20 10:57 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Hi Liz,

Assisted living sites are attached.

Best,

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
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Cell: 608-590-3089

From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: List

Hi Liz,

I'll get in touch with DQA and see what they can do.

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 10:27 AM
To: "Brauer, Andrea" <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Moore, David" <David.Moore@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

This is extremely helpful. Thank you! I will let you know if I have any follow up.

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From: Brauer, Andrea <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Moore, David <David.Moore@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

Hi Liz,

Because Oneida County has declared a state of emergency , it has the power to act under s. 323.14 (4) (a), Stats., which states that:

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I think that normally when a local government exercises the power to restrict highway traffic, it is in response to a flood or storm rather than for the purpose of public health, but the statute itself doesn't limit the authority to that purpose.

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Because the language of the statutes is so broad, the limits to a local government's authority to adopt such an ordinance, resolution, or proclamation would be based mostly on constitutional considerations such as due process. If there was a legal challenge, a court would look at whether the emergency is significant enough to warrant the restrictions imposed by the local government.

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We will also see what new restrictions are ordered by the governor later today.

Let me know if you have any other questions about this.



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Cc: Brauer, Andrea <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

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Thank you guys!

Liz

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David

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 10:51 AM
To: "Brauer, Andrea" <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

Okay thank you for this Andrea. If this continues to come up in our area and we need some follow up, I'll let you know!

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From: Brauer, Andrea <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

Hi Liz,

I'm writing to follow-up on our previous discussion about local emergency orders. As I mentioned in my last email, there are some questions about whether local government authority to impose emergency measures has been limited by the "safer at home" order issued by DHS in Emergency Order #12.

The safer at home order specifically states that it "supersedes any local order that is in conflict with" it. Two questions arise related to that provision: (1) Is the supremacy provision in Emergency Order #12 legally enforceable, such that conflicting local orders are indeed preempted?; and (2) If so, what local orders "conflict" with Emergency Order #12? State statutes do not directly address those questions, but based on relevant statutes and case law, the likely answers appear to be: (1) yes, conflicting orders are likely preempted; and (2) whether a particular local order would be found to conflict with Emergency Order #12 would be subject to some interpretation.

Recent Wisconsin court decisions have generally held that a local regulation that imposes a more stringent regulation than what a comprehensive statutory scheme imposes is preempted. However, in the emergency management context, the statutes allow for broad local authority concurrently with state authority, so there is an argument that a "conflict" only arises where a local order regulates a matter in a less stringent manner or in a way that cannot feasibly be enforced in conjunction with Emergency Order #12, and not in a situation where a local order regulates a matter more stringently. So, while the law is not completely clear, there is an argument that a local government has authority to impose a more stringent order than the state-issued safer at home order.

I'm happy to provide a more in-depth legal analysis if you'd like. Hope you are doing well!

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From: Brauer, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Moore, David <David.Moore@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Local Government Issue

Liz,

I wanted to follow up on this because now that the governor has issued the safer at home order there may be questions about how his order interacts with local authority. This is something I need to spend a little more time thinking about, so I will send you more information later.

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:59 PM
To: 'steve sabatke' <stevesabatke@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Mad about no election!

Steve,
Thank you for the email. We are still trying to figure out what our ability is here. We do not believe Governor Evers has the constitutional right to do what he has done today, but it's also impossible for us to meet today in session to pass anything to override it. Also, anything that we pass would have to be signed by Governor Evers himself, so it's pretty complicated. Please know what we are working on this and are doing whatever we can to make sure that the Governor must uphold the law.

Thank you for your time and for your service,

Mary

From: steve sabatke <stevesabatke@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mad about no election!

Mary,

I am so pissed right now!.

The Wisconsin governor just canceled/postponed indefinitely our right to vote tomorrow.

They told us we were fighting the Vietnam war for freedom and to halt communism. Well we vets banged our head against a wall about that. Well, here we are locked in in our homes, no free elections and everybody get free money. Fix this! I am so mad.

Steve Sabatke

Past Commander VFW Post 10203

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:23 PM
To: 'Jim Rehwinkel' <Jimreh@msn.com>
Subject: RE: mail in voting

Jim,
I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I wanted to check in with you and let you know that I got a lot of really encouraging feedback yesterday about the polling places in our area. Thanks to everyone who decided to vote absentee (currently over 1 million people!), a majority of polling places had a manageable amount of people come through during the day with no lines, certainly not the crowds we normally see on Election Day. I heard from others that their polling place was clean, run well, and had the necessary social distancing in place.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

From: Jim Rehwinkel <Jimreh@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: mail in voting

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Please vote yes on this, this is no time for crowds . thank you and take care
Jim rehwinkel

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:34 AM
To: "'Natzke, Ryan J'" <natzke.ryan@marshfieldclinic.org>
Subject: RE: Marshfield Clinc 1135 request - Minocqua Hospital

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Ryan,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention and keeping us in the loop. I reached out to Tony to see if there are any action items he anticipates we can be helpful with. Thank you to you all for being proactive as you think through ways we can lessen the Northern impact of COVID. Please feel free to keep us in the loop as you hear more on this front and I will stay in touch with Tony.

Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Marshfield Clinc 1135 request - Minocqua Hospital

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:42 AM
To: 'Tony Langenohl' <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Subject: RE: Marshfield Clinc 1135 request - Minocqua Hospital

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Okay!

At this point, it seems like you are doing everything you can do. Please let me know if calls or letters or whatever from Mary become necessary and we can cross that bridge when we get to it!

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Marshfield Clinc 1135 request - Minocqua Hospital

Absolutely… the two main hurdles is getting the hospital licensed, which DHS has complete control over and can get expedited and they have been willing to do once the general contractor says it is ready to go (which is hopefully imminent) and getting certified, which we are told won't happen through the normal process because the Joint Commission accreditation team is not travelling now. So we are working with CMS, DHS and federal delegation to get CMS to recognize the DHS license (once given) as a temporary accreditation during the pandemic so they can be paid by Mediciad and Medicare.
Will keep you updated.

Telehealth might be where need help too. We are pursuing approval for phone-based mental health services approved for a similar degree of payment compared to face-to-face or telehealth services. This is urgent issue for MCHS behavioral health team because in the MCHS system given the volume of low income patients they care for and volume of elderly patients– both populations being highly vulnerable to mental health issues at this time and are unable to access these services via approved platforms.

We have been busily sending waiver requests to DHS as quick as they have been identified, and are trying to catch up now on making sure you all are informed too. Will do a better job going forward and will keep you in the loop where we could use some additional assistance, but will definitely keep you better informed.
Best,

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Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:05 PM
To: "Steine, Bradford - DATCP" <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Mary, Question for you

I'm not sure which type of rental it is, but this is really helpful. I'll reach back out to the constituent and let you know if there is any follow up that would be under your jurisdiction.

Have a great night!

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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I hope this is helpful. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

Bradford

Bradford Steine

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Steine, Bradford - DATCP <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Mary, Question for you

Hey Bradford,

Not sure if this would technically be DATCP from the landlord perspective, but I thought I'd ask. I know evictions are on hold, but Governor Evers did say at his press conference about that that everyone is who is renting should still be making payments. Does that apply for those who literally can't access what they've rented? My guess is yes, but wanted to double check.

Thanks!

Liz

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Thanks again for all of your help.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:02 PM
To: 'Nancy Teal' <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Mary, Question for you

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Thanks,

Mary Felzkowski

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:55 AM
To: 'Nancy Teal' <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Mary, Question for you

Hey Nancy,

I totally understand where you are coming from. Just to give you another scenario, landlords are not allowed to terminate contracts or evict anyone who cannot pay their rent because of lost income or whatever happens due to COVID, so the order can go both ways. Governor Evers has said that all those who can continue to pay their rent should, just as all landlords must keep their tenants, no matter what, right now, regardless of whether rent is paid. The other avenue available for you is to apply for an SBA loan, so that during this time, you are still able to pay your bills, like rent. Also, on the federal level, the federal stimulus bill was just passed and signed by President Trump. In that legislation, I believe those who are self employed are temporarily allowed to apply for unemployment. We are waiting on a Legislative Fiscal Bureau document that will help us Wisconsin legislators confirm that or not. But I'm guessing that would also be an avenue for you to help with funding while things are shut down?

Again, I totally understand what you are saying, and how, especially in your circumstances, it seems totally unfair. This is happening in a lot of different fields right now. For example, I know a lot of day care centers that have closed are still requiring their families to pay full tuition, even though the kids are not going to the center. The center says they need to keep that income so that there is a day care center to open when this is all over, but for those families, I'm sure they feel it is unfair (which I totally understand). The families have the ability to pull their kids' contracts with the centers so they don't have to pay, but then they also lose their spots for their kids when they day care opens, as a lot of them have waitlists. This kind of the same as your situation. You could decide with the landlord to pull your contract, but then you could lose your spot after things open up again. This is ultimately why DATCP is encouraging people to come to agreements together. Has anyone talked to the landlord about cutting rates while closed? That way, you are not paying the full amount, and they are also not taking a full loss.

COVID is causing a lot of impossible situations for people all over. I wish there was an easier answer. Please let me know if you have additional thoughts,

Mary

From: Nancy Teal <greenwing107@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Mary, Question for you

Mary,

Thank you for your response and the time you took to look into this matter for us. It would be commercial rental. If this does not fall under the jurisdiction of the DATCP, what agency would govern commercial rentals in the same manner as residential?

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My understanding of your response is, a tenant would be required to continue paying rent for a property that they cannot access, or use to generate income, per the rental agreement. They would be fulfilling their part, while the owner would not. The landlord would then be able to pay expenses and maintain their building, while the tenants would be unable to produce any income to pay their own expenses, in addition to being required to pay for something they have no access to. Given that no one knows how long the mandated closure will last, it could turn out to be a substantial loss / hardship for a single parent raising a family and maintaining a home to meet financial obligations. It is not my intention to submit an argument, but to ask if there is another avenue available to address this issue.

Thanks again,

Nancy Teal

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4:00 PM
To: 'Louise Doescher' <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Mary is this true?

Hey Louise,

I have not heard of this from anyone in the district. This is a federal issue, so I would maybe reach out to Senator Ron Johnson to see if his office has heard any complaints. His offices and phone numbers are at the bottom of this website:
https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Louise Doescher <doescherlouise@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mary is this true?

https://socialsecurityworks.org/2020/04/01/trump-admin-roadblocking-seniors-people-with-disabilities-and-veterans-from-receiving-their-1200/?fbclid=IwAR2jiNznXLVFvnMkHvCpqJ6r_jIxPQLShneZ20X1nukJRl

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kLubm-wnALDFA Trump Admin Roadblocking Seniors, People with Disabilities and Veterans From Receiving Their $1200

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 1, 2020
Contact: Linda Benesch, lbenesch@socialsecurityworks.org
(Washington, DC) — The following is a statement from Nancy Altman, President of Social Security Works, in response to the recently released IRS guidance indicating that Social Security beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and veterans receiving pensions can't get their $1200 CARES Act payments without filing a tax return:
"This is outrageous. The $1200 payments could easily be added automatically to the benefits these people already receive every month. The CARES Act specifically gives the Treasury Department the authority to do so.
Instead, the Trump Administration is throwing up an unnecessary barrier that will make it harder for seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans to get the payments they desperately need. In the middle of a pandemic to which they are most vulnerable, the groups can't afford any delay.

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In 2008, 3.5 million Social Security beneficiaries and veterans never received a stimulus payment that they were owed. They were blocked by the nonsensical requirement that they file a tax return, even though they owed no taxes. The same will happen now; indeed, it is highly likely it will be worse due to the chaos of the pandemic.

Millions of people who need these payments won't get them. At best, the payments will be delayed – even though the federal government pays these people benefits right now, each and every month.

The Trump Administration must reverse course immediately and make a clear public statement that all Social Security beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and veterans receiving pensions will get their $1200 payments without filing a tax return. And then the government should pay — without delay — what it owes."


Virus-free. www.avast.com

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:00 PM
To: "Hurley, Peggy" <Peggy.Hurley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

Hey Peggy,

Sorry I'll try to clarify! The way you worded this paragraph is what has me questioning:

I should also note that there is another statutory provision that requires the special election to occur four weeks after the special primary. [s. 8.50 (2) (b), Stats.] However, this requirement is preempted by federal law, which requires that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters at least 45 days before a federal law.

Based on the way you phrased this, it sounded like the special election would need to occur 4 weeks after the special primary, meaning it could not go past the four weeks. So I guess my question is, does state law require that the election cannot be held until four weeks have passed since the primary, or that the election must happen before the 4 weeks elapses? Same question with the 45 days on the federal level. Is federal law that absentee ballots need to be mailed AT LEAST 45 days before the election, or beginning at 45 days before the election, meaning that the most space between a primary and the election would be 45 days.

Does that help? I'm trying to figure out if there would be anything other than the August date you mentioned that would prevent the May 12th date from being moved to a later date in summer.

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To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

Hi,

The federal law states that ballots must be sent out 45 days ahead of an election; the state law that is pre-empted is the requirement that special primaries be held 4 weeks before special elections. The state law would leave just 28 days between the special primary and the special election, making it impossible to send ballots out 45 days before the special election. Therefore, that portion is preempted. Does that clarify things?

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I should also note that there is another statutory provision that requires the special election to occur four weeks after the special primary. [s. 8.50 (2) (b), Stats.] However, this requirement is preempted by federal law, which requires that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters at least 45 days before a federal law.

I hope this is helpful! Please let me know if you have questions or if I can be of additional service to you.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:10 PM
To: "Hurley, Peggy" <Peggy.Hurley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

Yes! Thank you so much for your haste!

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From: Hurley, Peggy <Peggy.Hurley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

Hi,

Yes, that helps! Thank you; I hope this clarifies the interplay between the state and federal statute:

1. The statutory provision stating that the special election is held 4 weeks after the special primary is the statute that is preempted by federal law. That's because the federal law requires ballots to be mailed 45 days before the election. Having just 4 weeks between a primary and an election makes it impossible to get ballots out to the military/overseas voters at 45 days before the election (ballots can't be printed with the final candidates until after the primary)

2. The 45 day requirement is an AT LEAST requirement; it does not place an outer limit at 45 days for the election to be held.

Therefore, there is nothing preventing the rescheduling at any date, so long as it is scheduled before August 1, 2020.

Helpful?



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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Hurley, Peggy <Peggy.Hurley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

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Hey Peggy,

Sorry I'll try to clarify! The way you worded this paragraph is what has me questioning:

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Based on the way you phrased this, it sounded like the special election would need to occur 4 weeks after the special primary, meaning it could not go past the four weeks. So I guess my question is, does state law require that the election cannot be held until four weeks have passed since the primary, or that the election must happen before the 4 weeks elapses? Same question with the 45 days on the federal level. Is federal law that absentee ballots need to be mailed AT LEAST 45 days before the election, or beginning at 45 days before the election, meaning that the most space between a primary and the election would be 45 days.

Does that help? I'm trying to figure out if there would be anything other than the August date you mentioned that would prevent the May 12th date from being moved to a later date in summer.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

Hi,

The federal law states that ballots must be sent out 45 days ahead of an election; the state law that is pre-empted is the requirement that special primaries be held 4 weeks before special elections. The state law would leave just 28 days between the special primary and the special election, making it impossible to send ballots out 45 days before the special election. Therefore, that portion is preempted. Does that clarify things?



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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Hurley, Peggy <Peggy.Hurley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: May 12, 2020 election

Hey Peggy,

Thank you for this! Just one follow up question. If federal law preempts state law on the 45 days, does that mean that the most allowable would be the 45 days, or does it completely negate the state statute.

Let me know if that question was confusing and I'll try to rephrase. ☺

Thank you again!

Liz

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From: Hurley, Peggy <Peggy.Hurley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: May 12, 2020 election

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:50 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Plan for April- Crisis Version

Thank you for putting this together! It's super helpful.

On Friday, we may want to do "Good Friday" instead of the national wildlife. We'll have to see what comes up.

Regarding April 14th, I would like to send out an eupdate letting everyone know that because of the 50 piece rule, we are not able to send out eupdates anymore, even during the public health emergency. Because of that, we encourage everyone to still reach out to our office for anything and everything, we just can't send more than 50 of one thing at a time. We will still be able to respond to constituents as normal.

Something similar for FB.

I talked to Kit about this because she's been trying to push for an extension on this. She told me that it may be solved with the legislation currently being worked on. If it's not, we need to operate as if April 15th is still the date.

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From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Media Plan for April- Crisis Version

Our goal is to be **informative** and **reliable** as we steer people into the new normal; accounting for changes to everyday life that need to be made, without compromising Northwoods values.

We are seeking to portray **leadership** and **competence** during this uncertain and difficult time.

Our messaging will center on:

- Timely and accurate information about the COVID-19 situation
- District specific priorities and developments
- Local feel good stories about community and neighbors
- Positive and stable ongoings in the state (spring hunting and fishing seasons, military appreciation days, etc.)

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Schedule

**To be adjusted and moved as developments occur. Posts will be prepped but not scheduled ahead of time- if there is dark and sad news that day, we do not want to put out a light-hearted, tone-deaf graphic.*

4/7: Election Day
4/8: Our COVID-19 Resource Guide
4/9: Highlight Three Lakes Resort Offering Free Cabins to Healthcare Workers
4/10: National Wildlife Week Celebration
4/11: Sunday Break

4/12: DVA's 'Send a Smile to a Veteran' Campaign
4/13: WHS Free Virtual Storytime for Children
4/14: WMC's High School Student Essay Competition
4/15: Turkey Season Opening Day
4/16: Phone and Virtual Mental Health Services in Northwoods
4/17: Photo of Jameson
4/18: Sunday Break

4/19: Re-Post List of Restaurants Doing Take-out and Delivery
4/20: OCI's Top 5 COVID-19 Scams to Watch For
4/21: Encourage Post-Card Writing to Nursing Homes
4/22: Prepare for Flooding Season
4/23: Throwback to Salvation Army Hometown Hero & Salvation Army Donation Requests
4/24: Visit a State Park for Free this Weekend
4/25: Sunday Break

4/26: Thank You Healthcare Workers
4/27: Thank You Grocers
4/28: Thank You Truck Drivers
4/29: Thank You Childcare Workers and Teachers
4/30: Thank you First Responders

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:15 AM
To: "'coriez@bgclang.org'" <coriez@bgclang.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Good morning Corie,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe! Mary wanted me to reach out and see how the Boys and Girls Club was doing right now and if there was any assistance our office could offer. If you have any questions about any of the emergency orders or need us to connect you to any resources, please let me know and we will do our best.

Thank you,
Stamena

From: coriez@bgclang.org <coriez@bgclang.org>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting

Hi Stamena,

Thank you so much for being flexible, but I think we will be heading back to Antigo once we complete our final training. Our Youth want to get back in time for Club programming that night.

We will actually be closed on April 3rd actually for staff training. Our staff will be heading over to the Fox Cities for a regional training. We have activities Monday - Thursday that week, if she happens to come back to district early we would love to have her stop by.

Thank you so much and hopefully we can connect with Mary soon.

Corie Zelazoski

> On Mar 6, 2020, at 11:58 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Corie,
>
> We can be flexible on March 10th if there is a different time that works.
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> Unfortunately, Mary will be in DC on the 30th. She will be back in the district on the 3rd, however- is there any kind of celebration at the end of the week? I know she would love to participate in Boys & Girls Club Week somehow!
>
> Thank you,
> Stamena

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From: Corie Zelazoski <Coriez@bgclang.org>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi Stamena,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. We actually have another training that we scheduled for 9:30am. Maybe the next time we are in Madison we can set something up.

I was actually going to ask if May would be in district on March 30th? March 30th – April 3rd is National Boys & Girls Club Week and we usually have our Mayor come and sign a proclamation stating it is officially Boys & Girls Club Week and speak to the kids to open the week, but he is unable to attend. Would this be something Mary would be interested in? It would be from 3:30 – 4pm.

Thank you,

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Office: 715-627-1389 Cell: 715-216-1758
www.bgclang.org

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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Corie Zelazoski <Coriez@bgclang.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi Corie,

Unfortunately, Mary will be up in the district that day but I would love to sit down with you and your team. Could we do a 9:30am?

Stamena

From: Corie Zelazoski <Coriez@bgclang.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Meeting

Hello Rep. Felzkowski,

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I hope all is well with you. I wanted to reach out and see if you would have time for a meeting on Tuesday, March 10th between 8 and 10:30am. We will be in Madison for the annual Youth of the Year Conference and we would love the opportunity to meet with you or one of our staff. We will have 3 of our staff from the Boys & Girls Club of Langlade County and 2 of our youth. Please let me know if you are available during this day.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 11:44 AM
To: 'Dan Jackson' <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Subject: RE: Message from AntigoFSR

Thank you Dan,

Please let Linda know that I have reached out to ETF with her concern. If they need more information from you/Linda before being able to look into it, I will let you know.

Thank you!

Liz

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From: Dan Jackson <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from AntigoFSR

Rep Felzkowski,

Attached are documents provided to the Wisconsin retirement system that would provide the lump sum distribution that was requested by me last December 2019. If you could contact that office to request a status. I have been in this process for over 3 months and wonder if I have not completed the forms correctly. My contact information is on the attached forms in the PDF. My online access is limited and I am receiving help from Daniel Jackson who is acting as my broker in this transaction.

Thank you for your assistance.

Linda Walter
414-303-3532

From: djackson@Covantagecu.org <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Dan Jackson <djackson@Covantagecu.org>
Subject: Message from AntigoFSR

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 4:05 PM
To: "Hunter, Tarna - ETF" <Tarna.Hunter@etf.wi.gov>
Subject: RE: Message from AntigoFSR

Hey Tarna,

No worries if you haven't had a chance to look at this yet, I just want to make sure you got the email. I'm working my way through the inbox and saw the original email so thought I would check in.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Liz

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Hunter, Tarna - ETF <Tarna.Hunter@etf.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from AntigoFSR

Good morning Tarna,

I had a constituent reach out this morning on this. I don't exactly understand what they are trying to do, but could you look over this email and let me know if you need any more information from the constituent before looking into this? They indicated they have tried to work with ETF with little success in the past, but that's all I know.

Her contact information is below, and her address is included in the document attached.

Thank you!

Liz

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 5:35 PM
To: 'Minocqua Town Chairman' <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Subject: RE: MLS funds and PRAT

Hi Mark,

I hope things are going well and you are staying safe. I wanted to reach out and see if you are still comfortable meeting with the Representative on April 16th?

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

That will work, I look forward to meeting Rep. Felzkowski.. Thanks...

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On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 4:39 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hi Mark,
>
> Could we do 10:00am on Thursday, April 16th?
>
> Thank you,
>
> Stamena

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From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

April 16th would work best for me, thanks. Have a great weekend...

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On Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 5:18 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hi Mark,
>
> Would April 16, 17, 23 or 24 work for you and do you have a preference? Mary is happy to drive up to Minocqua and meet in your office.
>
> Thank you,

Stamena

From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

Hello Stamena:

Thanks for your reply. Please be aware that, even if the additional $15 million were included, it represents a drop in the bucket across the state in relation to the need, and we likely still would have received nothing. Even if there have been minor incremental increases recently in the annual state road aids, they have not kept up anywhere near the cost of road construction over the past 20 years. Nowhere near. We need to look at other ways to get dollars to our roads. If we receive authority to explore PRAT, we won't be at the mercy of the status quo that is not enabling us to keep up with road construction and maintenance needs.

I would be very pleased to meet with Rep. Felzkowski. I am generally in the office every weekday, so perhaps it would be easiest for you to look at her schedule and determine a convenient date to meet as my availability here is pretty good. Best dates for me are WED-THU-FRI, between 10am and 1pm, but other days/times could be arranged also.

Again, thanks for your reply and I look forward to a continued dialog..

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 12:24 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thank you for reaching out to our office on this issue. I will pass your kind words along to the Representative. Representative Felzkowski has an acute understanding of just how frustrating this situation is. As you may know, we authored AB 374 alongside Rob and Tom's offices. The bill would have allowed Minocqua and Tomahawk to move forward and become premier resort areas. We advocated for a public hearing but unfortunately the bill did not move forward this session.

The MLS funding announcements this morning were a disappointing reminder that Governor Evers vetoed $15 million in local road aids that we put into our budget.

I can assure you that funding for local roads will remain a top priority for Rep. Felzkowski next session. We would be very interested, if you are available, to arrange a sit down with you and Rep. Felzkowski up in the district in the coming weeks. If this is something you'd like to work with us on, please feel free to email over a couple of dates that work for you.

We look forward to working with you on this,

Stamena Ivanov

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Policy Advisor

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From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: MLS funds and PRAT

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

I am copying you on this email because you are a potential replacement for Sen. Tiffany in the 12th Sen. Dist. First of all, I wish you good luck in your campaign.

We are very frustrated with the State Legislature withholding from the Town of Minocqua the ability to explore a Premier Resort Area Tax in our town. There has been no valid reason whatsoever provided by the legislature for closing the door on Minocqua even exploring the idea, when many other communities similar to ours are utilizing this tool successfully. Our town residents already approved the concept in a referendum. We watch as our roads crumble and are denied the tools available to fix them.

I would love to discuss this with you, as I believe you are the likely next Senator for the 12th Dist. You may already have some familiarity with Tomahawk's exploration of PRAT. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts on moving this forward..

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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Minocqua Town Chairman** <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 12:02 PM
Subject: MLS funds and PRAT
To: Tiffany, Tom <Tom.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>, Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Tom and Rob:

WisDOT announced the transportation MLS awards this morning. Minocqua receives ZERO dollars. Oneida County receives ZERO dollars. I hope you will both commit to re-doubling your efforts to allow the Town of Minocqua to pursue Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT). The fact that the legislature continues to withhold this authority from the Town of Minocqua with no valid reason is frankly an insult. You each have the ability to move this forward. Please outline a strategy to get this done. Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:56 AM
To: 'Minocqua Town Chairman' <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Subject: RE: MLS funds and PRAT

Mark,

I completely understand. In the meantime, please let me know if there is any assistance our office can provide you with.

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

Hi Stamena: We're doing our best to comply with recommendations to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. Our offices are closed except for voter services by appointment only. It looks like the safer at home recommendations will continue on the national and state levels at least through the end of April. With this in mind, I suggest we postpone the meeting until a later date. Finding ways to rescue our roads is essential, but our meeting can wait until we see some light at the end of this thing. How about if we reconnect sometime in the first full week in May to re-assess? Thanks for checking, and stay well...

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Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

That will work, I look forward to meeting Rep. Felzkowski.. Thanks...

Mark Hartzheim, Chairman
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On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 4:39 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hi Mark,
>
> Could we do 10:00am on Thursday, April 16th?

Thank you,

Stamena

From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

April 16th would work best for me, thanks. Have a great weekend...

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Hi Mark,

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Would April 16, 17, 23 or 24 work for you and do you have a preference? Mary is happy to drive up to Minocqua and meet in your office.

Thank you,

Stamena

From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MLS funds and PRAT

Hello Stamena:

Thanks for your reply. Please be aware that, even if the additional $15 million were included, it represents a drop in the bucket across the state in relation to the need, and we likely still would have received nothing. Even if there have been minor incremental increases recently in the annual state road aids, they have not kept up anywhere near the cost of road construction over the past 20 years. Nowhere near. We need to look at other ways to get dollars to our roads. If we receive authority to explore PRAT, we won't be at the mercy of the status quo that is not enabling us to keep up with road construction and maintenance needs.

I would be very pleased to meet with Rep. Felzkowski. I am generally in the office every weekday, so perhaps it would be easiest for you to look at her schedule and determine a convenient date to meet as my availability here is pretty good. Best dates for me are WED-THU-FRI, between 10am and 1pm, but other days/times could be arranged also.

Again, thanks for your reply and I look forward to a continued dialog..

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 12:24 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thank you for reaching out to our office on this issue. I will pass your kind words along to the Representative. Representative Felzkowski has an acute understanding of just how frustrating this situation is. As you may know, we authored AB 374 alongside Rob and Tom's offices. The bill would have allowed Minocqua and Tomahawk to move forward and become premier resort areas. We advocated for a public hearing but unfortunately the bill did not move forward this session.

The MLS funding announcements this morning were a disappointing reminder that Governor Evers vetoed $15 million in local road aids that we put into our budget.

I can assure you that funding for local roads will remain a top priority for Rep. Felzkowski next session. We would be very interested, if you are available, to arrange a sit down with you and Rep. Felzkowski up in the district in the coming weeks. If this is something you'd like to work with us on, please feel free to email over a couple of dates that work for you.

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We look forward to working with you on this,

Stamena Ivanov

Policy Advisor

Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

309 North, State Capitol

608-266-7694

From: Minocqua Town Chairman <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: MLS funds and PRAT

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

I am copying you on this email because you are a potential replacement for Sen. Tiffany in the 12th Sen. Dist. First of all, I wish you good luck in your campaign.

We are very frustrated with the State Legislature withholding from the Town of Minocqua the ability to explore a Premier Resort Area Tax in our town. There has been no valid reason whatsoever provided by the legislature for closing the door on Minocqua even exploring the idea, when many other communities similar to ours are utilizing this tool successfully. Our town residents already approved the concept in a referendum. We watch as our roads crumble and are denied the tools available to fix them.

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I would love to discuss this with you, as I believe you are the likely next Senator for the 12th Dist. You may already have some familiarity with Tomahawk's exploration of PRAT. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts on moving this forward..

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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Minocqua Town Chairman** <chairman@townofminocqua.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 12:02 PM
Subject: MLS funds and PRAT
To: Tiffany, Tom <Tom.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>, Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Dear Tom and Rob:

WisDOT announced the transportation MLS awards this morning. Minocqua receives ZERO dollars. Oneida County receives ZERO dollars. I hope you will both commit to re-doubling your efforts to allow the Town of Minocqua to pursue Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT). The fact that the legislature continues to withhold this authority from the Town of Minocqua with no valid reason is frankly an insult. You each have the ability to move this forward. Please outline a strategy to get this done. Thank you.

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From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 9:30 AM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: More COVID-19 memos/documents

Thank you!

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Rep. Mary Felzkowski
Office: (608) 266-7694
Cell: (920) 471-8150
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

-------- Original message --------
From: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/23/20 9:23 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: More COVID-19 memos/documents

I am attaching a number of documents that may be of interest regarding the current health emergency.

- There are two fiscal bureau memos that cover the federal legislation passed last week. One memo I have already circulated but I am including again with the second memo which covers the changes made to the legislation before signed. The first is titled 'FB memo on House bill' and the second is 'Mods to 6201'. Taken together, these two memos cover the most recently passed federal bill related to the COVID-19 crisis.

- There is a LC memo on constitutionality questions, both federal and state, in regard to actions taken during this health emergency.

- There is a Word document that covers questions on unemployment.

- There is an LRB memo on whether/how voting can be changed in this emergency, and a memo from the Elections Commission providing guidance to clerks for the election.

- Finally there is an updated (as of 3/18) pdf from the Education Commission of the States with information about responses in other states.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Heather

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4:37 PM
To: 'Stephen Balow' <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: More information regarding the upcoming election

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Hey Steve,

I appreciate you providing this information and taking the time to send me the screen shots as well. That's really helpful. You and I have already talked through this a bit, but I'm hoping I can help explain why people are hesitant to move the election.

- Moving the date in the middle of voting and especially so close to the election date creates so much unmanageable chaos.
- Over 1 million absentee ballots have already been sent out, and the deadline to request one is not until tomorrow, so I am sure we will see that number grow even more. The question becomes, what do we do with all of the absentee ballots that have already been sent and already turned in?
- Here are just some of the other questions that come up when discussing moving the election:
    - How long do we extend the election? Some people have mentioned the May 12th special election date and I totally understand wanting to use that date. What if we are still under social distancing, and have to consider moving the date again?
    - What if something happens between now and then and voters demand they be given the chance to change or re-cast their vote?
    - What do we do for the local government positions that are going to be vacant while we wait for the new election date? What if local governments can't respond to this or another crisis because decision makers aren't in place to make those decisions?

Ultimately, everyone has a fundamental right to respond to their government by voting in elections. I totally understand where everyone is coming from on postponing. Our reality is that the Governor has said the date is not going to move and the legislature cannot move it without him. The Elections Commission has said the date is not going to move, and now the court is signally today that they are not going to order the date to move. Knowing this information, my number one goal and my job right now is to help our amazing clerks run their polling places safely and efficiently, so that everyone can get in to vote, and get out quickly. We have been encouraging anyone and everyone who does not feel safe going out to vote absentee and thankfully so many people are choosing to do that. This means that all of those people are going to stay home on Election Day, making it so much easier to social distance and avoid the spread. The National Guard will be helping man the polls that day, and the Elections Commission is providing extra supplies to clerks, as well as extra COVID specific training. There is also funding included in the federal stimulus package to help with the increase costs of administering the election. If we all continue to work together, we can make sure that voting on April 7th is done safely.

Thank you again for your emails. I know you are reaching out because you care about the safety of everyone in Wisconsin, and I really respect that.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Stephen Balow <swbalow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:31 AM

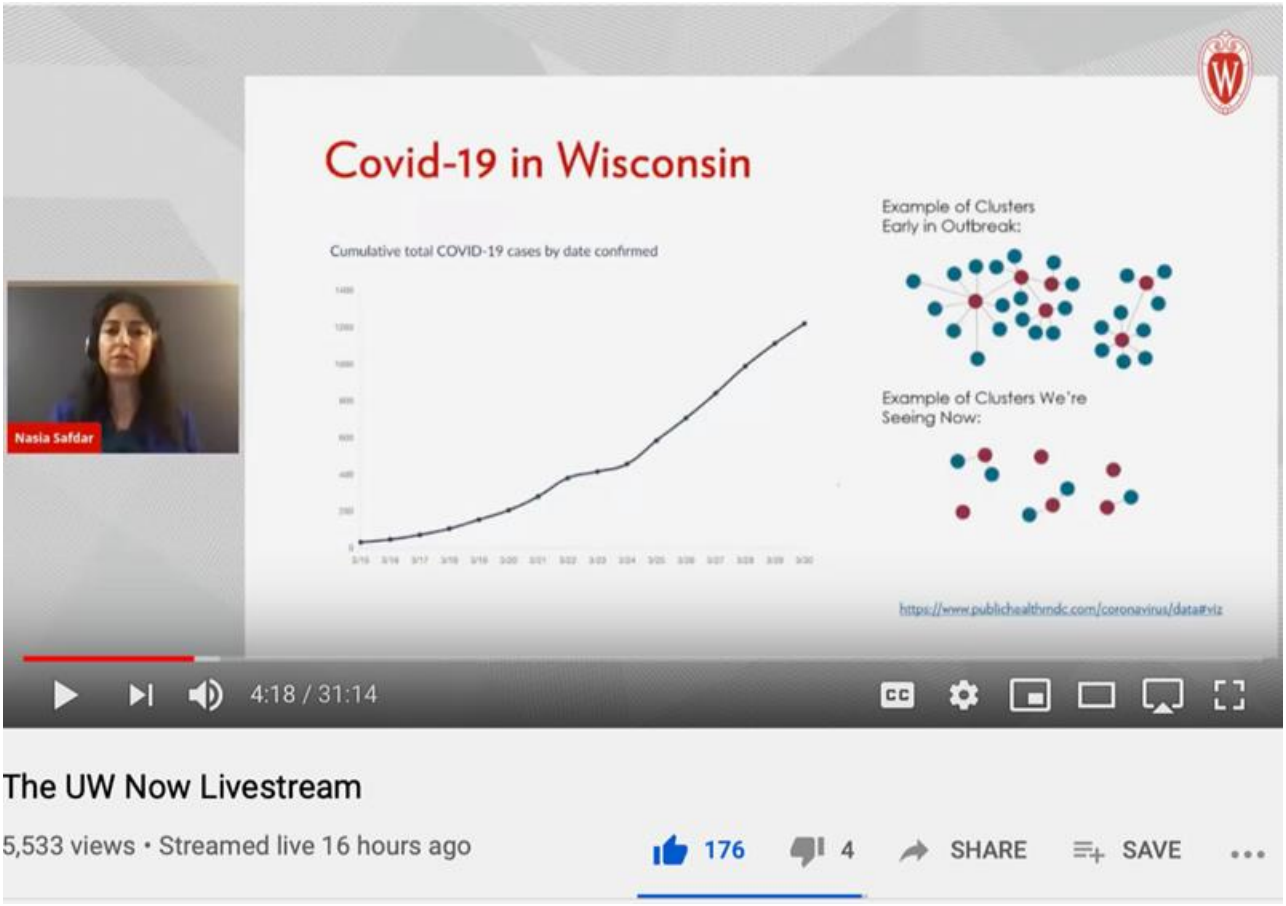
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kim and Steve Balow <kimbalow@hotmail.com>; Doug Marhefke <mad264@yahoo.com>; Tracy Sturm <tas11158@yahoo.com>; elections@wi.gov
Subject: More information regarding the upcoming election

Dear Representative Felzkowski:

Last night the University of Wisconsin live streamed a broadcast recording Covid-19 which featured Dr. Nasia Safdar whose qualifications are summarized below:



During the broadcast, Dr Safdar presented the following chart:



I'd like to point out two things:

- * As you can see from the cluster diagram on the right hand side of the chart, early in the outbreak people were not practicing social distancing which made it difficult for medical workers to identify and isolate people who were exposed and could transmit the virus. However, with social distancing this problem has become much less dangerous and our health care professionals are finding they can spend more time on treatment and less time on tracking. This has obvious advantages. However, holding an election with open polling places will put the state back into the early more dangerous cluster model. Given this understanding, holding an election presents an obvious increase to the risk of the public and the health care system which is both irresponsible and intolerable.
- * The broadcast was widely watched with over 5,500 live views. This number will increase substantially as the broadcast is available for replay and was first seen only 16 ours ago. You have the opportunity to do the right thing and avoid what is likely to be a crisis of public confidence in our elected officials.

Do the right thing. Reschedule the election.

Stephen W. Balow

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:04 AM
To: "'Diane R. Boyle'" <advocacy@naifa.org>
Subject: RE: NAIFA COVID-19 Constituent Help

Thanks Diane,

Mary

From: Diane R. Boyle <advocacy@naifa.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: NAIFA COVID-19 Constituent Help

Dear Mary Felzkowski ,

I can only imagine the number of calls and questions the office is getting about COVID-19 and financial assistance. In times of uncertainty, people often seek financial security. Unfortunately, the pandemic has resulted in numerous scams. The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) is working with the National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) to assist the interagency crisis action task force. With members in every Congressional district, NAIFA is uniquely situated to help with situational intelligence and deliver credible resources.

NAIFA's consumer site provides individuals and businesses with information to avoid scams, tips on who to contact regarding health claims/questions, as well as how to find licensed, knowledgeable, ethical professionals to assist with financial security planning. Please feel free to send consumers to https://security.naifa.org/covid-19 or to one of the many NAIFA members licensed in the state. This is a difficult time and we can hopefully provide reliable information to constituents and reduce fear. Please let NAIFA State Chapter Director Julie Harrison, or me, know how else NAIFA can help.

Stay healthy and thanks for your leadership during this challenging time.

Best,

Diane Boyle
Senior Vice President - Government Relations
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:33 PM
To: "'jleggs@charter.net'" <jleggs@charter.net>
Subject: RE: NCSL

Judy,

I understand your frustration, and I know where you are coming from here, but I don't agree with your take on this. Everyone I know and work with has been encouraging everyone to vote absentee for weeks now, and Rep. Vos has been one of the biggest proponents of that, so to say that he was one of the most vocal supporters of forcing residents to vote in person is disingenuous. Everyone had the power to vote absentee, and I've been providing that information to my district for weeks now. Regardless of whether someone believes the election should be moved (and I understand why people were hoping for that), Governor Evers simply did not have the power to issue the order he did on Monday. In all times, but especially in a pandemic, we all need to work together. No one person should be able to knowingly break the law or circumvent the constitution, no matter what the reason. Do I wish Governor Evers would have had conversations with us early on about moving the election? Absolutely I do. He had been saying over and over that he was not going to move the election, so the legislature tried to support him in that and move forward with making polling places as safe as possible.

Please let me know if you'd like to talk about this further. The media likes to paint a certain picture per usual, but I can assure you that everyone is trying to do their best with the information they have at the time.

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: jleggs@everyactionadvocacy.com <jleggs@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: NCSL

Dear Representative Mary J. Felzkowski,

As you may know, Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos has been one of the most vocal supporters of forcing Wisconsin residents to vote in person during this pandemic. Speaker Vos's actions are putting millions of voters at risk, and infringing on our democratic process.

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I'm calling on you, as my legislature, to ask for Robin Vos's resignation from NCSL. Please reach out to Caroline Carlson at NCSL (caroline.carlson@ncsl.org) and urge her and her staff to ask for Speaker Vos's immediate resignation.

Sincerely,

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Judy Leggett
123 E Lincoln Ave Tomahawk, WI 54487-1448 jleggs@charter.net

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 9:31 AM
To: 'Judy Leggett' <jleggs@charter.net>
Subject: RE: NCSL

Judy,

Thank you for your follow up. Yes, you are right that the Governor suggested and all mail-in ballot system, but it was not on March 23rd, it was on March 27th, ten days before the election. There were many reasons my colleagues and I did not support this plan when it was presented.

1. There would have been no way to secure the vote. Mail-in ballots would require eliminating voter ID. It also would have also eliminated same-day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote. So I've heard a lot that we wanted to "suppress the vote." Allowing for voting in person on election day does far more for allowing all voters to vote than this system if we had agreed to it. Mail in ballots don't allow for registration after the ballots have been mailed, so that is several days for people who cannot contact their clerk to get registered.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don’t have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way. The Commission spoke with other states who do this and heard from each of them that it's not something you can implement in less than two weeks.

6. Almost immediately after the Governor released his plan, I heard from several over my local clerks who have said they simply did not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them were already spending their nights and weekends as it was trying to send out ballots to those that had already requested them.

I hope this helps. Thank you for your emails,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Judy Leggett <jleggs@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: NCSL

Evers asked for an all-mail election on March 23rd. Did he get any support on that? Does he ever get any support on anything from your party? And Mary, how many people requested absentee ballots and never got them? There are buckets of them sitting at post offices in various cities. So what were those voters supposed to do? I hope you would agree that the best plan for the health of WI residents was to delay the election - not ask the voters to risk going to the polls during this pandemic - Evers gave them an out - even though it was at the 11th hour. And what did the Republicans do? Thhey ran to the courts. They apparently still had time to go to the courts to have his executive order squelched so there was time to delay the election. And

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they also squelched the accommodations that had been made for extending the absentee voting. Regardless this in-person election should never have gone on and you know that, Mary. Your party going to the courts and their ultimate decision - sadly, from jurors who cast their votes remotely because THEY didn't want to be exposed - was reckless and ridiculous.-

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:36 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: new voicemail

If she's talking about the Township of Lake Tomahawk, that's not actually in our district, which is why she wouldn't be in forward. Should we pass it along to Rob?

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Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: new voicemail

715-614-1397
Darlene newman (name was very unclear, not in forward)
from lake tomahawk
Very concerned about the election
Needs to be my mail only or postponed
Elderly people vote and often work at the polls
This is too important
There is a corona case in vilas
Please postpone it. We will spread it around while voting. Please.

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:37 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: new voicemail

Yes, I'll send it over to them

From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 5:34 PM
To: "Richter, Denise" <Denise.Richter@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: NFWL Invite

Hey Denise,

I hope you are staying safe and things are well! I wanted to check and see if this is still proceeding as scheduled?

Thanks,
Stamena

From: Richter, Denise <Denise.Richter@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: NFWL Invite

From: NFWL <nfwl@womenlegislators.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Palmer, Linda <Linda.Palmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Save the Date!

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 5:41 PM
To: "Richter, Denise" <Denise.Richter@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: NFWL Invite

So sorry to bother you- I was out of the office last week and must have missed it, thank you!

From: Richter, Denise <Denise.Richter@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: NFWL Invite

Stamena,

We cancelled the event and the Representative should have received an email last Thursday notifying her if the cancellation.

Thank you for inquiring. I will send out notification once again. The notification would have come from NFWL.

Stay Well.

Denise

On Mar 29, 2020 5:34 PM, "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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Subject: NFWL Invite

From: NFWL <nfwl@womenlegislators.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 12:11 PM
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:58 AM
To: 'Jon Petroskey' <jpetroskey@antigo-city.org>
Subject: RE: North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting

Hi Jon,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe. I wanted to reach out and see if you knew if the Wausau Fire Chiefs meeting was proceeding as planned?

More importantly, we wanted to reach out and ask if there was anything we could do for the Antigo Fire Department?
Mary thanks you for all you do and your continued dedication to serving our community during trying times like these.

We are here to be a resource to you, please let us know if there is anything we can assist with.

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Jon Petroskey <jpetroskey@antigo-city.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 6:38 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mark Deaver (MDeaver@ploverwi.gov) <MDeaver@ploverwi.gov>; Klug, Josh - DMA <josh.klug@ci.merrill.wi.us>
Subject: RE: North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting

Good Morning Stamena,
We completely understand and thanks for letting us know.

Future dates are:
3/19/20 – Mosinee
4/16/20 – Wausau
5/21/20 – Altoona
7/16/20 – Grand Rapids
8/20/20 – Merrill
9/17/20 – Stevens Point
10/15/20 – Rhinelander
11/19/20 – Tomahawk

As the date gets closer, the area chief will send out the location of the meeting. Keep me posted of the dates that you think can work & I will be someone gets you the location.

Jon Petroskey; Fire Chief
City of Antigo
700 Edison Street
Antigo, WI 54409

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From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Jon Petroskey
Cc: Seitz, Christopher
Subject: RE: North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting

Jon,

Unfortunately, as we discussed might happen, we have just found out that the Assembly will be in session that date and Mary has to be here to vote.
I'm sorry we have to do this- Mary is still very interested in meeting with the Chiefs- could you let me know where the next meeting will be and when?

Thank you Jon,
Stamena

From: Jon Petroskey <jpetroskey@antigo-city.org>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 7:28 AM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Mark Deaver (MDeaver@ploverwi.gov) <MDeaver@ploverwi.gov>; Josh Klug <Josh.Klug@ci.merrill.wi.us>
Subject: North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting

Good Morning Senator Tiffany and Rep. Felzkowski,
The North Central Fire Chiefs Association (NCFCA) will be meeting here in Antigo on February 20, 2020 at 10:00. The NCFCA Association would like to invite both of you to attend our meeting and provide any updates from your offices.

The meeting will be held at Game-On at 623 Edison Street, Antigo and you are more than welcome to stay for the meeting and join us for lunch at 12:00. We usually have around 20 to 30 Chiefs attend our meetings each month and if you plan to attend, I will let everyone know as we may get a better turn out for our meeting. Our membership covers about 90 Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs from Wisconsin Rapids to Ashland and Menomonie to Marinette.

If you have any questions, let me know.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:52 PM
To: 'dick lehmann' <lehmanndw@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Note from Dick Lehmann to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

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Good evening Dick,

I apologize for my late response, I've been trying to respond to everyone tonight. I can certainly understand your frustration and your thinking on this. I know this is an unprecedented time and we are all operating without a map here. I actually reached out to my local polling place to see if they need help. They told me they didn't need me or my husband, and then they reached out to about a dozen other locations for us, and everyone said they were adequately staffed. Even so, I will be visiting the polls tomorrow to see if there is any help I can give. Regarding your question, I would say that every single legislator spent the last several weeks encouraging people to vote absentee if they didn't feel comfortable going to the polls. I am one of those people. I firmly believe that absolutely no one who feels unsafe or uncomfortable should be at the polls tomorrow. I am so grateful that voters in Wisconsin have the option to vote absentee for any reason. It really gives our citizens options in situations like this. I also heard from people that just don't want to vote absentee. They want to vote in person and work the polls, and it is their constitutional right to do so.

I have so much respect for everyone who works so tirelessly to make sure our elections run efficiently and smoothly, and I have heard from them a lot over the last couple weeks. Most were reaching out to let me know that a mail-in ballot system just would not work in Wisconsin, and that they were doing everything in their power to make their polling place as safe as possible with social distancing parameters in place. A lot of them are offering drive-thru voting, which will really minimize person to person interactions. With over 1.3 million absentee ballots sent out to voters, the polls won't be nearly as crowded as we've seen in the past. Thankfully, many voters have chosen to stay home and vote absentee, so that the rest who choose to vote in person can do so at a safe distance.

COVID has created a lot of really impossible situations. I think clerks and the Elections Commission have done an amazing job preparing for tomorrow, and keeping people safe will not be impossible.

If you would like to discuss this further, please let me know. I am available tomorrow,

Mary

From: dick lehmann <lehmanndw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Note from Dick Lehmann to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

Your Name: Richard Lehmann

Phone Number: (715) 326-3346

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I usually disagree with Governor Evers' stand of most issues but I support his decision to delay the April 6, 2020 election to June. I believe every legislator, lawyer and judge who worked to revers that executive order should be required to spend a minimum of 6 -12 hours sitting at a polling station as will be required of pole workers. It would be interesting to know how many of those same legislators, lawyers and judges took advantage of absentee ballots or encouraged their family members to vote absentee so they would not potentially be exposed to the virus at a polling place. These folks are showing no respect and clearly don't appreciate the work that some of our citizens are doing to make the election process work.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 9:36 AM
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Subject: RE: Note from Jim Newman to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

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Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

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Your Name:

Phone Number:

Your Question:good morning,
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 2:44 PM
To: 'James Newman' <newmanconstruction6@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Note from Jim Newman to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Good afternoon Jim,

Yes, you should be covered by the order on Page 12:

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.

If you are still in doubt, you should reach out to WEDC who is making "essential" determinations, but the order seems to specifically cover you.

Thank you!

Mary

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Subject: Re: Note from Jim Newman to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

Good afternoon,
From what I gather with today's press release I am able to continue carpentry operations? I just want to make sure before continuing with work. Thank you?

Jim

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Subject: RE: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

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Hi Karen,

I understand that is a very frightening and frustrating situation. The Department is not violating any laws or executive orders. They have implemented a number of changes at their facilities (including eliminating large group dining) to protect against the spread of the virus. The details can be found here:
https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/COVID19(Coronavirus)/FAQS/COVID19FAQs.aspx

They do not have the authority to release individuals before their mandatory release date and at this time there is no discussion of amending that. The Department is taking care of individuals in their custody and as of this morning, no one in their care has tested positive for COVID-19.

It must be very difficult to be apart from your son at a time like this. The Department has worked with CenturyLink to set up 2 free weekly 15 minute phone calls for every individual during the length of this crisis and I hope you are able to connect with him.

Please let me know if the website does not answer all your questions and my staff and I will work with the Department to find more information.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

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HI,

Please refer your constituent to our website that is updated daily: www.doc.wi.gov/COVID19. There is detail on what we are doing to reduce the spread of COVID19 in our facilities. There are also FAQs, a list of confirmed cases, and a dashboard on testing.

Thanks,

Paulina de Haan
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To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Note from Tammy Shannon-Stegall to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

Things are still shaking out, but here is how I understand it as of today after the passage of the bills in Congress. (USDOL and DWD have not provided final guidance). So don't quote me :)

Even if she is working, she can still qualify for UI. Under current law someone can get partial UI check if they work less than 32 hours a week or earn less than $500. Seems like she would qualify.

https://my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov/Apps/BenefitCalculators/PartialBenefitsCalculator

According to DWD and the data below, assuming she worked 40 hours a week for $9 for the last 4 quarters, and her hours were cut in half, she would get a partial UI check for $86 a week plus her wages of $180. (This assumes a lot of things, but a good showing that it makes sense to apply).

I don't know if that $500 limit will change with the new $600 per week add-on stipend the feds just passed, or if she would get the $600 with a partial filing, that is all up in the air.

Also under the new law passed by congress, any UI charges incurred because of COVID-19 are not to be charged to employers. But guidance on that is TBD.

But bottom line, she should apply if she lost hours because of the Governors order. The worst they tell her is no. Her employer cannot deny her claim, only UI can do that based on the facts of the case. The burden of proof to deny the claim is on the employer to show that they did in fact not reduce her hours.

Hope that helps.

BJ Dernbach
Committee Clerk
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Subject: FW: Note from Tammy Shannon-Stegall to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

Hey! Before I bother anyone else, I figured I'd ask you. I only have a vague understanding of how unemployment insurance works. Employers pay in... but I'm not sure who is "taking the hit" during the pandemic.

Thanks for answering a dumb question!

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Thank You,

Tammy Stegall

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6:37 PM
To: 'Tammy Stegall' <jtsteg@yahoo.com>
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Tammy,

I feel TERRIBLE. I had reached out to someone with some Department of Workforce Development background to ask about your daughter's case, and then we've gotten so many calls and emails in the last two days that I did not follow up with you. I am so sorry. The answer I received is that her employer cannot deny her claim, only Unemployment Insurance at DWD can do that based on the facts of the case. The burden of proof to deny the claim would be on her employer to prove that he DID NOT reduce her hours, which he has done. The advice was to apply for UI, the worst that would happen is that they deny it. There are still some unanswered questions in relation to the federal legislation, but it's looking like that, even if she is working, she can still qualify for partial UI. Under current law someone can get partial UI check if they work less than 32 hours a week or earn less than $500. Based on what you are saying it seems like she would qualify.

I hope this is helpful, and again I apologize for taking so long to get back to you!

Liz

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Sue,

I totally understand and I don't want to lose anyone either. Thankfully, Lincoln County is one of only 10 other counties that doesn't have a positive test yet. I'm not saying we don't have any at all, but it is encouraging that we have stayed off the official map for so long.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

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We have such a great area here. Thank you for listening to me.
Sue

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:41 PM

To: "Jorgenson, Amanda" <Amanda.Jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Notification to Employees - Confirmation of COVID-19 in the Workplace

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Okay thank you!

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From: Jorgenson, Amanda <Amanda.Jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Notification to Employees - Confirmation of COVID-19 in the Workplace

Hi Elisabeth:

I only have one confirmed case at this time. I generally can't state names, but he did a press release on it as you mentioned below. That is the one confirmed case we have so far.

Thank-you,

Amanda Jorgenson

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 23, 2020, at 4:36 PM, Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Is there any way to confirm if this is a legislator (we saw the news about Rep. Bowen) or a staff person? I am pregnant so the answer kind of changes action I would take based

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on if I was in the building with the person each day, versus someone that is primarily in their district. If you can't say, I totally understand. Just thought I'd ask to clarify.

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Importance: High

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A person in the Legislature has become ill with COVID-19. The following is advice from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Wisconsin Public Health Officials about what information to provide employees:

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- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
    - Stay home when you are sick.
    - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
    - Clean/disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
    - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
    - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

Wisconsin's COVID-19 Resource page may be found at: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm This page includes information about the illness, its symptoms, and precautions you can take to keep yourself healthy.

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Thank you!

Liz

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- * Training (including COVID-specific training): https://elections.wi.gov/COVID-19/training-for-poll-workers
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:18 PM
To: 'Andi Burns' <Andi@statecollegeofbeauty.com>
Subject: RE: online approval

Andi,

I'm so sorry you are having difficulty with this. I have reached out to my contact at DSPS to hopefully have someone reach out to you directly to help expedite the process. I will let you know what I hear back when they get back to me.

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Andi Burns <Andi@statecollegeofbeauty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: online approval

Hello Representative Felzkowski,

The underlined statement is what Sue Kolve the Owner of the Salon Professional Academy in Onalaska experienced yesterday.
I too have made many calls and sent email with no response.
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https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/030520Guidance4interruptionsrelated2CoronavirusCOVID19

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Additional information will be posted on the Department website later today regarding this issue.

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To: 'David Armiak' <david@prwatch.org>
Cc: "Fuller, Patrick E." <Patrick.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Fawcett, Steve" <Steve.Fawcett@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Open Records Request

David,

We have received your open records request and will begin compiling the corresponding records. We appreciate your patience during this time as we are short staffed and prioritizing responding to our constituents' concerns regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Thank you,

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From: David Armiak <david@prwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:55 PM
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Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Pursuant to Wisconsin's open records law, I request access to and 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
- * Mike Fischer

The scope of this request includes the Representative and his staff. The scope of this request

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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,

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:12 PM
To: 'JK Hollenbeck' <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Pass a Joint Resolution Now

Jeff and Kristina,

Thank you for your feedback, please know I absolutely do know where you are coming from. The legislature will meet in the next few days to pass COVID related legislation, and I know there are some provisions in what the Legislature presented to the Governor that would help the legislature have more say as the pandemic continues. Please know that we are also pushing back on the Governor's office whenever we can. Just today, his administration was informing local public health departments that churches could not perform drive-in services. After a lot of very fast push back from me, other legislators, and some stakeholder groups, he has now changed his mind and said that churches can do drive-in services. I'm grateful that all of us can band together to be a voice, but I'm also frustrated that this kind of mobilization is even necessary. Rest assured, we will continue to watch everything he does like a hawk.

Thank you for your email again,

Mary

From: JK Hollenbeck <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Pass a Joint Resolution Now

Ms. Felzkowski:
The governor and DHS have been using faulty data to keep our state locked down: http://www.maciverinstitute.com/2020/04/phony-projections-or-bad-data-driving-evers-decisions/. You and other Assembly and Senate leaders have the power to end this travesty via a joint resolution rescinding all of the governor's draconian, devastating executive orders. Other places – Sweden, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Dakota (!) - have not shut down their economies; they have protected the vulnerable via voluntary self-quarantine and allowed the rest of the population to function. Those places have not seen an explosion of illness and death. Wisconsin cannot continue to be under these orders even until the end of this month, let alone longer. Wisconsin citizens are begging you to step up and put the overall well-being of everyone in this state first – by insisting that Speaker Vos and Senator Fitzgerald work to write a joint resolution rescinding all the executive orders pertaining to COVID-19. A failure to act on your part means you support the governor's destructive actions. Do you stand with us or with him?

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Jeff & Kristina Hollenbeck

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:23 PM
To: 'JK Hollenbeck' <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
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Jeff and Kristina,

I can tell you that there are definitely people looking at that statute and what is possible. You are also right that it's an nuclear option. I absolutely do not agree with everything Governor Evers is doing, and I agree with you that closing the parks is a rash and frankly reckless decision when we think about how people really need to get out for their own mental health. BUT for me, and I know other legislators feel this way, for better or for worse, Governor Evers was elected by a majority of the people in this state. In addition to that, it is far better for the state to have one person at the helm when going through a global crisis, rather than 132 legislators who certainly don't agree on everything. Please don't misconstrue my comments to mean that we are simply sitting back and letting him do whatever he wants. That is not the case and I can tell you that we will absolutely continue to watch everything he does, pushing back hard when it becomes necessary. What I don't want to do though is create a ton of chaos and panic when it's not clear where decisions are being made, who is making them, and if those decisions are enforceable. We have to be thoughtful about that process to make sure that all Wisconsinites are able to make it through to the other side of this. Please be assured that there are some things that we are working on, and we will not sit idly by.

Thank you again for your email,

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From: JK Hollenbeck <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Pass a Joint Resolution Now

Mary -
Thank you for your reply; you are only one of two legislators who has shown us that respect.

We appreciate what you've said here; we really do. And the "allowing" of drive-in church services is a good thing. But, with respect, it's not enough. As he "allowed" drive-in church services, he simultaneously closed all state parks and yesterday threatened (the only word for it) to lock us down until mid-May as punishment (the only logical conclusion) for going out to exercise our right to vote on Tuesday; he is tightening the noose a little every day!

We know the legislature has the immediate power – via State Statute 323.10 – to actually rescind any/all orders related to this virus situation via a joint resolution

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rather than just "pushing back…wherever [you] can." Why isn't that being pursued? It might be the "nuclear option," but, frankly, we need it. Wisconsin will not survive much more of this.

Thank you again for hearing us; please don't take our additional questions as disrespect. We are just extremely frustrated and scared – not of the virus but of the loss of essential civil liberties and resulting chaos from that. We will pray for you by name – and others who are also doing at least something.

Jeff & Kristina

On 4/9/20, 2:12 PM, "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Jeff and Kristina,
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> Thank you for your feedback, please know I absolutely do know where you are coming from. The legislature will meet in the next few days to pass COVID related legislation, and I know there are some provisions in what the Legislature presented to the Governor that would help the legislature have more say as the pandemic continues. Please know that we are also pushing back on the Governor's office whenever we can. Just today, his administration was informing local public health departments that churches could not perform drive-in services. After a lot of very fast push back from me, other legislators, and some stakeholder groups, he has now changed his mind and said that churches can do drive-in services. I'm grateful that all of us can band together to be a voice, but I'm also frustrated that this kind of mobilization is even necessary. Rest assured, we will continue to watch everything he does like a hawk.
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> Thank you for your email again,
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> Mary
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> **From:** JK Hollenbeck <hollenbeckjk@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:03 AM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Pass a Joint Resolution Now
>
> Ms. Felzkowski:
> The governor and DHS have been using faulty data to keep our state locked down: http://www.maciverinstitute.com/2020/04/phony-projections-or-bad-data-driving-evers-decisions/. You and other

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Assembly and Senate leaders have the power to end this travesty via a joint resolution rescinding all of the governor's draconian, devastating executive orders. Other places – Sweden, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Dakota (!) - have not shut down their economies; they have protected the vulnerable via voluntary self-quarantine and allowed the rest of the population to function. Those places have not seen an explosion of illness and death. Wisconsin cannot continue to be under these orders even until the end of this month, let alone longer. Wisconsin citizens are begging you to step up and put the overall well-being of everyone in this state first – by insisting that Speaker Vos and Senator Fitzgerald work to write a joint resolution rescinding all the executive orders pertaining to COVID-19. A failure to act on your part means you support the governor's destructive actions. Do you stand with us or with him?

Jeff & Kristina Hollenbeck

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:51 PM
To: 'Craig Thompson' <cmthomp7@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Perspective

Craig,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. I know this is a frustrating time for everyone. I think the recent 'Safer at Home' order put out by Governor Evers was incredibly confusing and our businesses deserve clear guidance during this time of uncertainty.

Both President Trump and Governor Evers are listening to medical experts and health care professionals who have stated that 'flattening the curve' through actions such as social distancing, will enable us to come out of the other side of this crisis faster while still prioritizing the health of all Americans.

Thank you for reaching out,
Mary

From: Craig Thompson <cmthomp7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:26 PM
To: digjobo56 <robertdigman98@gmail.com>; Kevin Thompson <thompsok111@gmail.com>; Heather Sprengler <beefranch@gmail.com>; Kyle Thompson <kpthomps@mtu.edu>; Mike Fornetti <mfornetti@sbcglobal.net>; Peggy Thompson <gmarf111@gmail.com>; Karri Vandell <karri_vandell@yahoo.com>; Tracy Toland <tracytoland@att.net>; Antigo Times <antigotimes@mmclocal.com>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Pete Radd <raddtunes@yahoo.com>
Subject: Perspective

In current times how many people die in the World from all causes, every day, on average?
150,000 people per day
How many people die from the typical seasonal flu viruses in the World, every year, according to WHO?
290,000-650,000 total
How many people have died in the World from Covid-19 since the entire episode started?
24,000 total

How many people die in the USA from all causes, every day, on average?
7,500 per day
How many people die from the typical seasonal flu viruses in the USA, every year, according to CDC?
30,000-60,000 total
How many people have died in the USA from Covid-19 since the entire episode started?
1,300 total

Although Covid-19 is estimated to be 10 times is more lethal than a seasonal flu, it still mostly impacts people with compromised immune systems.

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And that makes a person wonder why we just destroyed the entire World economy
for what basically is just one on many versions of a corona flu virus, with many more likely to follow.
And our government leaders will spend trillions of dollars to restore the destruction of what was perhaps statistically not a major problem.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:24 PM
To: 'Danielle Womack' <dwomack@pswi.org>
Cc: 'Forbes McIntosh' <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Subject: RE: Pharmacies

Thank you!!

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Danielle Womack <dwomack@pswi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Forbes McIntosh <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Subject: RE: Pharmacies

Hi Liz,

Langlade Hospital	112 E Fifth Ave	Antigo	WI	54409
Lakeside Pharmacy	536 5th Ave	Antigo	WI	54409
Walgreens	2204 Neva Rd	Antigo	WI	54409
Wal-Mart Pharmacy	200 E State Hwy 64	Antigo	WI	54409
Good Samaritan Pharmacy	601 S Center Ave	Merrill	WI	54452
Marshfield Clinic Pharmacy	1205 O'Day St	Merrill	WI	54452
Walgreens	101 N Center Ave	Merrill	WI	54452
Wal-Mart Pharmacy	505 S Pine Ridge Ave	Merrill	WI	54452
Trig's Pharmacy	662 N 4th St	Tomahawk	WI	54487

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Danielle

Danielle M. Womack, MPH
Vice President, Public Affairs
Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin
608-827-9200
dwomack@pswi.org

From: Forbes McIntosh <forbes@wis-gps.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Danielle Womack <dwomack@pswi.org>
Subject: Fwd: Pharmacies

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Forbes D. McIntosh
Government Policy Solutions, LLC

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Pharmacies
Date: March 31, 2020 at 2:54:42 PM CDT
To: "forbes@wis-gps.com" <forbes@wis-gps.com>

Hey Forbes,

Our office is putting together a helpful document that we'd like to get to places that might see a lot of foot traffic in our district right now. It's something we envision could go on a bulletin board or something similar. Pharmacies are on our list so I wanted to reach out to see if you have a list of pharmacies in our district.

Thank you in advance!

Liz

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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 1:17 PM
To: "'roger.rohe@yahoo.com'" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please allow health food stores to stay open

Roger,

Thank you for your thoughts on this. The legislature is working together with Governor Evers to hopefully put together some things that will be able to help people in Wisconsin. I will make sure to bring this concern up as we make those decisions as a legislative leadership team with our colleagues.

Thank you again and I hope you are staying healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: roger rohe (roger.rohe@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please allow health food stores to stay open

Dear Rep. Mary J. Felzkowski,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, local governments are putting restrictions on businesses in order to prevent the virus' spread. In many cases this is appropriate, but it is equally important that essential businesses such as health food stores stay open. These stores carry products such as dietary supplements, healthy food options, products to replenish electrolytes, and many other such products that can help us stay healthy and boost our immune systems during the pandemic.

Our community needs these stores open. And because space is typically quite limited, community businesses would likely not meet or exceed gathering limits. While the spread of COVID-19 has brought this country to a stop, natural product stores across the country have a unique responsibility to their communities to remain open and provide products that support wellness.

Please allow these important stores to stay open!

Sincerely,

Mr. roger rohe
329 Forrest Ave
Antigo, WI 54409-9108
roger.rohe@yahoo.com
(715) 623-0353

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 1:47 PM
To: "'roger.rohe@yahoo.com'" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please allow health food stores to stay open

Hey Roger,

Thank you for your email. I would encourage you to reach out to Governor Evers. His administration is solely in charge of what is considered essential or non-essential, and the legislature unfortunately does not have input on that list. I understand where you are coming from absolutely and know that supporting wellness could not be more important than it is right now when we are all cooped up inside.

Thank you again for your thoughts,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: roger rohe (roger.rohe@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please allow health food stores to stay open

Dear Rep. Mary J. Felzkowski,

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:04 PM
To: 'Kyler Butler' <xcrunner143@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please bring medical cannabis to our state

Hey Kyler,

Thank you for your email. You and I have emailed on this topic quite a bit, so you know that I'm a big supporter of Medical Marijuana and bringing it to Wisconsin. I am the author of the only Republican-led bill at this time. I will continue to fight for this policy in Wisconsin, because I believe it is vital for those who are suffering and looking for ways just to get back to some normalcy as they fight their illnesses.

Thank you for being an advocate for this! I really appreciate the support.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kyler Butler <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please bring medical cannabis to our state

Re: Please bring medical cannabis to our state

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Seriously ill patients cannot afford to wait.

Medical cannabis offers relief to people suffering from cancer treatments, PTSD, multiple sclerosis, seizures, and a host of other debilitating ailments.

Thirty-three states have changed their laws to allow patients with serious medical conditions to safely access medical cannabis from state-regulated providers. Nationwide, 80% to 90% of voters are supportive, and voters have approved medical marijuana laws in some of the most conservative states, including North Dakota, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Utah.

Here in Wisconsin on Election Day 2018, voters approved advisory measures on medical cannabis. In all 11 counties and two cities where questions about allowing medical cannabis were on the ballot, they received between 67% and 89% of the vote.

Please let me know if you will listen to voters and support a carefully crafted, well-regulated medical cannabis bill.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,
Kyler Butler
xcrunner143@yahoo.com

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Deerbrook, WI 54424
Constituent

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 4:25 PM
To: 'Kaye Matucheski' <kmatucheski@antigo-city.org>
Subject: RE: Please Do Not Enact Executive Order #73 for the Spring Election

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Hey Kaye,

Thank you so much for reaching out on this so quickly. It's really helpful for legislators to hear from those who would be impacted. What Governor Evers is suggesting is just not feasible, and we will not be convening tomorrow to vote on his suggestions.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Kaye Matucheski <kmatucheski@antigo-city.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Kuhn, Jamie S - GOV <jamie.kuhn@wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Do Not Enact Executive Order #73 for the Spring Election

Governor Evers, Senator Tiffany, and Representative Felzkowski:

I was just made aware that Governor Evers has requested a Special Session (Executive Order #73) to be held Saturday, April 4, 2020 to take up changes to the upcoming Spring election. This would allow an all-mail election with provisions to send ballots to all registered voters that have not requested one by May 19th. I am asking very strongly for you **not to vote for this action** for many reasons:

1) The list of registered voters is not always up-to-date for many reasons such as: people have moved and planned to change their address at the polls so now they will get the wrong ballot for their current address, people have moved and never let us know, people have not voted in a few years and have no intention of voting, etc.

2) How does this protect the integrity of elections as photo ID would not be provided? 1.5 million voters have already followed the correct process and requested ballots and provided ID so I believe anyone that has wanted to cast an absentee ballot has had an opportunity to do so.

3) Sending ballots to all of these people will result in the additional postage costs that municipal budgets cannot handle.

4) Municipalities do not have anywhere near enough envelopes or ballots to mail these to everyone not to mention the cost if we are able to get more supplies.

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5) I have had phone calls from some voters making sure there will be the ability to walk in and vote on election day as they do not trust the absentee process.

6) Staff of the Clerk's office are working very hard to keep up with this election, are already overwhelmed with the mail process, have put off other duties to meet the deadlines, and would now have a very large additional process to implement.

7) Municipalities have already had considerable extra costs getting supplies such as; hand sanitizer, screens for the tables, training new election workers, etc., in order to make the election as safe as possible.

8) If this is extended, what happens to the May 12th Special Election for the 7th Congressional District that many of us are already in the midst of sending ballots for?

I urge you NOT to cancel election day and change to an all-mail ballot for all of the reasons listed above plus some I am sure I have not even thought of.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kaye M. Matucheski
Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director
City of Antigo
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 9:17 AM
To: "'evertfam@mac.com'" <evertfam@mac.com>
Subject: RE: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

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Kathy,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. As you mention in your email, this was an FCC decision made by the federal government. I represent our district in the State Assembly. While we are without a Congressman at the moment, Senator Ron Johnson's office handles the constituent concerns for our district regarding federal actions. You can reach his office at 202-224-5323. As to the state taking action, while some states have passed resolutions or enacted laws at the state level, a federal rule change which took effect on June 11, 2018 preempts states from enacting ISP network restrictions and places primary jurisdiction over internet service providers' network management practices under the Federal Trade Commission.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kathy Evert <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, essential to everyone's rights to connect and communicate online. Without net neutrality protections, phone and cable companies can block, throttle and otherwise interfere with our access to sites and services online - yet the FCC voted to take away these critical net neutrality protections. As your constituent, I urge you to enact net neutrality legislation at the state level and defend the open Internet.

Kathy Evert
evertfam@mac.com
N11782 Post Lake Dr
Elcho, Wisconsin 54428

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From: Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 3:35 PM
To: "'a8h2o@aol.com'" <a8h2o@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

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Hi Anne,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. As you mention in your email, this was an FCC decision made by the federal government. I represent our district in the State Assembly. While we are without a Congressman at the moment, Senator Ron Johnson's office handles the constituent concerns for our district regarding federal actions. You can reach his office at 202-224-5323. As to the state taking action, while some states have passed resolutions or enacted laws at the state level, a federal rule change which took effect on June 11, 2018 preempts states from enacting ISP network restrictions and places primary jurisdiction over internet service providers' network management practices under the Federal Trade Commission.

Thank you and have a wonderful afternoon,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Anne Drinkwater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, essential to everyone's rights to connect and communicate online. Without net neutrality protections, phone and cable companies can block, throttle and otherwise interfere with our access to sites and services online - yet the FCC voted to take away these critical net neutrality protections. As your constituent, I urge you to enact net neutrality legislation at the state level and defend the open Internet.

Anne Drinkwater
a8h2o@aol.com

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427 main st

Birnamwood , Wisconsin 54414

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:07 PM
To: "'dell.bunge@aol.com'" <dell.bunge@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet
Attachments: RE: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet.eml

Hey Delores,

Thank you for your email! You and I have actually already emailed on this before, so I wanted to provide you with that email response in case you missed it in March. Thank you!

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Delores Bunge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

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Delores Bunge
dell.bunge@aol.com
N416 Owl LN
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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From: Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020, 10:36 AM
To: "'dell.bunge@aol.com'" <dell.bunge@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

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Hi Dell,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. As you mention in your email, this was an FCC decision made by the federal government. I represent our district in the State Assembly. While we are without a Congressman at the moment, Senator Ron Johnson's office handles the constituent concerns for our district regarding federal actions. You can reach his office at 202-224-5323. As to the state taking action, while some states have passed resolutions or enacted laws at the state level, a federal rule change which took effect on June 11, 2018 preempts states from enacting ISP network restrictions and places primary jurisdiction over internet service providers' network management practices under the Federal Trade Commission.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Delores Bunge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 11:58 AM
To: 'Walter Brockman' <walt.brockman@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please Expand Health Care Access, Please Expand Medicaid Now!

Good afternoon Walter,

All insurance companies have already been covering the costs of testing from very close to the beginning of the pandemic, United States-wide. I have not supported expanding badger care in the past, and do not think now is the time to do that. Those that would be covered by Badger Care expansion can currently receive heavily subsided care from the Federal Exchange. There is not a coverage gap in Wisconsin, so I am confident that access to care here in our state is already available. If you are hearing from people who are having trouble getting signed up, please let me know and my office can help them.

Thank you again for your email and your thoughts. Please feel free to send me your thoughts in the future,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Walter Brockman <walt.brockman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Expand Health Care Access, Please Expand Medicaid Now!

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

Hello. I'm writing to encourage Wisconsin to expand Medicaid to help expand coronavirus care in three main ways:
1) We need to broaden eligibility,
2) Ensure that eligible residents are enrolled or do enroll in Medicaid, and
3) Submit additional waivers to CMS seeking greater flexibility in coverage and care access

As your constituent I implore our State Legislature to convene and quickly and bipartisanly act to pass full Medicaid Expansion up to 138% FPL.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Walter Brockman
1015 3rd Ave
Antigo, WI 54409

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:43 PM
To: 'Chris matsche' <matsche389@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please Oppose Gov. Evers' Gun Control Schemes

Chris,

Thank you for the email on this. I 100% support the first amendment and would never support any gun control measures, especially those without due process.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Chris matsche <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:57 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Oppose Gov. Evers' Gun Control Schemes

Re: Please Oppose Gov. Evers' Gun Control Schemes

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

As your constituent, I urge you to oppose any gun control schemes that Gov. Evers and Attorney General Kaul support, especially any legislation that would allow the seizure of firearms without due process. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chris matsche
matsche389@gmail.com

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Constituent

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:44 PM
To: "'junglejill1971@yahoo.com'" <junglejill1971@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Jill,

I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I wanted to check in with you and let you know that I got a lot of really encouraging feedback yesterday about the polling places in our area. Thanks to everyone who decided to vote absentee (currently over 1 million people!), a majority of polling places had a manageable amount of people come through during the day with no lines, certainly not the crowds we normally see on Election Day. I heard from others that their polling place was clean, run well, and had the necessary social distancing in place.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

From: Jill Wolff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

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Thank you for your time, Jill Wolff

Jill Wolff
junglejill1971@yahoo.com
N2502 Swede Rd
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:42 PM
To: "'dsharp23@mail.com'" <dsharp23@mail.com>
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Daniel,

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Thank you for your time,

Mary

From: Daniel Montour <dsharp23@mail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

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Thank you for your time,

Daniel Montour
dsharp23@mail.com
N315 County Road HH Lot 6
Aniwa, Wisconsin 54408

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To: "'junglejill1971@yahoo.com'" <junglejill1971@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Jill,

Thank you for your reply. I disagree that I pulled people out of their homes to vote. I encouraged people all over my district for weeks to vote absentee. A lot of people I spoke to preferred to vote in person, rather than absentee. They made a choice, as the constitution affords them. I did not force anyone to do anything they did not want to do. If you disagree with that, that's your right, but it's the truth.

Have a good weekend,

Mary

From: junglejill1971@yahoo.com <junglejill1971@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Dear Rep Felzkowski,
This decision to oppose moving the voting date will likely have disastrous concequences for the state as a whole. Just because voting day went off well does not mean that people all over this state will not get sick because they went to vote. Even if your district currently has low virus numbers how can you justify pulling people out of their homes to vote during a "Safer at home" order during a pandemic? In 2 or 3 weeks when cases of COVID-19 GO up across the state I hope your conscience bothers you and all of those that pushed people out of their homes to vote. Their suffering and blood will be on your hands. Hope the political win was worth the stain it will leave for the voters... The people you claim to care about will not forget their losses.
Sincerely,
Jill Wolff

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 3:46 PM, Rep. Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Jill,
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> I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I wanted to check in with you and let you know that I got a lot of really encouraging feedback yesterday about the polling places in our area. Thanks to everyone who decided to vote absentee (currently over 1 million people!), a majority of polling places had a manageable amount of

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people come through during the day with no lines, certainly not the crowds we normally see on Election Day. I heard from others that their polling place was clean, run well, and had the necessary social distancing in place.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

From: Jill Wolff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time, Jill Wolff

Jill Wolff
junglejill1971@yahoo.com

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N2502 Swede Rd
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Thank you,

Mary

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To: "'sdahlquist@ymcanw.org'" <sdahlquist@ymcanw.org>
Subject: RE: Please support YMCAs in COVID-19 relief proposals

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:50 PM
To: 'Stephanie Dahlquist' <SDahlquist@ymcanw.org>
Subject: RE: Please support YMCAs in COVID-19 relief proposals

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Thank you for letting us know, Stephanie. It's on a list of things to consider as we look at legislation. I appreciate your input.

Do you know if you will be keeping the childcare open with the new stay-at-home order in place tomorrow? Thank you!

Mary

From: Stephanie Dahlquist <SDahlquist@ymcanw.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Please support YMCAs in COVID-19 relief proposals

Hello Mary,

Yes our Y is closed (1 branch only) but our childcare is still running.

For A Better Us,

Stephanie Dahlquist
Senior Director of Wellness & Community Initiatives
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(W) www.ymcaofthenorthwoods.org

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Subject: RE: Please vote no when Evers calls the special session on April 4. We need to get this election done. Vote NO

Judy,

Thank you so much for reaching out on this so quickly. I've already heard from three clerks just in my district who are not supportive, and what the Governor is suggesting just is not feasible. We will not be convening tomorrow to take up his suggestions.

Thank you again,

Mary

From: JNagel@co.langlade.wi.us <JNagel@co.langlade.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Judy Nagel
County Clerk for Langlade County
800 Clermont Street, Room 202
Antigo, WI 54409
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2020 Election Schedule
Spring General Election - Tuesday, April 7, 2020
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Partisan Primary Election - Tuesday, August 11, 2020
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:34 PM
To: 'Linda Pfaff' <irishroz_2000@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Poll worker safety

Linda,
Thank you for reaching out. Would you mind providing your contact information? Our first priority is always to 1. Make sure you receive a response and 2. To make sure you actually reach your representative, so we want to make sure that happens!

Thank you,

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Linda Pfaff <irishroz_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Poll worker safety

Rep Felzkowski -

I have been a poll worker for well over 16 years and I've been proud to serve my community and always assumed the government had our best interest at heart but with your reaction to Tony Evers call on Saturday for a special legislation meeting and the fact that most, if not all, conservative legislators refused to meet to the special meeting to postpone the April 7th election therefore putting many, many people's health at risk, then I sincerely have to wonder whose best interest is being served?

Pandemic experts in Washington are saying that the during next two weeks, people should not even think about grocery shopping or pharmacies because of the health risk that is continually getting higher and higher — yet the state legislators seem to think that we poll workers are expendable! This election could be postponed until the end of May if necessary, even June.

The majority legislators have shown their true colors and while I was a conservative, was a Republican, I no longer feel secure in their hands. I agree with Tony Evers in the fact that our state government needs to step up and show some concern for the residents, especially the poll workers of the state. Why do you feel this election is so Important that it is necessary to put so many peoples lives at risk? Selfish, inconsiderate, and above all foolish is how I feel about our current majority of legislators.

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Since you are the head of the Senate portion, I would hope you will take this request of postponing the April 7thelection seriously and pass this message on to all legislators, including the Assembly, because so many who are ignoring this high risk event are definitely at the risk of not being reelected.

Sincerely
Linda P
Irishroz_2000@yahoo.com
608-792-8924

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:22 PM
To: "Handrick, Joe" <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: poll worker training stuff

I know… I asked them to create one that we can push out. I am going to follow up and ask for it again.

Elisabeth Portz
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From: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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I've never seen a one pager like that. If you have it then, yes.

A reply or forward from
Joe Handrick

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Handrick, Joe <Joe.Handrick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Right! That's why the one pager from the elections commission on exactly what kind of jobs are needed would be really helpful. It'd include the ones that don't require training too. Our office can pursue that separately.

Thank you!

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I was staying away from the training because people can actually help without actually doing the training and becoming sworn. For example helping with crowd flow, distancing, assisting the clerk, and perhaps helping outside if people are pulling up to do curbside voting (a non-sworn person just cannot handle ballots). I have done this on numerous occasions and never had to be sworn or do training.

BUT having said that…

I think for this audience we should stress that they won't have a huge training obligation.

I'll add a middle bullet:

- The April 7th election is proceeding, but many local clerks are struggling to find enough poll workers.
- Training is easy and fast – and you can get paid!
- If you are able to help on election day, please reach out to your local clerk.

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Any benefit to including the link to the training? The thing I think might keep most people from doing this is they don't know how much time it will take. Elections Commission said that the longest training available is 2 hours, so this is something that is doable before election day. Might make sense for offices to mention that so more people participate if they are willing.

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Subject: FW: poll worker training stuff

How's this?

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https://elections.wi.gov/COVID-19/training-for-poll-workers

I told the elections commission that a simple one pager of what positions are needed, what their training requirements are, and a short position description would be really helpful to have. They were going to look into it, but maybe it's something the caucus can put together?

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:33 PM
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Jim,

I can respect your points and appreciate you taking the time. I think you are right that lines are blurred, and right and wrong are kind of up in the air with the ever changing situation. So I wanted to address a couple of points just so you have all of the information.

Regarding the election, and the GOP fighting against Evers' Executive Order. I can see how it's easy to believe leadership is being petty and just doing what they can to foil his plans. That's an easy narrative for a lot of people to believe. Unfortunately, it's just not the truth. I can't tell you how many times I've been asked to work with Governor Evers. When he came out over and over and said, hey, I'm not moving the election, legislative leadership supported him publicly, and then continued to work with the Elections Commission and their local clerks to do everything possible to make this election safe and efficient. I'm going to include for you what Governor Evers was saying the day before he asked the Legislature to come into session:

Thursday, April 2, 2020
"Our democracy is essential, it must go on. Keeping people safe is the governor's top priority but we want people to participate in this election. We want as many people as possible to vote from home," Evers spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff told POLITICO.

She dismissed the possibility of the governor attempting to halt the election like DeWine did. "It's not going to happen," Baldauff said. "He doesn't want to do it and he also doesn't have the authority to do it."

https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/02/tony-evers-wisconsin-democrats-primary-election-161423

He gave legislative leaders no notice, no time. We had no options. One of the many unprecedented issues that have occurred during this pandemic is that the Senate and the Assembly have never had to come in virtually to vote. Staff and legislators have been frantically working to put together that technological framework. It requires mailing technology to members so they can be virtually present at vote, it means putting in a lot of new administrative directives so people can still socially distance. Without knowing he was going to change his mind, there was no way for the legislature to come in as a full body on Saturday. When he made his announcement on Friday, he did not have legislation drafted for legislators to look at. We did not even see what he wanted us to pass until close to 2pm on Saturday, the very day we were supposed to have passed it.

In addition to that, the Wisconsin Elections Commission was told repeatedly by states that had done all mail-in-ballots, that we as a state should not try to do in 2 weeks what it has taken them years to setup in other states. I know it is easy to say that we were obstructionists, we didn't try to work with him, we sat on our hands. It's just not the case. We simply did not have the time or the ability to do what Governor Evers was asking. There were no good decisions here, but changing the election, and doing so in that manner, would have created 1000 new problems, without solving all of the old ones.

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In the case of the absentee ballots, the deadline for counting is still extended to April 13th. The US Supreme Court ruled that ballots have to be postmarked by April 7th, today, which is still an actual extension of the election. Normally, ballots must be to the local clerk by election day. There was even a slip that arrived with a friend's ballot that said "allow for 5-8 days for ballot to reach the clerk." So the extension in place really is an extension for people to vote.

I understand that you want everyone to vote. I hope you can understand that I want everyone eligible to vote as well. People seem to think Republicans want to suppress the vote for some reason, but a good portion of my life of the last three weeks has been spent trying to get everyone the information they need to make their vote happen.

Thank you again for your willingness to hear me out. I understand that we will agree to disagree on some or all of this, but I at least appreciate your time.

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Schoepke <w4014w@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: pollworkers

Mary,

Thanks again for your message.

Though I enjoy hearing for you, we must agree to disagree.

I can believe that there is controversy on this issue. Everyone has a different view. Who's right, wrong? Is there a right or wrong? No. This is a situation we have never been in before and I hope we don't see again. I know you can't make everyone happy now a days.

First, shame on Governor Evers for not addressing this issue back in mid-March when he issued a "stay at home" order in this state. At that point he should have moved the election out. Yes, at that point. All business, schools and all events with 10 or more people were canceled or postponed, including church services. Does he have the authority to do all this? I am sure he did. Does he have the authority to postpone the election? I am not sure why he doesn't, but, I do not know the state constitution like you do. Does the constitution provide direction during a Covid 19 situation? I doubt it. So, our body of government should have worked together to get through this. Did the Governor waste time and delay the action? Yes. So what is the action of Republicans? Fight the Governor at every step, even though it was at the last minute. There, we'll show you. So, yes, shame on you, SenatorTiffany, and the Republican body. Even as the Republicans fight every step with court actions.

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Regarding the election, and the GOP fighting against Evers' Executive Order. I can see how it's easy to believe leadership is being petty and just doing what they can to foil his plans. That's an easy narrative for a lot of people to believe. Unfortunately, it's just not the truth. I can't tell you how many times I've been asked to work with Governor Evers. When he came out over and over and said, hey, I'm not moving the election, legislative leadership supported him publicly, and then continued to work with the Elections Commission and their local clerks to do everything possible to make this election safe and efficient. I'm going to include for you what Governor Evers was saying the day before he asked the Legislature to come into session:

Thursday, April 2, 2020
"Our democracy is essential, it must go on. Keeping people safe is the governor's top priority but we want people to participate in this election. We want as many people as possible to vote from home," Evers spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff told POLITICO.

She dismissed the possibility of the governor attempting to halt the election like DeWine did. "It's not going to happen," Baldauff said. "He doesn't want to do it and he also doesn't have the authority to do it."

https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/02/tony-evers-wisconsin-democrats-primary-election-161423

He gave legislative leaders no notice, no time. We had no options. One of the many unprecedented issues that have occurred during this pandemic is that the Senate and the Assembly have never had to come in virtually to vote. Staff and legislators have been frantically working to put together that technological framework. It requires mailing technology to members so they can be virtually present at vote, it means putting in a lot of new administrative directives so people can still socially distance. Without knowing he was going to change his mind, there was no way for the legislature to come in as a full body on Saturday. When he made his announcement on Friday, he did not have legislation drafted for legislators to look at. We did not even see what he wanted us to pass until close to 2pm on Saturday, the very day we were supposed to have passed it.

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Though I enjoy hearing for you, we must agree to disagree.

I can believe that there is controversy on this issue. Everyone has a different view. Who's right, wrong? Is there a right or wrong? No. This is a situation we have never been in before and I hope we don't see again. I know you can't make everyone happy now a days.

First, shame on Governor Evers for not addressing this issue back in mid-March when he issued a "stay at home" order in this state. At that point he should have moved the election out. Yes, at that point. All business, schools and all events with 10 or more people were canceled or postponed, including church services. Does he have the authority to do all this? I am sure he did. Does he have the authority to postpone the election? I am not sure why he doesn't, but, I do not know the state constitution like you do. Does the constitution provide direction during a Covid 19 situation? I doubt it. So, our body of government should have worked together to get through this. Did the Governor waste time and delay the action? Yes. So what is the action of Republicans? Fight the Governor at every step, even though it was at the last minute. There, we'll show you. So, yes, shame on you, SenatorTiffany, and the Republican body. Even as the Republicans fight every step with court actions.

So, yes, all of you should have known then to postpone the election amid all the other cancelations. If it was bad enough to go into the "stay at home" order, it was bad enough to postpone the election.

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In the case of absentee ballots. The deadline to send out ballots was extended until Friday, April 3rd. Why would one send out absentee ballots if the deadline wasn't also extended to tally them? So, what did the Republicans do? They fought the lower courts to stop the extension to count the ballots. I understand now that this is somewhat fixed. Though, not everyone that applied for a ballot on Friday will get them by today. So therefore their vote will not count as it will be impossible for them to return it or have it mailed by todays date if one doesn't receive it until tomorrow or later.

So, I hope the state constitution gets amended to include crisis situations like Covid 19 so the governor has power to do things that are not normal, but common sense, even if he did wait until the last minute as he and everyone has learned more about this issue. And I agree, that was a failure on his part. But, your failure was to fight his actions and not support him.

Yes, you said that there were issues in being at the legislature on Saturday. Welcome to the world of internet issues that we all deal with up here in the north woods. Teachers, students, and most anyone who works from home is dealing with internet issues. Some up here don't even have internet, and if they do, it's not the greatest. But, that is a whole other issue.

I understand that you are fighting this issue in every front, every view. But common sense has left the arena. Listening to the daily briefings from the White House would lead one to take this seriously. Stay home if at all possible, even do as little going to stores as possible. Wearing masks, though the President won't wear one, when going out. Leadership starts at the top.

I hear people around here still say things like, "this isn't a big deal". Not sure why we are being kept at home and why things aren't open and normal. Not sure why people still have these views, but they do. So, my only hope is that this virus stays a small deal around here and not what larger cities and areas are seeing. Though, Wisconsin seems much worse at this point than Minnesota, a neighboring state.

I don't understand why several states still don't have a stay at home order. I don't understand in states that do, why Churches still think they can stay open, or even some beaches. I don't understand why the President will say one thing one day and do a 180 the next as you said our Governor did. So, yes, people are reacting to this situation in so many ways and it changes daily. Leadership will steer us through this if everyone works together and not fight issues in the courts in this most unusual situation.

So, this is all moot at this point since today the polls are open. I do pray that everyone stays safe and the numbers of people getting the virus do not climb in 2 or 3 weeks.

Onto the next election next month. What will time do for that one? Will we wait for a last ditch effort to postpone it, or will it go on as scheduled?

By the way, I am a true believer in EVERYONE voting. So many people in history have given so much for that right. It should never be taken away for anyone. So, understand, my issues with the election is not to stop anyone from voting, but in keeping the public safe and healthy in this COVID 19 time we find ourselves in.

I know for all of you this is not easy. Now look at the medical field and see how easy it is for them to deal with the outcome of people not following the guidelines given by our medical Doctors on the Task force.

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Thanks again for your time,
Be safe, Be healthy
Jim

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 11:29 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Jim,
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> Thank you for your email. What about my poll workers email has you wondering? Today has been a really rough day. I've talked to people all over my district, some mad that the Supreme Court ruled Governor Evers' order unconstitutional, some mad that Governor Evers put the order in place in the first place, some just scared, or confused, or looking for reassurance. I think a commonality between everyone is fear. I think most people have never seen anything like COVID-19 in their lifetime and they are really terrified of the unknown. I can totally understand that. Some are afraid of losing their rights, losing their way of life, losing their freedoms. I can also totally understand that. Some just want to go back to life four weeks ago, and I am right there with them.
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> The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible.
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> I don't disagree with you that the information we have right now, today, supports moving the Election date. It has not been along the way, and I don't believe the medical advice has been consistent over the last several weeks. The CDC has changed their rulings on whether COVID lives on surfaces, changed what the symptoms are, changed whether or not people should be wearing masks. As the CDC learns more about the virus, so do we as people. It certainly makes moving forward easier, but it definitely doesn't give us the ability to go back and change decisions already made. None of these situations or decisions

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are or have been easy, and I have to say that the suggestion I don't care about my own family or my constituents' health and well-being is just wrong. At the end of the day, the Governor changed his mind and asked for something when it was too late for the Legislature give it. Regardless of whether or not someone believes the election should be moved (and I totally understand why people are hoping for that outcome), what Governor Evers issued today was unconstitutional, meaning that his emergency powers do not give him the power to supersede state law completely on his own. He also does not have the ability to extend terms for those currently on the ballot. Republicans did not decide these things, the Constitution and the Supreme Court did. People are scared, so I understand wanting to blame, and see shadows, and call it "politics," I don't know any colleague of mine that has looked at this process from afar, shrugging their shoulders. We are all in the thick of it, talking to people like you, trying to do what is right.
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> From the beginning, I truly have had the goal of helping my district. My email asking for poll workers was for the purpose of helping our clerks, some of whom reached out to me overwhelmed and needing assistance. It was also for the purpose of making sure that those who didn't feel safe working were able to stay home, while those who wanted to work were able to do so. This situation has been scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.
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> Thank you, have a good night.
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> Mary
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> Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:01 AM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: pollworkers
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> Hello, Mary,
> Well, this morning I am wondering about your earlier email back to me in response for asking for additional poll workers.
> I am VERY displeased in the Republican response to postponing the election here in Wisconsin even though our Governor has wanted to. On Saturday, yesterday, Gov. Evers had a special session regarding this issue. The Republicans dissed the issue in seconds. Shrugging their shoulders. Taking no action. Shame on them. Shame on you. Here's the heading "In a matter of seconds Republicans stall Evers' move to postpone Tuesdays election." That's from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. I am ashamed of you guys. When all other states have postponed elections during this time, only Wisconsin puts its people in danger of their health in favor of voting.
> So much for the Republican "hard work" to protect the states people.
> Shame, shame, shame.
> So disappointed in the actions of the Republicans. So reckless. Politics at it's best, so shameful.
> Jim
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>> On Mar 31, 2020, at 3:50 PM, Jim Schoepke <w4014w@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Mary,
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>> You sent a well informed response to my email. Thanks.
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>> I know we are in a pickle with the virus. I guess Governor Evers should have made decisions a while ago concerning this as we all know April 7th was coming up. Also, the May election. I don't agree with him. I know he has a lot of decisions to make that aren't popular. But, he has made a "stay at home" order and I totally agree. The virus is too communal. And why everyone in this country isn't under that order I am not sure.
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>> I am thankful you are working at appeasing everyone. No, I don't understand it. I don't know why would anyone would want to go to the polls. Vote, yes I completely understand why people want to vote. It's our duty. As far as the voter id and absentee voting (mail in ballots). When I did my absentee ballot, I had to be registered for it to work. Isn't that voter id? I would not want voter id to not work. It's very important. Yes, I agree, I wouldn't freely mail out the ballots to every voter, they would all have to be registered and individually request the ballot on line. As far as same day registration, yes, that would be an issue. So many issues, what to do??? Oh, maybe postpone the election. Oh well….
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>> Thanks again, Mary, for the hard fight.
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>>> I totally understand where you are coming from. COVID has created a lot of impossible situations, and this is one of them. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. Thankfully, the Elections Commission is offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe, and offering online training for the poll workers like I mentioned yesterday.
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:50 PM
To: 'Bob' <enterprise@plbb.us>
Subject: RE: Postpone elections

Bob,
Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. I agree that it does give out mixed signals that everyone must stay home, but let's have a lot of people in the same place for voting. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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From: Bob <enterprise@plbb.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Rep.Swearingen <Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone elections

HI, Bob Vlies here, Town of Enterprise Treasurer in Oneida County. I am asking you to knock some sense into Governor Evers to postpone the spring elections until this CORVID-19 is over. It is Ludacris that he orders Safer at Home deal but insists the elections go on. I consider that to be a hypocrite. Please do whatever your powers are to convince him to postpone the elections.

Thank you

Bob Vlies
Treasurer Town of Enterprise

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:07 PM
To: 'KAREN SIEGEL' <karenjanes@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Postpone the Election

Karen,
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Thank you,

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Postpone the Election

Liz,
My address is 9260 N Pelham Pkwy, Bayside WI 53217.

Rep. Felzkowski is not " my representative" that is Sen. Darling & Rep. Ott, but I wrote to all the Republican legislators because they are the ones blocking the election from being postponed which I find VERY DISTURBING.

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You, and you alone, can prevent this by postponing the election, and sending ballots to all registered voters.

Please, please, put people's lives above party politics. You already have a majority on the state Supreme Court. Widening that lead is not worth killing people.

Sincerely,
Karen J Siegel

Sent from my iPhone

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:05 PM
To: 'Ann Savagian' <asavagian@me.com>
Subject: RE: Postpone the election!

Ann,

I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I totally understand you not wanting to risk your health. I've heard that from others and encouraged anyone who feels that way to vote from home and avoid the polls on election day. Thankfully we saw an unprecedented number of absentee ballots come in for a spring election and many polls were not busy for most of the day.

Thank you for your time and everything you do to make polling places run smoothly on election days,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Ann Savagian <asavagian@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone the election!

Dear Tom and Mary,

I live not far from Antigo, and volunteer at the polls. Like many of us, I am older, as is my husband. I don’t want to risk our health. Please postpone the election, or require all votes to be done by mail.

We all deserve to vote, but we all deserve to vote safely.

Sincerely,
Ann Savagian
Bryant, WI

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:20 PM
To: 'Vicki' <vickijkutz@gmail.com>
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 12:03 PM
To: "'richard_rastall@yahoo.com'" <richard_rastall@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Postpone

Richard,

First, thank you for your reply, I appreciate your candor and honesty. I know right now can be a really scary and impossible time. I totally support your mother staying home and voting absentee. I also totally support you staying home and voting absentee this time around. I don't think that anyone who feels unsafe or at risk should be at the polls on election day. Governor Evers has said over and over that the election date will not be moving, so my main goal at this point is to help our clerks make sure this election runs as smoothly and safely as possible. I don't think it's a good idea for people who are at risk to be working the polls on Election Day, but I do support those who are healthy and low-risk taking on the task. The fact of the matter is that polling places are required by law to be open on Election Day, so I want to make sure our clerks have the help they need from those willing to give it. I TOTALLY support people voting absentee if they can or want to, and I have been encouraging this from Day 1. You may be surprised to hear that I actually have gotten a lot of calls from people who only want to vote in person, and really do not want to vote absentee, so there are people all across the spectrum on this issue. Our goal is to make sure that you can vote, no matter which way you choose to do it.

I totally understand where you are coming from. COVID has created a lot of impossible situations, and this is one of them. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. Thankfully, the Elections Commission is offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe, and offering online training for the poll workers like I mentioned yesterday. With the amount of people voting absentee, I am confident our clerks can operate in person voting with appropriate social distancing and safety precautions in place.

Thank you again for your honesty and taking the time to email me.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Richard Rastall <richard_rastall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone

Rep Felzkowski
I am a life long Republican and a 66 year old poll worker that also assists with a 90 year old mother in law. I am currently torn between fulfilling my duty as a poll worker to ensure that the election is held on time and my obligation to my family of not getting infected and causing one of my family members to contract the virus and worst case die. I am requesting that you call for at least a 30 day postponement of the election or until matters become safer. Administering the election should not be a life or death proposition.
Sincerely
Richard Rastall

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 8:52 AM
To: "'dlmejak@gmail.com'" <dlmejak@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Presidential Primary

Debi,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place. The deadline to register online has been extended by a federal judge until March 30th, so with people being able to access absentee ballots until April 2nd, I'm really hoping everyone who does not want to leave their house uses that option.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: dlmejak@gmail.com <dlmejak@gmail.com>

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Presidential Primary

I am a poll worker and have decided not to work the election and vote with an absentee ballot. I find that holding this election doesn't make common sense with the stay safe at home order due to the Covid 19 virus. The poll workers in my city are mostly in the at risk category. Why would we put them and the voters at risk? Why isn't the election being postponed or mail only?

Thank you.

Debi Mejak
Summit Lake WI

Sent from my iPhone

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:21 PM
To: 'spencers' <packerfansam@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Primary election

Samantha,

I really want thank you to each one of you for the feedback. I understand everyone's concern surrounding COVID-19, and I'm hoping I can help explain why people are hesitant to move the election.

- Moving the date in the middle of voting and especially so close to the election date creates so much chaos.
- Over 1 million absentee ballots have already been sent out, and the deadline to request one is not until today, so I am sure we will see that number grow even more. The question becomes, what do we do with all of the absentee ballots that have already been sent and already turned in?
- Here are just some of the other questions that come up when discussing moving the election:
    - What happens for people who move to Wisconsin or to a different place in Wisconsin between now and some new, unknown date? Do we let them vote again, knowing they are likely voting in different jurisdictions for different people?
    - How long do we extend the election? Some people have mentioned the May 12th special election date and I totally understand wanting to use that date. What if we are still under social distancing, and have to consider moving the date again?
    - What if something happens between now and then and voters demand they be given the chance to change or re-cast their vote?
    - What do we do for the local government positions that are going to be vacant while we wait for the new election date? What if local governments can't respond to this or another crisis because decision makers aren't in place to make those decisions?

Ultimately, everyone has a fundamental right to respond to their government by voting in elections. I totally understand where everyone is coming from. Our reality is that the Governor has said the date is not going to move and the legislature cannot move it without him. The Elections Commission has said the date is not going to move, and now the court has signaled yesterday that they are not going to order the date to move. Knowing this information, my number one goal and my job right now is to help our amazing clerks run their polling places safely and efficiently, so that everyone can get in to vote, and get out quickly. We have been encouraging anyone and everyone who does not feel safe going out to vote absentee and thankfully so many people are choosing to do that. This means that all of those people are going to stay home on Election Day, making it so much easier to social distance and avoid the spread. I know a lot of polling places are going to be doing drive thru voting, so you never have to get out of your car to cast your ballot. The National Guard will be helping man the polls that day, and the Elections Commission is providing extra supplies to clerks, as well as extra COVID specific training. There is also funding included in the federal stimulus package to help with the increase costs of administering the election. If we all continue to work together, we can make sure that voting on April 7th is done safely.

If you have questions about anything in particular, please continue to reach out. I really appreciate the continued feedback.

Mary Felzkowski

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: spencers <packerfansam@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Primary election

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

I urge you to do what you can to try to postpone the upcoming Presidential primary. My household is filled with people who have conditions that could make them especially vulnerable to COVID-19. If the outbreak gets worse because of crowds on election day or otherwise, it could prove fatal for my loved ones. Please, take this seriously. God bless.

Sincerely,
Samantha Spencer

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:32 PM
To: "'mmtrudeau@frontier.com'" <cm8829594@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Primary Elections

Marliss,

Thank you for reaching out. I think with the Governor's new executive order today, we are all trying to figure out what the new normal is. I know I have heard from a lot of clerks in my district that are not in favor of a total mail-in-ballot system, but I understand why people are suggesting we go that route. I appreciate your feedback and will continue to have conversations surrounding what the order today does.

Thank you again,

Mary Felzkowski

From: mmtrudeau@frontier.com <mmtrudeau@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Primary Elections

Good morning,

Please don't negate what the people of Wisconsin have done these past three weeks by exposing them them to large crowds at the polls, or put poll workers at risk. Vote to mail ballots to all Wisconsinites, who haven't voted via absentee ballot. Allow them to continue to Shelter in Place and avoid exposure to COVID19. Please allow us to continue to "flatten the curve".

Thank you,
Marliss Trudeau
612 S. Oak Ave.
Marshfield

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:03 PM
To: 'Ron LEMMER' <ronaldalemmer@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Ron,

I am one of the co-authors of this legislation, and am proud to say it passed out of the Assembly. The bill is now in the Senate for a vote before it heads to the Governor's desk.

Thank you,
Mary Felzkowski

From: Ron LEMMER <ronaldalemmer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Dear Rep. Felzkowski:

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’ 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,

Mr. Ron LEMMER
N666 COUNTY ROAD KQ
Merrill, WI 54452
Email Address: ronaldalemmer@hotmail.com

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:23 PM
To: 'Nancy Corder' <Allcleanfun@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Protect our piers and put a stop to disappearing docks!

Nancy,

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From: Nancy Corder <Allcleanfun@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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N8759 County Rd E
Tomahawk, WI 54487
Email Address: Allcleanfun@aol.com

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:45 PM
To: "Bayne-Allison, Galen - DAIT" <Galen.Bayne-Allison@da.wi.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Health departments

Perfect, good to know!

Elisabeth Portz
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From: Bayne-Allison, Galen - DAIT <Galen.Bayne-Allison@da.wi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Health departments

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http://www.thewheelerreport.com/wheeler_docs/files/040920evers4.pdf

Hey Galen,

Here is Evers apparently reiterating what is allowed, which now includes people in cars. Considering the documents from his health department said otherwise, it certainly seems like he is trying to make it seem like this was always the case. But anyway, hope this is helpful to you and your law enforcement.

Thanks,

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To: 'Richard Olson' <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Question on my Unemployment

Richard,

I'm sorry for the confusion, there's not much else I can tell you at this point other than yes, to hold on. Here is the DWD's website on the waiting period. Your understanding is the same as my understanding.

https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/payment.htm

Thank you,

Liz

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:32 PM
To: 'Bob Mott' <bobmott329@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: rainy day

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Thank you for your comments as always.

Hope you're staying safe,

Mary

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Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 7:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Perhaps there is not a need currently, but I think possible scenarios should be developed in case the need for more help is needed. Look at the programs that might be needed and discuss a prudent amount that could be taken from the fund.
Thank you.
Bob

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To: 'WALT HOBBS' <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
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Thank you for clarifying, Walt. Polling places made these decisions on their own, it was not a state mandate. The elections commission made recommendations statewide and provided some forms of PPE to local clerks, but ultimately the polling place he worked at provided additional materials. I suspect that this had something to do with the fact that Milwaukee is the COVID hub for our state, so the likelihood of infection in that part of the state is higher than in our area.

Thank you,

Mary

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> > Thank you for your email. If you would like to talk about it over the phone today, please send me your phone number.

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Thank you,

Mary

From: ribbrisket <ribbrisket@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: April 7th Spring Election Update

You are not worth commenting on, how you can live with yourself is beyond me. That said you know the Wisconsin republicans can not win a honest election.

Sent from Samsung tablet

-------- Original message --------

From: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Date: 4/6/20 8:01 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Walt Hobbs <ribbrisket@gmail.com>

Subject: April 7th Spring Election Update

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State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

WEEKLY E-UPDATE

Tuesday, April 7th Spring Election

Good evening everyone,

I know there has been a lot of confusion today so I wanted to provide all of you with information so you are prepared for tomorrow.

The April 7th Spring Election will be happening tomorrow and polling places will be open.

If you need information about where your polling place is located, please go to the following site, or let me know what your address is and I can send you the location. https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace

Municipal and county clerks have been working around the clock to make sure each polling place is safe and adheres to social distancing. I know a lot of polling places are doing drive-thru voting, which will allow for voters to stay in your car and avoid person-to-person contact. If you feel most comfortable wearing Personal Protective Equipment, like gloves, or a mask, or a scarf, I encourage everyone to do that.

For those of you that received an absentee ballot but have not yet returned them to your clerk, your absentee ballot needs to be postmarked by tomorrow, April 7th.

COVID-19 has been a really trying time for everyone, and I think we can all agree that this is not an optimal situation. Although frustrating, we

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can do this. I will be driving around polling places tomorrow in my area just to see if there is any help I can give. If you have thoughts or concerns, I am available tonight, tomorrow, or at any time. Please reach out to me.

Thank you and have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:36 PM

To: "Jorgenson, Amanda" <Amanda.Jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Re: Notification to Employees - Confirmation of COVID-19 in the Workplace

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Is there any way to confirm if this is a legislator (we saw the news about Rep. Bowen) or a staff person? I am pregnant so the answer kind of changes action I would take based on if I was in the building with the person each day, versus someone that is primarily in their district. If you can't say, I totally understand. Just thought I'd ask to clarify.

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From: Jorgenson, Amanda <Amanda.Jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:28 PM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Notification to Employees - Confirmation of COVID-19 in the Workplace
Importance: High

Notification to Employees: Confirmation of COVID-19 in the Workplace

A person in the Legislature has become ill with COVID-19. The following is advice from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Wisconsin Public Health Officials about what information to provide employees:

If you are not experiencing 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) and are otherwise healthy, you do not need to take any additional action at this time.

Employees who have flu-like symptoms (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough or sore throat, headache or body aches, and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) **or symptoms of acute respiratory illness** (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, coughing, and shortness of breath) should stay home and not come into work until they are free of fever, signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of a fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicine. People remain contagious even after they are feeling better; as such, these measure help prevent passing on

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the flu to others. Employees should notify their supervisor of any work absences and contact their healthcare provider as necessary.

Employees who are sick with COVID-19 or suspect they are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 will self-quarantine for 14 days and may not return to work until the quarantine has concluded and the employee is no longer considered infectious. ***Employees should notify their supervisor and the Legislative Human Resources Office (LHRO) Director (amanda.jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov) regarding work absences for these purposes.*** In addition, employees should call their healthcare provider immediately BEFORE going to the clinic or emergency room. Employees should also follow the steps identified by the CDC to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Employees with chronic illness such as asthma or diabetes, a weakened immune system, or are pregnant, should consult with your health care provider to determine if additional actions are needed.

The CDC advises that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. The following are simple everyday actions everyone can take to help prevent the spread of this virus:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

Wisconsin's COVID-19 Resource page may be found at: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm This page includes information about the illness, its symptoms, and precautions you can take to keep yourself healthy.

NOTE: Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and/or have flu-like symptoms should not be harassed, discriminated, or retaliated against. Negative behavior of this sort will not be tolerated.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:55 AM
To: 'Angel Armstrong' <angel.r.armstrong.98@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: RE: Wisconsin Renters Are Worried

Hi Angel,

I appreciate that. However, it is procedure for us to ask so we can reach out to your representative and work with them on this as well. It is customary in the legislature to do this, since we all represent a different geographic portion of the state and your personal representative might have more information for developments in your area. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to connect you with your legislator- and if that is something you have already done, communicate with them so we are not doubling up on work during this hectic time.

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Angel Armstrong <angel.r.armstrong.98@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: RE: Wisconsin Renters Are Worried

I'd rather not give out my personal address, as I am contacting you on the behalf a large group from across the state of Wisconsin.

Thank you

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Angel Armstrong
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Renters Are Worried

Hi Angel,

Thank you so much for reaching out to our office. As we start looking into this issue for you, could you provide your address for our records?

Thank you,

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From: Angel Armstrong <angel.r.armstrong.98@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Renters Are Worried

Hello!
I was recently added to a Facebook group discussing the recent freeze on evictions and foreclosures. There is a lot of anxiety surrounding what will happen to people who were unable to pay the bills when the freeze is over. Many are worried that the stimulus check will not be enough to cover their basic needs and housing costs if they are forced to come up with backpay.
Many people are calling to "cancel rent" and "give the houses to the tenants". Even as a renter myself, I find this unfeasible and see the potential to create a second blow to the economy as property managers are unable to pay their employees or hire anyone for needed maintenance, property owners unable to pay their property taxes, and so on down the line. I was wondering if you had anything related to this problem in the works, and would like to offer the solution that those of us not prone to socialist delusions and far-left rhetoric had come up with.
Perhaps the state government could work with property owners to cover up to a certain percentage of the backpay if they allow the tenants time to come up with the backpay without a late charge; also, perhaps we could negotiate with banks to tack missed monthly payments onto then expected end of the mortgage.
We know this solution isn't perfect, but we don't want to cripple our local and state economies. We hope this suggestion is the very least helpful in getting a discussion going and a brainstorming started.
Thank you for your time,
Angelica Sack

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:39 PM
To: 'Martin Strandberg' <martind1966@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Re:

Martin,

I understand your frustration, but that's just not the case. Federal law supersedes anything we would do on the state level, so it's important that we work in tandem as we address the needs of the pandemic head on. If we were to pass legislation without knowing what is in the federal bill, we would miss changes to current law that we would have needed to pass to make sure federal funding is accessible. A big one would be changes needed to access unemployment insurance benefits passed on the federal level. As you have been laid off, that will certainly impact you and we want to get it right. We have received the memo we were waiting for from LFB on the stimulus package, so we are currently working on finalizing a legislative package that we will pass in Wisconsin very soon.

I can also understand your frustration over being laid off but the legislature did not make the decision to close down your employer. Governor Evers did, and he did it entirely alone without legislator input.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Martin Strandberg <martind1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re:

That's sounds all well and good but people need help now. People are losing there jobs now. It honestly sounds like the Wisconsin state legislature does not care because by the time you act most people will have already lost there jobs and suffered though there waiting week as I have. Waiting for the Feds to act is ridiculous you and your colleagues should have been smart enough to act on your own. I was laid off along with 300 other employees and this was a big topic at our union meeting and you know how they vote and they don't forget.

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020, 6:30 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Martin,
>
> Thank you for your email concerning unemployment. I totally understand where you are coming from and wanted to let you know it's something that's being discussed for potential legislation from the legislature soon. The delay has occurred because we in Wisconsin needed to wait until the federal legislation was passed and signed. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is currently working on a memo that goes into the federal stimulus in detail, and will tell us exactly where we need to amend state law to be able to adopt what the federal government has passed. Once we know, we can fold some or all of those suggestions into legislation that we will pass on the state level.

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I hope this is helpful information. Have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Martin Strandberg <martind1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

I was really disappointed to find out that our state government has yet to suspended the one week waiting period for unemployment. At a time when most Wisconsinites really need it. The Clovid 19 is an unexpected national disaster calling for extreme measure's. Most people know when a layoff is coming, we did not see this coming and our less prepared than normally would be. I as a voting independent in Lincoln county am extremely disappointed our representatives who should be more prepared have not taken care of this issue. If you have done any shopping lately I'm sure you have noticed the price increases, groceries are ridiculous. The only thing cheaper is gas. Sincerely a voting member of your committee. I just find it hard to believe this is not a priority. It's to late for me and my kids this week but please help someone next week.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:13 PM
To: 'paulette & dave carlson' <glacialgardens@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Recent concerns about the election

Paulette,

Thank you for your email and for reading the articles my staff provided. Regarding the election, at the end of the day, there were no good options or easy choices there. I know it seems like a no brainer to move the election, but there were 1000 new issues that were created by moving it, and moving it didn't solve some of the old issues. In the end, my leadership team supported Governor Evers while he indicated for weeks that he would not move the election because of this. Again, it was not an easy choice to keep the date where it was. I know everyone is scared, and there are a lot of unknowns out there. In the end, with the amount of absentee ballots that were out, and the likelihood that the polling places would not be crowded, our local clerks worked really hard to make sure our polling places were safe. It was the least worst option was to keep the election on Tuesday.

Regarding what happened in the City of Milwaukee, I think the situation there was really unfortunate, and I do believe it was entirely avoidable. I agree that 5 polling places in Milwaukee is unacceptable. This was a decision made by the Mayor of Milwaukee. Yes, there were poll workers all over the state that decided to stay home (as I recommended to anyone who felt uncomfortable going), but there was an influx of new people wanting to volunteer, in addition to over 2400 National Guardsmen and women that were deployed to help run the polling places on Monday and Tuesday. The City of Milwaukee chose to close all but 2% of their polling places, even though there would have been help there for them if they had wanted to keep more of them open. Even 10 would have been better than 5. The same situation occurred in Green Bay. The Mayor declined helped from the National Guard, and only kept two polling stations open. Meanwhile, Madison was able to keep 75% of their polling places open, and did not experience the lines or the wait times like the two other cities. The unfortunate reality is that there were some bad local decisions made that don't really make a lot of sense.

Regarding your question about why Republicans challenged Governor Evers' executive order. The answer is that, regardless of whether or not the election should be moved, and I totally understand why people were hoping for that, the Governor circumvented state law and the constitution with his order. I do not believe that any elected leader should be able to break the law, regardless of the circumstances. I don't believe that there is any good reason for one person to have the power to temporarily suspend our rights. The constitution is what our society is built on, even more important during a global pandemic, not less. Elections are our constitutionally protected way of holding our governments accountable. Allowing for people in that government to mess with that, even in a time of crisis, is so dangerous. You are right that I am a public servant, and when I took the oath of office, I swore to uphold the law and the Constitution, and believe I did my job. I can understand if you disagree, but it's how I feel, and it wouldn't change based on who is serving in an given position.

Regarding your last question, the first thing I am doing over the next couple days is reaching out to some of the local clerks in my district to learn from them what they thought went well and what they thought did not go well. Once I get that feedback, it will be a lot easier to move forward. I know the Elections Commission is already in the process of investigating the reason for why there were so many absentee ballots that were not delivered. To me, we really need to figure out the answer to that question because it just should not happen. Many clerks are saying that the ballots were mailed, so the question is, why didn't the Post Office deliver them? August and November are still a really long ways away, so as we learn more about COVID, we will be in a different place next time around.

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Thank you again for your contacts over the last few weeks and for talking with my staff. Giving your feedback is so important and I hope you will continue to do so.

Mary

From: paulette & dave carlson <glacialgardens@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Recent concerns about the election

Dear Elisabeth & Rep. Felzkowski,

I have recently been in contact with your office about my concerns on holding the primary election this week with the Coronavirus pandemic. I appreciate your apology from our last phone call Elisabeth. I too wasn't as civil as usual. This is a very emotional time especially with lives at stake, and I don't believe the partisan politics are helping anything. I also was appalled at what happened in Milwaukee with going from 180 polling places to five. Talk about extreme endangerment of their health & disenfranchising voters especially those of color! This vote will be far from accurate with so many people not voting, & I don't know how any legislator who allowed this to happen can feel they care about & represent fairly the people of this state.

I did read your articles on Governor Ever's actions & will call his office as I did before to discuss what happened.

When I called your office I wanted to ask why YOU failed to take action to prevent people from being put in harm's way. So many people put their own lives in danger by being out at the election & if exposed will now risk infecting every person in the community with whom they interact. There were people with signs of COVID-19 who went out to vote because they failed to get their absentee ballot on time & others who didn't take the risk & just lost out on their right to vote. You told me the governor broke the law by trying to postpone the election but how did 15 other states manage to do it? Yes, the Governor did change his position over time as the health crisis worsened, but he took what steps he believed were necessary to address the increasing danger to the public. He saw a problem (one the legislature was refusing to address) and he acted. You and your legislative colleagues not only failed to respond to his repeated calls for action, choosing to gavel in and out of special session instead of taking even one minute to discuss potential solutions to this grave problem, but you went so far as the Supreme Court to force the election to move forward in the height of this pandemic. How do you explain this? You are a public servant. Your job is to represent the people of Wisconsin, to use your power to protect our public health, safety, and welfare - to ACT, most especially in times of crisis. How do you justify your inaction? How do you justify forcing your constituents to risk their lives in order to exercise their right to vote?

I'd like to finish by asking what are you doing now to prepare for the August and November elections to ensure the problems with this week's election are not repeated? How will you ensure that all voters have safe access to vote if this health crisis persists?

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Thanks for your time.

Respectfully,
Paulette Carlson
W17812 Church Rd, Birnamwood, WI 54414

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:44 AM
To: 'Mike Moore' <Mike.Moore@m3ins.com>
Subject: RE: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

Hey Mike,

I heard back from Mary that she's not sure on this, but she will find out! I'll let you know when I hear back from her.

Thanks!

Liz

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From: Mike Moore <Mike.Moore@m3ins.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

Hi Mary,

I hope you are hanging in there with all that is going on. These are certainly interesting times!

We have become aware of a potential bill being sponsored by Rep. Schraa regarding BI claims and the introduction of retroactive payments on this line due to COVID-19. Can you shed some light on what you have heard, and is there anything that we can do to help defeat this before it get traction?

By the way, I'm excited for your upcoming Senate race, and look forward to supporting you through that process!

Thanks and stay well,

Mike

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:13 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

Hey do you have anything you want me to tell Mike, or do you want to call him?

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From: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

I haven't heard of anything but I will find out

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:13:25 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep Mike Schraa Bill

Thoughts?

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:00 PM
To: "'blodgetta0@gmail.com'" <blodgetta0@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Republicans hurting education again

Andrew,

Thank you for your email. I honestly don't know what you are referring to. Can you please give me some more details?

Thank you,

Mary

From: Andrew BLODGETT <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Republicans hurting education again

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

Mary used to be a strong advocate of Education I work with you and I can't believe you're following Republican agenda to destroy education. This is an issue for our whole state we need education to stay economically viable we need education to keep our people free and we need education for so many other reasons, like understanding Healthcare isues and other factors like how to react to a pandemic. I voted for you because you used to stand up for education and back when Walker was in office you buckled and follow party lines this is not the Mary I voted for, and I will not vote for in the future, if you refuse to stand up for education of our citizens. Tiffany = liar.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:31 PM
To: 'Jonathan Davis' <jdavis@csg.org>
Subject: RE: Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski

Hey Jon,

Completely understand- good luck on the webinar! If I have the time, I will try to tune in. I look forward to hearing from you afterwards.

Have a great evening,
Stamena

From: Jonathan Davis <jdavis@csg.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski

Stamena,

Oy, I'm so sorry! This fell completely by the wayside after our initial exchange as we were all sent to work from home and with the subsequent cancellation of this year's Midwestern Legislative Conference. We're organizing a series of weekly COVID-19 webinars which start on April 16 – care to guess the staffer for the MLC policy committee going first on the 16th? 😉

Once I get past that webinar, I'll be glad to return to a "normal" bit of work.

We're doing well; as long as our internet and VPNs work, we should be fine. I hope you and everyone in Rep. Felzkowski's office are well and safe as can be, too.

Sincerely,

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Jonathan Davis <jdavis@csg.org>
Subject: FW: Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Jon,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe. I know it's been a bit of a hectic time, but I wanted to check in and see if anyone at CSG was looking into this. I know on our phone call you had mentioned your colleague might have something on this?

Thank you,
Stamena

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:46 PM
To: jdavis@csg.org
Subject: Research Question from Rep. Mary Felzkowski

Hi Jon,

I hope you're doing well! Rep. Felzkowski had a research question that she thinks will affect multiple states and was wondering if this is something CSG would be able to look into for us.
Last week, she met with a coalition of rural superintendents who shared that they were incredibly concerned about the Higher Learning Commission's ruling on increased training hours for teachers. Our state, like many others in the Midwest and around the country, is struggling with a lack of individuals entering into the teaching profession. This problem is dually exacerbated for rural school districts who have an even more difficult time recruiting new teachers. Representative Felzkowski's question is this: **How are other states reacting to the increased requirements and approaching what appears to be an undue burden on an already burdened profession?**

Below is a portion of an email from one of the superintendents which might help kick-start your research (the attachment is also from the superintendent's email). Please let me know if you think this is something CSG will be able to look into for us.

Thank you!

Stamena Ivanov
Office of Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
Assistant Majority Leader

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1) HLC's rules are set, they are not wavering in this and there's nothing that will change their position. The following is a link to their website as to who the HLC is, etc.:

https://www.hlcommission.org/

2) As the first attached document shows, the adverse implications of this matter are going to be catastrophic throughout Wisconsin and our collective efforts to curtail post-secondary debt, and time to

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work, contributing to the plight that is facing all public and private businesses and entities, and that's finding talent. I do not need to comment any further as to how this all ties together in the growth and progression of our state, you're well aware I know, as it's what you all strive to do in your work each day...to move our economy and society forward.

Coincidentally, this email just came from Midwestern Higher Education Compact - https://www.mhec.org/

The matter at hand as you can see is well beyond the borders of only Wisconsin, and I'm proud to say that Wisconsin is already ahead in this work due to the efforts of NEWERA (Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance) - https://www.neweraonline.org/

NEWERA has already put a database/locator together for interested teachers, yet even with this, there are challenges, ESPECIALLY in math. Math content courses are far and few, very high-level and with minimal availability. My math teacher has been tirelessly trying to pursue courses, yet those available in his schedule are found out of state, and defer to those interested, or they are offered during his workday. Additionally, and it is what it is, the courses are very rigorous...he began on this past year and dropped after a week as it was consuming any and all of his time he had outside of teaching and the other roles he serves to the school and school-community.

Yet, to also put into perspective, what we're up against, are the following numbers completed by a survey of NWTC of its certified high school instructors at this time in their technical college region here in Northeast Wisconsin - I can assume you'll see similar in any other region throughout the state:

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE = 154 General Studies Transcribed credit teachers in NWTC's entire region of service

ONLY 18 currently meet HLC (only 12% of the teachers currently offering dual credit)

14 are undecided if they are pursuing HLC credentials

50 **are not** pursuing HLC credentials (so 1/3 aren't even interested in pursuing, even with free tuition - most schools have moved away from models of compensation that offer greater compensation solely based on credit attainment, hence why we're proposing an incentive model as shared in my previous email today)

32 will start pursuing HLC credentials

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40 have not responded with their plan (I assume this means they're likely not interested in this matter, hence no reply)

So, based on the above, and making some fair assumptions, Northeast Wisconsin alone will likely lose more than **one-half** of it's currently accredited instructors that offer post-secondary coursework at the secondary level - CATASTROPHIC!!!

Hoping we can continue moving this conversation forward.

Best,

Ben

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Jenny Parks** <jennyp@mhec.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 10:02 AM
Subject: MHEC looking for institutional feedback re graduate coursework for concurrent enrollment teachers
To: concurrentenrollment@lists.mhec.org <concurrentenrollment@lists.mhec.org>

Dear Colleagues,

MHEC is working on creating a searchable database high school teachers can use to find the graduate courses they need to qualify under HLC guidelines to teach concurrent enrollment courses in high schools. We are seeking feedback from folks at institutions who run such graduate courses and programs and those who run concurrent enrollment programs. If you are such a person, or if you know such a person and can forward this request to that individual, please consider taking a look at the two documents linked below:

Please use this link to access the document explaining the work:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/17iu_opY2grlK49ScAvuMKF0nZTLriyQUdc7moKdpz0g/edit?usp=sharing.

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Please use this link to access, try, edit, and offer comments on the spreadsheet: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lP9I5-FrdZ5YjbNuP-yCsAABnub44sYP/view?usp=sharing.

We are asking for feedback on the spreadsheet which will help us create the right fields in a searchable database. We are eager to make this a user-friendly and not overwhelming product. Please let us know if there is something missing, mislabeled or misworded, and if there are superfluous fields by April 1, 2020.

Kind regards,

Jenny

Jenny Parks

Senior Director of Policy and Academic Initiatives

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 12:56 PM
To: 'Jesica Witte' <jesica@gototomahawk.com>
Subject: RE: Restaurants list

This is really helpful. Thank you Jesica! Once I have a working document, I'll send it to you just so you know which restaurants are still planning to operate.

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From: Jesica Witte <jesica@gototomahawk.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Restaurants list

Hi we only have contact information for Chamber member businesses I just shared this post on FB with direct lines. Here is a copy of that list Bambino's-715-453-6373
Billy Bob's Sports Bar and Grill-715-453-4984
Bootlegger's Supper Club-715-453-7971...
Cherie's Sweet Sensations-715-224-3530
El Jovenaso #2-715-224-3042
Happy Snapper Bar & Grill-715-453-8686
Holly's Bar & Grill-715-453-8476
McDonalds-715-453-9517
Moran's Landing-715-453-3324
Mr. Scott's Tavern & Grill-715-224-3594
Pine Tree Supper Club-715-453-4235
Road Lake Pub & Grill-715-453-7272
Silver Birch Supper Club-715-453-2025
Silverado-715-453-5161
Tilted Loon Saloon-715-453-2768
What's Brewin' Coffee Shoppe-715-453-3555

On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 2:44 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Thank you for any and all help!

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 12:55 PM
To: 'Debbe Kinsey' <debbe@merrillchamber.org>
Subject: RE: Restaurants list

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From: Debbe Kinsey <debbe@merrillchamber.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Ken Neff <ken@merrillchamber.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Debbe Kinsey <debbe@merrillchamber.org>; Cheryl Skoug <manager@merrillchamber.org>
Subject: Fwd: Restaurants list

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> **From:** "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Date:** March 18, 2020 at 2:39:12 PM CDT

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:37 AM
To: 'Debbe Kinsey' <debbe@merrillchamber.org>
Subject: RE: Restaurants list

Okay thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 5:10 PM
To: 'Debbe Kinsey' <debbe@merrillchamber.org>
Subject: RE: Restaurants list

Thank you for this!!!

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From: Debbe Kinsey <debbe@merrillchamber.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Restaurants list

Sorry, we don't have it on excel. Just been adding as we go. Here is the print of the restaurant list though.

Debbe

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:56 PM
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 8:50 AM
To: 'Paul Stuber' <xystub@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rights Versus Wishes

Thank you for sharing Paul, I appreciate your insights.

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Paul Stuber <xystub@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rights Versus Wishes

Representative Mary Felzkowski:

Rights Versus Wishes by Walter Williams

Sen. Bernie Sanders said: "I believe that health care is a right of all people." He's not alone in that contention. That claim comes from Democrats and Republicans and liberals and conservatives.
It is not just a health care right that people claim. There are "rights" to decent housing, decent food, a decent job and prescription drugs.

In a free an Catherine Abercrombie ad moral society, do people have these rights? Let's begin by asking ourselves: What is a right?

In the standard usage of the term, a "right" is something that exists simultaneously among people. In the case of our U.S. Constitutional decree, we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Kyle T. Yamashita other than the duty of noninterference.

As such, a right imposes no obligation on another.

For example, the right to free speech is something we all possess simultaneously. My right to free speech imposes no obligation upon another except that of noninterference. Similarly, I have a right to travel freely. Again, that right imposes no obligation upon another except that of noninterference.

Sanders' claim that health care is a right does impose obligations upon others. We see that by recognizing that there is no Santa Claus or tooth fairy who gives resources to government to pay for medical services. Moreover, the money does not come from congressmen and state legislators reaching into their own pockets to pay for the service.
That means that in order for government to provide medical services to someone who cannot afford it, it must use intimidation, threats and coercion to take the earnings of another American to provide that service.

Let's apply this bogus concept of rights to my right to speak and travel freely. In the case of my right to free speech, it might impose obligations on others to supply me with an auditorium, microphone and audience.

It may require newspapers or television stations to allow me to use their property to express my views. My right to travel freely might require that others provide me with resources to purchase airplane tickets and hotel

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accommodations. What if I were to demand that others make sacrifices so that I can exercise my free speech and travel rights, I suspect that most Americans would say, "Williams, you have rights to free speech and you have a right to travel freely, but I'm not obligated to pay for them!"

A moral vision of rights does not mean that we should not help our fellow man in need. It means that helping with health care needs to be voluntary (i.e., free market decisions or voluntary donations to charities that provide health care.) The government's role in health care is to protect this individual right to choose. As Senator Rand Paul was brave enough to say, "The basic assumption that you have a right to get something from somebody else means you have to endorse the concept of theft."

Statists go further to claim that people have a "right" to housing, to a job, to an education, to an affordable wage. These so-called rights impose burdens on others in the form of involuntary servitude. If one person has a right to something he did not earn, it means that another person does not have a right to something he did earn.

The provision by the U.S. Congress of a so-called right to health care should offend any sense of moral decency. If you're a Christian or a Jew, you should be against the notion of one American living at the expense of another. When God gave Moses the Eighth Commandment — "Thou shalt not steal" — I am sure that He did not mean, "Thou shalt not steal — unless there is a majority vote in the U.S. Congress." Walter Williams, March 11, 2020

Very informative
Paul Stuber

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 8:46 PM
To: 'Jane Gass' <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: RollingStone : Republicans Exploit Coronavirus to Undercut Democracy in Wisconsin

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Jane,

I am always willing to speak with everyone that reaches out to me, and I can certainly understand your frustration, but you are wrong about me and my feelings for my constituents. I have been doing nothing but trying to help everyone who reaches out to me over the last several weeks. I also have no idea how any of what has happened over the last three weeks would constitute a power grab. If you are talking about Governor Evers' attempt to circumvent state law and the WI Constitution, then you would be 100% right there.

Have a good night,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RollingStone : Republicans Exploit Coronavirus to Undercut Democracy in Wisconsin

Your lack of concern for your constituents continues to sicken me. This is a pathetic attempt at a power grab if I've ever seen one.
Jane Gass
Tomahawk wi

https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/political-commentary/wisconsin-primary-coronavirus-voting-rights-979504/ - Republicans Exploit Coronavirus to Undercut Democracy in Wisconsin

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 4:18 PM
To: 'Jane Gass' <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: RollingStone : Republicans Exploit Coronavirus to Undercut Democracy in Wisconsin

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Jane,

I agree with you that the email could go back and forth so I am at least grateful for your willingness to have a conversation. I disagree completely with your assumption that I assumed people would stay home. I did not assume that, in fact the absentee ballots numbers were pointing to potential election turnout highs statewide. In our area, everyone I talked to said they were either voting absentee or voting in person because that's what they prefer. I have never once thought that people would just stay home, and I would never want that. I did everything I could in my district to get voters (of all persuasion) the information they needed to make sure their vote was counted in one way or another. I appreciate that you and I don't agree politically, but I think assuming the motives of someone else and attaching vitriol to that assumption doesn't help anything at all, especially when you're wrong. We can both have different opinions about how this went or should have gone without assuming that you or I had the evilest of intentions at the heart of every move. That has been one of the most frustrating things about the conversations I've had. So much hate, too little benefit of the doubt that this is an unprecedented time and everyone is just trying to do their best. But you know what, I am doing my best to remind myself that there are a lot of really scared people out there, and fear can cause a lot of anger, and confusion, and lack of feeling in control. I hope that all people can understand that we are feeling that way too in a lot of ways.

I feel like I've said this before but maybe it hasn't been to you. If Governor Evers was truly serious about moving the election, he wouldn't have tried to do it at the last minute. Going back to giving the benefit of the doubt, even if he was serious about moving it, what was wrong with that idea was that he was breaking the law and circumventing the constitution, something our elected leaders should NEVER do no matter what the circumstance. You don't have to agree with that, but it's 100% how I feel, and I would have felt the same way regardless of who sat in that seat.

My staff and I have been working to make sure everyone is answered in as timely a manner as we can, so thank you for your thanks in that regard. I truly wish you the best,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 7:28 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: RollingStone : Republicans Exploit Coronavirus to Undercut Democracy in Wisconsin

Good Morning Mary,
I recognize that this email could go back and forth because we don’t agree politically. The power grab I’m referring to is that by insisting that people go out and vote yesterday you could assume that people would not go because they were too scared. The republicans could then win the Supreme Court spot.

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If you watched the news and saw the voting in Milwaukee (where SO few polling places were available) that showed why insisting on an election yesterday was such a bad idea. Why would we bring people out during a world wide health crisis? Why did people have to make the choice between exercising their right to vote and preserving their health? Governor Evers could see that and tried to delay the vote until June- what was wrong with that idea?
I appreciate you getting back to me, not sure if it's really you or one of your employees in Madison.
Jane Gass
Tomahawk

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Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020, 10:25 PM
To: 'Ronald Zalewski' <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rural Phone and Internet Service

Ron,

That is absolutely great news. Thank you for letting me know!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:39 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Rural Phone and Internet Service

I was contacted by a representative from Verizon yesterday and they are having tecchnical services look into my issues. Thanks again. Ron

On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 2:20 PM Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thank you for your efforts!
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> On Wed, Mar 18, 2020, 10:05 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> > Hey Ron,
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> > I did provide your information to Verizon to look into why the service quality may have changed. In the meantime, we actually also received another constituent complaint about Verizon. We provided her with this form if you'd like to file a complaint, which is what the other constituent was interested in doing. If this is what you'd like to do, here is the form: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FileConsumerComplaint.aspx.
> >
> > I will get back to you with what I hear from Verizon as well.
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> > Thanks,
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From: Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Rural Phone and Internet Service

Thanks for your quick response. My address is N6406 Neva Lake Rd, Deerbrook, WI 54424. Phone is 715-216-1068.

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020, 12:30 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Ron,
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> Thank you for the email regarding Verizon. I haven't received any Verizon complaints in a really long time but just received two today! Can you send me your address and the phone number associated with your account? I'd like to reach out specifically to Verizon to see if anything can be done. Unfortunately, broadband continues to be a struggle for our area. We continue to invest large amounts of state funding into expanding, as well as federal grants that come into the state, but expanding across all of our rural areas in Wisconsin continues to take time.
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> Once I get your information, I'll reach out to Verizon and see why the services may be declining in your area. Thank you for your time!

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Mary

From: Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rural Phone and Internet Service

Hello Mary,

We live in a rural area north of Antigo about 9 miles near Neva Lake Rd. Verizon is our cell phone provider and due to a lack of any hardwire internet service they also provide our internet through a hot spot. For the past several years we have experienced declining cell phone service and internet service that is also declining.

I raised this issue at least a couple of times to Tom Tiffany. He indicated he would look into the situation and perhaps he did but nothing has improved, in fact the service has gotten worse. At one of the town hall meetings he indicated that maps show the coverage has actually improved. Well, that's fake news!

There are over 50 residences in this area and many of us are experiencing the same phone and internet issues. We hear about how important internet service and cell phone is yet we continue to suffer from declining service. Anything you can do to work with cell phone and internet providers to improve our situation would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Ron Zalewski (715) 216-1068

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Once I get your information, I'll reach out to Verizon and see why the services may be declining in your area. Thank you for your time!

Mary

From: Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Rural Phone and Internet Service

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Thanks, Ron Zalewski (715) 216-1068

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 10:16 AM
To: 'Ronald Zalewski' <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rural Phone and Internet Service

Ron,

Thank you for giving me an update of how the contact went. I'm glad that they were at least able to get you some answers so you're not wondering what is happening out there. I'm sorry the answer is not what you hoped. I am considering getting a booster just so I can be talking to constituents and what not while I travel around the district. In some areas, I can go an hour without the ability to make a call, so I totally understand the frustration.

Mary

From: Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Rural Phone and Internet Service

Hello Representative Felzkowski,

Technical services from Verizon did follow up with me, unfortunately there isn't much they can do. Geographically our service will not improve according to them until a tower can be located to reach us. Our issue is that geographically we are in an area that is mainly wooded with rolling topography and with the nearest tower about 12 miles away we are apparently in a topographic hole. So, although maps may show that we have good coverage it doesn't look like our situation will improve in the near future. Signal boosters will not help the situation as I tried that already. With that in mind I do believe that WPS is considering running underground power at some point in this area due to the frequent power outages that occur. If and when this happens perhaps it would be a good idea for cable providers to consider running cable in conjunction with the underground power. I have heard rumour of that happening for the past 10 years but nothing has yet occurred.

Again, thanks for contacting Verizon, their representative was truly helpful in researching the problem even though there doesn't appear to be a solution that will occur in the near future. Ron Zalewski

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On Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 10:26 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Ron,

That is absolutely great news. Thank you for letting me know!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:39 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Rural Phone and Internet Service

I was contacted by a representative from Verizon yesterday and they are having tecchnical services look into my issues. Thanks again. Ron

On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 2:20 PM Ronald Zalewski <rtzalewski4@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thank you for your efforts!
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> On Wed, Mar 18, 2020, 10:05 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> > Hey Ron,
> >
> > I did provide your information to Verizon to look into why the service quality may have changed. In the meantime, we actually also received another constituent complaint about Verizon. We provided her with this form if you'd like to file a complaint, which is what the other constituent was interested in doing. If this is what you'd like to do, here is the form: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FileConsumerComplaint.aspx.
> >
> > I will get back to you with what I hear from Verizon as well.

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Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:57 AM
To: 'Chad Waterhouse' <glwaxworms@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Safer at home crap

Chad,

Thank you for your email on this. As you can imagine, I've received a lot of similar correspondence, and I agree with your sentiment. I think a lot of the response has been knee jerk, especially the stay at home order. At the end of the day, Governor Evers currently has emergency powers that give him the power to do every single thing he has done. Please know that, while we in the legislature are doing the best we can to work with his office and work bi-partisanly, we are pushing back behind the scenes, especially when we don't believe decisions are being made with science-based/fact-based data. My first and main goal during this time is to continue getting information to the people who need it, help constituents connect with their government meaningfully, and hopefully help to get all of us through this in on piece.

The Governor has these powers for 60 days. After that, he needs approval from the legislature to continue. He has asked for his powers to be extended indefinitely, which is not something I think a lot of my colleagues would support. I think the state is best led in these situations with one leader at the helm to make sure information and decisions are funneled appropriately with the lowest opportunity for confusion and chaos. However, be rest assured, the legislature will continue to demand answers for our constituents, and will be the check on the Executive Branch we need to be.

Thank you again for your thoughts, I really appreciate your time,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Chad Waterhouse <glwaxworms@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Safer at home crap

Who does the governor think he is??? God? So its necessary to shut down thousands more businesses and destroy peoples lives economically over a virus thats killed 4 people in the state? And then he has the gall to announce that he will "allow" us to still go outside to walk a dog? How gracious! Lord Evers says I can walk Fido. We're saved.

Use whatever power you have to tell Evers to go pound sand. We can fight this virus without forcing people to commit financial suicide. And the idea that government will save small business is horseshit. There is never any money for us. The big corps will get bailed out, and the best any small business can hope for is a loan they can't afford to pay back.

End this shit.

Chad Waterhouse

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:57 PM
To: "'jrziegelbauer@charter.net'" <jrziegelbauer@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Safety in Prisons & Jails During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Hi Jerry,

Thank you for reaching out to my office on this. As I'm sure you know, last Monday, under Executive Order #72, the Department of Corrections suspended all admissions to the state's prisons and juvenile facilities. Additionally, the agency has suspended visits and says they are doing all they can to protect the inmate population. It is also my understanding they are working on setting up video chat abilities for inmates to still be able to continue to connect with their families.

As of last Wednesday, the Department of Corrections put out a statement saying that there are no known positive cases for any adults in their custody. The Department has not put out any new updates over the weekend.

I appreciate your compassion during this time and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,
Mary Felzkowski

From: Jerry Ziegelbauer <Jerry.Ziegelbauer.297262327@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:04 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Safety in Prisons & Jails During COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

As the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) impacts our community and state, it is vital that we act quickly for the protection and care of those around us. This includes those who are incarcerated and their families, as well as correctional officers and staff. Because of the devastating risk of spread of COVID-19 in prisons and jails, I am writing to ask that you allocate funding for prevention and response to the disease within correctional facilities and greater discretion for limiting the use of incarceration in certain circumstances.

As you can imagine, correctional environments are difficult to carefully sanitize, and close quarters make effective quarantine nearly impossible. Measures taken ought to include funding for preventative and responsive plans to the virus, increased free or low-cost phone and video credits, and, where possible, creative solutions to deploy both recidivism reducing programs and religious worship within facilities during this time of limited social interaction.

In addition, I ask that you consider how to alleviate other health risks to everyone involved in the justice system during this unprecedented time by:
• Discontinuing the use of pre-trial detention whenever possible for those who do not present a high risk of flight or danger to the community.

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• Increasing the use of alternatives to incarceration where appropriate, including expanded use of community corrections, for those convicted of new crimes.
• Increasing the use of existing elderly and compassionate release mechanisms, so that those who can safely be placed in home confinement or supervised release may serve their time in a safer and more supportive environment.
• Expediting decisions about those who merit parole, commutations, and clemency, using remote technology where necessary to continue requisite hearings.
• Lessening the frequency of in-person check-ins required by community corrections officials for those on probation or parole and instead utilizing digital means of supervision.

I appreciate the steps already taken to respond to this crisis, including those that protect those impacted by crime and incarceration. I respectfully request that you press on with boldness to provide hope, peace, and safety to those who live or work behind bars.

Thank you,

Jerry Ziegelbauer
Merrill Wisconsin .

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:56 PM
To: 'Mike Semmann' <msemmann@wisbank.com>
Cc: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; 'Jeremey Shepherd' <jeremey@sgrwi.com>
Subject: RE: SBA list - please call me with questions

Thank you Mike! I forwarded this to Mary. We appreciate you getting this to us. Thanks for the help, Shep!

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From: Mike Semmann <msemmann@wisbank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Driscoll, Collin <Collin.Driscoll@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Jeremey Shepherd <jeremey@sgrwi.com>
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 10:19 AM
To: 'Mike Semmann' <msemmann@wisbank.com>
Subject: RE: SBA list - please call me with questions

Hey Mike,

I called and left you a message but wanted to also reach out via email. Mary said she heard from three businesses today who reached out to lenders on the list you provided. Many of them are saying that if the business has not had an account with them before February 2020, they cannot help the business. I'm guessing this is because they have such an influx coming in, so they need to help their customers first. Totally understandable. Mary wanted me to check in to see if you know of any lender that is not taking this stance because a lot of these businesses can't find lenders within their own communities. She heard that Associated Bank and Chase Bank are saying this companywide, so I'm not sure if there are more. She's wondering what we should tell constituents that call when they can't find a lender.

Thank you!!

Liz

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To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Self employment - unemployment

This is what I found from the NCSL summary:

- 360 million for Department of Labor to invest in programs that provide training and supportive services for dislocated workers, seniors, migrant farmworkers and homeless veterans. Includes funding for implementing new paid leave and unemployment insurance benefits.
- Expands unemployment insurance from three to four months, and provides temporary unemployment compensation of $600 per week, which is in addition to and the same time as regular state and federal UI benefits.
  - Part-time, self-employed and gig economy workers now have access to UI benefits.
  - Allows employers to receive an advance tax credit from the Treasury instead of having to be reimbursed on the back end.
  - $260 billion investment into the unemployment insurance program.
  - Creates regulatory authority to implement the tax credit advances.

I'll see if I can find more information for our constituents on what it will actually look like.

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Subject: Self employment - unemployment

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:24 PM
To: 'Pam Theiler Wise' <jimandpamw@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Self employment - unemployment

Pam and Jim,

Thank you for the question regarding self-employed ability to collect unemployment. We have asked the Legislative Fiscal Bureau for a detailed memo on the federal stimulus bill. I believe this is covered under that, but I don't want to provide you with false information until we know exactly. Once we get that memo, I will be able to follow up with you to get you the information you are looking for. In the meantime, here is a link to a summary of the bill from the NCSL website: https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx.

Thank you and I hope you have a great day,

Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 10:43 AM
To: 'Krissy Dahms' <krissyhendricks@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Shelter in place

Krissy,

Governor Evers will be ordering shelter in place, effective tomorrow.

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Krissy Dahms <krissyhendricks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 7:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Shelter in place

I know this isn't your decision but at a governmental official I beg you to ask the governor to order a shelter in place.

I am a physician assistant and work in Crandon WI. We currently do not have the PPE to take care of Covid patients and we don't have the ability to test outpatients to see who these patients are. We are only testing tier 1 and 2 patients and missing 90% of cases. We cannot wait one more day!! I beg you to save lives. Please please please save Wisconsin citizens and health care providers lives!

Kristin Dahms PA-C
Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:31 PM

To: "mary@cisgrp.com" <mary@cisgrp.com>; "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

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Yes, sign me on

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From: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:26:35 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; mary@cisgrp.com <mary@cisgrp.com>
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Constituent just called about this, very upset. Says it's one of the few outdoor exercises elderly people can do. I think it would be a good move to sign on.

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

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Hey Andrea,

Rep. Felzkowski would like to sign on.

Thank you,
Stamena

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

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 4:19 PM
To: 'Kim Trueblood' <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Special Session

Kim,

Thank you SO much for emailing us, it's good to know where you stand. What the Governor is suggesting is not even feasible and it will not be happening. Thank you for your continued efforts to fight through the chaos.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Edming <Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special Session

Happy Friday!!

Again, I know I don't need to tell you all how my office views the governor's order for the Special Session tomorrow, but I want to make sure I'm on the record as being opposed to the measures that are designed to change the election and compromise the integrity of the voting process.

Thanks for all you're doing in this crazy, crazy time!!

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk
kim.trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us
715-261-1501

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:21 PM
To: "'afscme_jallen@hotmail.com'" <afscme_jallen@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Special session attendance requested

Hey Julie,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time today. I really appreciate it.

Thanks again,

Mary

From: afscme_jallen@hotmail.com <afscme_jallen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special session attendance requested

Mary,

Please do your part to represent your constituents and attend today's special session and vote to postpone our election for the safety of our community.

Thank you

-Julie Allen
Tomahawk

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:07 PM
To: 'Blood Wings' <BloodWings_SotD@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Special Session

Hey Jim,

I tried to give you a call today but it just rang and then didn't go to an answering machine. Is there a better number for me to call?

Thank you,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Blood Wings <BloodWings_SotD@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special Session

Mary it is such huge disbelief disappointment that the called Special Session was Gaveled in & Gaveled Out! At at a time when so many Americans & Small Businesses have been asked to do their part and follow the "Rules", to put people at risk with out even debate is unthinkable & hypocritical. In the future no matter what office you may wish to run for, be aware that as you travel in your district waving and shaking hands with your constituents I will always refuse to shake your or any member of the Republican party hands that that have blood on them!!!

Jim DeBiase
3004 Prairie Lake Rd.
Tomahawk WI 54487

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:33 AM
To: 'Helen Petersen' <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Spring Election

Helen,

Thank you for your reply and your questions. I wanted to address a couple of things. 1. I totally agree with you on early voting. This is why, last session, we tried to make early voting uniform so that the whole state is treated the same. I agree with you that it is a disadvantage to our smaller communities who do not have the manpower to be open all the time, let alone on Saturdays and Sundays. Unfortunately, after we passed that bill, a judge struck it down and ruled it unconstitutional.

Regarding getting an absentee ballot twice, this is not likely because the clerks keep track of everyone who has requested a ballot. If you've already requested one, they are not going to send you another. The request also goes in the vote book. This prevents people from being able to vote absentee AND vote in person because it will say in the book that an absentee ballot was requested and sent back.

I know it's so frustrating. COVID has created a lot of impossible situations that are sometimes made even worse by the decisions of our Governor. Please know that you are not the only one who feels this way and he's got a LOT of eyes on him right now, watching every move he makes. The legislature will continue to be the check on the Executive branch we need to be, rest assured.

Mary

From: Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Spring Election

Thank you for getting back to me again. I know we are on the same page but I have to complain during this terrible injustice to the citizens of Wisconsin.
I am glad they said something to them. That may or may not help, the clerks are apparently making their own decisions.. Apparently Wisconsin has become a banana republic and the Democrats are making all the rules. I feel that we have no recourse and the election for April and most likely the Presidential election in November is a sham. It's not your fault Mary, I appreciate that you get back to me.
I was wrong about the 200005 voters who should already have been removed from the voter roles. It is actually more like 200009. In addition, Milwaukee and Madison have had 2 weeks to vote and they got to vote on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY too. Where are the rest of the state's citizens rights to do this, this is not fair. We should ALL have the same voting hours and rights. These tactics have disenfranchised everyone else in the state other than the Milwaukee and Madison areas, all while claiming they need more time so they aren't. This is terrible for the integrity of our elections.
Also, the mail in ballot requests are going to people who have already voted in person, what would be stopping a person from requesting a ballot and voting more than once? And...what about those who did not have to prove they are the person. What about all those who already

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voted? This is just a HUGE opportunity to cheat. Yep the Wisconsin supreme court election is lost.
The Governor of this state doesn't care about any people other than his union groups, the road builders, and the teachers. He is even worse than Doyle at least he didn't leave for the day at 1 PM. ...That we know of...I really miss Scott Walker, he was the best Governor the state ever had in my lifetime.
I have heard that some are floating it out that the entire national election should be by mail. If that happens we are LOST.

Thank You again,
Helen Petersen

On Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 9:34 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Can we recall Governor Eavers?

Thank you.

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 11:22 PM
To: 'Helen Petersen' <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Spring Election

Hey Helen,

Thank you for your email. I don't disagree with anything you are saying, which is why it is so important that we continue to encourage everyone to vote absentee, or vote in person on the day of if they feel comfortable doing so. We will also be encouraging low risk, healthy individuals to become poll workers so that those who don't feel comfortable can stay home. This will hopefully help local clerks continue to run this election smoothly and safely.

I agree with you that the mail in ballot suggestion is just not an option, and it is not something the legislature will be pursuing. I have already heard from several clerks who do not have the ability to mail out ballots to every person in the amount of time before April 7th. Apart from that, you are right that the voters who have moved would still receive ballots at the address on file, allowing for any voter at that address to send in that ballot. There is absolutely no way to secure the integrity of the election.

Thank you again for reaching out. I appreciate it!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Spring Election

Hi, I am hopeful that the Republicans at least trying to stand up to the shenanigans that the Democrats are bringing to us. I am sorry to say they have presented themselves as the party who lie, cheat, steal, and God knows what to get control of the Government. I really do think they are pulling together to steal the April 7th election. I am pretty sure you can quote me on this "there is a "bag" of uncounted damaged ballots we just found" that needs to be redone and added. ....:(

I would imagine the 205,000 voters who should have been removed from the roles have already absentee voted for the Democrat favorite. What good is the "law" if no one follows it? The latest idea of sending "every" registered voter a "mail in" ballot is just plain ridiculous. What about all the people who voted already? Our current Governor is an embarrassment. Is there anything the honest people in office can do about it? Is there anything us citizens who feel like our votes don't matter anymore can do? Honestly this is truly sad and this is how many of us really feel.

If you want a well constructed synopsis of the events that point to this with a time line check out Dan O'Donnell's fb page, he is a conservative millennial talk show host on WISN radio, he put together a report about it. It is worth a listen. His page has a post about it.

Anyway thank you for your consideration.
Helen Petersen.

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On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 2:59 PM Helen Petersen <hpetekpete@gmail.com> wrote:

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:00 PM
To: 'Don Dunphy' <dondunphy@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Spring Election.

Don,

I want to sincerely apologize for how long it has taken me to get back to you. We had a huge influx of calls and emails come in on Monday and Tuesday, and I was unable to reach others. I wanted to check in with you and let you know that I got a lot of really encouraging feedback yesterday about the polling places in our area. Thanks to everyone who decided to vote absentee (currently over 1 million people!), a majority of polling places had a manageable amount of people come through during the day with no lines, certainly not the crowds we normally see on Election Day. I heard from others that their polling place was clean, run well, and had the necessary social distancing in place.

As an aside, an email from your email address came in yesterday and it looked like spam or like it came from a hacker. Have you heard that from anyone else? I hope everything is okay.

Thank you for your time,

Mary

From: Don Dunphy <dondunphy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spring Election.

Hi Mary. I am writing to call on you to put partisan concerns aside and support Tony Evers' proposal to make the spring election an all absentee ballot election with the date for receiving ballaots extended to May 2 th. Robin Voss's stance on this is wrong. Please tell him so.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:17 PM
To: 'Tim Prunty' <tjprunty24@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Spring Election

Tim,

I apologize that it's taken me so long to get back to you. I had you on my call list and finally gave you a call yesterday. The number I have for you is the district number, so I did leave a message. Feel free to give me a call back whenever you'd like: 705-966-3366.

Have a great Easter weekend,

Mary

From: Tim Prunty <tjprunty24@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:33 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spring Election

Mary,

I'm very disappointed that even during this time of COVID-19 the Legislature and the Governor could not work together for the health and safety of the citizens of this great State. It is shameful to be conducting elections under these circumstances. As you very well know, the basis of our country was founded on fair and free elections. Regardless of the outcome today, this can hardly be described as fair and free. Please put party politics aside, especially during this crisis, step up and lead and do what is right for the citizens of Wisconsin! It what we elected you to do!

Respectfully,

Tim Prunty

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:11 PM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: State Patrol

Okay I figured! Thank you for confirming.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: State Patrol

Liz,

We have confirmed with IL State Police that their enforcement mirrors ours:

- * Individuals do not need credentials to travel
- * Law enforcement is not stopping motorists to inspect credentials
- * Our state borders remain open for essential travel, but trips should be minimized
- * Interstate travel between states is permissible, so long as individuals abide by respective state orders
- * As always, law enforcement agencies ask for voluntary compliance with Safer at Home orders

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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From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: State Patrol

Hey Zach!

This email is going to seem like déjà vu, but people in Mary's district are asking her if people are being stopped at the IL border. I haven't been able to find anything to support that this is actually happening, and I know the stance from Governor Evers is they are not stopping anyone, so I'm just double checking. I know we are allowing travel over borders for essential work travel. IL is not stopping Wisconsinites at their border, are they?

Sorry for the redundancy, Rep. Felzkowski just wanted me to double check.

Thanks!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 9:52 AM
To: 'Craig Thompson' <cmthomp7@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Statewide Referendum

Hey Craig,

I'm not 100% sure I'm able to tell you how to vote on this because that could be considered campaigning, but I can provide you with more information on it! Here is the legislative website on the measure. It is referred to as Marsy's Law. https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/sjr2. A nice aspect of the legislative website is that you can read through materials that were presented at the public hearing, which is at this link: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/lcbillhearingtestimonyandmaterials/2019/REG/SJR2. You can also google "Marsy's Law Wisconsin" if you want to find other news sources that can help you decide how you are going to vote.

I hope this helps!

Mary

From: Craig Thompson <cmthomp7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Statewide Referendum

Mary,
What is your position on the statewide referendum question on the April 7 ballot?
I do not completely understand the issue.
Thanks, Craig Thompson

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 12:20 PM
To: 'Joshua Cleveland' <jscleveland@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Stay at Home Order

Josh,

I 100% agree with you. On Friday, Governor Evers told the state and the legislature that he would not be instituting a stay-at-home order. Our leadership team asked for a breakdown of what essential vs. non-essential businesses would look like, and the Governor's office said they did not have a list like this because they were not considering shutting down businesses. Unfortunately, not three days later, he has changed his tune, and did so without informing the legislature first. I wish I had more information for you and the loved ones you speak of, but I am only learning about this through the news at this point. I am hoping to send out an e-update this afternoon with more details as soon as we receive them from the Governor's office.

Hang in there,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Joshua Cleveland <jscleveland@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stay at Home Order

Hi Rep. Felzkowski,

I am writing to you concerning the Governor’s stay at home order that will be signed. While I understand we need to take precautions over this virus, this goes too far. It will do irreparable damage to our economy. While I am fortunate enough to be able to work from home, many of my family members are not. They will almost certainly lose their jobs over this. I also strongly oppose the Governor’s orders as I see this as an abuse of power since he is dictating that private businesses close if they are not what he deems “essential.”

I urge you to oppose the Governor’s orders.

Thanks,
Josh Cleveland
Aniwa, WI

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:56 AM
To: 'Jody-Ellen Dombrowski' <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Stay home

Hey Jody,

Thank you for your email. I've heard the Governor mention this many times in his briefings. It's also why his stay-at-home order requires people to stay within their primary residence. This is meant to cut down on the amount of people traveling to places they don't normal reside. Unfortunately, there really isn't any good way to prevent people from traveling to their own property, other than encouragement to avoid the behavior.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jody-Ellen Dombrowski <jedombrowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stay home

Good afternoon,

As a resident of central Wisconsin, specifically the Village of Birnamwood, I am concerned about the use of cabins by southerners and also very concerned about the return of the snow birds to Wisconsin.

I have a number of friends "down south" who plan on driving home soon.

These people are not mentioned in anything I have read or when the Governor specks. We can not take it for granted that any of these people will automatically self quarantine. Also we can not assume the people from southern Wisconsin or northern Illinois will stay home and not come up here to their cabins.

We need to get the word out how detrimental this could be to the central and northern part of our state.

I spoke with someone yesterday, who lives in Pewaukee, and is now working from home so he decided to pack up himself and the kids and go up to his folks house in Antigo for the week. He will be returning to his home with the kids this week. This is a prime example of the lack of common sense that not only he and his wife lack but I am sure many, many others lack the same common sense.

Please address this somehow, so that people understand "stay home" means your primary residence. Also "stay home" is not visiting grammas and grandpas.

Thank you,
Jody Dombrowski

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:44 PM
To: 'Rita Webb' <webbrl@uwec.edu>
Subject: RE: Strengthen Wisconsin's Medicaid now to fight COVID-19

Rita,

Thanks for your email. I appreciate your thoughts and your time. Legislation is currently being finalized between the Governor and the legislature to help Wisconsinites statewide. I know the Medicaid budget will be a large topic of discussion as BadgerCare enrollment increases due to the pandemic.

Thank you again for taking the time to reach out to me,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Rita Webb <webbrl@uwec.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Strengthen Wisconsin's Medicaid now to fight COVID-19

Dear Representative Felzkowski,

None of us thrives unless all of us can thrive. That means access to basic health safety nets must be guaranteed to every citizen of Wisconsin.

My faith teaches me that we, as a community, have a responsibility to safeguard everyone's health, especially during a crisis like COVID-19.

We need to act swiftly to use every tool at our disposal to respond to this pandemic.

The federal government is making additional Medicaid funding available to states, if they take action by April 16. The Department of Health Services (DHS) needs legislative approval to make changes to BadgerCare, including suspending the new premiums for childless adults, in order for us to receive these funds. If the Legislature does not act in time, Wisconsin could be one of the only states to lose hundreds of millions of dollars for the fight against the coronavirus.

DHS also needs legislative approval to submit a waiver that would strengthen the ability of our health care providers to use Medicaid to prevent as many people as possible from becoming sick and dying from COVID-19. We cannot deny care to anyone without putting everyone at risk. For the safety of everyone, those who might wait to go to a doctor because of their limited financial resources must be able to get prompt testing and treatment.

Please take action now so that the legislature can convene in an Extraordinary Session and approve these actions, before it is too late.

Otherwise, we will lose the ability to prevent more of our friends, family members, and neighbors from becoming sick and dying of this disease.

Sincerely,

Rita Webb

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:11 PM
To: 'Norene Schreiner' <enorenes@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: support a mail-in election

Norene,

Thank you for reaching out. Would you mind providing your contact information. Our first priority is always to 1. Make sure you receive a response and 2. To make sure you actually reach your representative, so we want to make sure that happens!

Thank you,

Liz

From: Norene Schreiner <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: support a mail-in election

Right now, I'm bunkered down because the Coronavirus pandemic is a real threat to myself and my community - and I'm worried. I have the right to make my voice heard in the Spring Election, but right now I don't want to choose between my right to vote and my health. And I'm far from alone with these feelings.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:47 PM
To: 'darleen laus' <llaus8336@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: support a mail-in election

Darleen,
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From: darleen laus <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:47 PM
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:46 PM
To: 'Mary Kreul' <mkkreul@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: support a mail-in election

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From: Mary Kreul <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: support a mail-in election

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:45 PM
To: 'Tricia Vasquez' <youngtcv@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: support a mail-in election

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From: Tricia Vasquez <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: support a mail-in election

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 12:45 PM
To: 'Deepa Tonse' <paideepa@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: support a mail-in election

Hey Deepa,

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: support a mail-in election

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:43 PM
To: 'Gwen Hardie-Bauer' <pink18568@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: support a mail-in election

Gwen,

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From: Gwen Hardie-Bauer <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:15 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: support a mail-in election

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:53 AM
To: "'kaedispell@gmail.com'" <kaedispell@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support Access to Medical Marijuana

Kaedi,

Thank you for your email. I'm a big supporter of Medical Marijuana and bringing it to Wisconsin. I am the author of the only Republican-led bill at this time. I will continue to fight for this policy in Wisconsin, because I believe it is vital for those who are suffering and looking for ways just to get back to some normalcy as they fight their illnesses.

Thank you for being an advocate for this! I really appreciate the support.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kaedi Spellman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support Access to Medical Marijuana

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

As your constituent, I'm writing to urge you to support efforts that seek to establish a medical marijuana access program in Wisconsin (AB 570 / SB 507).

Passage of this legislation will offer qualified patients state-sanctioned access to a therapy that may offer them significant benefits. Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia already offer similar patient protections.

Data from other states finds that the enactment of medical marijuana access is associated with lower rates of opioid abuse and mortality, and does not negatively impact workplace safety, teen use, or motor vehicle safety.

Legislation that sought to provide patients with legal access to cannabidiol, a single compound in the marijuana plant, is not sufficiently addressing patients' needs. Wisconsin patients

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deserve the option to legally access a botanical product that is objectively safer than the litany of pharmaceutical drugs it could replace.

The results of a recent statewide poll commissioned by Marquette Law School show that 83% of Wisconsinites support legalizing medical cannabis. It is time for our state laws to reflect the views of the majority of voters and to address the best interests of our patient community.

Kaedi Spellman
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:29 PM
To: "'breitenmoser.jr@gmail.com'" <breitenmoser.jr@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support affordable COVID-19 treatment for everyone

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Hey Hans,

Thank you for your email. All insurance companies have already been covering the costs of testing from very close to the beginning of the pandemic, United States-wide. I have not supported expanding badger care in the past, and do not think now is the time to do that. Those that would be covered by Badger Care expansion can currently receive heavily subsided care from the Federal Exchange. There is not a coverage gap in Wisconsin, so I am confident that access to care here in our state is already available.

Thank you again for your email and your thoughts. Please feel free to send me your thoughts in the future,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: breitenmoser.jr@everyactionadvocacy.com
<breitenmoser.jr@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:43 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support affordable COVID-19 treatment for everyone

Dear Representative Mary J. Felzkowski,

Thank you for your decisive actions to help slow the spread of COVID-19. These actions will surely make a big difference in our state's ability to deal with this disease.

Now, however, we must turn our attention to ensuring no one avoids testing or treatment for COVID-19 out of fear of cost. The only way to stop this virus is to get everyone tested and to identify and treat everyone with the illness. This won't happen if people are afraid of the costs they'll incur if they get tested or seek medical help. We must make it crystal clear to the public that they will receive no medical bills from COVID-19 tests and treatment. This is the only way to assure that hard pressed working and middle class Wisconsinites are not deterred from testing and treatment for fear of medical costs.

That's why I'm asking you to support three things:

1) Using emergency powers granted by the federal government to use BadgerCare to guarantee that everyone has health coverage during the pandemic. These powers include removing all barriers to quick enrollment, cost sharing, and work requirements, suspension of cancellation, eliminating cost sharing and work requirements, and allowing medical providers to presume that uninsured people are eligible.

2) Immediately expanding BadgerCare. This would both cover at least 75,000 more people, and free up $340 million that can be immediately deployed in the fight to contain COVID-19, including Wisconsin getting its fair share of testing kits and critical medical supplies.

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3) Mandating that health insurance plans pay fully for all treatment resulting from seeking medical attention for COVID-19. So far, Wisconsin has only recommended that insurers suspend copays and deductibles.

Thank you again for your leadership during this crisis. I ask you to continue that strong leadership by supporting these actions.

Sincerely,
Hans Breitenmoser
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:33 AM
To: "'crystalgrund@gmail.com'" <crystalgrund@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good morning Crystal,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. You are absolutely correct that childcare facilities and childcare and early education providers are one of the backbones of our society- and this crisis has shone a bright light on that. We understand and fully appreciate that some of the directives and suggestions from DCF to the child care centers have been unrealistic, and know many child care workers are baffled on how they are supposed to make sure toddlers under their care are social distancing.

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Thank you,

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From: Crystal Grund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

My name is Crystal. I am the owner at Crystal's Country Childcare in Merrill. I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state. Early care and

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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:

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Sincerely,

Crystal Grund
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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:32 AM
To: "'bskfgrund@gmail.com'" <bskfgrund@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good morning Karen,

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From: Karen Grund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 6:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

My name is Karen Grund. I am an owner/ operator at Karen's Family Childcare in Merrill. I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state.

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Karen Grund
bskfgrund@gmail.com

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Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 10:17 AM
To: "'micki@childcaring.org'" <micki@childcaring.org>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Good morning Micki,

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From: Micki Krueger <micki@childcaring.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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My name is Micki. I am the Assistant Director of Childcaring, your local child care resource and referral agency in central 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 we are asking you to support:

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Micki Krueger
micki@childcaring.org
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Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:35 AM
To: "'micki@childcaring.org'" <micki@childcaring.org>
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Hello Micki,

My staff mentioned you had reached out and shared your thoughts about how the state should support childcare providers during this public health emergency. I would like to re-iterate their offer that I am available for a phone call at any point if you are interested in speaking with me about this.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

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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

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revenue and increased expenses as they ensure continued care for essential worker families and/or have temporarily closed due to COVID19.

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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.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:43 AM
To: "'rglockexx@gmail.co'" <rglockexx@gmail.co>
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Roger,
Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option. The other two bullet points you listed are currently being discussed by legislators.

1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.

2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.

5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.

6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.

I wish the Governor had consulted with the Elections Commission before asking the legislature to move in this direction. They could have provided him with valuable information on why this isn't feasible right now, with the election less than a week and a half away. I totally understand where you are coming from and also want to make sure that our election is as safe as possible for everyone involved. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. I will be sending out information later today encouraging low risk, healthy adults (like college students currently back at home) to become poll workers, so that those who don't feel comfortable going to the polls can stay home and vote absentee. The Elections Commission is also offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe.

If you are worried about your safety at the polls, I would encourage you to request your ballot and vote absentee. That deadline ends April 2nd. You have until the end of the day today to register online if needed. Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: rglockexx@everyactionadvocacy.com <rglockexx@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:05 PM

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Representative Mary J. Felzkowski,

Your constituents are currently navigating major priority shifts and mounting challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic – bills, child care, health care, uprooted schedules, and personal and family logistics that are challenging even in normal times.

With an unprecedented health crisis intensifying, no one should be forced to put themselves and others at grave risk just to cast a vote.

At this critical moment, I ask that you help your constituents safely exercise their most fundamental right by:

- Allowing voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter
- Allowing absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted
- Extending the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots

I urge you to support these measures and implement them quickly.

Sincerely,
Mr. Roger Glocke
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:37 PM
To: "DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR" <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Tax Returns

Okay, thanks Ann. I'll follow up if any of them are okay with sharing their names.

Thanks!

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From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tax Returns

Hi Liz,
COVID is not causing any delays right now. We're still turning around returns at the same pace we usually do!

If you have names of the taxpayers or practitioners, I can have my team connect with them on the accounts.
-A

Ann DeGarmo
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Subject: Tax Returns

Hey Ann,

Sorry for the déjà vu issue but it's come up again. We have a couple CPAs who have reached out saying that their clients are not getting their refunds like they have in the past. Normally, after submitting it takes about a week, maybe two. Now they are getting messages that it will take 6-12 weeks. I know the

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tagline is that any refund can take up to 12 weeks, but they wanted me to reach out to see if COVID is causing delays.

Thanks!

Liz

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 1:44 PM
To: "Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS" <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Teledentistry

This is really helpful. Thank you for the clarification!

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I can't speak as much to the bill from Rep. Loudenbeck and Sen. Kooyenga as the DEB is under DSPS' purview.

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From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Teledentistry

Hey Andrew,

Any chance you could tell me if teledentistry has been treated differently under Medicaid at all during the public health emergency, or would legislation 100% be needed?

Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:09 AM
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Wishing you health and safety,

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Subject: RE: Teledentistry

Hey Peter,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention and for everything you are doing to help treat people in creative ways. This is something I will keep on my radar as we talk about different ways to help Wisconsinites. I've also reached out to DHS to see if anything can be done here without legislative changes.

Thank you!

Mary

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To: 'Peter Freyer' <Peterf@bridgeclinic.org>
Subject: RE: Teledentistry

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It looks like a lot of what you are talking about is currently being covered. Please let me know if you have further thoughts!

Thanks,

Mary

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To: "'mcintyre95@live.com'" <mcintyre95@live.com>
Subject: RE: Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

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Hey Paula,

I wanted to get back to you with some information on this. Here is the final guidance that just came out yesterday. Will you look through this and let me know if you have any questions afterward?
https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2020-15.pdf

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

From: william McIntyre <mcintyre95@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

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Thank you for your assistance. I hope you are well.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 8:47 AM
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Subject: RE: Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

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Okay I will do that, thank you!

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Is there anyone from DMS that could reach out to her directly and walk her through what is currently being worked on or allowed during COVID?

Thanks!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: william McIntyre <mcintyre95@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Telehealth Services for patients with WI State Medicaid

Hello Rep. Felzkowski,

I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist certified in the State of WI. I work for Marshfield Clinic in Merrill, WI. Our clinic will be open 2 days per week beginning next week due to the COVID-19 crisis. I may be providing telehealth services from my home. Per State of WI Medicaid, I use an onsite provider as a "billing override or incident to" when billing for services. Because I will be working from home, I wonder if I will be able to provide telehealth services to this population during the State of Emergency declared by Govenor Evers, given there will not be a provider onsite.

Can you tell me if this Medicaid rule(to bill incident to)is still in place, or if due to the State of Emergency it has been liberalized?

Thank you for your assistance. I hope you are well.

Paula McIntyre RDN CD CDCES
W3311 County Road C
Merrill WI 54452
715-573-5678

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 5:41 PM
To: 'Beth rendall' <beth.rendall@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Beth,

Thank you for your email. Would you mind providing your primary residence address for us?

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

From: Beth rendall <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 5:40 PM
To: 'Mary Burek-Faber' <ecowmn1@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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From: Mary Burek-Faber <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sincerely, Mary Burek-Faber

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:13 PM
To: 'Donna Nowakowski' <donnanowakowski@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Donna,
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Liz

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From: Donna Nowakowski <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'Sandi Jones' <jonesskj526@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Sandi,
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From: Sandi Jones <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'Brian Bernhardt' <skipatrol_63@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Brian,
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From: Brian Bernhardt <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'David Van Grinsven' <d.vangrinsven@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'Chris Ottosen' <ottosen2002@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Chris,

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From: Chris Ottosen <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'Lynn Shoemaker' <shoemakl@uww.edu>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Lynn,
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From: Lynn Shoemaker <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:12 PM
To: 'Vicki Richter' <jimnvick@charter.net>
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:11 PM
To: 'Paul Lucas' <lupefood@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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From: Edward Hubbard <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:58 PM
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:09 PM
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Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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From: Thomas Haanen <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:01 PM
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:09 PM
To: 'Robert Decker' <robertddecker@charter.net>
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:09 PM
To: 'Karen Abler' <karenaabler@yahoo.com>
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From: Karen Abler <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:03 PM
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Sincerely, Karen Abler

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:09 PM
To: 'Barbara Walters' <walters.jane@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Barbara,

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From: Barbara Walters <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sincerely, Barbara Walters

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 10:55 AM
To: 'Victoria Rognholt' <vrognholt@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Victoria,

Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.

1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.

2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.

5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.

6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.

I wish the Governor had consulted with the Elections Commission before asking the legislature to move in this direction. They could have provided him with valuable information on why this isn't feasible right now, with the election less than a week and a half away. I totally understand where you are coming from and also want to make sure that our election is as safe as possible for everyone involved. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. I will be sending out information later today encouraging low risk, healthy adults (like college students currently back at home) to become poll workers, so that those who don't feel comfortable going to the polls can stay home and vote absentee. The Elections Commission is also offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe.

Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Victoria Rognholt <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:33 AM

To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@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, Victoria Rognholt

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:02 PM
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Subject: RE: Temporary Parking Reassignments

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Maybe it won't be an issue because fewer people will be downtown during that time because of COVID. We'll see what happens! Just wanted to ask the questions.

Thanks!

Liz

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:59 PM
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Hi Liz,

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Thanks,

Anne

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Fax: 608-261-6789
Email: andrew.hyatt@wi.gov
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Risser Justice Center Room 301
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Madison, WI 53703

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:31 PM
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Better signs would help SO much! Thanks for trying, Anne. So appreciate it!

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I understand. I have posed this question in the past to our Clerk's office for members who could not find a stall and I was told it was not reimbursable. I have made a plea for better no parking signs (as they are green just like the available parking signs) and really do not seem to deter people. Last I was told DOA was going to look into it. Wish I could do more help.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:13 AM
To: "'mlcicady13@charter.net'" <mlcicady13@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Thank=you

Thank you for the kind words, Carol! Please feel free to pass along the email to anyone you feel would benefit!

Thanks,

Mary

From: mlcicady13@charter.net <mlcicady13@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Thank=you

Mary, thank-you for the great outreach and informative newsletter about being an election inspector! I have been trying desperately to get Republicans to put out the word that volunteers are needed. You stepped up and did a fantastic job!!!!! Carol Cady, Vilas County

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:24 AM
To: 'Gabe Chernov' <gabe@birchtrail.com>
Subject: RE: Thank you

Hey Gabe,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe! I just wanted to reach out to see how you guys were doing and if there was any assistance our office could offer. If you have questions about any of the executive orders or were looking for information on resources available to the camps, let me know and we will see what we can do.

Thanks!
Stamena

From: Gabe Chernov <gabe@birchtrail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Thank you

Mary,

Hi, how are you? I hope you are doing well. I wanted to send an email to thank you for all of your hard work and support on behalf of summer camps. We were so excited that AB 435 and 437 were signed into law yesterday. We really appreciate your support and the friendship that we have built up. As always, we would love to have you visit camp this summer if your schedule allows.

Thanks again and have a great day,
Gabe

Gabe Chernov
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 12:02 PM
To: 'Bob Eskola' <bobandlorna2000@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Thank You

Bob,

What a nice email to receive, especially today. Thank you so much.

Have a great day and stay safe,

Mary

From: Bob Eskola <bobandlorna2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Thank You

Ms Felskowski: Thank You for the work you do on our behalf. You are greatly appreciated. Bob Eskola

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 5:30 PM
To: 'Laura Marnholtz' <lmarnholtz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: The CDC urges everyone to wear a cloth mask in public. That's because people are

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Hey Laura,

Thank you for your email. The legislature is not able to make executive orders, only the governor is. Have you reached out to Governor Evers to express your thoughts? I know that access to PPE materials like masks has been really tough for health care professionals, so I think a lot of people have avoided using them so that health care members have what they need. Knowing that people can technically make their own with a bandana is good to know.

I appreciate your time,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Laura Marnholtz <Laura.Marnholtz.usz5spcz@user.resistbot.email>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: The CDC urges everyone to wear a cloth mask in public. That's because people are

Representative Mary Felzkowski,

The CDC urges everyone to wear a cloth mask in public. That's because people are most infectious when they're first infected, when they have few or no symptoms. If those around me don't wear a mask, they put me and my family at risk.

FDA modeling estimates that if 80% of people in our community wear a mask in public spaces, we can stop this pandemic in its tracks. The science shows that when others wear a simple cloth face cover, my chances of catching covid-19 are dramatically reduced.

Americans should wear face masks as a way to help stop the spread of COVID-19. "If everybody does that, we're each protecting each other," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, who is helping lead the public health fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Scott Gottlieb, Former U.S. FDA Commissioner, agrees: "everyone, including people without symptoms, should be encouraged to wear nonmedical fabric face masks while in public."

We need an executive order NOW requiring everyone to wear a (non-medical) mask in public spaces, such as stores and public transportation.

This is not a personal choice issue. My health and safety requires everyone in my community to mask up. Every day we wait results in more lives lost, more people sick, more jobs lost, and more damage to our economy.

Please act today. Every day counts.

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Laura Marnholtz

Constituent from
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:43 PM
To: "'judistvincent@yahoo.com'" <judistvincent@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Judith,

I just wanted to reach out to let you know that I did give you a call but wasn't able to reach you so I left a message. If you would like to call me back, feel free whenever you are available: 715-966-3366.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact form was submitted

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Name
judi st vincent
Email
judistvincent@yahoo.com
Address
N5500 GREY RD
City
BRYANT
Phone Number
2629454027
Message
Please don't stop the extension of the election. Do what's right and keep people safe
Thanks
Judith St Vincent
Sign up for E-Update
True

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:18 PM
To: "'2jnbvz@gmail.com'" <2jnbvz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Jeff,
I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone. I appreciate your willingness to speak with me.

I hope you have a great Easter weekend,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Name
Jeff Vander Zanden
Email
2jnbvz@gmail.com
Address
N10315 Horseshoe Rd
City
Tomahawk
Phone Number
7153409508
Message
Hi: Mary
I would like to voice my displeasure that I had to expose myself or others to the corona virus needlessly to vote. You and your colleagues could have postponed election with legislative action. These are uncharted extraordinary times and need to be navigated with caution. Please don't remind me of absentee ballots because I'm a snowbird which cuts two ways. Hard to get ballot because of hardship of internet access down south and we have traveled back to our home state possibly picking up virus on way home. You will not have my support into the future.
Jeff
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 8:52 PM
To: 'DIane WItscheber' <witchywoman0452@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Diane,

DATCP just followed up and provided this additional link that I hope can be helpful in some way to you: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/Covid19FinancialResources.aspx.

Thank you again for reaching out and please let me know if you have any questions I can track down the answers to,

Liz

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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:38 PM
To: DIane WItscheber <witchywoman0452@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Diane,

I apologize that it has taken so much time for me to get back to you, I just heard back from DATCP today. He told me that from what they know right now, it appears that you are not eligible. Apart from the document I already shared with you, he is encouraging you both to reach out to the Farm Center with specific questions or concerns. https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx

I'm sorry, I wish there was more that we could do right now. Please reach out to the Farm Center and let me know how that goes.

Thank you,

Liz

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From: DIane WItscheber <witchywoman0452@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

We are not selling to restaurants since the shut down. We would use the grant money to feed the animals, pay utilities, buy fuel for tractors and other equipment and just keep the enterprise going. Some of the money we make helps support us.

The SBA website says "Applicant is not an agricultural enterprise (e.g. farm) other than an aquaculture enterprise, agriculture cooperation or nursery." This is why we believe we are not eligible.

Thank you,

Diane

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 10:02 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Diane,
>
> Thanks for your email. I wanted to ask a few more questions so I can better understand the situation. Are you currently not selling to restaurants right now that are still open to carry out orders? As far as the grants, are you hoping to use it to cover losses, pay administrative costs during COVID? What on the SBA website makes you think you are not eligible?
>
> Thank you for the follow up! Once I have a better picture, hopefully I'll be able to send you in the right direction.
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> Thank you!
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> Liz
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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

Good morning,
My husband and I have a small elk ranch in Merrill. We have no employees. Our animals are raised for meat sales. Much of which is sold to restaurants. Are there any grants available for entities like ours? I did check into the SBA Economic Injury Disaster website and it appears we are not eligible.
Thank you,
Diane
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 5:27 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey Diane,
>
> I did want to follow up with you after learning of what Governor Evers said at his press conference related to this. He said that the State Patrol will not be pulling people over asking for proof of where they are going or what they are doing. They are hoping for voluntary compliance, but enforcement is essentially up to local law enforcement.
>
> I hope this helps,
>
> Mary

> **From:** Rep.Felzkowski
> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:00 PM
> **To:** Witchywoman0452@outlook.com
> **Subject:** RE: the form Contact form was submitted
>
> Diane,
>
> According to Governor Evers' Stay-At-Home Order released today, the following enforcement measures are in effect starting tomorrow morning:

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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.

Because his order prohibited non-essential travel, this section of his order would apply to you.

Please let me know if there is more information I can get for you,

Liz

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Address

City

Phone Number

Message
We have been following the President's directives regarding limiting our movements...in essence, we have been self-quarantining ourselves for over two weeks. We have a trip planned to visit family in another state at the end of the week. What are the consequences if we decide to go anyway?
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:43 PM
To: "Steine, Bradford - DATCP" <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Thanks Bradford,

I'll let the constituent know.

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:16 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Liz:

We are still working to identify everything that is in the federal package that was passed the other week. If the constituent is a farmer, it appears that they are not eligible. The fact sheet you provided should be helpful, so thank you for sharing that information with the constituent. We continue to update our website regularly to make folks aware of the resources available to them. If they have specific questions or concerns, I would encourage them to contact our Farm Center. I have provided a link below: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx

I hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything else you may need on this.

Best,

Bradford

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Please complete this brief survey to help us improve our customer service. Thank you for your feedback!



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To: Steine, Bradford - DATCP <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Bradford,

I really don't know a lot of the eligibility criterion for SBA or what it can be used for, but we have this constituent who is reaching out, saying that she believes SBA is not an option for them. Do you have any thoughts? Let me know if I need to gather more information about who they are/contact info, etc.

Thank you for your help! I did see this document that you guys must have put together, which I have provided to the constituent already.

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Diane

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Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Diane,

I apologize that it has taken so much time for me to get back to you, I just heard back from DATCP today. He told me that from what they know right now, it appears that you are not eligible. Apart from the document I already shared with you, he is encouraging you both to reach out to the Farm Center with specific questions or concerns. https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx

I'm sorry, I wish there was more that we could do right now. Please reach out to the Farm Center and let me know how that goes.

Thank you,

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:01 PM
To: "'sevenild@gmail.com'" <sevenild@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Dan,

Thank you for your email. Today has been a really rough day. I've talked to people all over my district, some mad at the Supreme Court ruled Governor Evers' order unconstitutional, some mad at Governor Evers put the order in place in the first place, some just scared, or confused, or looking for reassurance. I think a commonality between everyone is fear. I think most people have never seen anything like COVID-19 in their lifetime and they are really terrified of the unknown. I can totally understand that. Some of afraid of losing their rights, losing their way of life, losing their freedoms. I can also totally understand that. Some just want to go back to life four weeks ago, and I am right there with them.

The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible.

I wanted to provide you with more statistics about previous elections. We are actually seeing some record breaking turnout when it comes to absentee ballots. Here's some Wisconsin election info. Keep in mind as you go through this that Wisconsinites already requested 1.3 million absentee ballots.

- 2008: In the 2008 presidential spring primary, there were a total of 1,524,360 voters statewide, in-person and absentee combined.
- 2012: In the 2012 presidential spring primary, there were a total of 1,088,102 voters, in person and absentee combined.
- 2016: In the 2016 presidential spring primary, there were a total of 2.1 million voters, in person and absentee combined.
- 2020: In this election, absentee ballots requested have already surpassed total voters in 2012, and are less than 700,000 people away from 2016 totals, just in absentee ballots requested.
- It makes sense that there were more voters in 2016 than in 2012 because both Republicans and Democrats were electing their party's presidential candidate. It's more likely that we will see

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numbers closer to 2012 because only one party has a primary for their party's presidential candidate.

- The 2008 presidential primary numbers also support the trend that there is lower turnout in general when only one party is choosing their presidential candidate.
- So with over 1.3 absentee ballots already requested this year, we are definitely on track to have a typical amount, if not an elevated level, of turnout for this presidential primary election.

Long story short here, we are not going to see low turnout in this election, and I have been telling everyone I know, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, to vote absentee.

I don't disagree with you that the information we have right now, today, supports moving the Election date. It has not been along the way, and I don't believe the medical advice has been consistent over the last several weeks. The CDC has changed their rulings on whether COVID lives on surfaces, changed what the symptoms are, changed whether or not people should be wearing masks. As the CDC learns more about the virus, so do we as people. It certainly makes moving forward easier, but it definitely doesn't give us the ability to go back and change decisions already made. None of these situations or decisions are or have been easy, and I have to say that the suggestion I don't care about my own family or my constituents' health and well-being is just wrong. At the end of the day, the Governor changed his mind and asked for something when it was too late to the Legislature give it. Regardless of whether or not someone believes the election should be moved (and I totally understand why people are hoping for that outcome), what Governor Evers issued today was unconstitutional. Republicans did not decide that, the Constitution and the Supreme Court did.

This situation has been scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.

Thank you, have a good night.

Mary

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Message

Why is Wi the only state in the country that is holding an April primary election? Because the Republicans could care less about safety and more about the politics of a low voter turnout. The Republican party has become a calais disgrace to the american democracy. I was a Republican for years but the total disregard for the general public by the party has become so blatant that I no longer affiliate in any way with it. Shame on all of you ... America deserves a new conservative party ... like the party of Eisenhower that actually cared for the welfare of all.

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False

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:51 AM
To: 'Krista Love' <Krista.Love@inclusa.org>; "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: 'Daniella Edens' <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; 'Carolyn Nielsen' <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>; 'Mimi Rethaber' <Mimi.Rethaber@inclusa.org>; 'Tracy Hetzel' <Tracy.Hetzel@inclusa.org>
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Totally understand.

Thank you for your patience with this! We will continue to direct him to you.

Liz

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From: Krista Love <Krista.Love@inclusa.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:00 PM
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Hi Liz,

The information has been communicated to Dan both in conversation with his team as well as in writing. All of the areas he lists have been addressed with Dan in one way or another. The team is finding it more and more difficult to effectively communicate with Dan due to his tendency to reach out to others rather than communicate with them directly.

Though I appreciate what you're doing in providing Dan an outlet and a listening ear, directing him back to his IDT would be the best course of action. They are working with Dan to identify his needs and outcomes. I can assure you there are no lack of attempts for them in trying to communicate with Dan.

Dan may also have other options as Family Care is a voluntary program. If Dan continues to be dissatisfied with the feedback provided by his team, he is able to seek out other options that may be available to him via the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center).

Many thanks,

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Thank you Krista.

I'm sure the answer is yes, but does Dan understand which items are outside his benefit package? From the very beginning, I don't have a strong understanding of what is allowed and what is not, so when he emails, we have nothing to say.

Thanks,

Liz

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Hi Liz,

We would appreciate your assistance in having Dan continue to work with his team. We are in agreement with the guidance provided by Christy Daley. It is important Dan advocate for himself and do so via his team as they are the entity working directly with him to determine his outcomes and authorize supports. For those items outside of the benefit package, we will continue to be unable to fund the resources Dan is requesting.

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Many thanks,

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To: Krista Love <Krista.Love@inclusa.org>
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Here is the list I was able to get him to write down. At this point, we will continue to push that he continue to work with his team.

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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>; Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Beth Ann Richlen <brichlen@judicare.org>
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I have told all the things I need help with INCLUDING a need to get my wheelchair up and running,
van repaired,
Clean,
Organize,
Cook food,
Shop,
STair chair,
Ramp,
Lawn care,
my boys rubber stamped,
Social security taken care of as I can't do the stress, etc, etc...

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Come on people, STOP MAKING BELIEVE I NEVER EVER SAID THIS SHIT IN THE PAST...

From: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:14 PM
To: Rep. Felzkowski - LEGIS
Cc: Dan Lee
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Liz,

I have heard about more concerns than just the hours from this member and I have directed him to his Inclusa Team or the appropriate office to assist him. I do not feel comfortable discussing his list of past concerns due to the complexity of the situation. I insisted he self-advocate so that the communication is clear. I have advocated for him and feel that at this point he needs to have a conversation with his new team and discuss what his needs are going forward.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:00 PM

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Dan,

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Thank you,

Liz

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It's not just the hours, it's all the other needs..
You are not listening also

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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 4:23 PM -0500, "Daley, Christy - BOALTC" <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Dan,
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> In regards to the Supportive Home Care (SHC) needs; your appeal, to keep your hours from being reduce, through a State Fair Hearing was dismissed March 9, 2020 when you were unable to attend. The judge was not willing to postpone a 3rd time. Therefore, as I explained on 3/23 you need to specifically ask your new Inclusa Team for SHC through an agency as you are no longer eligible for the self-directed program for this service. I am not sure if this is the only request you have at this time but this is the one we emailed about over the past 2 weeks.
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> In regards to Social Security Administration; I do not have authority to assist with that program. I see that Danella, Inclusa CRC provided the phone number for SSA.

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I am a TOTAL basket case..
I have had a couple of people SAY they are willing to help but I say something and they say they can't do all...
I ask to just pick one and they are never to be heard from..
Now I fell almost and knocked off container that had hearing aids on floor and can't find one..
So now I have hearing issue going on..
I am way to stressed
And I am not to be doing any of it...

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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 8:56 AM -0500, "Rep. Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Dan,

I am happy to communicate with Christy as well. The reason I asked you for a list of your questions is so that there is a clear list that everyone understands and can go off of to respond to. I'm sure everyone is trying to figure out exactly what your needs are, so I'm just trying to help you clarify those needs in one list that the team can work off of. I'm not trying to make you duplicate work or anything, it's just nice to have it all in one place. I will continue to include Christy on the emails so that everyone is on the same page.

Thank you, I'm sorry you're not feeling well. That can be really debilitating day after day.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

Liz
I have at christy daily to help me considering that she help me to be able to get all the information together In the past..I have not been feeling very good because I am trying desperately to even get the living room clean to some ° and I've been working on it for aboutI have not been feeling very good because I am trying desperately to even get the living room clean to some ° and I've been working on it for about 6 days now...I will get you the information But I really would appreciate it if I could get some help from christy because it seemsBut I really would appreciate it if I could get some help from christy because it seems that that is easiest way to get All the information needed and you have my permission and she has permission from me for you to to communicate together...
Between the 3 of us we should be able to make some kind of a headway..Please do not dump me

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From: Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:41 PM
To: onlyonmonday@yahoo.com
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Dan,

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I asked for a list of questions because I'm trying to help, that is the only reason. I can't help you get the answers you are looking for if I don't know what questions you are asking. If you are unwilling to do so, then the only thing I can continue to encourage you to do is work with your Inclusa team. I can't help you if you won't let me.

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Thank you Krista.

I'm sure the answer is yes, but does Dan understand which items are outside his benefit package? From the very beginning, I don't have a strong understanding of what is allowed and what is not, so when he emails, we have nothing to say.

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Many thanks,

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You are not listening also

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Respectfully,

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Attachments: Farmer Resources, COVID-19.pdf

Hey Diane,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 8:56 AM
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Bcc: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Dan,

I am happy to communicate with Christy as well. The reason I asked you for a list of your questions is so that there is a clear list that everyone understands and can go off of to respond to. I'm sure everyone is trying to figure out exactly what your needs are, so I'm just trying to help you clarify those needs in one list that the team can work off of. I'm not trying to make you duplicate work or anything, it's just nice to have it all in one place. I will continue to include Christy on the emails so that everyone is on the same page.

Thank you, I'm sorry you're not feeling well. That can be really debilitating day after day.

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Liz
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Between the 3 of us we should be able to make some kind of a headway..Please do not dump me

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From: Rep. Felzkowski <rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:41 PM

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To: onlyonmonday@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Dan,

I asked for a list of questions because I'm trying to help, that is the only reason. I can't help you get the answers you are looking for if I don't know what questions you are asking. If you are unwilling to do so, then the only thing I can continue to encourage you to do is work with your Inclusa team. I can't help you if you won't let me.

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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
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To: "'vwoyak@frontier.com'" <vwoyak@frontier.com>
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Hey Victoria,

I'm not 100% sure which polling place you'd be interested in if you'd like to help a different location, so here is the directory for you to look over to find a location.
https://www.co.langlade.wi.us/i/f/files/COUNTY%20DIRECTORY%202019--2020.pdf

Please let me know if you need anything else!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:57 AM
To: vwoyak@frontier.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 12:23 PM
To: "Maas, Diana C - DOT" <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Perfect, thank you for the background info!

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From: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Liz,

Total ownership and maintenance responsibility of this property was transferred to Lincoln County in 2014. WisDOT has had no involvement in this site since the transfer.

As you know, our state owned rest areas remain open.

Thanks,
Diana

Diana Maas
Legislative Liaison
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Desk: (608) 266-9465
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diana.maas@dot.wi.gov

From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Diana,

Hope you had a good weekend. Are you familiar with the rest area/way side mentioned here? I didn't see it on the website but I might have missed it. Any information you have would be great! I can also reach out to the regional person if that would make more sense.

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Thanks!

Liz

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:15 AM
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Dorothy Jorgensen
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dsjorgy2@frontier.com
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Tomahawk, Wi
Phone Number
7154533925
Message
Mary, I read in your email that rest areas are open and it made me think of something I would like to know but don't know who to contact. Hoping you can help me. I am wondering why the wayside at Hwy 8 and Cty A just north of Tomahawk has been closed for a few years? They put in the parking lot for trailer for ATV's and snowmobiles to unload and then closed the bathroom. This didn' make much sense to me. People are going to need a restroom after traveling her and also before loading up and heading home. Thank you for all the info you provide in your emails. Dorothy Jorgensen
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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 11:08 AM
To: "'bobandlorna2000@yahoo.com'" <bobandlorna2000@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Robert,

Thank you for the question. If you are wanting to request an absentee ballot, you have until Thursday to do that. Here is the information I sent out in my e-update yesterday. Please go to the website to request your ballot. If you have trouble, please let me know!

You can still request your absentee ballot, last day for online registration!

Absentee voting is still a great option for those that would like to vote but also want to stay home. Please use this as a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.

For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, **absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home.** There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:

1. 1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.

2. 2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.

3. 3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.

For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here.
All absentee ballot requests must be made by **Thursday, April 2nd** at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.

Please note that, TODAY, March 30th is the last day for online voter registration. You can also register by contacting your local

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municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:06 AM
To: "'Judy L. Nagel'" <JNagel@co.langlade.wi.us>
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Okay thank you for the feedback. I'm sure she is still willing to help. Who would the clerk nearest to that polling place be? I'd love to help her get connected with a different location if possible.

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From: Judy L. Nagel <JNagel@co.langlade.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Mary, I just verified with the Clerk for the Town of Elcho, the ballot was mailed to Victoria yesterday. As far as a poll worker, Elcho may have gotten enough workers.

Thank you for reaching out, and if you have any other questions, please contact me.

Judy Nagel
County Clerk for Langlade County
800 Clermont Street, Room 202
Antigo, WI 54409
715-627-6201

2020 Election Schedule
Spring General Election – Tuesday, April 7, 2020
Special Election - May 12, 2020
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I wanted to reach out to you with a concern I received from a constituent trying to get in touch with her clerk to help with the polls. I know the Elections Commission is running everything through the county clerks, so I wanted to see if you've been having the same issues getting ahold of the clerks in your county. I sent an email out yesterday encouraging people to be poll workers, and I plan to post it on

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Facebook today, so I want to make sure that if people are interested, they are actually able to touch base with the clerks they'd be working with. I'm sure the local clerks are swamped, so it's possible they are just bogged down in work.

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Something I think you should be made aware of. It appears some of the small town clerks have went MIA. (overwhelmed?) I understand with this crisis we all need to do our part. Gov. Evers has stressed this spring election is going to happen. I personally gave our town clerk my information during the February primary to volunteer after one of the workers told me we were short handed for this season. (pre-Co19) Told she had one other name and would be in contact with us for the 2 hour training soon. Nothing. Now this could be a problem with the stay at home situation, totally understand. BUT, she is now totally MIA. Not returning phone messages as we attempted to get absentee ballots so I mailed the forms we received from a mass mailing with needed photo of ID's last week to her with no response. I bring this to your attention because after talking with voters in other small towns, this seems to not be an isolated situation. If widespread, this could have a huge impact on the outcome of some very important elections/issues, not to mention the legal can of worms this could open up.
Just thought you should know what's going on.
Praying for your safety and the well being of your loved ones,
Victoria Woyak

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:22 PM
To: "'jsuess52@outlook.com'" <jsuess52@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Jerry,

Thank you for your email on this. As you can imagine, I've received a lot of similar correspondence, and I agree with your sentiment,. Rather than being treated like adults, we are seeing restrictions we have never seen before. I think a lot of the response has been knee jerk, especially the stay at home order. At the end of the day, Governor Evers currently has emergency powers that give him the power to do every single thing he has done. Please know that, while we in the legislature are doing the best we can to work with his office and work bi-partisanly, we are pushing back behind the scenes, especially when we don't believe decisions are being made with science-based/fact-based data. My first and main goal during this time is to continue getting information to the people who need it, help constituents connect with their government meaningfully, and hopefully help to get all of us through this in on piece.

The Governor has these powers for 60 days. After that, he needs approval from the legislature to continue. He has asked for his powers to be extended indefinitely, which is not something I think a lot of my colleagues would support. I think the state is best led in these situations with one leader at the helm to make sure information and decisions are funneled appropriately with the lowest opportunity for confusion and chaos. However, be rest assured, the legislature will continue to demand answers for our constituents, and will be the check on the Executive Branch we need to be.

Thank you again for your thoughts, I really appreciate your time,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:45 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Message

I hope that you can talk to Governor Evers and let him know that I and many neighbors don't like living in a communist nation. We don't approve of having everything shut down because some people might catch a cold and some people die. People die every year from the flu and we have never gone through this. I hope that things will get back to normal soon and businesses will be able to open again. The worst is that now we will have no Church because of Evers order. Unbelievable in a once free country.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:36 AM
To: 'Dan Lee' <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Dan,

If you feel you are not getting answers to your questions, please write out a list of questions that have not been answered, and I will provide it to Inclusa.

Thank you,

Liz

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
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> Good afternoon Dan,
>
> I reached out to Inclusa to ask about these particular items. They have responded that you have given our office a release of information so that I may speak with them. At the end of the day, it's really important that you continue to work with your team there, but I want you to know that we are here and we are listening.
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> Thank you,
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 8:37 PM
To: "'dabaker4@gmail.com'" <dabaker4@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Darlene,

Thank you for your email. All of the information we have at this time suggests that COVID is not airborne. Yes, we do know that it can be transmitted through the air from an infected person, say, through a sneeze. That is not the same thing as being an airborne illness, which would allow for COVID to be spread from person to person over long distances. We continue to learn new things about COVID, and I am committed to sharing those facts with my district as they become available. There are a lot of false information sources out there, so I am also committed to avoiding furthering hysteria. I have not seen anything concrete yet, including from the CDC, that would suggest this illness lives in the air. I absolutely agree with you that we need to take this seriously and take precautions. I spent a lot of my time on the radio this morning talking about how we can all do that. Nothing I said on the radio was suggesting we shouldn't be taking precautions, or that we should be ignoring pleas to social distance. I think we can do that without promoting panic.

Thank you for everything you are doing on the frontlines. I absolutely support our health care professionals. I wouldn't have made it through cancer twice without them.

Mary

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Phone Number
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Message
I cannot say how appalling it was to hear you on WJJQ this morning saying Covid 19 is NOT airborne!! People are not isolating as it is! It is Airborne! That's why we as healthcare workers are wearing N95 masks and working in negative pressure rooms! It

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can remain airborne at least 3 hours. Get your facts straight. We need your support as nurses not your foolish statements. I'm asking you to talk to WJJQ and retract your statement.

Darlene Baker RN

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Hi Liz,

Our Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) assigned to Mr. Forss continues to work through the processes required by our Family Care contract with DHS. Per contract, the IDT also continue to monitor the services provided on a regular basis. Mr. Forss has been made aware of his appeal rights and other mechanisms for review if he disagrees with the decisions made regarding his care plan.

At this time, I can assure you the team working with Mr. Forss follows up with him frequently regarding the services he is currently receiving to ensure they are adequately meeting his needs and to ensure his health and safety needs are met.

If you require more detailed information, we would need to have a signed Release of Information (ROI)ROI from Mr. Forss allowing us to disclose his personal health information (PHI).

Many thanks,

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Hey Daniella,

Senator Tiffany's office shared your contact information with me. I wanted to reach out to let you know what Dan's latest email to us has said. Any perspective you have on this would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

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Cc: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Email
onlyonmonday@yahoo.com
Address
603 S Foster St
City
Merrill
Phone Number
7157221155
Message
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They are scamming the government of funds..
Please I beg again to do something, ANYTHING...
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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:58 PM
To: "'onlyonmonday@yahoo.com'" <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Sen.Tiffany" <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Good afternoon Dan,

I reached out to Inclusa to ask about these particular items. They have responded that you have given our office a release of information so that I may speak with them. At the end of the day, it's really important that you continue to work with your team there, but I want you to know that we are here and we are listening.

Thank you,

Liz

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 5:05 PM
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Cc: 'Mimi Rethaber' <Mimi.Rethaber@inclusa.org>; 'Carolyn Nielsen' <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>; 'Tracy Hetzel' <Tracy.Hetzel@inclusa.org>; 'Daniella Edens' <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; 'Member Relations' <memberrelations@inclusa.org>; 'Jeanne Itzen' <Jeanne.Itzen@inclusa.org>
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Krista,
I totally understand. We've responded that he needs to continue working with Inclusa to him many times. Unfortunately, the more we say something like that, the more the perception is that we just don't want to deal with the situation. First and foremost, Rep. Felzkowski's job is to try to help facilitate on behalf of her constituents, so that's all that we are really able to do here, and part of that for Dan is making him feel heard.

Thank you for your help with this!

Liz

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Cc: Mimi Rethaber <Mimi.Rethaber@inclusa.org>; Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>; Tracy Hetzel <Tracy.Hetzel@inclusa.org>; Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Member Relations <memberrelations@inclusa.org>; Jeanne Itzen <Jeanne.Itzen@inclusa.org>
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I will outreach to Dan with a release that can be completed via email and will ask for him to confirm his electronic signature on the ROI. In the meantime, we would appreciate if you would be able to provide a response that provides Dan's IDT the opportunity to continue to work with him. In this situation, the more people that are involved, the more difficult it becomes.

If you have the opportunity and you're comfortable doing so, we would appreciate your responding to Dan that working with his IDT is the best way for him to have his voice heard.

Many thanks and have a good night!

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:14 PM
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Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Debra,

I just wanted to say thank you for your time on the phone today.

Have a good day,

Mary

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:41 PM
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Name
Debra Stadler-Gapko
Email
debrastadlergapko@gmail.com
Address
N1014 Leafy Grove Rd
City
Merrill
Phone Number
7154322636
Message
I am more than happy to follow Gov Evers orders to stay at home but totally oppose continuing to hold the election on April 7. That is absolutely ridiculous to put everyone that votes at high risk of contracting the virus. I am an election worker and will not work that day and will not vote.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 12:52 PM
To: "'cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com'" <cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

David,

Just wanted to say thank you for your time on the phone today.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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david kuhr
Email
cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com
Address
w7642 cth aa
City
antigo
Phone Number
7156274280
Message
The election must be postponed. the northern 1/2 of the state has a lot of elderly and people who do not have access to the internet to do the bullsh? for an absentee ballot. sounds like something the liberals want to get a liberal judge on the supreme count. This is about as crooked and partisan as it gets.
Thanks, Dave
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 12:52 PM
To: "'patriceandmike@gmail.com'" <patriceandmike@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

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Have a great day,

Mary

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Patrice Flock
Email
patriceandmike@gmail.com
Address
N8917 Water Power Road
City
Deerbrook
Phone Number
6085771376
Message
Rep. Felzkowski,

Thank you for the information regarding Governor Ever's safe at home directive.

I have a deep concern regarding the April 7 election. I don't understand why the governor refuses to postpone the election. Many other states have postponed elections until a later date in spring. If Wisconsin is in such dire straits that businesses must close, why continue with the election at this time? In my opinion, it reeks of political subterfuge.

I don't favor only voting absentee and I don't favor eliminating a photo ID.

Is there anything I can do to make sure Wisconsin has a fair election in April?

Yes, I have requested and received my absentee ballot and mailed it today.

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Sincerely,
Patrice Flock

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 12:51 PM
To: 'Julie Basuki' <julie.basuki@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Julie,

Here is the legislative website where you can type in the address of your restaurants to find who your legislator is and then can reach out to them. http://legis.wisconsin.gov/ There's a section near the top that says "Who are my legislators?"

Hope this helps! Thanks,

Mary

From: Julie Basuki <julie.basuki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: the form Contact form was submitted

Thank you !
Can you forward me the others I need to contact them please .

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2020, at 9:39 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Julie Basuki
Email
julie.basuki@yahoo.com
Address
N2238 Maple Road
City
Antigo
Phone Number
7152160823
Message
Please add our Taco Johns Restaurants open for Drive thru to your list...

Antigo
Wittenberg
Rhinelander

Thank you !
Sign up for E-Update
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 10:54 AM
To: "'john.beversdorf@frontier.com'" <john.beversdorf@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Good morning John,

Thank you for your email and your question. All I can do is give you the information I am working with today. Governor Evers continues to signal that he will not be pursuing an Election Day change for April 7th. Polling places are statutorially required to be open, so based on that, yes, in-person voting should be an option. Everyone is encouraging absentee balloting to promote social distancing as much as possible. I do want to mention that, this morning. Green Bay sued the state of Wisconsin over the election, suggesting that the state needs to move to only mail-in ballots for April 7th. Theoretically, the judge overseeing the case could side with Green Bay and institute that, but there is no information at all to suggest that that will happen. I just wanted to mention it so you have all the information I have.

I hope this is helpful to you, please let me know if you need any help with absentee ballots.

Mary

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:01 AM
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John Beversdorf
Email
john.beversdorf@frontier.com
Address
N8983 Hwy. 45
City
Birnamwood
Phone Number
7154492105
Message
Am I safe in assuming that the polls will be open for in-person voting?

God Bless.
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Hey Diane,

I did want to follow up with you after learning of what Governor Evers said at his press conference related to this. He said that the State Patrol will not be pulling people over asking for proof of where they are going or what they are doing. They are hoping for voluntary compliance, but enforcement is essentially up to local law enforcement.

I hope this helps,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Witchywoman0452@outlook.com
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

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Martha,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. I appreciate your input.

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Martha Sandholm
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W6832 Edward Drive
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Merrill
Phone Number
7155363215
Message
I support Gov. Evers' order for non- essential businesses to close. Anyone who opposes it should be put on a list to not receive access to a ventilator. Dead people will not help much of the economy.
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:18 PM
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That is great to hear. Please let us know if you need anything in the mean time!

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Thank you Elisabeth. We received notices from 2 of our customers advising us that they are considered essential so we will need to keep supplying them. Armed with these notices, and I am sure there will be more, and the statement from Homeland Security, we will remain in production and hope this situation is over very soon.

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> Mary

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To: "'roger.rohe@yahoo.com'" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Thank you Roger!

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Message
Linda's Truck Stop/ M&L Restaurant -N2297 Hwy. 45 South, Antigo 715-623-3459 Call for take out orders
Sign up for E-Update
False

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Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020, 10:34 PM
To: "'buresorganicfarm@yahoo.com'" <buresorganicfarm@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Thank you Andrew!

Have a great week,

Mary Felzkowski

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Andrew Bures
Email
buresorganicfarm@yahoo.com
Address
N6071 Rosedale Rd
City
Deerbrook
Phone Number
7156230838
Message
Thanks for the update! May God bless you!
Sign up for E-Update
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2:08 PM
To: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Okay sounds good. We've gotten a lot where I feel like I can help, but there have been a handful that just don't believe COVID is a problem and that none this should be happening. Got a few calls yesterday with the same narrative too. Was just curious! Thanks.

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey Liz,

We have not received any emails like this. If we did, we might let them now that we have passed along their concern to the Governor's Office. Most of the COVID-related emails we have gotten are about particular issues that we can help people with.

Chris

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: the form Contact form was submitted

Hey there,

Just curious… have you been getting these? If so, how have you been handling your response?

Thanks!

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Message
I hope that you can talk to Governor Evers and let him know that I and many neighbors don't like living in a communist nation. We don't approve of having everything shut down because some people might catch a cold and some people die. People die every year from the flu and we have never gone through this. I hope that things will get back to normal soon and businesses will be able to open again. The worst is that now we will have no Church because of Evers order. Unbelievable in a once free country.
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:51 PM
To: "'jdp610@gmail.com'" <jdp610@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: the form Contact form was submitted

Jeff,

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Thank you and have a great weekend,

Mary

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City
Merrill
Phone Number
7155365234
Message
I do not understand why the legislature is opposed to delaying the April elections given the coronavirus pandemic situation. As an at risk person I can tell you there is no way I will go to the polls. What harm is there in having a mail in ballot due for return in May? Put your constituents health and safety before petty partisan politics!!!
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:48 PM
To: "'a8h2o@aol.com'" <a8h2o@aol.com>
Subject: RE: The future of the openInternet has come down to you
Attachments: RE: Please enact net neutrality legislation and ensure access to the open Internet.eml

Hey Anne,

We have emailed on this before so I wanted to provide you with our previous conversation on this.

Thank you for reaching out,

Mary

From: Anne Drinkwater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: The future of the openInternet has come down to you

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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Anne Drinkwater
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Birnamwood , Wisconsin 54414

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 9:17 AM
To: "'alan.vader@gmail.com'" <alan.vader@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: The future of the openInternet has come down to you

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Alan,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. As you mention in your email, this was an FCC decision made by the federal government. I represent our district in the State Assembly. While we are without a Congressman at the moment, Senator Ron Johnson's office handles the constituent concerns for our district regarding federal actions. You can reach his office at 202-224-5323. As to the state taking action, while some states have passed resolutions or enacted laws at the state level, a federal rule change which took effect on June 11, 2018 preempts states from enacting ISP network restrictions and places primary jurisdiction over internet service providers' network management practices under the Federal Trade Commission.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Alan Wiedeman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Alan Wiedeman
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714 E 2nd St Apt 5
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:06 PM
To: 'Roger Rohe' <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American

Thanks Roger. We are really swamped with responding to businesses trying to navigate this situation, but I will try to look it over soon.

Have a great day,

Mary

From: Roger Rohe <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American

Figured I'd send you something to read, since you have nothing to do. :) This site basically lays out everything the drug companies have in store for us. Stay well.

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From: newsnvic@gmail.com <newsnvic@gmail.com>
To: "roger.rohe@yahoo.com" <roger.rohe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 08:08:55 AM CDT
Subject: The National Plan to Vaccinate Every American

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 5:31 PM
To: "Henning, Anna" <Anna.Henning@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Title Company issue

Hey Anna,

So the issue is that this constituent would like to sell his property. One of his neighbors is using an attorney, but she is only one portion of the ripple effect that has occurred from this issue. So he spoke to a surveyer who told him that, to get the whole issue fixed amongst all his neighbors, it would cost between $5,000-$7,000 to fix it in court. He is only trying to sell his property for $62,000, so understandably, he is not interested in spending 10% of his sale on fixing something that he didn't cause. He can't work it out between landowners because his issue is with the title company. The company will not give him a clean title to sell his property until the lines are situated. I just don't know much about this issue. Why has there been a move to using satellite imaging, and how can that trump what is in a current title?

Thanks,

Liz

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From: Henning, Anna <Anna.Henning@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Title Company issue

Hi Elizabeth,

Apologies for the delayed response. Do you know whether the constituent has attempted to consult with a real estate attorney about this? I am aware that this sort of thing is happening more often as the technology becomes more available, but there really isn't any sort of direct statutory solution yet. My sense is that things are often getting worked out between adjoining landowners, e.g., by agreement. These boundary issues are very case specific, so it's hard to give general advice.

That probably wasn't very helpful. I'd be glad to talk by phone on Monday, if you'd like.

Anna

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Henning, Anna <Anna.Henning@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Title Company issue

Hey Anna,

I have a constituent issue with a Title company using satellite imaging (or maybe it was the municipality?), that has since changed many of my constituent's property lines on a cottage his owns. He's trying to sell the cottage, but cannot get a clean title from the Title Company because of the changed property lines. I've never run into this before. Is this a common issue? If this is indeed in your issue area, let me know and I can give you more details. I'm not exactly sure what we can do for him, but he is saying that he has to get a surveyor to survey his property, and then pay a lawyer to prove to the court that his property lines are where his original title says they are. The surveyor he talked to estimated it would cost him $4000-$7000 to get it sorted out, which is way too much money for this constituent to afford. I'm hoping there is another way because this all seems crazy to me.

I should mention that this satellite imaging actually changed the property lines for several of his neighbors, so there was kind of a domino effect for each property that is causing multiple titles to be in question.

Thanks for your thoughts!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:14 PM
To: 'William Coon' <miglecudi@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

William,

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From: William Coon <miglecudi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tomorrow

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Please surprise me.

You, and the Republicans, put politics ahead of my health and others in Wisconsin today.

TOMORROW, SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOU INLINE, AND VOTING!

Wm. Coon

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:47 PM
To: 'William Coon' <miglecudi@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

Thank you for your reply, and I do understand your thoughts. It's been a tough road trying to figure out what is right, especially because everyone involved has been receiving updated, new, or altered information weekly or daily. Hindsight is always 20-20, and I think if we had had more time, maybe moving the election could have been an option. The fact is that the legislature just did not have the mechanisms to do what Governor Evers asked on Friday. It has been a continuous rock and a hard place for everyone, and any move made creates 1000 other unintended consequences in other places. I am sorry that you feel the way you do about the process. Working with the colleagues I do, I know everyone is concerned about the health and safety of their constituents. It is why we have been encouraging everyone we can to vote absentee for the last several weeks. Thankfully, with over 1.3 million absentee ballots sent out, the polls are not going to be nearly as crowded as everyone envisions. I will be visiting the polls tomorrow to help in any way I can.

I hope you stay well too,

Mary

From: William Coon <miglecudi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tomorrow

Thank you for your response. I do appreciate it.

These are exceptional times, and exceptional thinking, and actions are needed. Today it was business as usual. When lives are at risk, and it can not be denied they will be, common sense and the love of mankind needs to be respected. Laws, regulations and rules are for the benefit of all, created by our cultural desire to safeguard and protection of all of us. These same mores that are designed to protect us are now being used against us, as evident of the actions of the Republicans and Supreme court. Again, exceptional thinking and actions were needed today, not politics and the pursuit of power.

Yes, I will be voting by absentee. I spent many years in the military protecting the rights of others. Voting without fear of illness or possible loss of life is part of our voting process. Actions taken today violates this right.

Hope you and yours stay well.

Wm. C.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 11:40 AM
To: "Schweitzer, Alicia" <Alicia.Schweitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Transportation issue

Okay false alarm! DOT got back to me. WI Rest Areas are not closed, they are open and DOT is putting out a press release about that today. Apparently this became an issue because PA closed their areas.

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From: Portz, Elisabeth
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Schweitzer, Alicia <Alicia.Schweitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Transportation issue

Hey!

I just got the following info from a constituent:

*** Written by Sean, a local trucker ***

In all this craziness I want you take a minute and think about the American truck driver and pray for them as well in all this chaos! Hours of service rules have been lifted to let truck drivers run longer if hauling supplies directly impacted by covid-19. Yet the government is shutting down rest areas, truck stops are closing there bathrooms and showers. These truckers have no where to pull off to get rest, use a bathroom, or shower. Yet they are expected to do their best to deliver these products on time to make sure we have what we need and have our supplies for our bathrooms, showers, refrigerators etc. A truck drivers life on the road has always been hard, but now it is extremely harder! But as long as they're allowed, you can bet that they will still get the job done

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and keep America running! Please pray! Better yet call your representatives and demand some help for our truckers.

I've reached out to WisDOT to see if the rest areas are closed. If it is, I've asked them what they would recommend truckers do in the meantime. It would seem to make sense to at least keep them open for truckers to park to sleep. I could see closing the actual buildings because of the exposure issue, but to at least let them sleep? I guess I don't know then what they would do for bathrooms. Just wanted to pass this along in case it's something we can "fix."

Thanks!

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:46 PM
To: 'Kathy Shurts' <kashurts@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tuesday Election

Kathy,

Thank you for your email! I wanted to let you know that I talked to my clerk last week and he said he didn't need us. So he reached out to a dozen different locations up here and all of them said they didn't need any additional help. So I've let them know that if anyone needs to go home or they need someone to sub in, I'm ready to go in whenever. I have heard from so many of the clerks in my area that have asked me not to support a solely mail-in ballot system because they physically can't accommodate that kind of request, but I certainly understand why people have asked for it. We are standing by as we learn more about what the Governor's new executive order means for tomorrow and the future.

Thank you for reaching out. I really appreciate it and totally understand where you are coming from. Please let me know if you need to speak further.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Kathy Shurts <kashurts@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday Election

Since you feel you have to put the public at risk for COVID on Tuesday, I demand you work the polls on Tuesday. We are so short of poll workers….

WI MUST HAVE VOTE BY MAIL! IF NOT FOR THIS ELECTION, CERTAINLY FOR THE NEXT AND FUTURE ELECTIONS.

Sincerely,

Kathy

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kashurts@gmail.com

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:10 PM
To: 'Kathy Shurts' <kashurts@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tuesday Election

Kathy,

You are right, all of everything related to COVID is such a mess. I hope that we can all continue to be nice to each other as we work through this. I am also grateful Wisconsinites can vote absentee.

Have a good night,

Mary

From: Kathy Shurts <kashurts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Election

Thank you so much for checking with the clerks and find they don't need you. Many clerks do.

This election is such a mess. I for one am very grateful I voted absentee.

Stay well,

Kathy

Kathy Shurts
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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:34 PM
To: 'Daniel Daigle' <dtmdaigle@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tuesday Elections

Dan,

Thank you for your email. Robin was provided the equipment by his polling place, as was everyone else that worked at his polling place. He was required by his local clerk to wear it, or he would not have been allowed to volunteer. From what I've seen, all poll workers were wearing PPE Tuesday. Objectively, it is more likely that a poll worker working the polling place for 15+ hours will come into contact with COVID than someone who is voting for a few minutes, so the PPE makes sense just for an abundance of caution.

Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into special session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible. In addition to that, Governor Evers called for the special session on Friday, and then we didn't even receive a copy of what legislation he wanted us to pass until 2pm on Saturday, on the very day we were supposed to be passing it. I understand what it looks like, but it was just not possible on the timeline the Governor was asking for.

The legislature and the Governor are now working on finalizing a COVID legislative package that will positively impact Wisconsinites. Legislators were practicing the virtual session yesterday for those that won't actually be physically in Madison that day. We are all getting prepared to vote and pass what is needed.

Thank you again for your email.
Mary

From: Daniel Daigle <dtmdaigle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Daniel Daigle <dtmdaigle@gmail.com>
Subject: Tuesday Elections

t was amazing to see Robin Voss wearing & wasting PPE needed by our medical people on the news. If he thinks we should all utilize PPE to vote he is no leader. This is not the time for political games people are dying. What a terrible example of a leader. You know better and I ask that you put your best foot forward. Why did you not even show up for the special session that was requested to hold off the election. As an independent I see politics as usual in Wisconsin

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during a time when people are dying. We need leadership not games. I know you can lead and put you best foot forward. Make you district and your parents proud and lead.

Thx
Dan

On Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 4:32 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:



State Representative Mary Felzkowski

35th Assembly District

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

With the April 7th election only days away, our amazing local clerks are working around the clock to send out requested absentee ballots and do everything possible to make sure the day runs smoothly and safely. The Elections Commission recently provided local governments with a COVID-19 specific webinar that will help local clerks and poll workers ensure our polling places are safe. That webinar can be found here.
I am encouraging anyone who is low-risk and healthy to consider volunteering to be a poll worker on Election Day if you feel comfortable. As most of us know, our elections are able to run smoothly each year because we have so many dedicated volunteers. Many of our regular volunteers are those who are currently high-risk for the virus and need to stay home.

Volunteering to work at the polls is not as hard as you may think! There are a few different positions, some that require training/some that do

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not, and some that require residency/some that do not. Please look at the following document that goes through what each of these positions does. If you are interested in volunteering, let me know and I'll get you in touch with your local clerk OR you can search for them on your own by clicking here.

Election Worker and Volunteer Information

Looking to help out at the polls for the April 7, 2020 election? If so, there are several different ways you can assist your community in running the election.

There are several jobs on election day to choose from and they each have their own residency and training requirements. Some jobs, like the Chief Election Inspector, require residency in the Town, Village or City where you serve and several hours' worth of training while other roles can be filled by volunteers with no residency or training requirements.

Here are the different jobs you can do on election day:

- ✓ **Polling Place Helper:** You can volunteer to help out at a polling place by making sure voters are in the correct lines, assist with enforcing social distancing and making sure the polling place is properly cleaned throughout the day. Citizens who just want to help with these tasks on election day do not need to meet any training or residency requirements.
- ✓ **Election Inspector:** You can work as an election inspector at any polling place in your county helping voters get checked in, issuing ballots and helping voters register. All you need to do is receive some training which you can take online and be a resident of the county where you would like to work.
- ✓ **Chief Election Inspector:** The Chief Election Inspector serves as the lead election official at a polling place. In order to become a Chief Election Inspector, you would have to take required online or in-person baseline training which lasts roughly 2 hours. Chief Election Inspectors must be residents of the town, village or city where you live (in a pinch a Chief Inspector can be from the county).
- ✓ **Greeters or Election Registration Officials:** Each polling place can have one person appointed as an official Greeter who must be a resident of the county where they wish to serve. Greeters can also help at a polling place by making sure voters are in the correct line and assist with sanitization efforts. Election Registration Officials, or EROs, must be residents of the county in which they serve and help voters with registering to vote on election day. Both greeters and EROs must take some training about the job they will be doing before election day.

If you are interested in working at the polls on April 7, 2020, find your clerk by searching using your address here: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyMunicipalClerk. Just click on their email address to send them a message with "Poll Worker Applicant" in the subject line with a few words about your interest and your contact information!

Job	Training	Training Location	Residency
Helper	None Required	N/A	None Required
Election Inspector	Some	Online or In-person	County
Chief Election Inspector	Baseline Training (@2 hrs)	Online or In-person	Town/Village/City
Greeter	Some	Online or In-person	County
ERO	Voter Registration	Online or In-person	County

Federal Stimulus Package

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We are currently waiting for the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau to put together their analysis of what the Federal Stimulus Package includes and what Wisconsinites can expect. Once we have that document, I will send another update to all of you. In the meantime, if you have a specific question about the stimulus, please reach out and we will do what we can to get you an answer.

For now, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has put together a summary document that you can see here.

You can still request your absentee ballot, last day for online registration!

Absentee voting is still a great option for those that would like to vote but also want to stay home. Please use this as a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.

For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, **absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home.** There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:

1. 1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.

2. 2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.

3. 3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.

For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here.
All absentee ballot requests must be made by **Thursday, April 2nd** at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.

Please note that, TODAY is the last day for online voter registration. You can also register by contacting your local

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municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:52 PM
To: 'Michael Noyce' <michaelnoyce@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Tuesday

Hey Mike,

Thank you for reaching out. I totally understand where you are coming from, and I have heard from a lot of people who are afraid. I know this is an unprecedented time, and we are all learning as we work through it all. Have you received your ballot today? Before today, you have until April 13th to get your ballot to your local clerk. I absolutely believe you that you are a responsible voter, and I 100% believe in your right to vote, as I do for all those who are eligible. I wanted to get back to you about online registration. This actually isn't the case. For this election, all voters were allowed to register online until March 30th (which was extended by a federal judge, but the date before that was March 23rd). So everyone had until last Monday to register online. That can still be a hard thing for people in our area because of broadband issues, but everyone statewide broadly was able to do this.

We are all trying to figure out what is expected for tomorrow and the future now that Governor Evers has filed his new Executive Order today. I'm hoping to update the district via facebook and through my e-update once I learn more this evening.

Thank you again,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Noyce <michaelnoyce@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday

Mrs. Felkowski,

I'm afraid to go the polls, and I was not afraid until last week. I requested an absentee on Thursday that potentially will not arrive on time. Do you believe my vote shouldn't count? I'm a responsible voter.

There is the additional issue that has affected many voters (but not me). You cannot register to vote online within 20 days of an election. With so many having to suddenly turn to an absentee ballot that registration limit seems like it will disenfranchise a lot of voters.

Please write me back with your rationale for your views here so I can understand. I am worried about this.

Best,
Mike

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:08 PM
To: 'Tom Backen' <twbacken@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's election

Hey Tom,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time today. I really appreciate it.

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Tom Backen <twbacken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday's election

Mary,

I am totally disappointed that, once again, you and your Republican colleagues have chosen to play politics during this current health pandemic! The Governor called a special session to postpone Tuesday's election, and you and your Republican-led legislature dismissed it all in a matter of seconds. Shame on your colleagues and shame on you!!

Despite the entire state being under a "stay-at-home" order, despite you yourself realizing the dire situation with poll workers backing out and your urgent appeal via email for more volunteers to replace them, you have chosen to go ahead and put peoples' lives at risk for a primary election that could—and should have been delayed.

Even worse is the Republican-led effort to block the ruling that would have allowed absentee ballots to be counted at a later date. Voters who requested their ballots by the legal deadline deserve to have their votes counted! What sense does it make to have extended the deadline for citizens to get absentee ballots when many won't get them in time to actually vote OR have their vote counted because they can't be mailed back by Tuesday?! The deadline for tallying absentee ballots could EASILY have been extended, but NO; Republicans had to move to block a lower court ruling that would have allowed this. Once again, playing politics! Whatever happened to looking out for the good of our democracy over partisan interests? Whatever happened to common sense?

I don't understand how in good conscience you could be a part of this. Several other states (I believe it's fifteen!) had the wisdom and foresight to postpone their primaries. Why not Wisconsin? Because the Republicans wouldn't allow it!

Sincerely,
Tom Backen

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 10:14 AM
To: 'Sara Kallerud' <skallerud83@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Umemployment information

Okay sounds great! I have not heard of anything that would apply before the federal funding kicks in, unfortunately, but the back pay will be good. I will reach out to you if we hear anything else!

Have a great weekend,

Liz

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From: Sara Kallerud <skallerud83@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Umemployment information

Hi Liz,
Thank you for reaching out. Everything you sent was great. I did in fact already know that. I was just hoping there was some type of help or relief for the self employed before mid to late April. By the time that gets figured out that's about 6 weeks after the mandatory shutdown that will be without pay. I do see they will back pay which is awesome. If anything comes up in the mean time please reach out to me. I know everyone is working as hard as they can to get things worked out.
Thanks again.
Sara Kallerud
Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 3, 2020, at 5:59 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Sara,
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> Rep. Felzkowski asked me to send you information on small businesses and unemployment. I'm not quite sure exactly what you are looking for, so I am providing some things, and you can let me know if they don't cover your questions.
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> 1. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm: Here is the DWD website on unemployment. It goes into a lot of different FAQs, so if you can look through this and let me know if you have additional questions, that'd be great!

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2. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/caresact/: Here are FAQs specific to the federal stimulus, which includes the ability for self-employed people to collect unemployment.
3. Here is more information on Wisconsin Workers Compensation Rate Relief for Employers Who Pay Furloughed Employees: http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001X1nb6npbmSXNnFpa4GuVr4laMFCiUrNTUNumWrtSQY1etywXwAGD9xUyZeNB2FvC7VaskEFYKT0sEB8gkunxPcAFpC6QS_89z24rWFGYHDq0df72yw7ZBbClPjm1D2BhhnV4aKFqaewupNCUkZX1jAfztetPIW8XSSK00xUpr8=&c=E8D0K7yDtYkk2J8IoB6wwDYTQOdTk6cuD624LmTCVbUW61YlAOWaSw==&ch=Cm03bj0fVhpiv8hW_LrZaN34AanYo18R5Yujjt9IVkFZVhfBnE7t-w==
4. https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/: Here is the Wisconsin Economic Development Corps (WEDC)'s website which goes into greater detail on Small business loans spearheaded by the Small Business Administration. You can apply for disaster assistance from SBA here: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

Please let me know if you have any questions at all that I can help you find the answers to! If there is anything that's not covered here or you need more, I can help.

Thanks!

Liz

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:07 PM
To: "'jacobcountryman@yahoo.com'" <jacobcountryman@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Hey Jacob,

This will be in the legislation passed by the legislature soon. Thanks for emailing me about it again! Have a great day,

Mary

From: Jacob Countryman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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Jacob Countryman
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Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:40 PM
To: "'lund85@ymail.com'" <lund85@ymail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Samantha,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are drafting as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Samantha Lund <lund85@ymail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Samantha Lund
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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:39 PM
To: "'nick.tinalarson@yahoo.com'" <nick.tinalarson@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Tina,
Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are drafting as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Tina Larson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:22 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Tina Larson
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:30 PM
To: "'jacobcountryman@yahoo.com'" <jacobcountryman@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Jacob,

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Jacob Countryman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:27 PM
To: "'vanryen@gmail.com'" <vanryen@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Shannon,

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Shannon Halverson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Most of us have now been denied a week of unemployment and this only makes the struggle more real. Families that live week to week with little children, sick children, single parents this struggle is real. Please see the issue that you have decided to ignore. Help isn't coming fast enough!

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Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:27 PM
To: "'vanryen@gmail.com'" <vanryen@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:04 PM
To: "'kracer19@hotmail.com'" <kracer19@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Joe,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Joe Countryman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:04 PM
To: "'stamryan@yahoo.com'" <stamryan@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Ryan,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. There seems to be broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I would expect to see this in the legislation the Legislature passes in the near future.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Ryan Stam <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:24 AM
To: "'peggyart@newnorth.net'" <peggyart@newnorth.net>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Good morning Peggy,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Peggy McDowell <peggyart@newnorth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Peggy McDowell
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Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:24 AM
To: "'coryplautz@gmail.com'" <coryplautz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Good morning Cory,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Cory Plautz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:24 AM
To: "'toddwhinz@gmail.com'" <toddwhinz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Good morning Todd,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Todd Hinz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:36 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 3:59 PM
To: 'Jane Gass' <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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The Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader, and the Speaker Pro Tem are all working on it right now to figure out how we can still come into session while still social distancing.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Who determines when you "convene"?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 1, 2020, at 1:46 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Jane,
>
> Again, as I mentioned, this is not a delay caused by any relationship between the legislature and the governor. The delay has been caused by waiting on legislation from the federal government. I can't comment on how I'd vote on legislation that is not yet developed and I have not seen, but I do support making federal benefits available to people in Wisconsin. We just received the memo I mentioned not minutes ago, so I don't have an exact date for you but we will be convening in the near future.
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> Thank you for your email,
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> Mary
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> **From:** Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:32 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period
>
> How long will all that take? do you plan to support that legislation? People that are unemployed bc of COVID-19 cannot wait bc the republicans are " playing politics" with our democratic governor.

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Please reply
Jane Gass

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2020, at 12:11 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Jane,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Jane Gass <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:04 PM
To: "'geneanddawn@outlook.com'" <geneanddawn@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Good afternoon Dawn,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Dawn Horwath <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:46 PM
To: 'Jane Gass' <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Thank you for your email,

Mary

From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Please reply
Jane Gass

Sent from my iPhone

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Mary Felzkowski

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:46 PM
To: "'dylanteeples@gmail.com'" <dylanteeples@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Good afternoon Dylan,

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Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Dylan Teeples <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Dylan Teeples
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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:11 PM
To: "'genmj@frontier.com'" <genmj@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Gene,
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From: Gene Davidson <genmj@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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To: "'jane.gass@gmail.com'" <jane.gass@gmail.com>
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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:11 PM
To: "'deniseschultz@frontier.com'" <deniseschultz@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Denise Ziech <deniseschultz@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Thank you,
Denise Ziech

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Denise Ziech
deniseschultz@frontier.com
201 E. Riverside Ave.
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:11 PM
To: "'maryjane9072@gmail.com'" <maryjane9072@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Mary Jane Davidson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Mary Jane Davidson
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Deerbrook, Wisconsin 54424

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 12:10 PM
To: "'jfbenishek@yahoo.com'" <jfbenishek@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Jennifer,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length. Now that the federal stimulus package has been passed and signed, we are waiting for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to finish preparing their memo on exactly what the package does, and if Wisconsin will need to change state law in any way. Unemployment insurance is one of the areas we are looking at closely to make sure Wisconsinites can access those federal benefits.

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From: Jennifer Benishek <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:58 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Jennifer Benishek
jfbenishek@yahoo.com

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Deerbrook, Wisconsin 54424

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 10:57 AM
To: "'finnyrose@yahoo.com'" <finnyrose@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Rose,

Thank you for reaching out. I hope you are doing well and staying safe. As the Speaker and Senate Majority Leader stated this morning at their press conference, this is something that is currently in the legislative package that we are working on with the Governor's office.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need,

Mary

From: Rose Lynd <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Rose Lynd
finnyrose@yahoo.com
N10196 Echo Valley Rd.
Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:11 PM
To: "'crartus61@gmail.com'" <crartus61@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Cynthia,

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From: Cynthia Artus <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:42 PM
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Cynthia Artus
crartus61@gmail.com
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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 5:32 PM
To: "'daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com'" <daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Daniel,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

Stay healthy,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Daniel Molley <daniel.molley@harley-davidson.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 5:32 PM
To: "'lindafleischman2@gmail.com'" <lindafleischman2@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Linda,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies we are looking at as we discuss potential legislation to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. I appreciate your input and will make sure this is something discussed at length.

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Linda Fleischman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Linda Fleischman
lindafleischman2@gmail.com
N5842 State Hwy. 17
Gleason, Wisconsin 54435

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 5:31 PM
To: "'jeffreycmorgan@charter.net'" <jeffreycmorgan@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Jeffrey,

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From: Jeffrey Morgan <jeffreycmorgan@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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N10852 S Country Ct
Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 8:55 AM
To: 'Jane Gass' <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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Hey Jane,

The legislative package was just presented to Governor Evers yesterday, so both sides are looking that over and will make final touches. We'll then be going into session in the next few days. Legislators were practicing using the virtual equipment yesterday so we would be all ready to go for those that are not attending in person.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:11 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Good morning Mary,
I'm just following up on this response from last week. What is the status of taking care of this for those that will need unemployment ASAP?
Thanks for your response.
Jane Gass

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 1, 2020, at 3:59 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> The Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader, and the Speaker Pro Tem are all working on it right now to figure out how we can still come into session while still social distancing.
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> Thank you,
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> Mary
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> **From:** Jane Gass <jane.gass@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:50 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:12 PM
To: 'Melinda Osterberg' <melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits

Hey Melinda,

You are absolutely right that the Department of Workforce Development has be overrun with calls as businesses are forced to shut their doors. They did indicate to us that people will have an easier time if they apply online, so that the call lines can be kept open for more complex cases. If you know of people who are experiencing significant delays, have them reach out to me via email and I can check with DWD on my end. Unfortunately, with the increased flow of requests, the delay may be something we all need to be patient with, but I will absolutely call the department on their behalf if they reach out!

Thank you for letting me know about this. If this problem persists, I will put something in my next e-update about it.

Mary Felzkowski

From: Melinda Osterberg <melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits

Representative Felzkowski,

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It may also be an appropriate topic for your weekly update.

Thank you for all you do. Please take care.

Melinda Osterberg
Marathon and Lincoln County Community Development Educator
UW-Madison Division of Extension
Pronouns: she, her, hers

I am following Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and federal guidelines due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. I am working remotely and available at:

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email: melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu
call/text: (715) 252-9459

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:26 PM
To: 'Melinda Osterberg' <melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits

Okay thank you!!!

Mary

From: Melinda Osterberg <melinda.osterberg@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:22 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Benefits

Thank you for the rapid response! We will post something on our Facebook page about applying online and keep you posted if we hear more.

Please stay well.

Melinda

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:12:21 PM
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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:50 PM
To: 'Richard Olson' <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Yes.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

So they are calling on Saturdays? Just want to make sure

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020, 4:17 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey so I just heard back. You are back on the list to call again. They are going in order, so you'll hear from them in the next day. I told them to make sure your cell number is the one called. I'm sorry this is taking so long. I promise I will continue to bug them until you get a call.
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> Elisabeth Portz
>
> Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
>
> 35th Assembly District
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> Office: (608) 266-7694
>
> Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov
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> **From:** Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 3:35 PM
> **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Any luck Liz?

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:10 PM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Liz.

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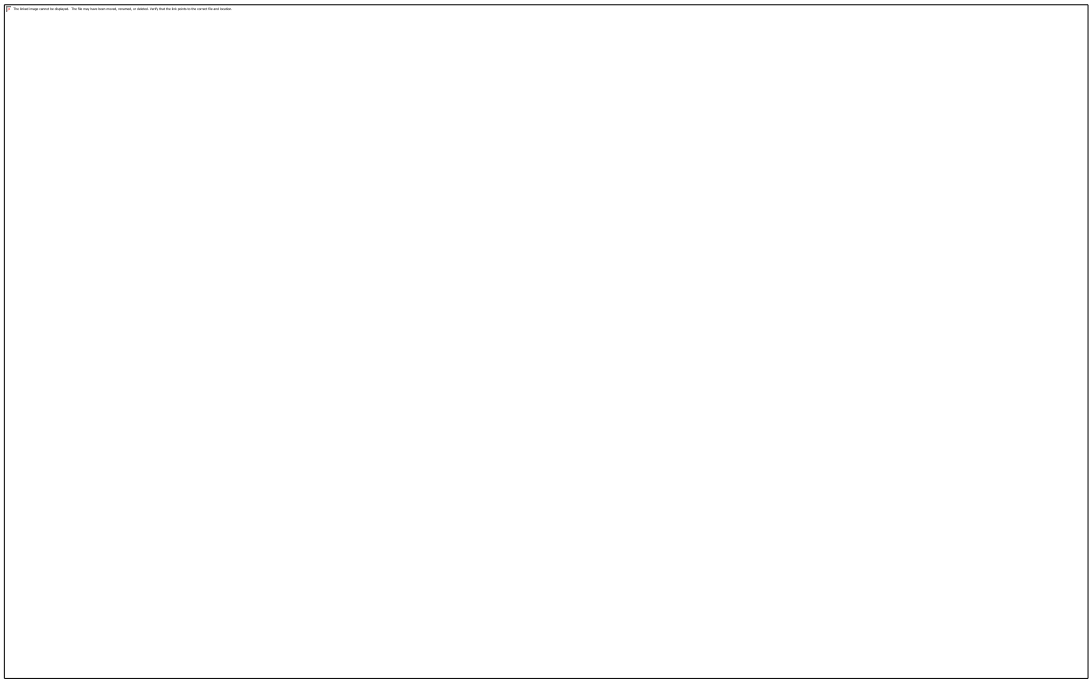
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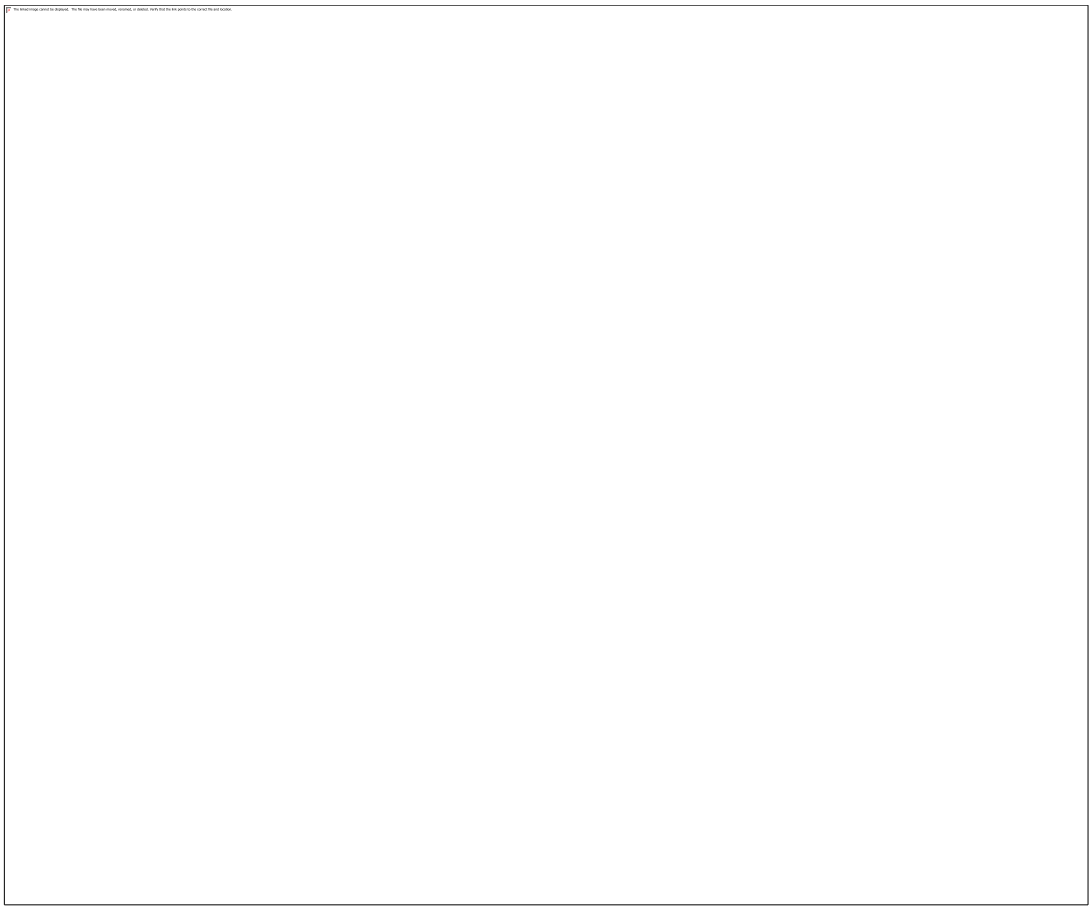
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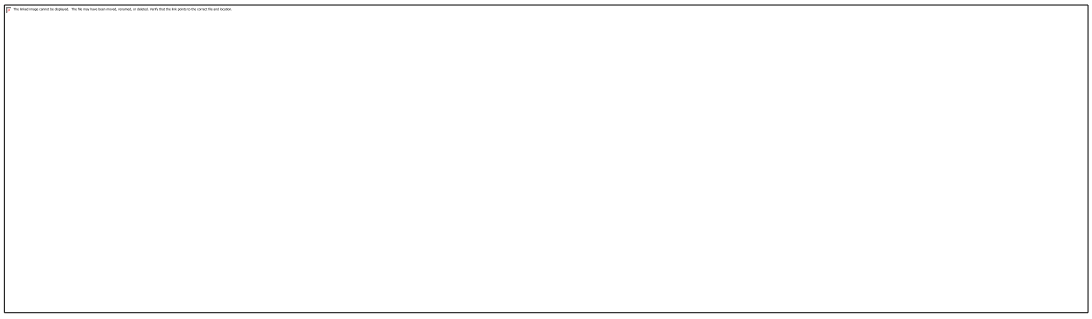
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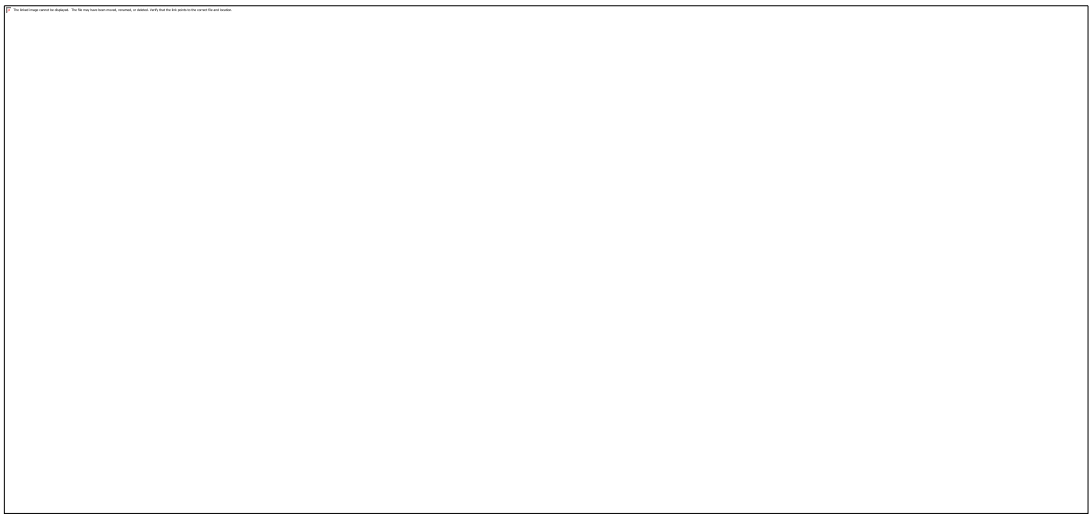
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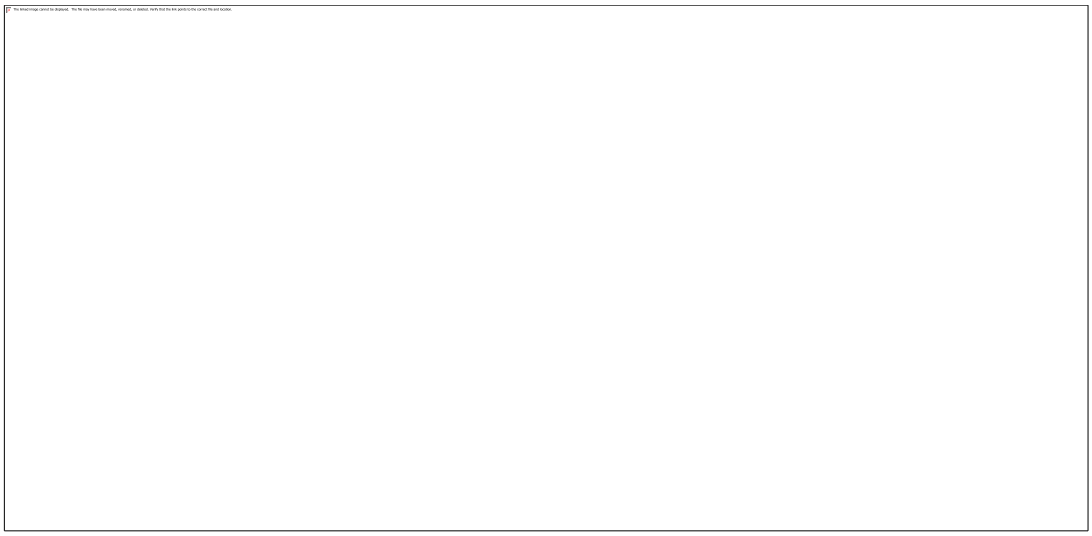
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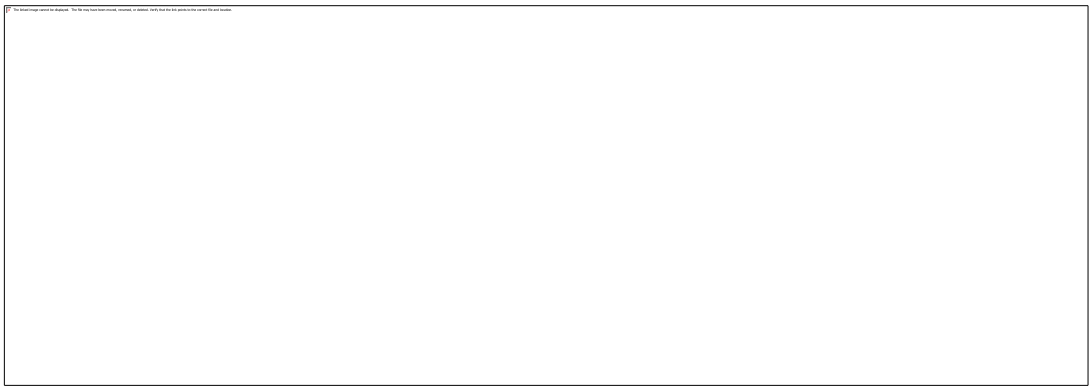
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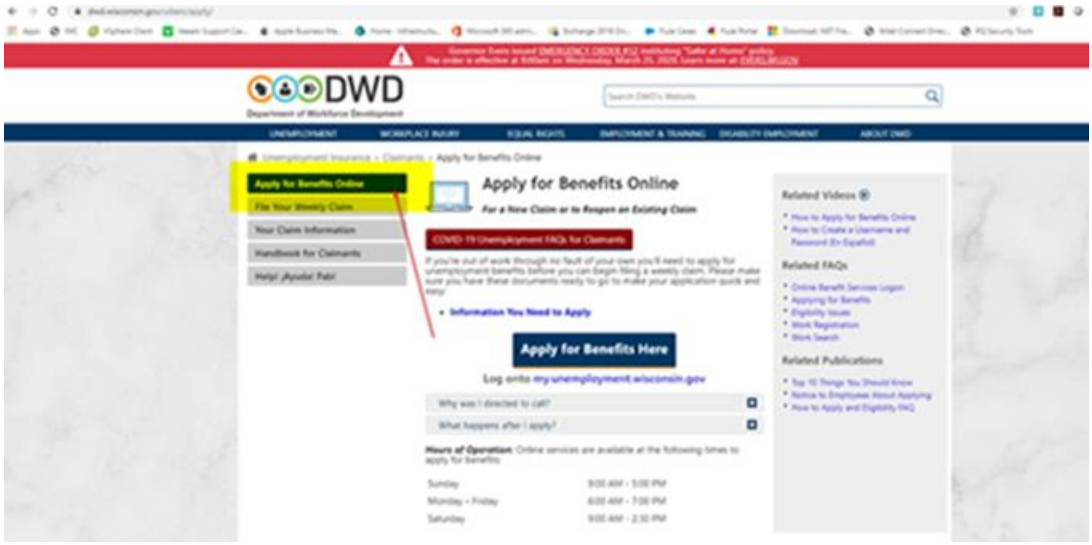
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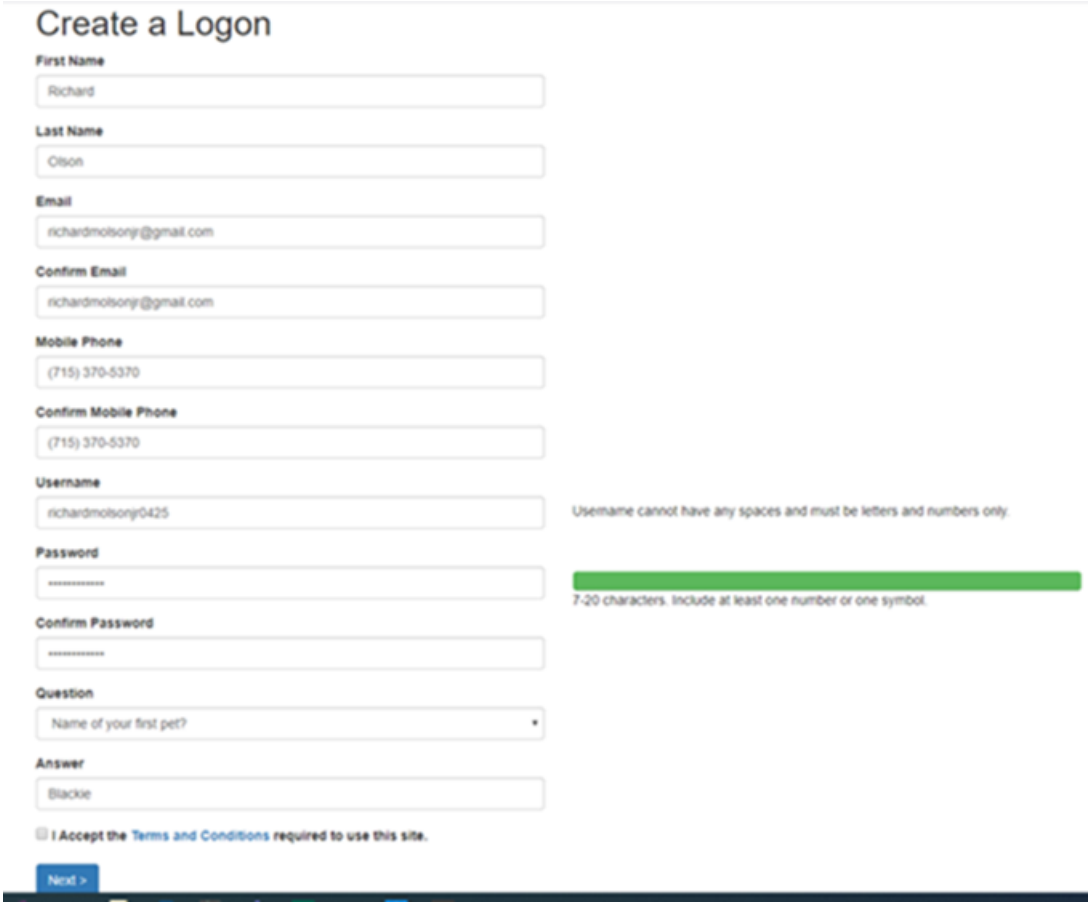
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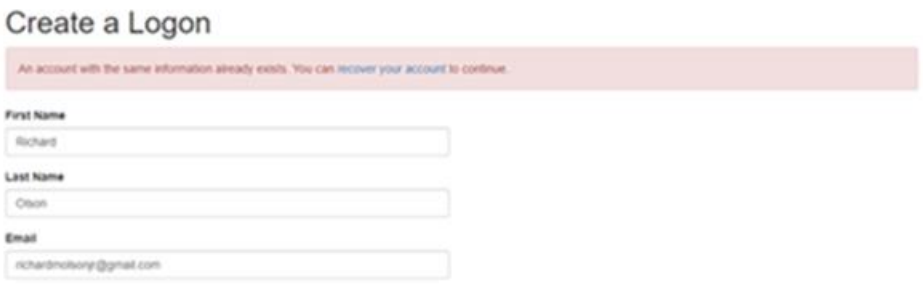


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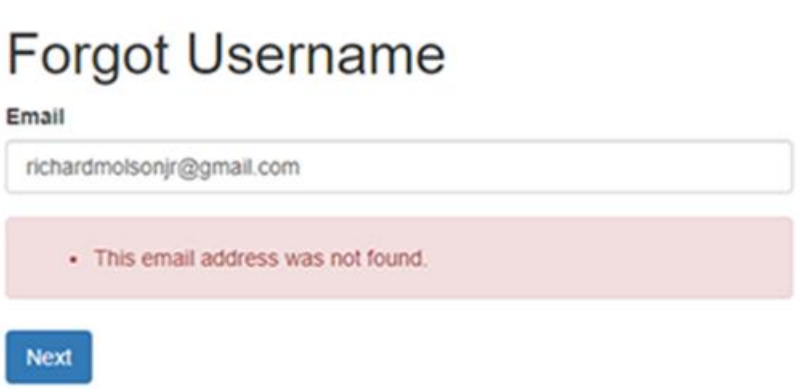
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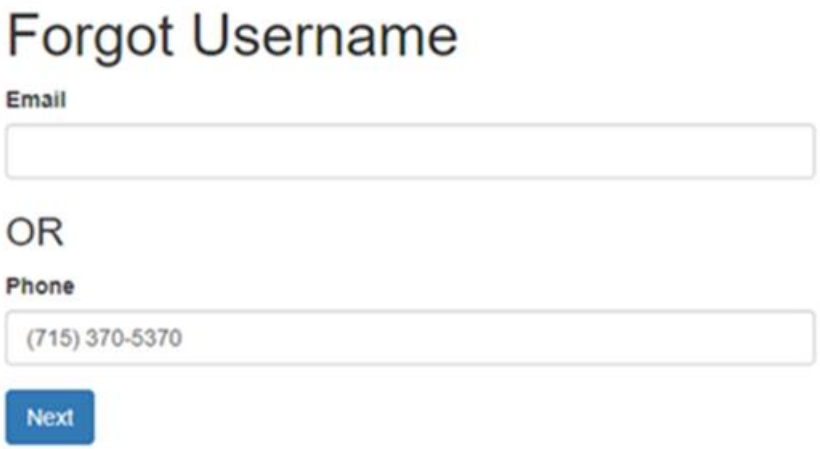
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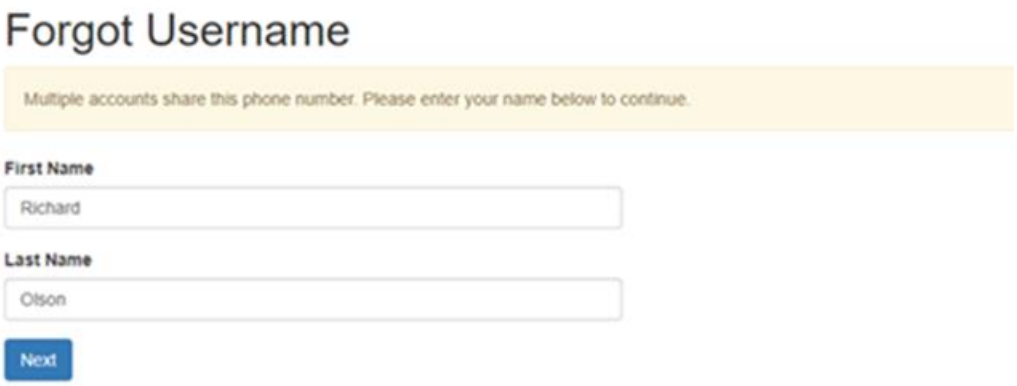
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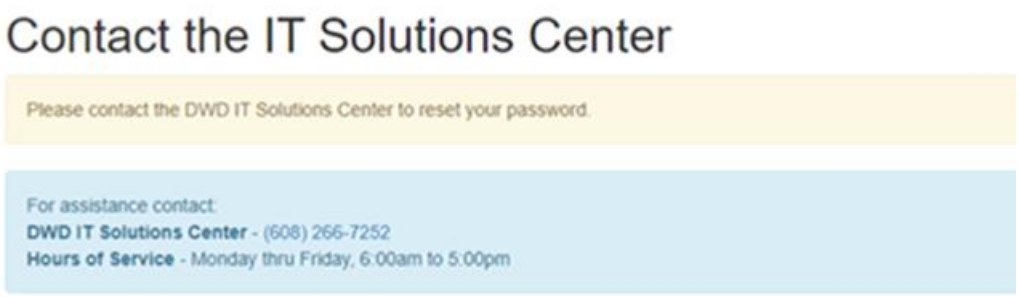
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John

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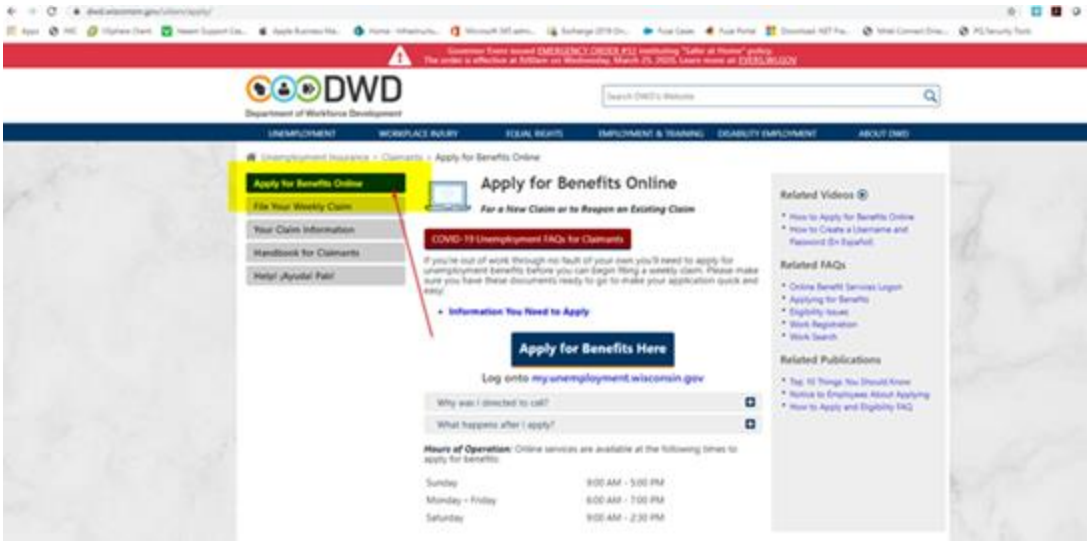
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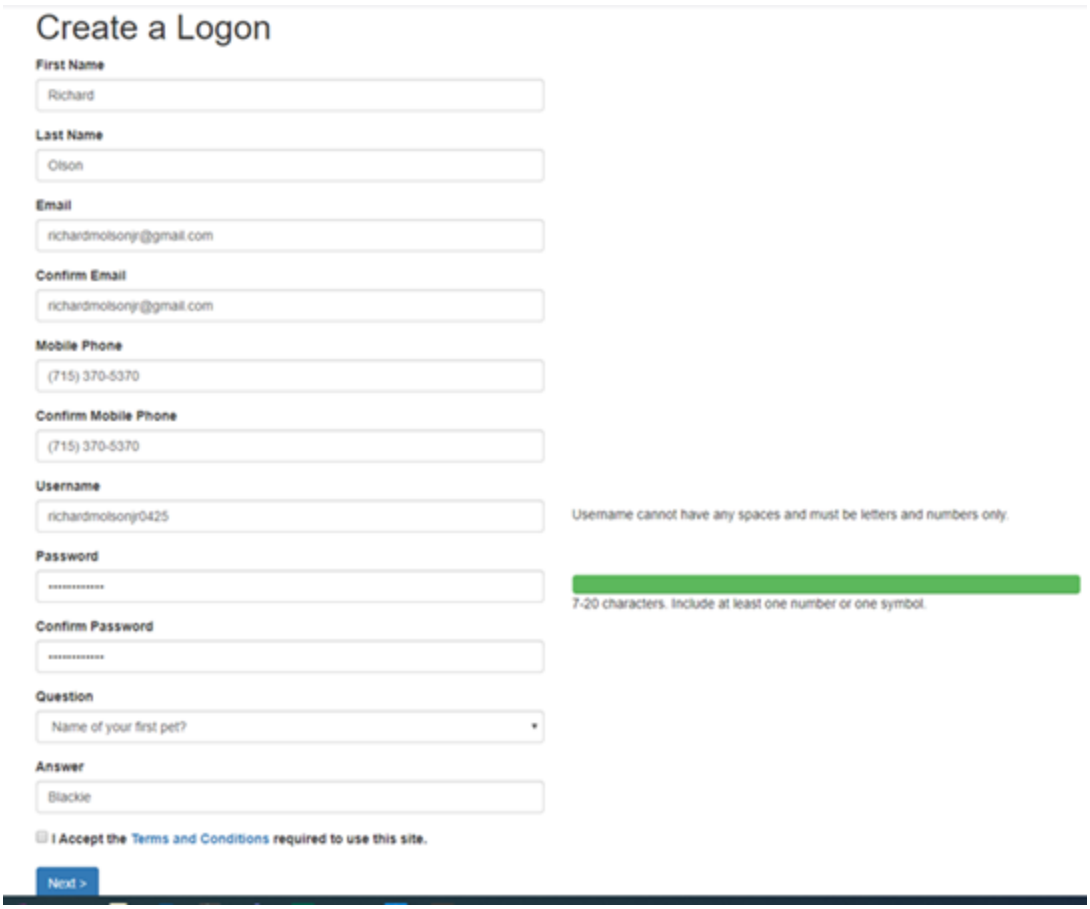
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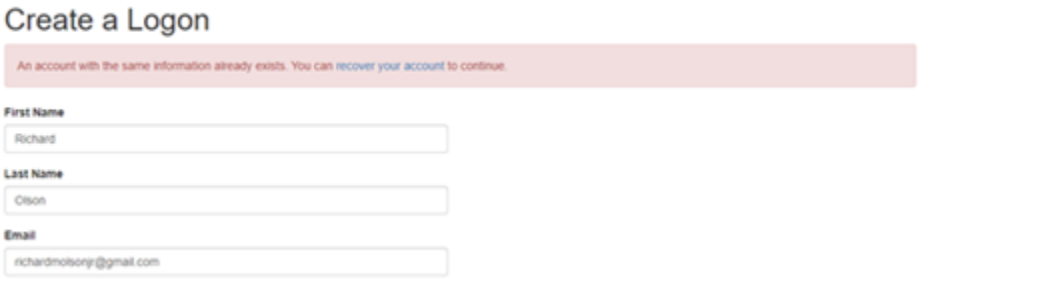
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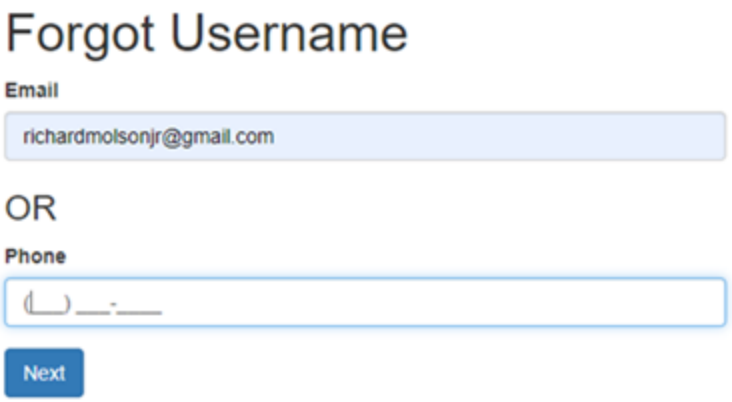


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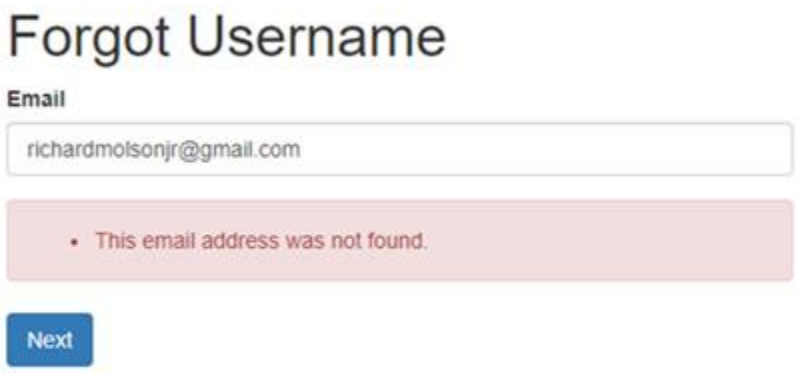


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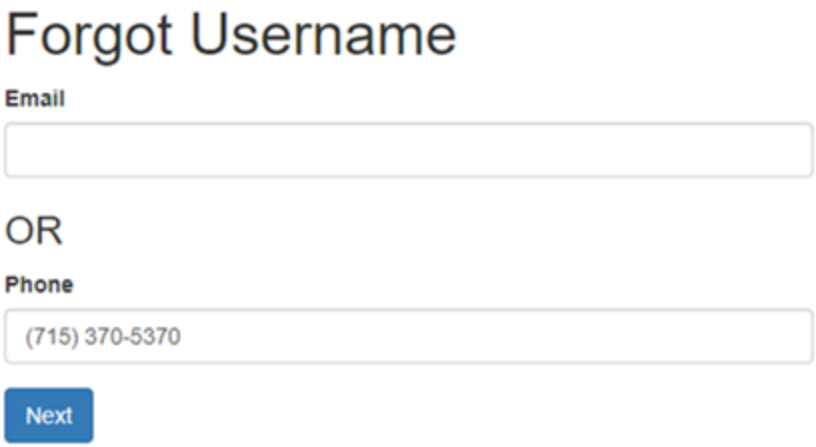
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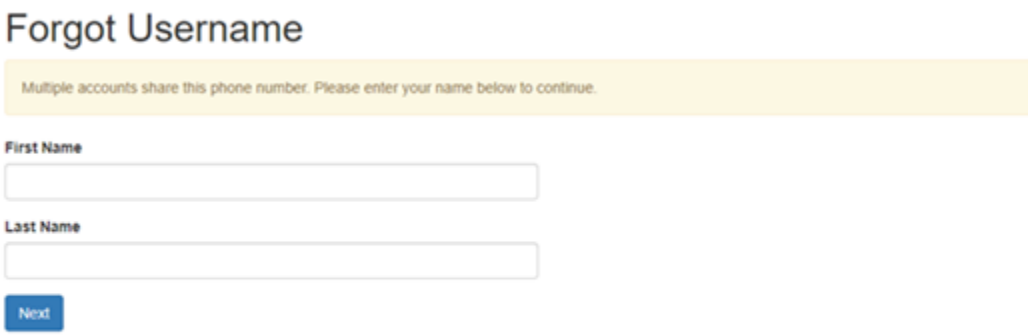
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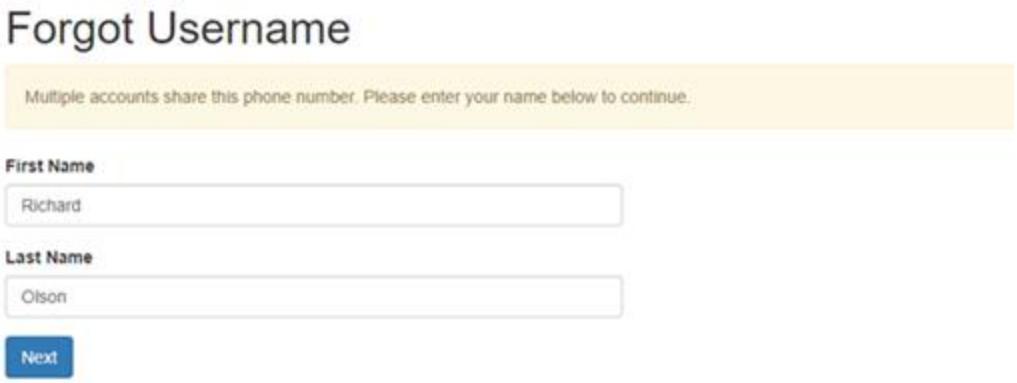


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Hey John,

He says he has not received any calls to his cell phone.
"Thank you I got no phone call at my cell number 7153705370"

Thanks,

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Hi Liz,
I had been told he was called. But I'll reach out to our staff and they'll follow up.
Thanks.
John

From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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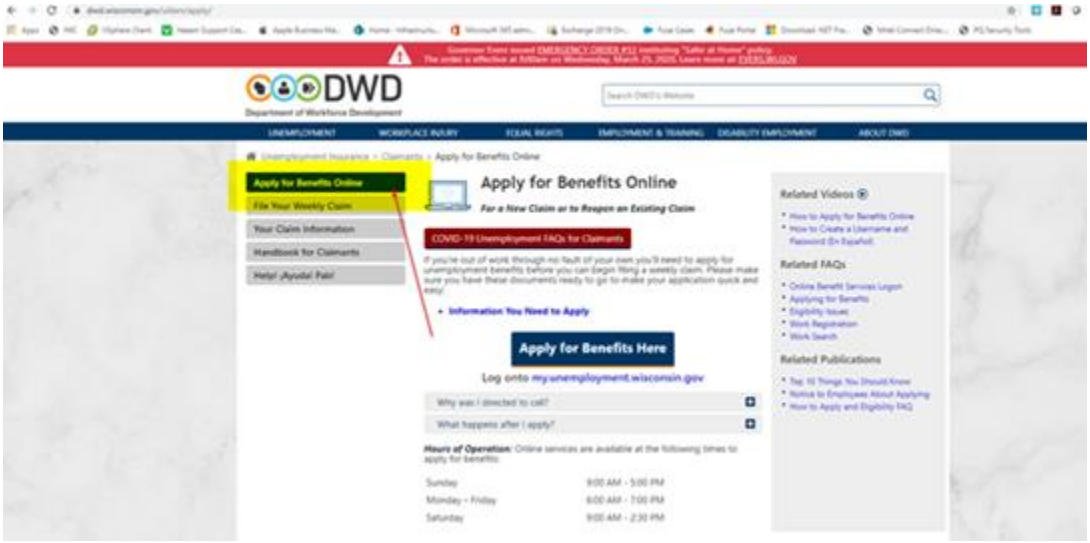
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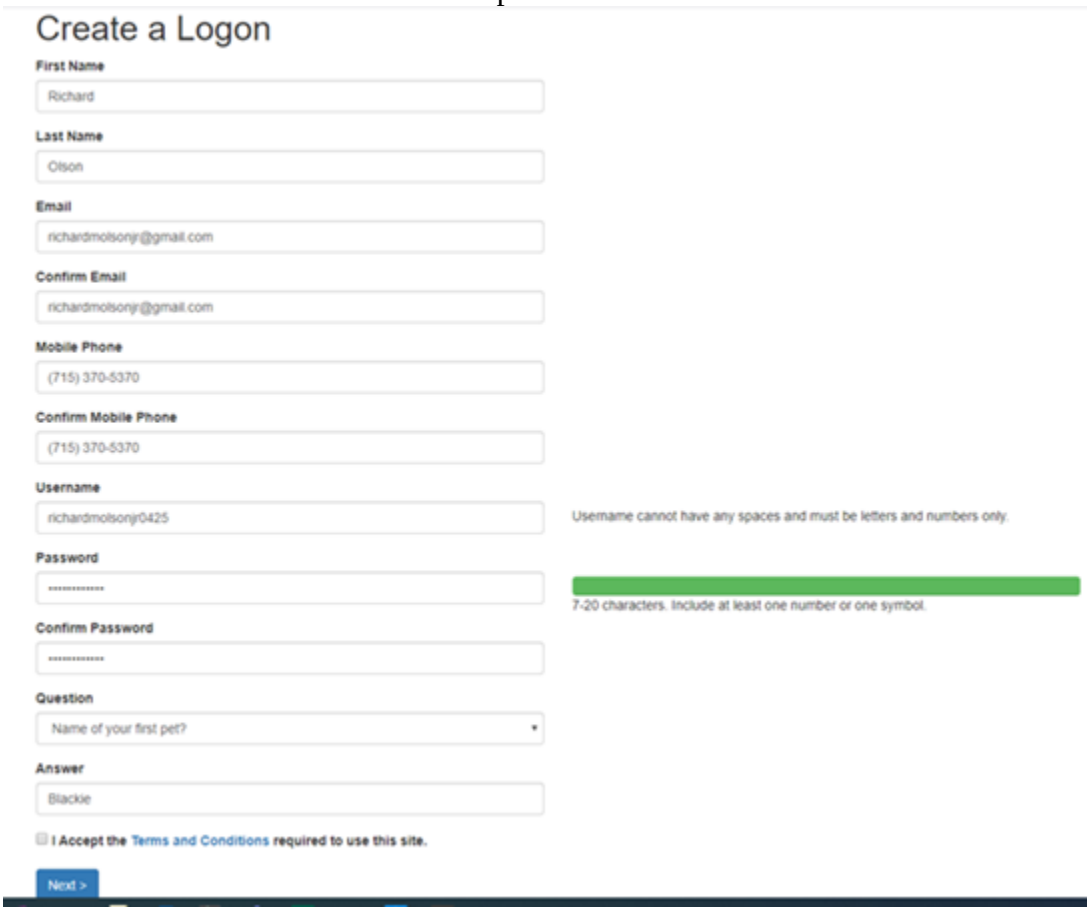
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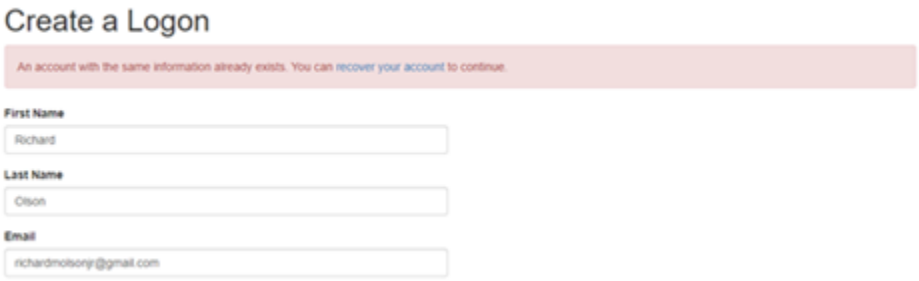


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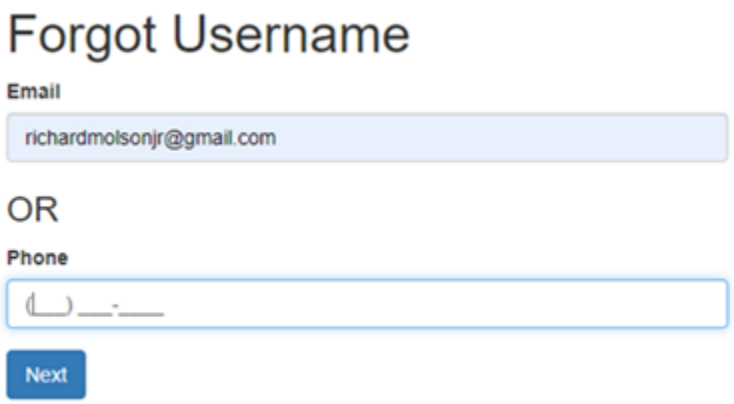


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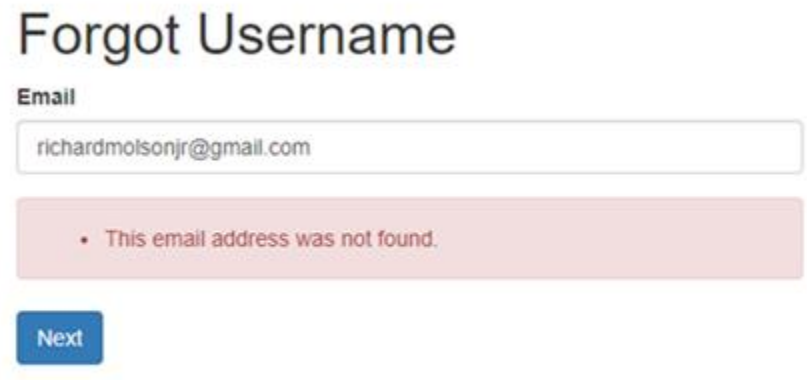
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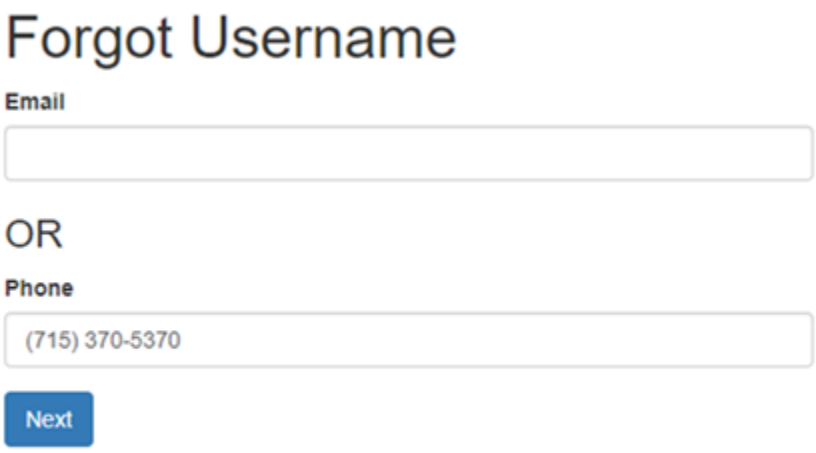
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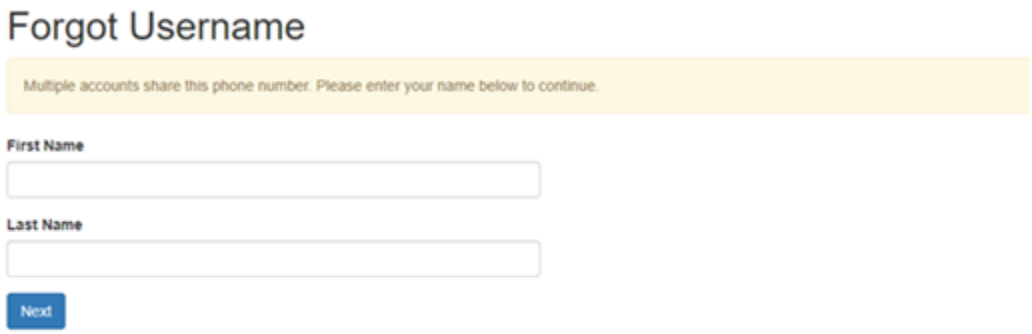
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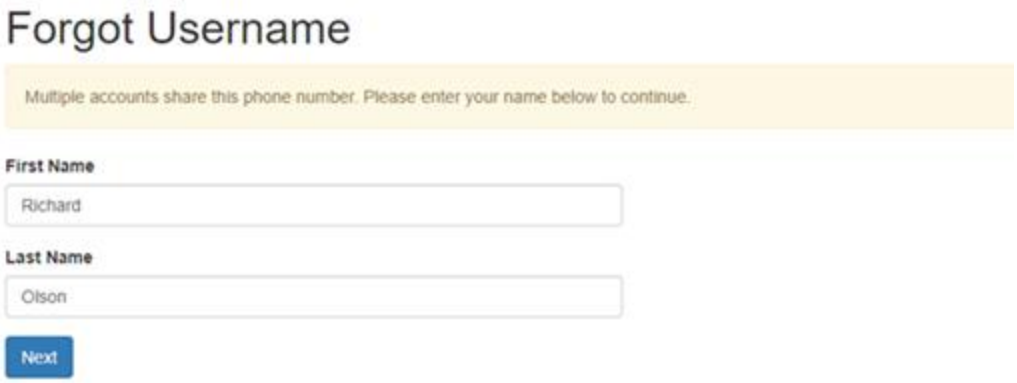
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Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

My contact at DWD told me that he was told you were called. He is looking into it now!

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> Thank you for your patience, I know it can be frustrating not having it just taken care of. At least I'm totally like that. Wanting to check an item off the to do list!
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Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Hi Liz,

So I have a question regarding unemployment. If I am laid off next week can I claim the weekly benefit this Sunday or do I have to wait till next Sunday?

Want to make sure I am doing it correctly. Either way I still have to get signed up to claim benefits.

And no call but like we said we are waiting.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 10:40 AM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> I understand Liz - Thank you for all you are doing.
>
> On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> > Thanks Richard,
> >
> > Let's give it until mid afternoon, and then I will reach out again. We spoke with DWD so late in the day yesterday that I want to give them adequate time to actually reach out.

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Thank you for your patience!

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

HI Liz - Just FYI - no phone call yet

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 4:11 PM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> Ok I will wait by the phone - Thank you

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 4:07 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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By phone or email Liz? Do you know?

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I just reached out to DWD. I'll let you know when they get back to me! Hopefully it will be quickly, but I know they are swamped. We'll make sure you can file before next week.

Thanks!

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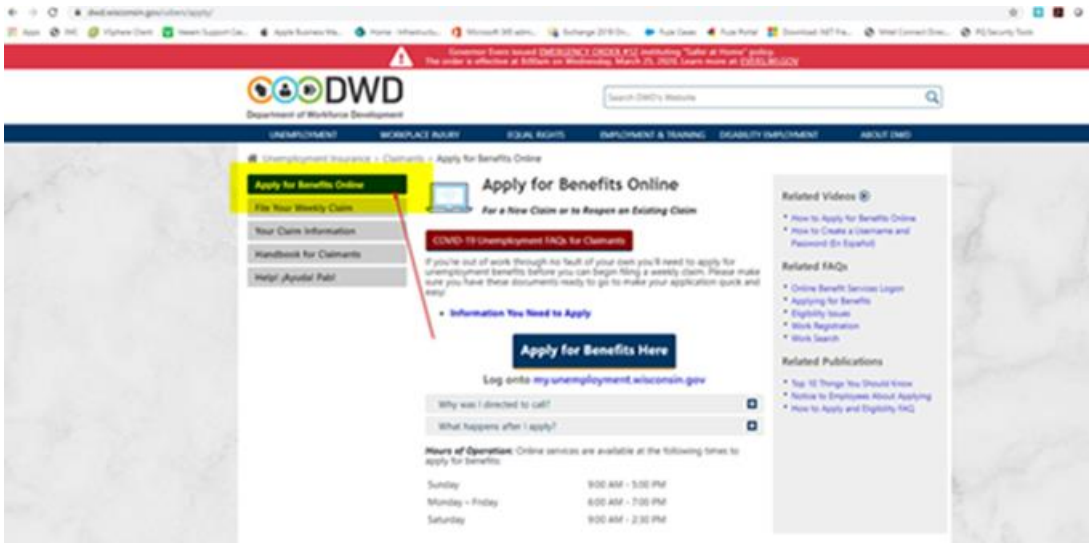
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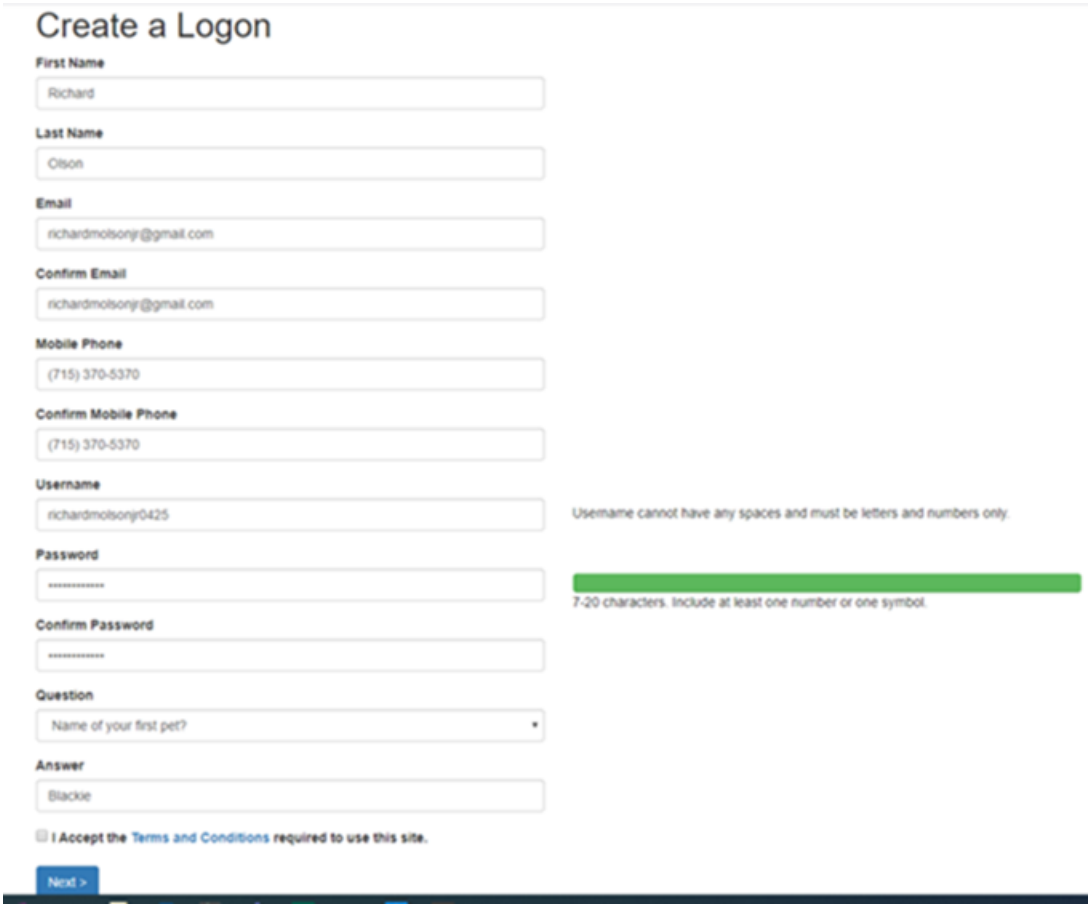
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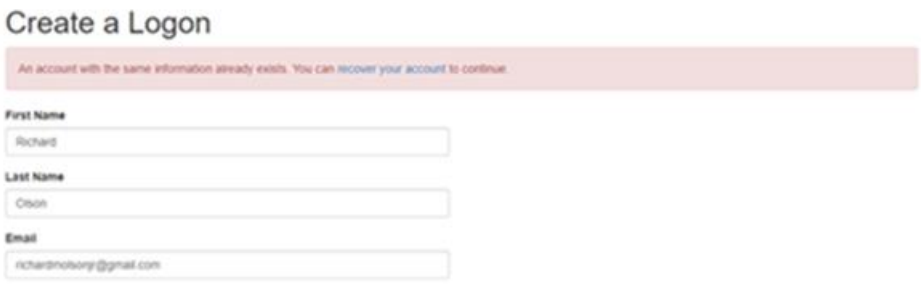


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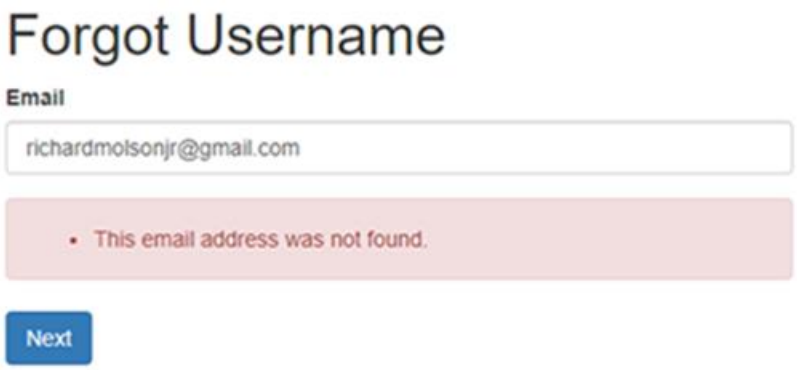
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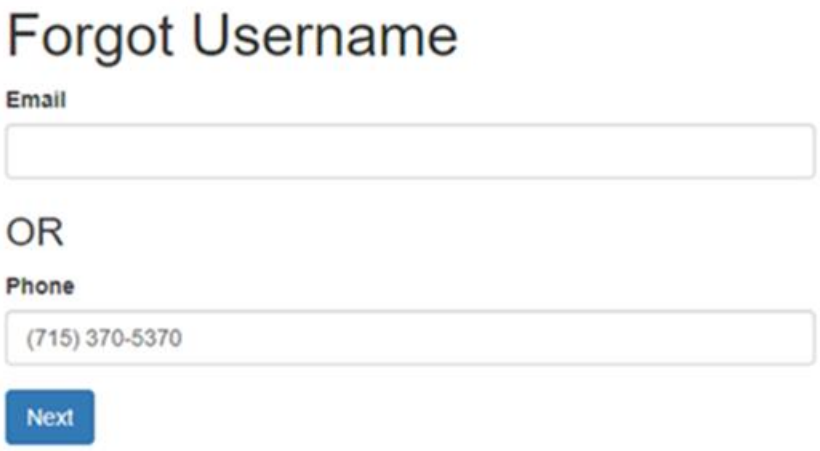
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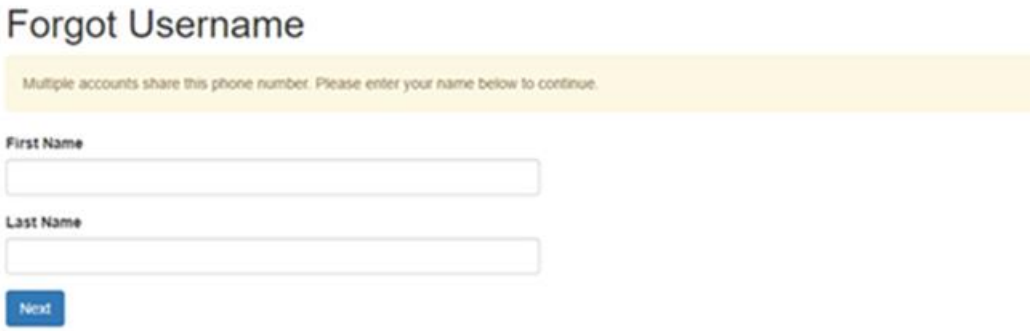
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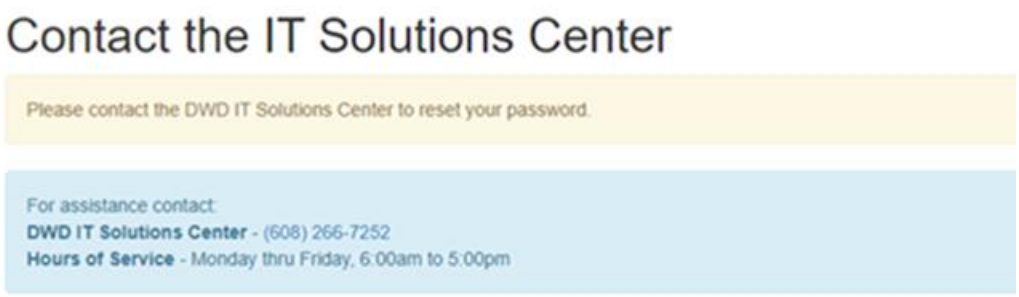


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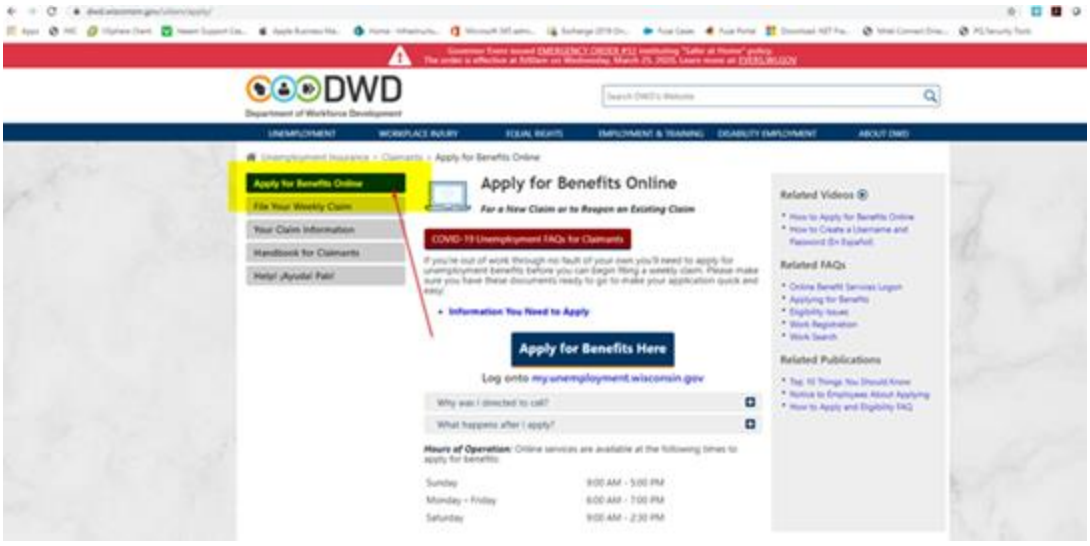
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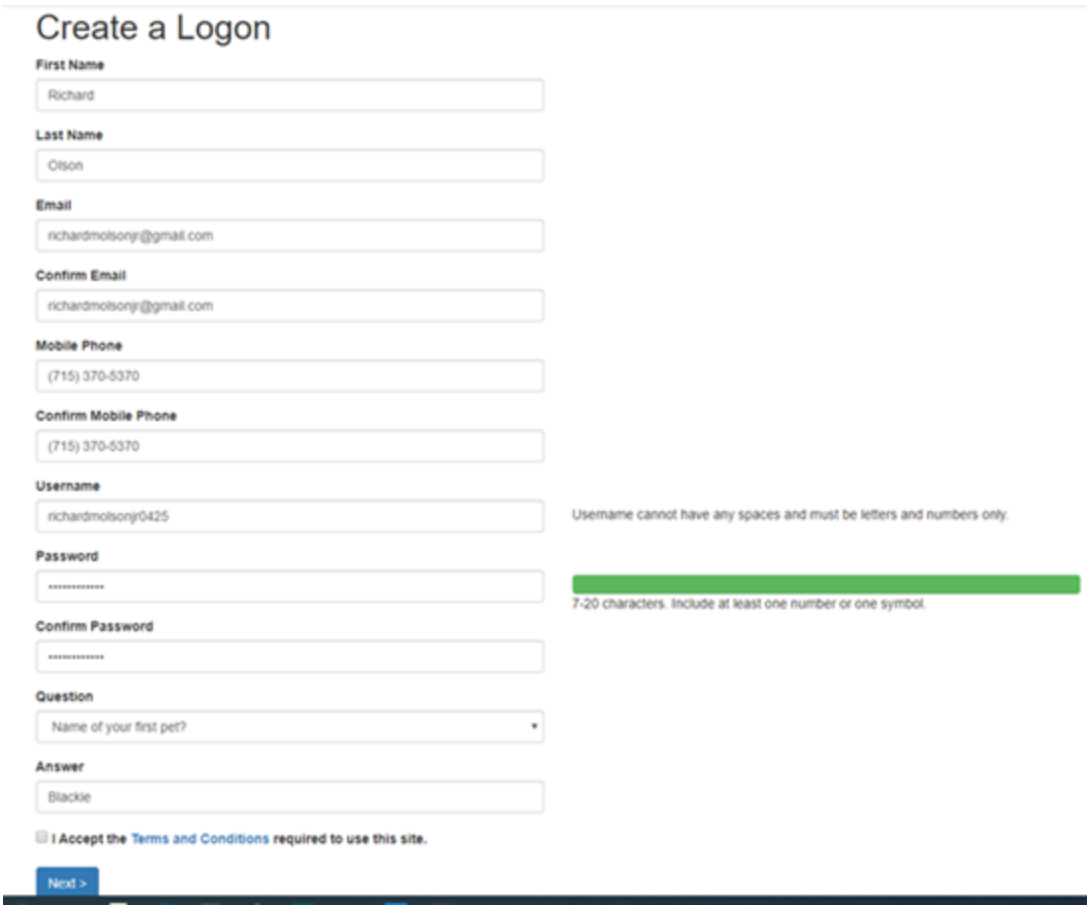
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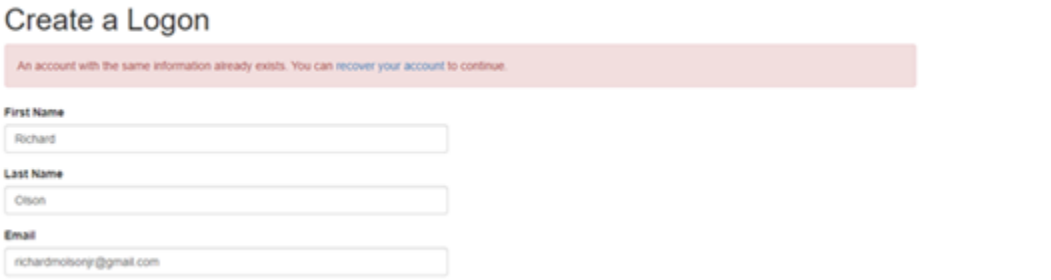
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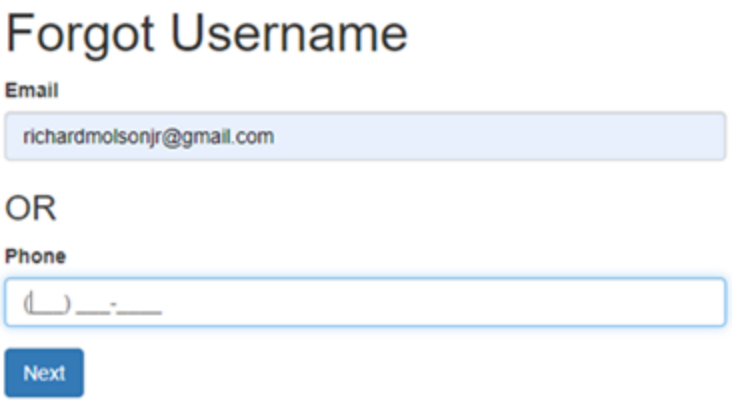
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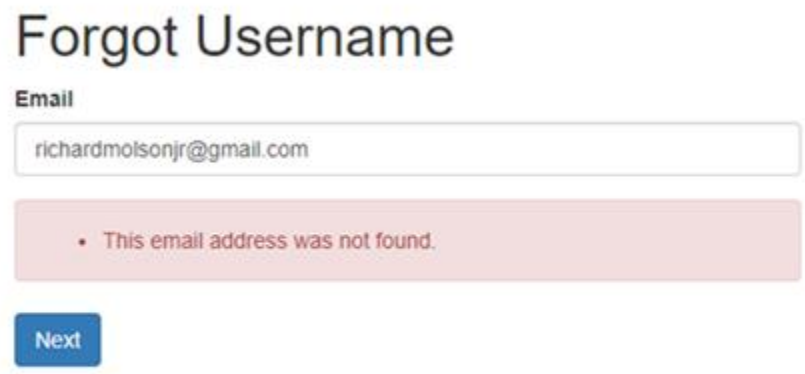
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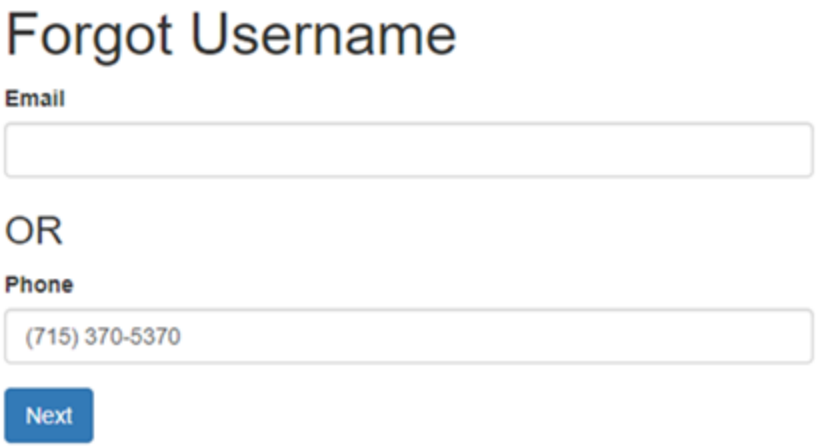


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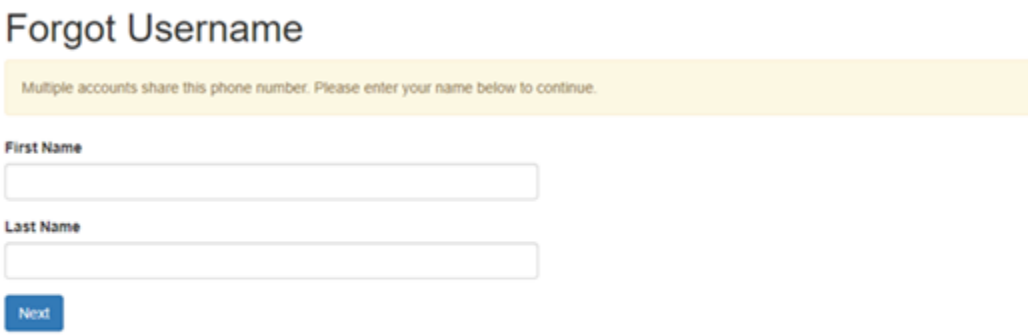


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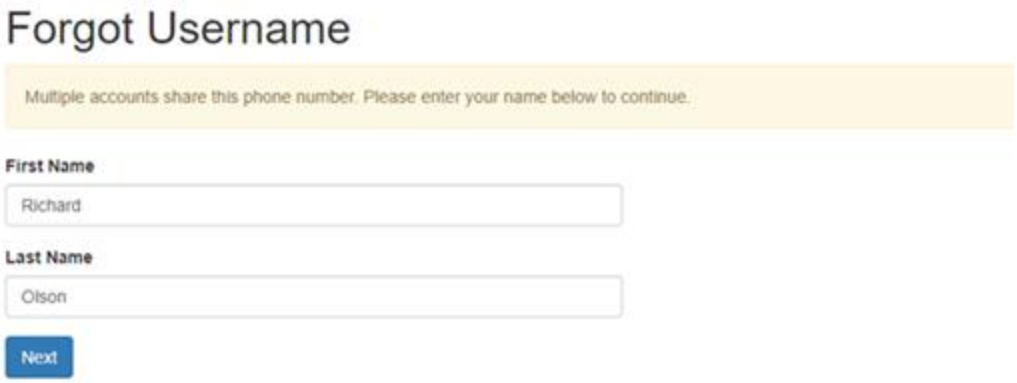


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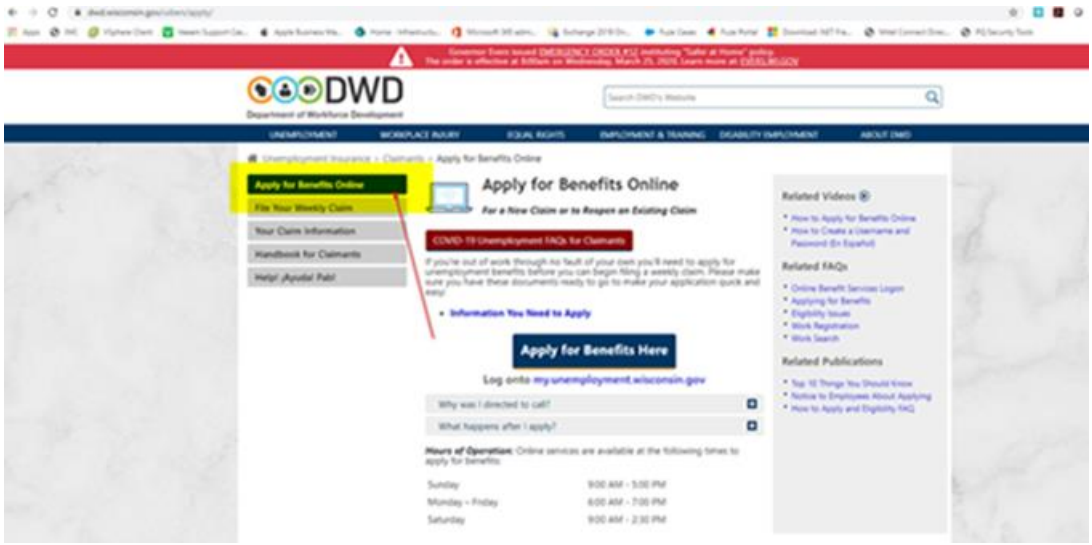
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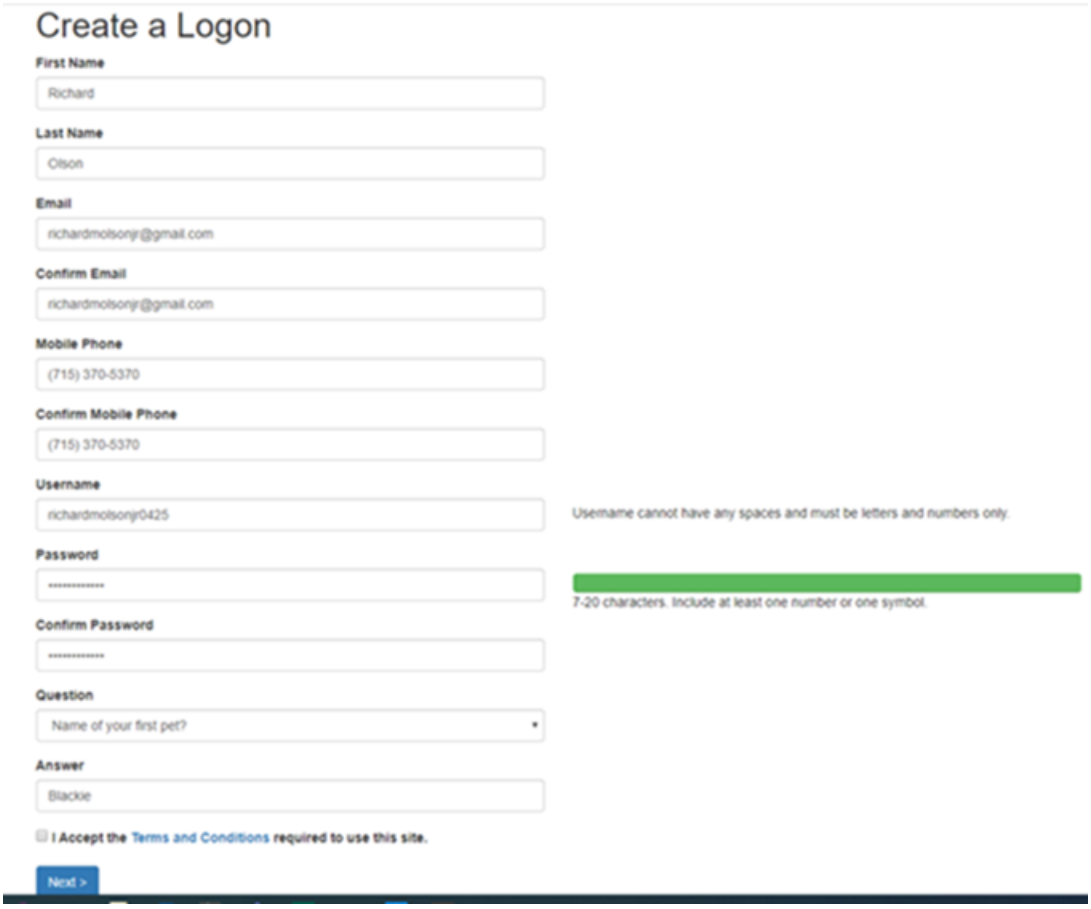
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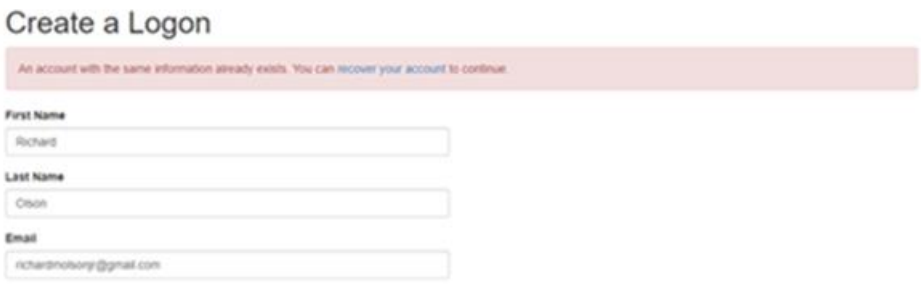
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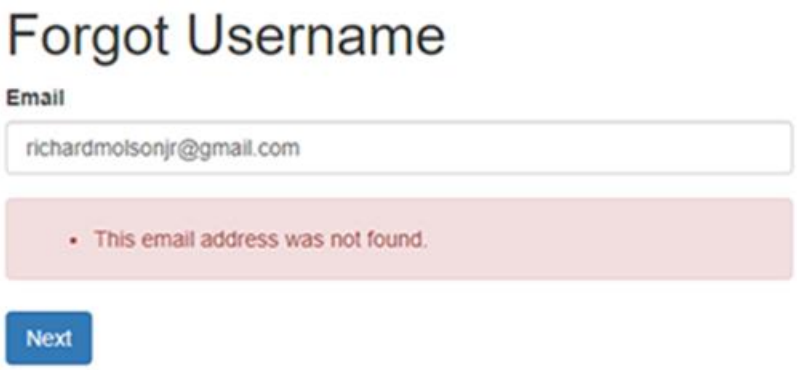
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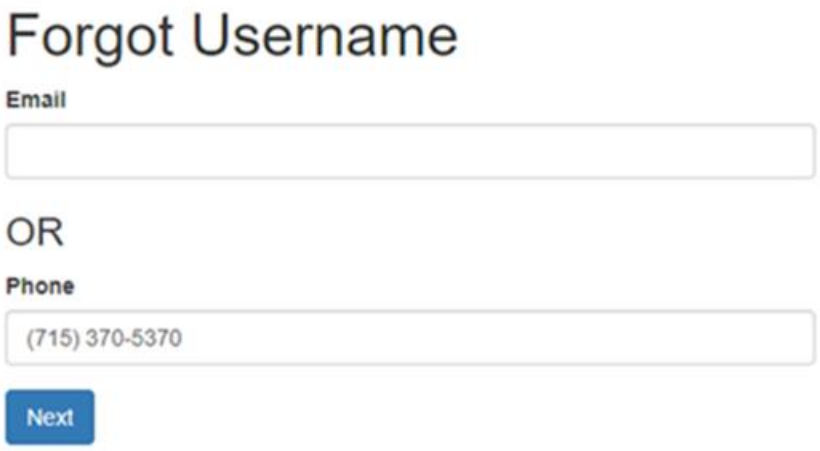
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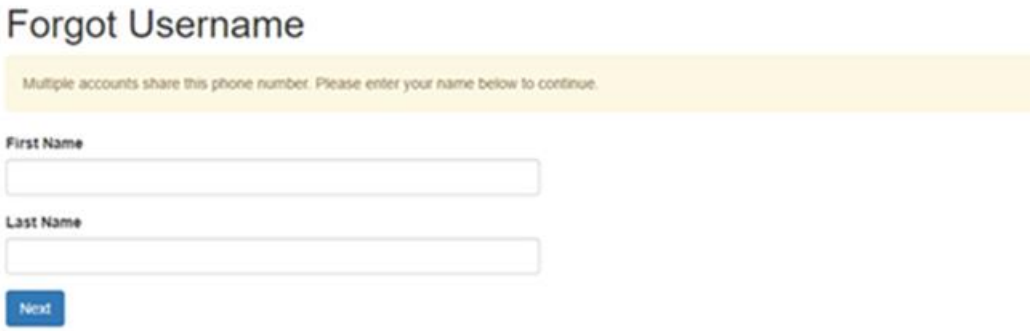
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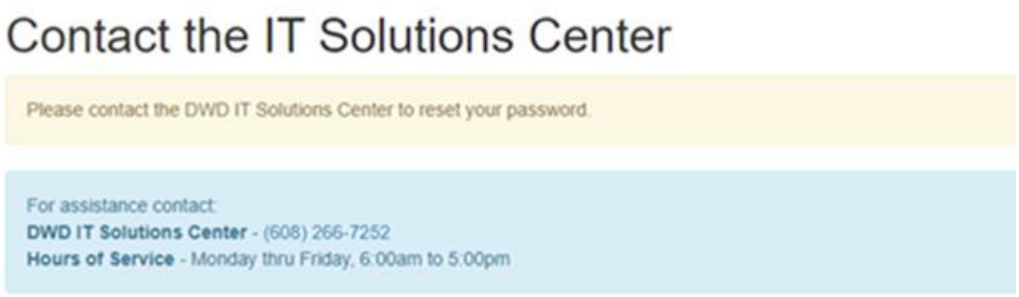
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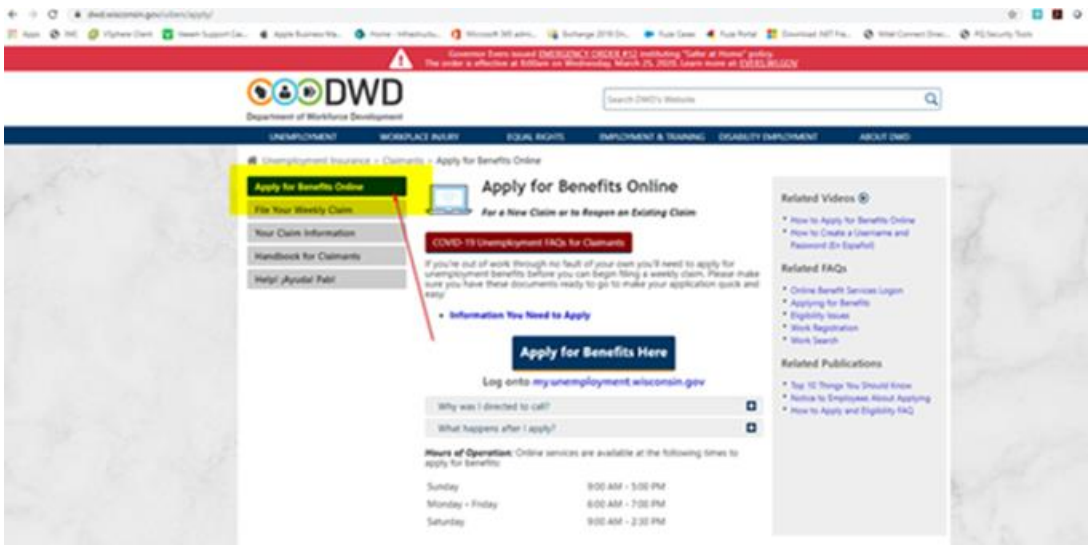
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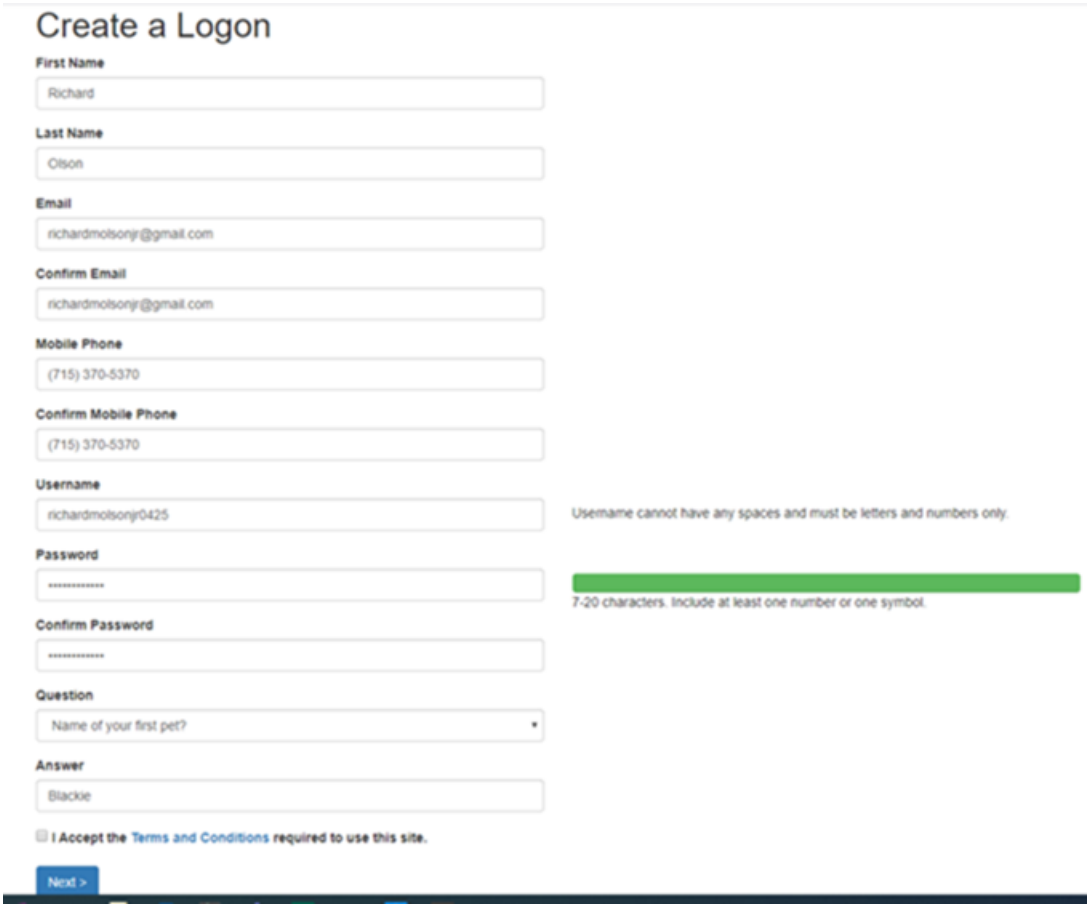
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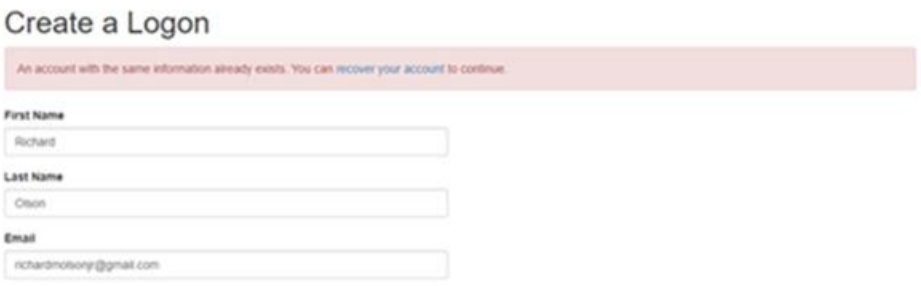
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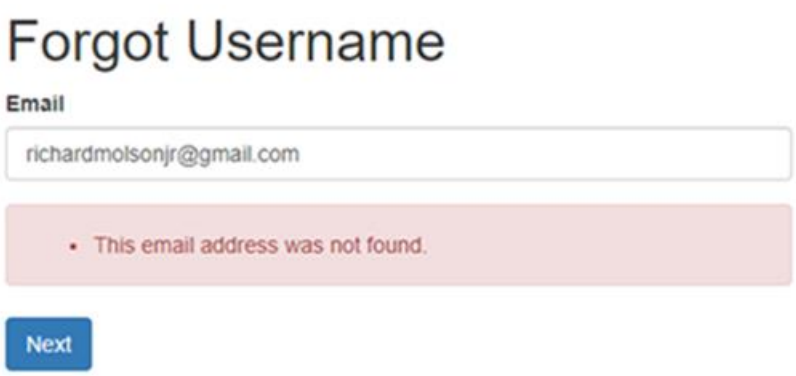
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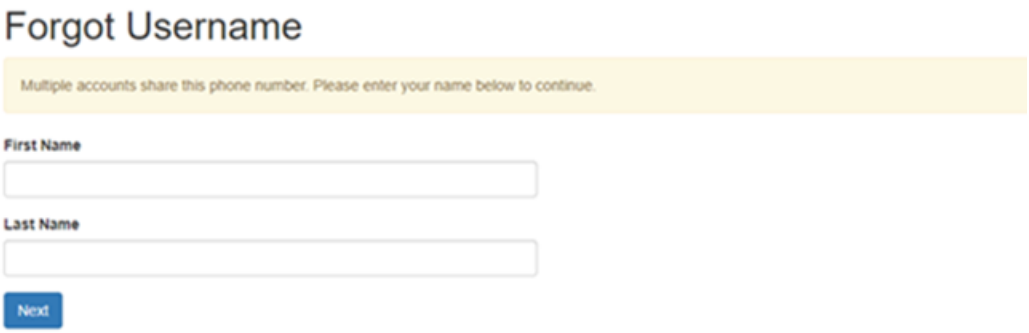
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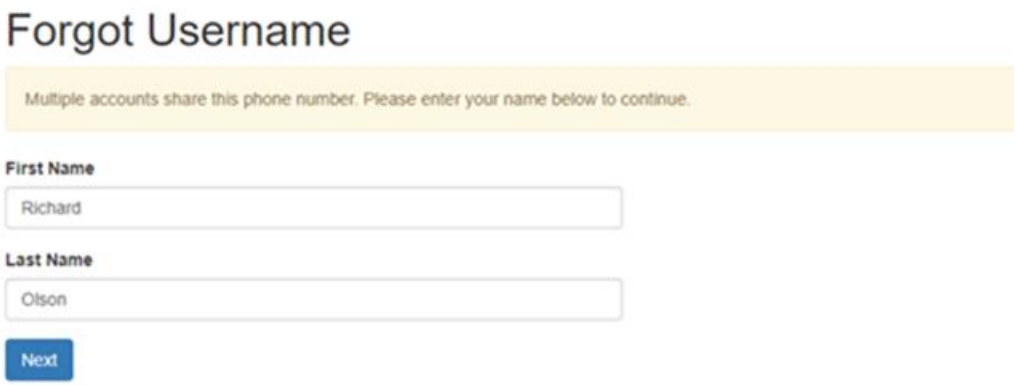
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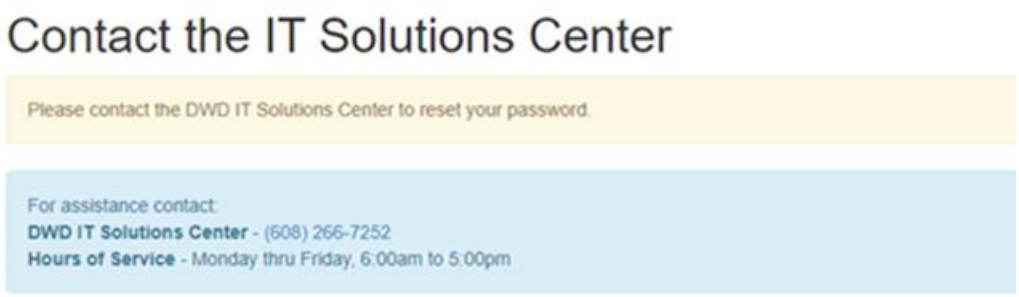
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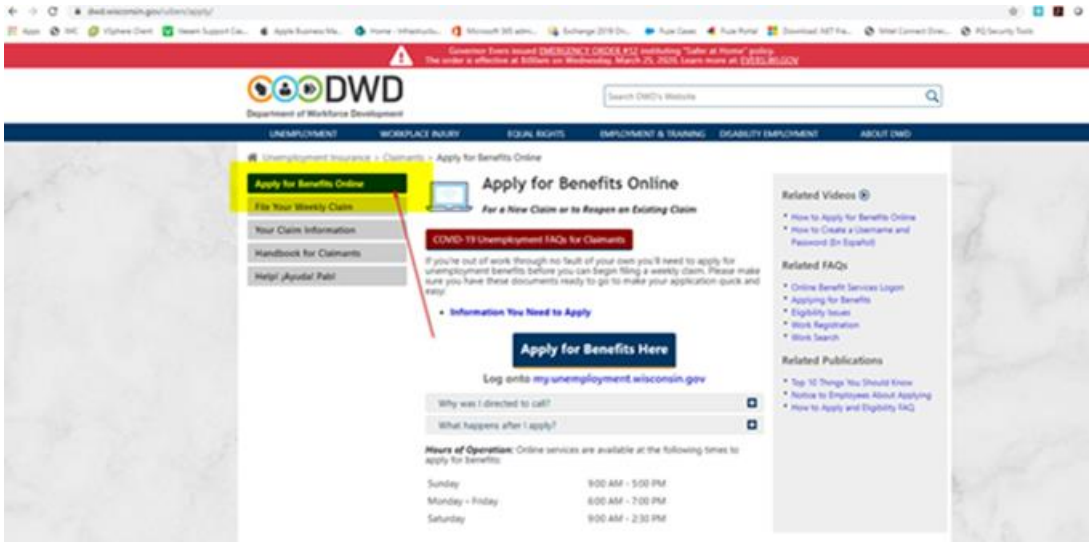
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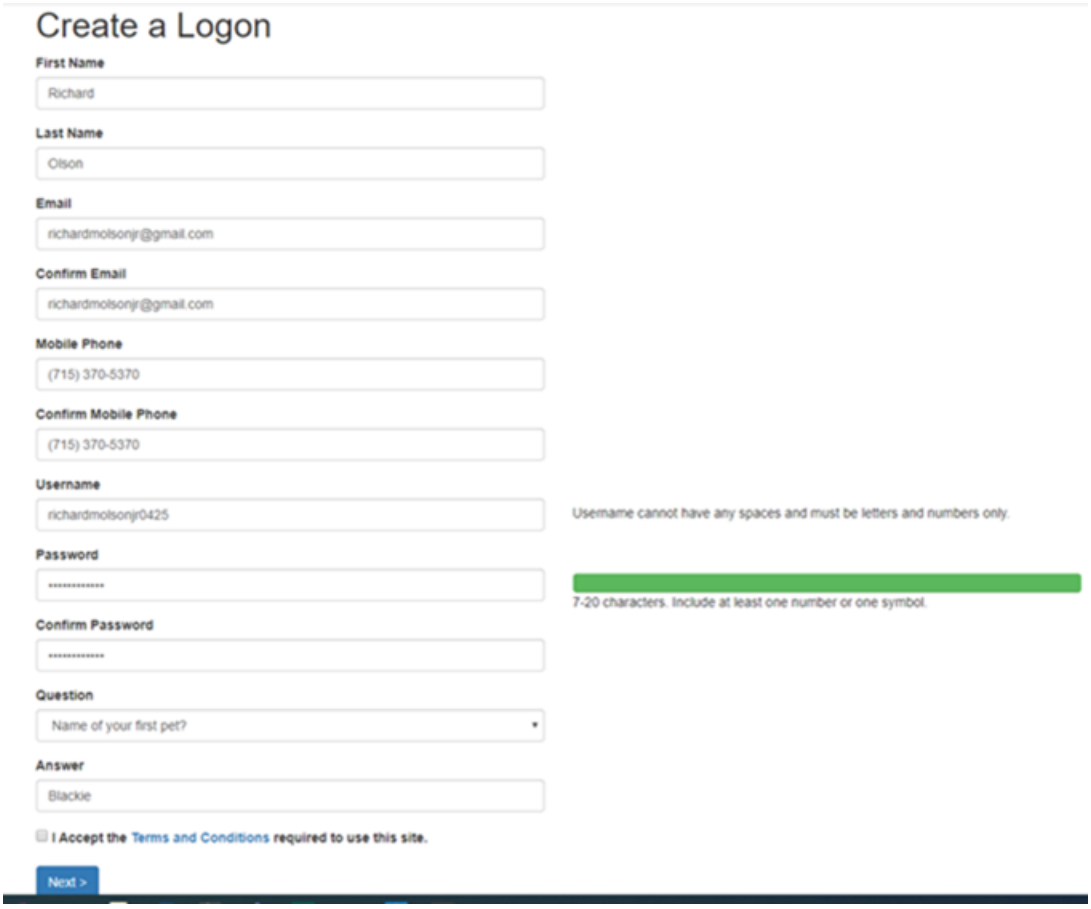
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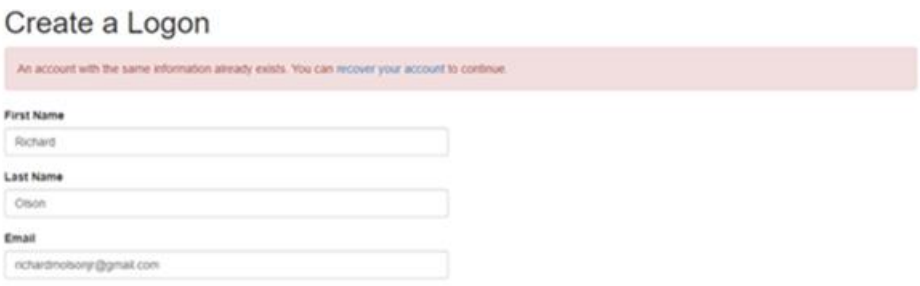
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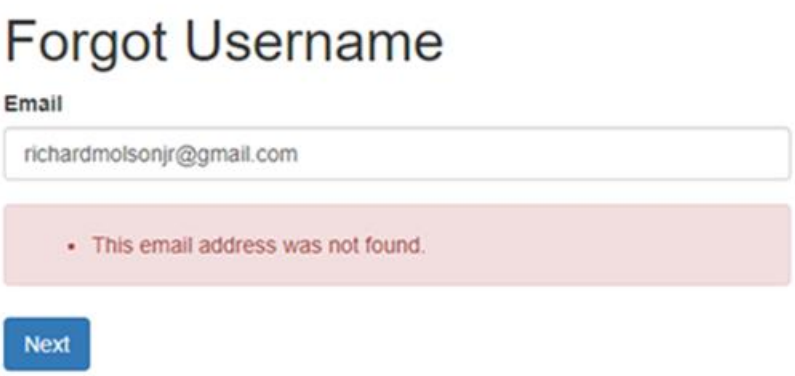
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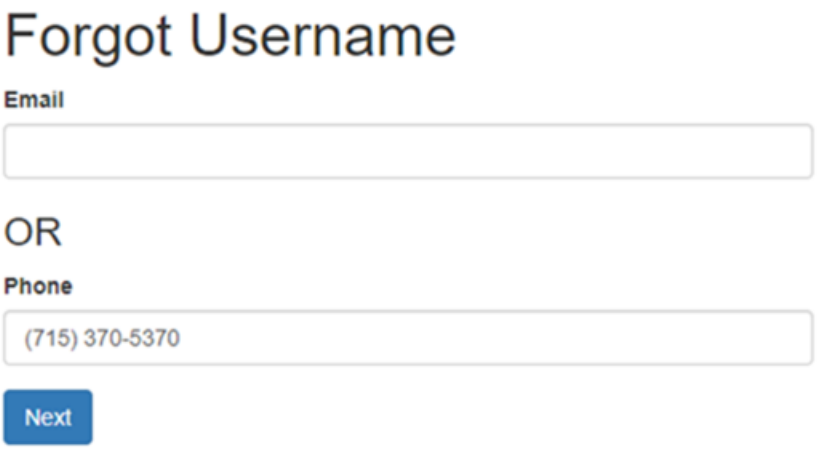
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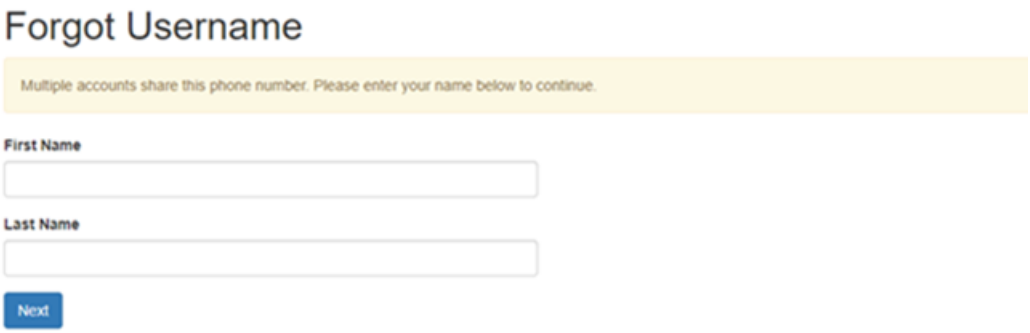


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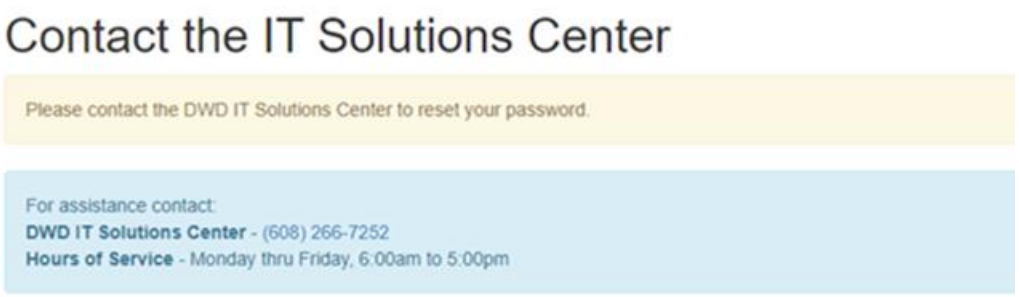
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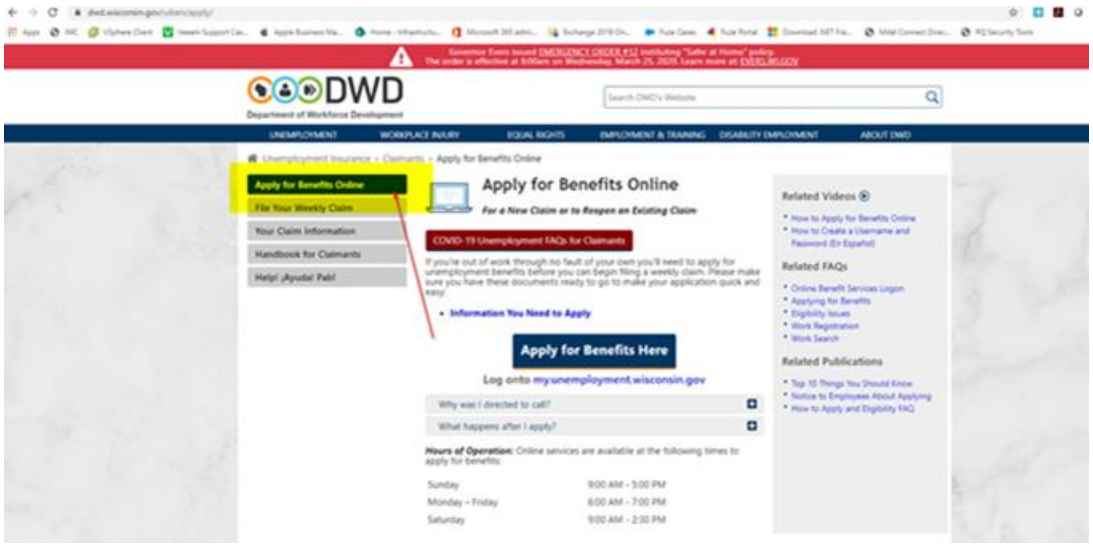
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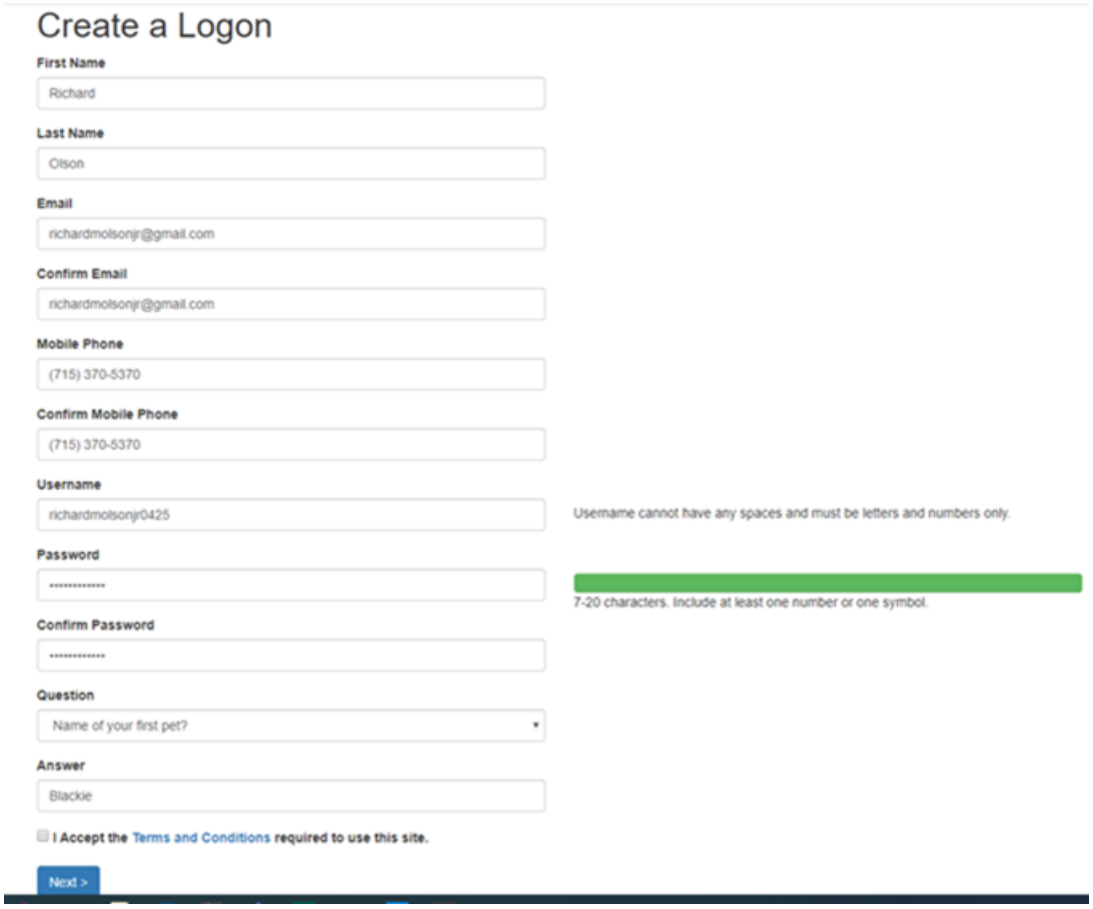
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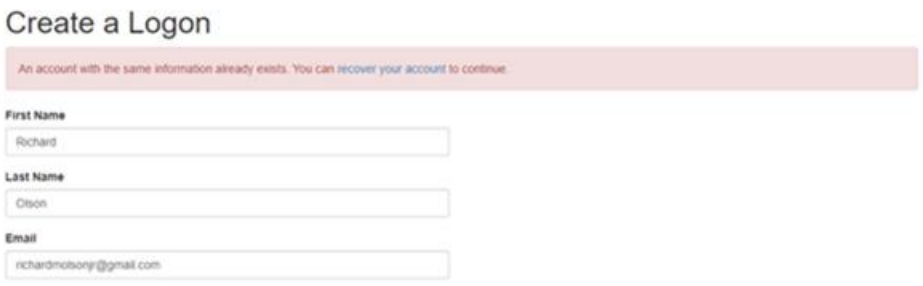
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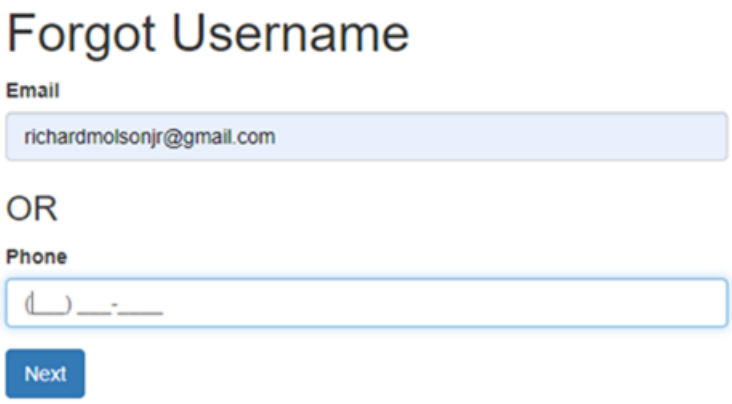
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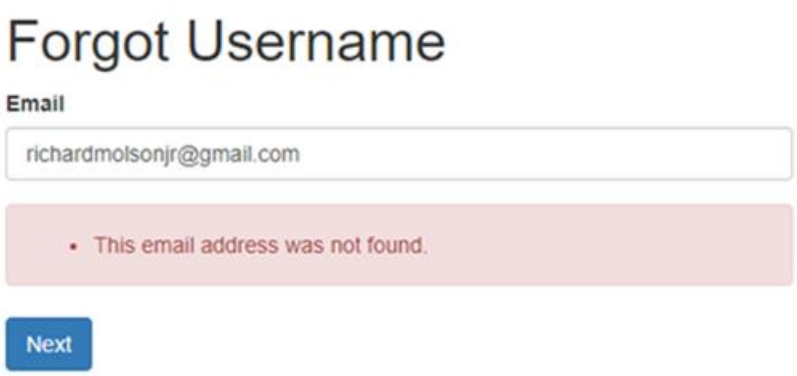
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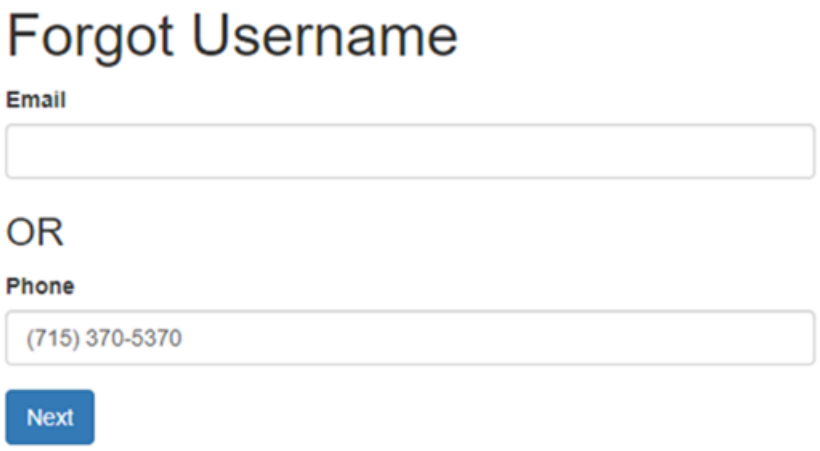
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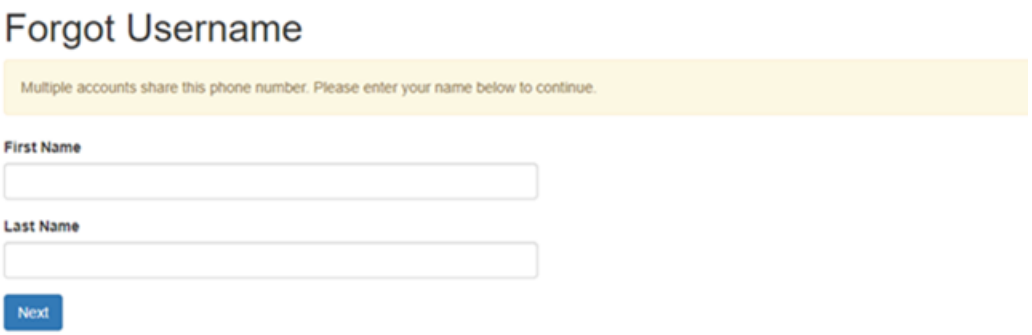


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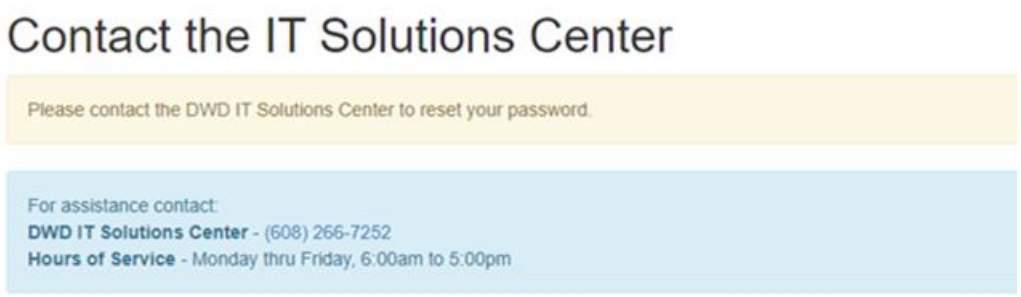
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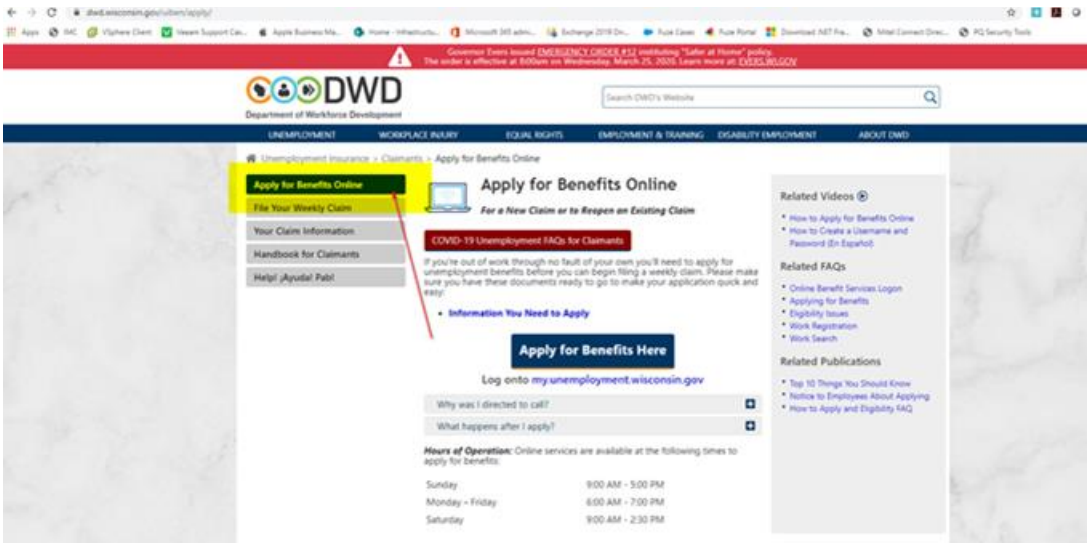
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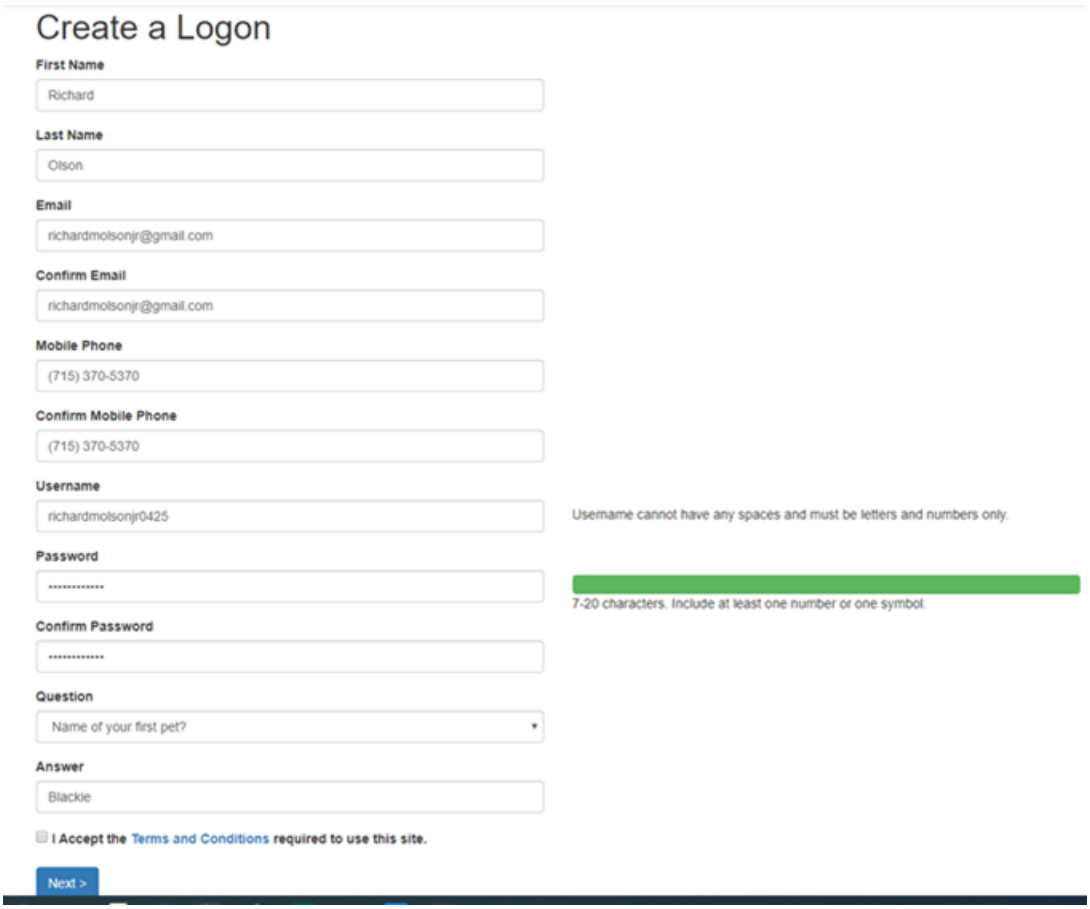
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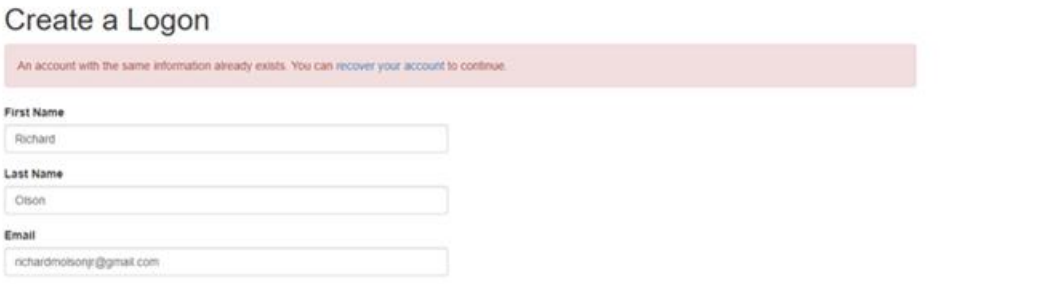
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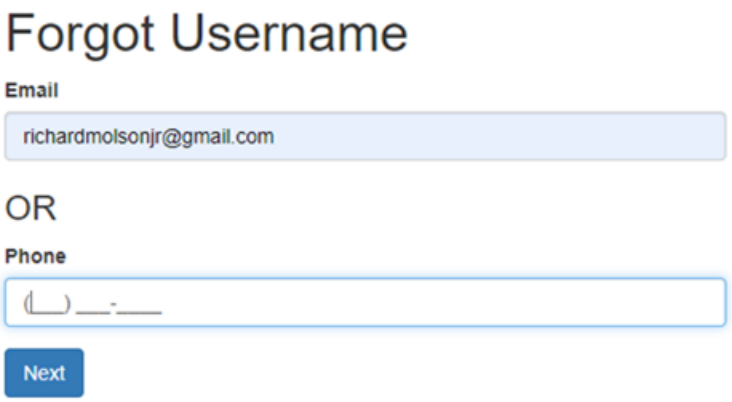


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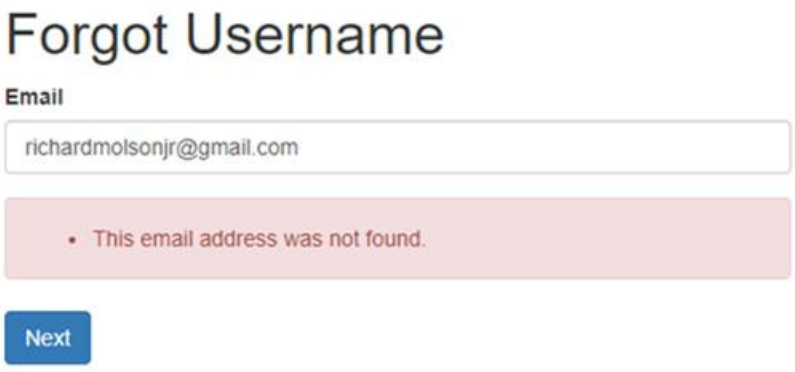


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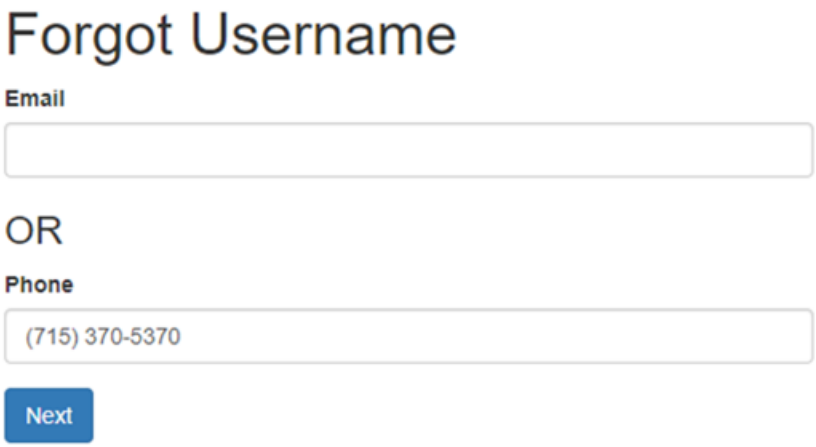
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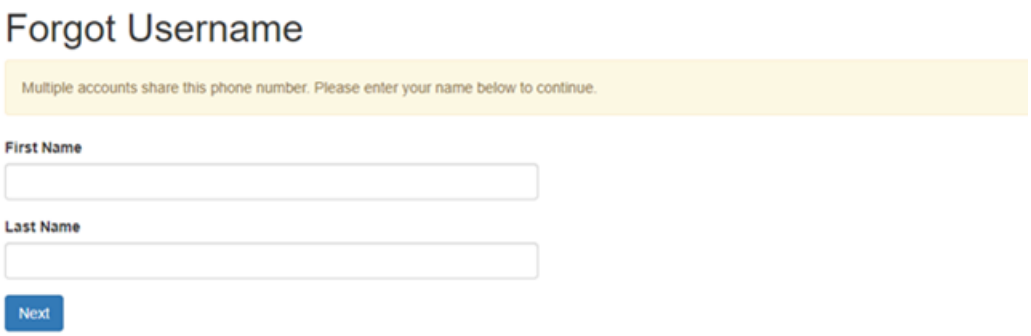
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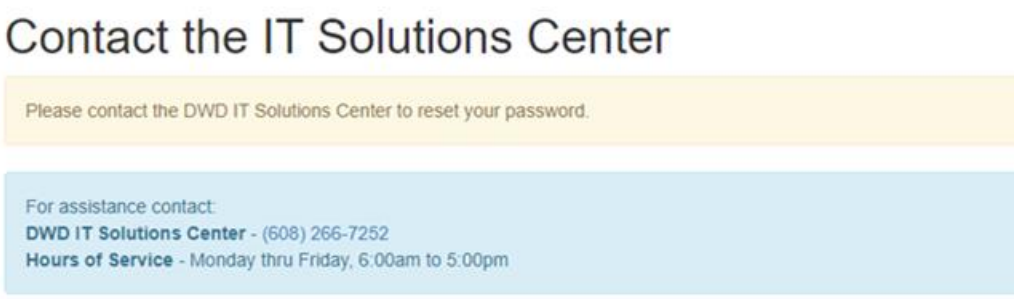
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Thank you Liz for whatever you can do.

Rich Olson

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To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Okay phew! I'll let him know someone will be reaching out. Thank you for helping us out!!!

Hope you are all doing alright!

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Hey Liz, I'll have someone call him directly. We are creating work arounds with our online system so people with name changes and password issues can take care of that themselves in the future—but that's not up yet☺

From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Hey John,

Sorry to bother you with this! This guy just needs access to his password (he applied for unemployment back in 2008). He's tried to do it online, but 2008 was so long ago that his information is outdated. He's been calling the number in the screenshot below for 3 days with no success. Is there any way to get him in touch with someone so he can do the rest online?

Thank you!

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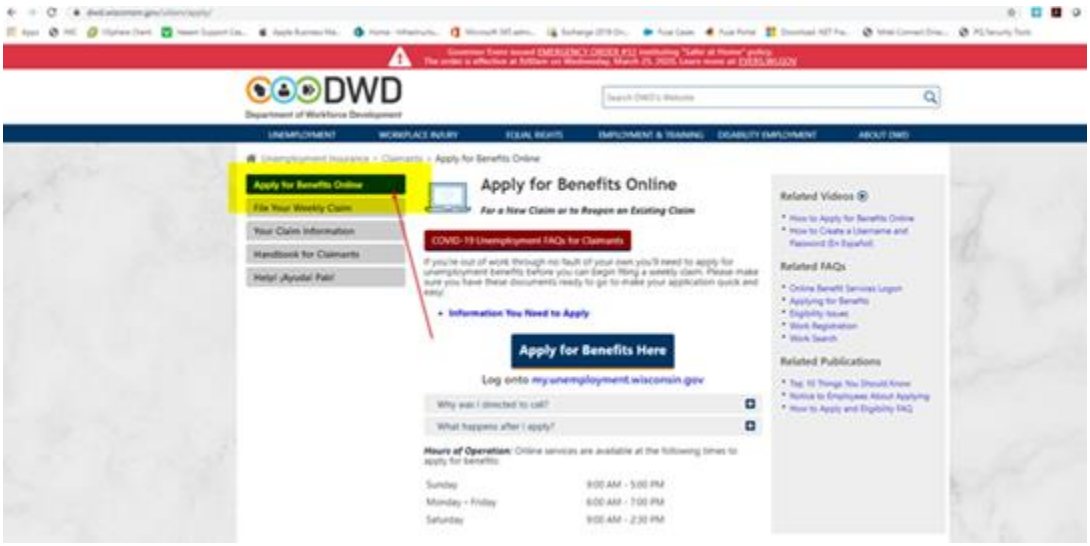
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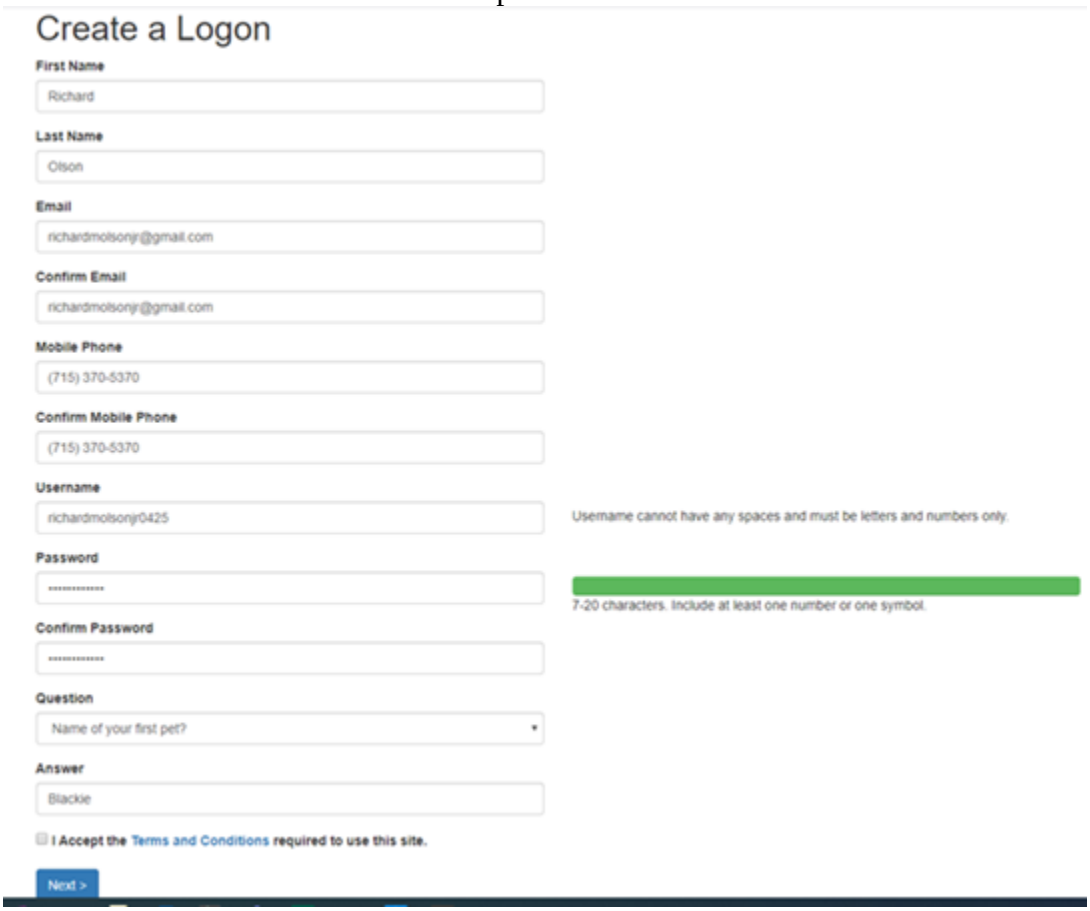
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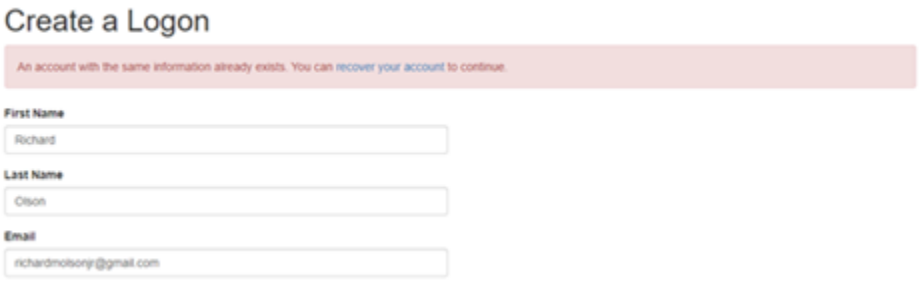


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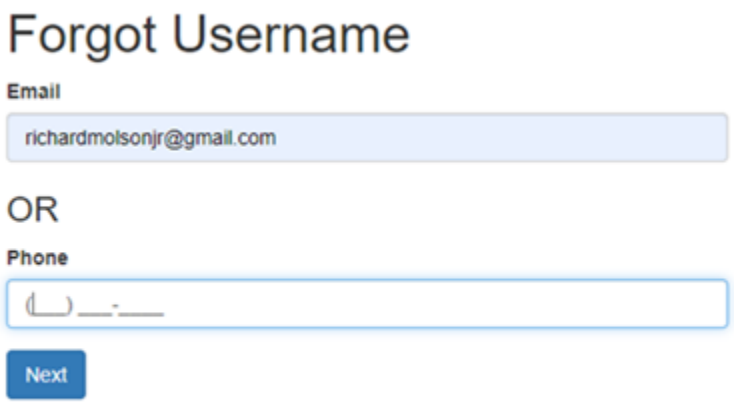


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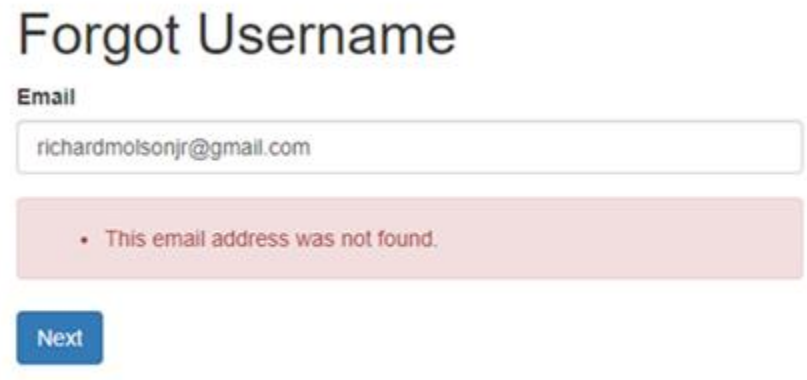
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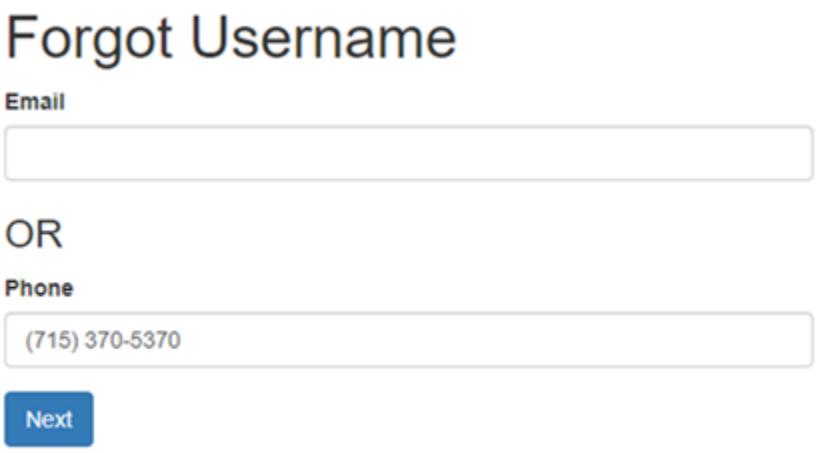
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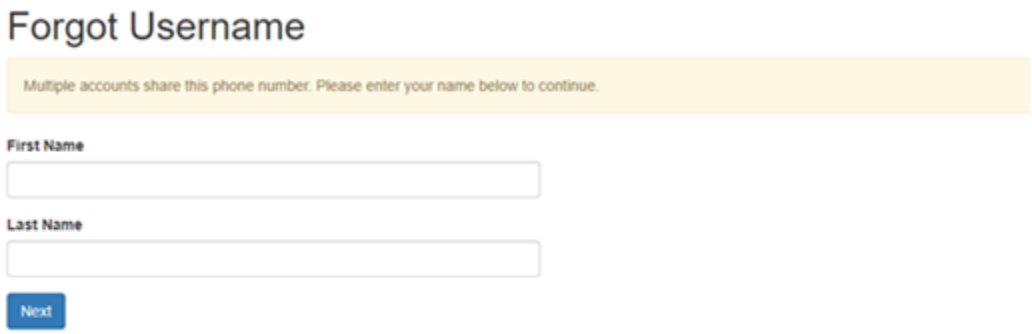
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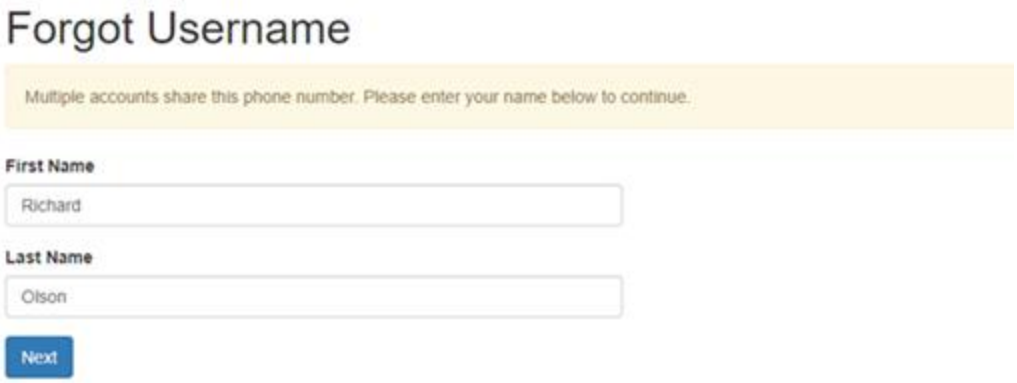
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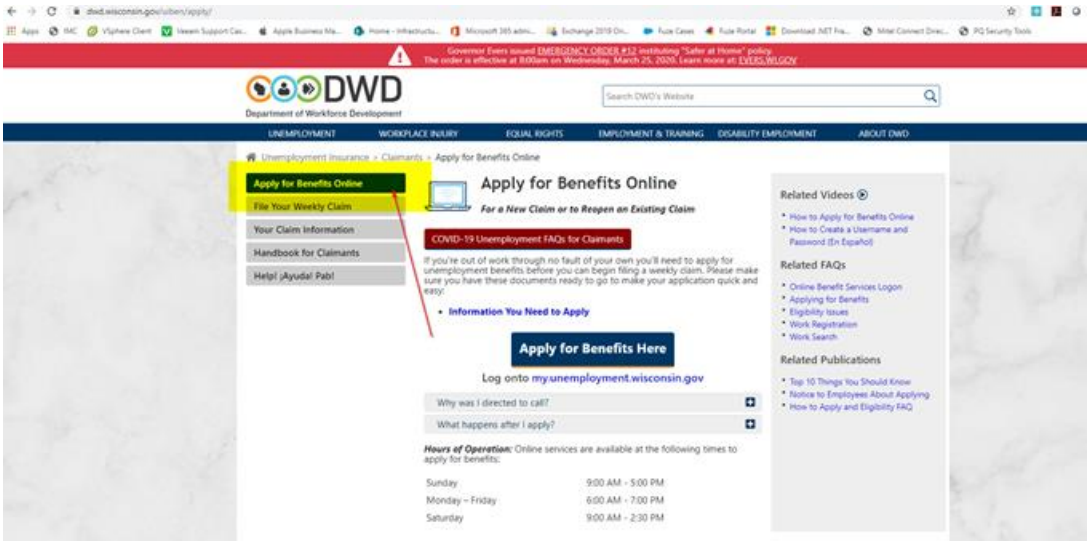
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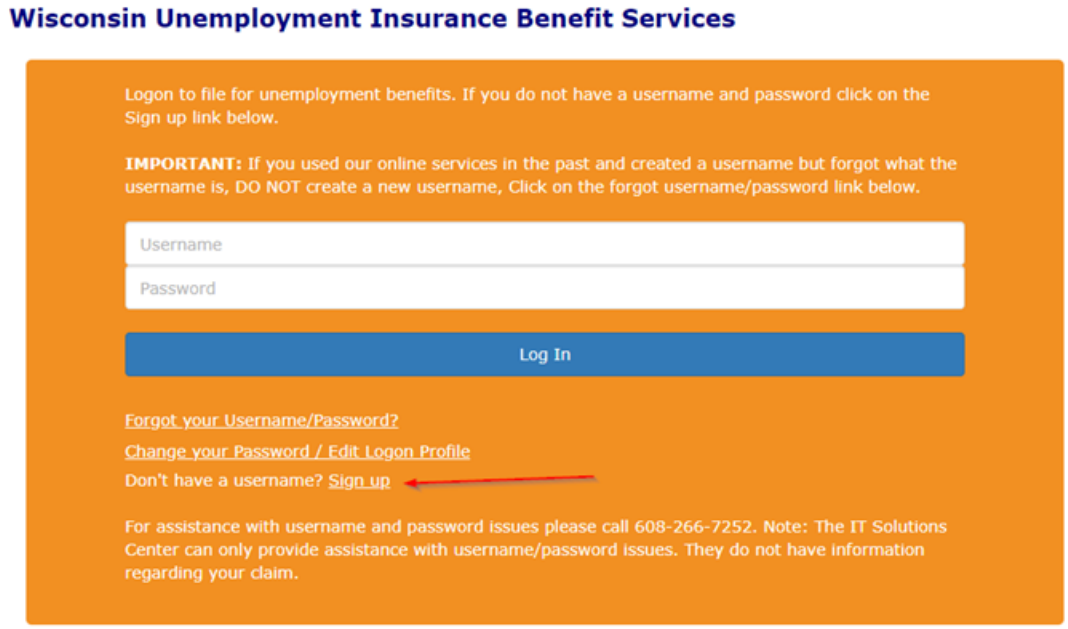
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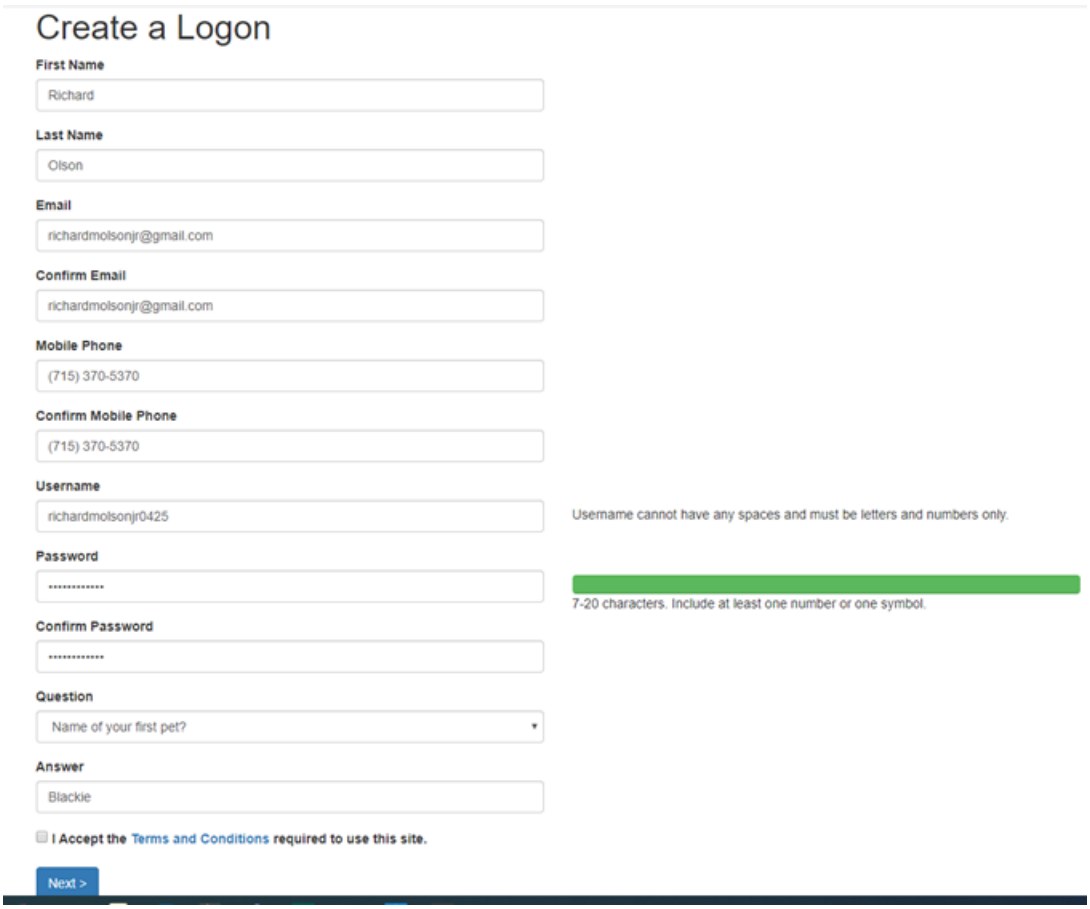
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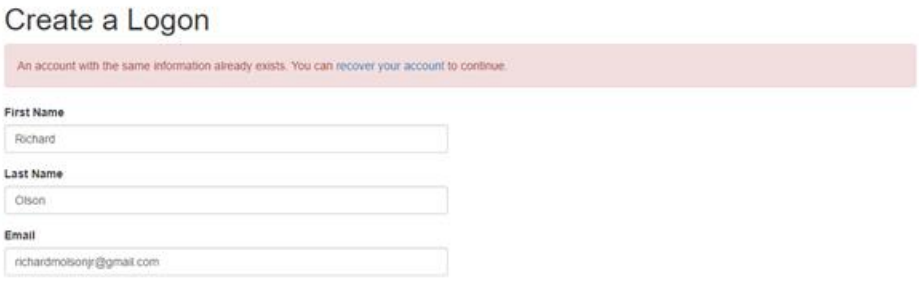
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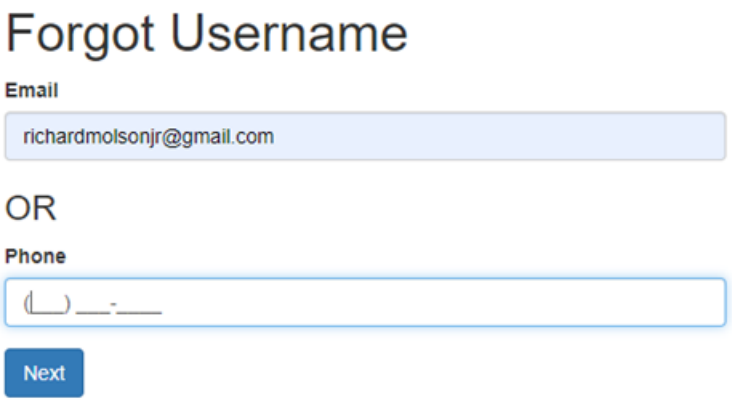


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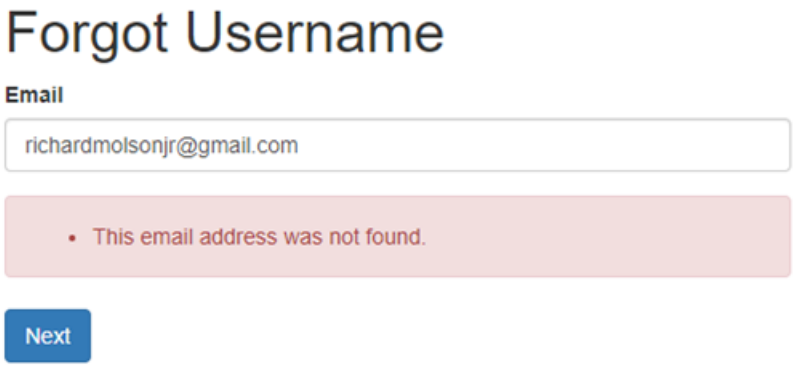


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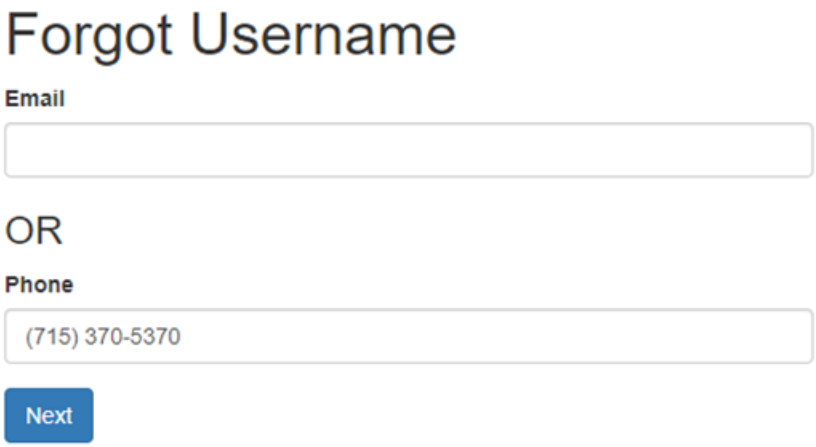


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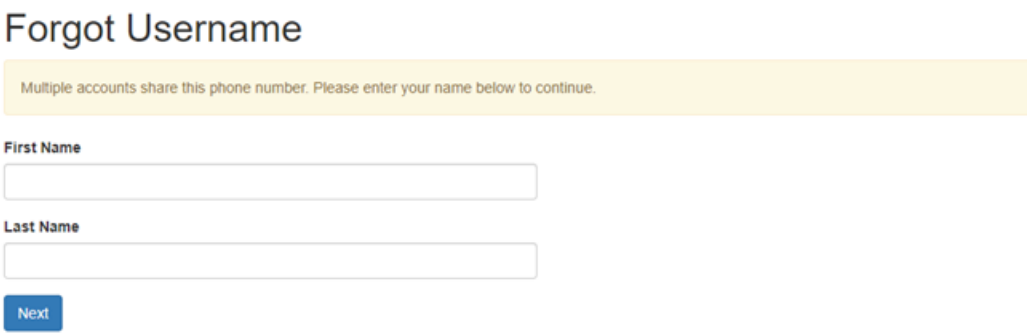


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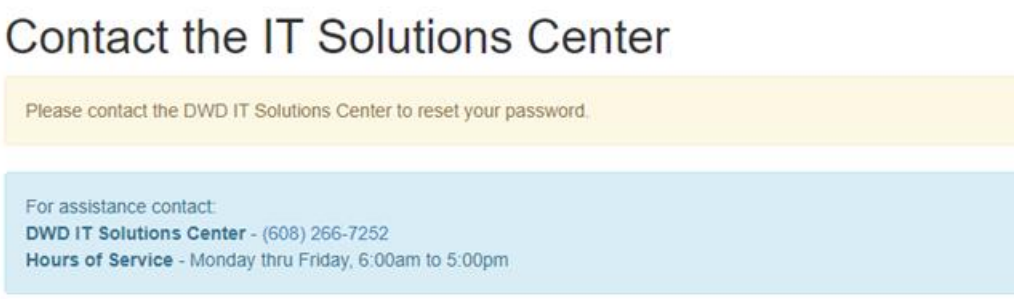


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To: 'Richard Olson' <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Thank you for the update, Rich! I was wondering about you over the weekend. I will let Rep. Felzkowski know you are all set. Have a GREAT week!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:56 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Hi Liz - I got in touch with someone this morning and I filed the initial claim. I got a confirmation number so I am good to go to file the weekly claim on Sunday morning the 5th.

Thank you and Representative Felzkowski for all you are doing. Keep up the good work!

Did I see that Representative Felzkowski is going to be running for State Senate?

Thanks again!

Rich Olson

On Sat, Mar 28, 2020 at 10:42 AM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi Liz - Just missed her call and the voicemail left said her name was Ann. I tried to call the number back and of course they are closed, If you are monitoring emails could you have her call me back?
>
> Thank you!
>
> On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 4:56 PM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> > Thank you!
> >
> > On Fri, Mar 27, 2020, 4:50 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Yes.

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

So they are calling on Saturdays? Just want to make sure

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020, 4:17 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Hey so I just heard back. You are back on the list to call again. They are going in order, so you'll hear from them in the next day. I told them to make sure your cell number is the one called. I'm sorry this is taking so long. I promise I will continue to bug them until you get a call.
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From: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Any luck Liz?

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:10 PM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi Liz.
>
> Thank you I got no phone call at my cell number 7153705370
>
> On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 12:36 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> > My contact at DWD told me that he was told you were called. He is looking into it now!
> >
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> > **To:** Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Hi Liz - No call yet just FYI.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 2:04 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Rich,
>
> There is still a week delay for benefits, but that would be a question for DWD when they call. When I spoke to them this morning, they said that they are about a day behind on messages, but that is encouraging considering where they started! We will figure all of this out for you before Sunday.
>
> Thank you for your patience, I know it can be frustrating not having it just taken care of. At least I'm totally like that. Wanting to check an item off the to do list!
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From: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

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Hi Liz,

So I have a question regarding unemployment. If I am laid off next week can I claim the weekly benefit this Sunday or do I have to wait till next Sunday?

Want to make sure I am doing it correctly. Either way I still have to get signed up to claim benefits.

And no call but like we said we are waiting.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 10:40 AM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> I understand Liz - Thank you for all you are doing.
>
> On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> > Thanks Richard,
> >
> > Let's give it until mid afternoon, and then I will reach out again. We spoke with DWD so late in the day yesterday that I want to give them adequate time to actually reach out.
> >
> > Thank you for your patience!
> >
> > Liz

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From: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

HI Liz - Just FYI - no phone call yet

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 4:11 PM Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> Ok I will wait by the phone - Thank you

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 4:07 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Here is the exact message I got from DWD: Hey Liz, I'll have someone call him directly. We are creating work arounds with our online system so people with name changes and password issues can take care of that themselves in the future—but that's not up yet☺
>
> Elisabeth Portz
>
> Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N

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35th Assembly District

Office: (608) 266-7694

Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

By phone or email Liz? Do you know?

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 4:00 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

> Just heard back from DWD. Someone should be reaching out to you directly! Please let me know if that does not happen.
>
> Thank you again!
>
> Liz
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> Elisabeth Portz
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From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

I just reached out to DWD. I'll let you know when they get back to me! Hopefully it will be quickly, but I know they are swamped. We'll make sure you can file before next week.

Thanks!

Liz

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From: Richard Olson <richardmolsonjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Help - Richard Olson

Richard M Olson, Jr.

richardmolsonjr@gmail.com

340 Western Ave, Birnamwood, WI 54414

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SSN# 398809806

I will be laid log off the weeks of 6 April and 13 April at this point maybe more

So I go here and click on Apply for Benefits

Then I get to this screen and I first clicked Don't have a username Sign up

Then I fill out the fields and click accept and next

I get this so I click on recover account

if I type in my email address for forgot username and click next

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Get this

Ok so I do phone number and click next

I get this

So I type in my name and click Next

I get this and I have been calling starting at 6 AM every morning this week and it is busy all the way through till 5 PM

Thank you Liz for whatever you can do.

Rich Olson

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 9:07 AM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: unemployment insurance question

Yes, the website covers my question! Thank you!

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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: unemployment insurance question

Hi Liz,
Sorry this has taken me so long to get back to you on. We've set up these FAQ pages that we hope answer various scenario questions like this. Let me know if the equal rights page here, doesn't answer your question.
Thanks.
John
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/er.htm

From: Portz, Elisabeth X - LEGIS <elisabeth.portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: unemployment insurance question

Good afternoon John,

I hope you are all hanging in there with the increase load! We received a question from a constituent that I feel like I know the answer to but wanted to get a definitive answer from DWD:

Another question came up regarding unemployment; Do you have clarification on unemployment eligibility after April 2nd? Example; if a company is considered an essential company and stays open but an employee chooses not to come to work due to the COVID-19 executive order and they feel that the company is not an essential company, would they be eligible for unemployment under the bill that was passed?

Thank you for your help on this!

Liz

Elisabeth Portz

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 1:15 PM
To: 'Troy Brown' <Troy.Brown@kretzlumber.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Question

Hey Troy,

Thank you for reaching out on this. It's a question I expect to get frequently now that bars and restaurants have forced closure. We on the Assembly leadership team are working with the Senate and Governor Evers to hopefully put together a legislative plan that will help people all over Wisconsin. This is an idea we have all been asked about and I will make sure it is discussed today as we continue working toward a plan.

Hang in there, Troy. This whole crisis is putting everyone in a lot of impossible situations, and I sincerely hope that you are able to stay open through it all. Thank you for doing everything you can to do that will still being safe. Please reach out again if you have any additional questions in the meantime.

Thanks,

Mary

From: Troy Brown <Troy.Brown@kretzlumber.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Question

Hi Mary-

Taking a shot here, trying to lookout for our employees. Is there a way that legislature could discuss waiving the one-week waiting period for unemployment comp. We are running as long as we can during this time but in the drastic event of a government shutdown on industry a temporary waiver of the one-week period would help people out a lot. We are just trying to prepare for everything.

Have a good one Mary and stay safe!

Troy

Troy Brown
President
Kretz Lumber Co., Inc.
Committed To Be The Benchmark of Excellence

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8:14 PM
To: 'kristen fecteau' <kmfecteaurox@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment

Kristen,

Thank you for sending this email and letting me know how COVID is impacting you. This is one of the policies that is drafted and part of the legislative package that was presented to Governor Evers today, among other policies to help Wisconsinites and small business weather this storm. From what I know, there broad support for temporarily repealing the waiting period so that those trying to access unemployment benefits can do so, so I do expect to see this in the final version of the legislation the Legislature passes in the next couple days.

I appreciate your time and the information you shared. Please let me know if there is anything you need regarding this issue in the future and I can connect you with DWD. Stay safe,

Mary Felzkowski

From: kristen fecteau <kmfecteaurox@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment

Get in the house and do your job. Get legislation passed to get unemployment figured out without all this other crap to limit the governor's power. Grow up and give a shit about the people you represent.

Do your job!

From,
A citizen that has had enough

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:03 AM
To: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Christy responded to him yesterday that we don't handle SS, so he would need to call them on the federal level. He's not including me in emails, so at this point I'm really not sure what to do. Do you think you guys will respond?

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From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:17 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: United Way's 211 - Referrals

From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:04 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Say what...
Is this person ok ? ? ?
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From: Daniella Edens <daniella.edens@inclusa.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:55 PM
To: Dan Lee
Cc: Carolyn Nielsen
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

The social security administration number is 1-800-772-1213 please call them to further discuss. I am unsure if you can fire social security, doing so may end your benefits entirely.

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Daniella Edens
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Wausau WI 54403
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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>
Cc: Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>
Subject: Re: United Way's 211 - Referrals

I need to have SOMEONE GET INVOLVED..
I NEED HELP..
even to get social security kicked in the ass, to have them constantly adding overpayments..
It started at $1,000 now it's almost $7,000...
They are massively f r

On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 9:55 AM -0500, "Daniella Edens" <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org> wrote:

> Hello Dan,
> Your email with several home health (skilled nursing agencies) attached below, those are for people who have recently been discharged from a hospital and need skilled care……..like wound care, dialysis at home, etc.
>
> I also see that you now have the number to the CDC also.
>
> These are good resources to have. Thank you for this information,

Daniella Edens
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From: Aileena Patterson <Aileena.Patterson@inclusa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hope Golisch <Hope.Golisch@inclusa.org>

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Cc: Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Hi Dan,

I would like to remind you that Hope and I are no longer assigned to your case. I have included your new team, Carolyn and Daniella, in this email. Please contact them with any questions or concerns. I have included them in this email.

Thank you,

Aileena Patterson RN, BSN
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1259 N 8th Street, Medford, WI 54451
Office 715-785-5504 Fax 866-553-3417
aileena.patterson@inclusa.org | www.inclusa.org

From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hope Golisch <Hope.Golisch@inclusa.org>; Aileena Patterson <Aileena.Patterson@inclusa.org>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: United Way's 211 - Referrals

From: <askus@unitedwaymc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:35 PM
To: onlyonmonday@yahoo.com
Subject: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Thank you for contacting United Way's 211. The information you requested is included below, in no particular order. Please look closely at the eligibility on the programs as well.

The CDC Phone number from their website is 1-800-232-4636.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us by dialing 211 or 715-848-2255. Phones are answered 24/7. Information specialists are also available via text or online chat. Text your zip code to 898211 Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Standard data and messaging rates apply. Or visit www.unitedwaymc.org/get-help/ to chat with us Monday-Friday 8am-12 Noon.

You can also view publications or search our database online at www.unitedwaymc.org/get-help/.

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United Way's 211

AGENCY NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - MARATHON COUNTY

ADDRESS: 2600 STEWART AVENUE SUITE 160 WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.ascensionathome.com

SERVICE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - HOME HEALTH SERVICES - MARATHON COUNTY

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 800-397-0270

Office - Anna Kania

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-397-0270

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Waupaca (county), Shawano (county), Portage (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Interdisciplinary staff offer services in the patient's home, nursing home, or CBRF to provide services as prescribed by the patient's personal physician. SERVICES INCLUDE: Skilled nursing care by Registered Nurses; Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology; Medical social work support; Assistance by home health aides.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to those with physician's orders for home health services.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for details.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Health care coverage information, current medications.

FEES: Fees may vary by care provided and insurance coverage.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Private pay, private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.

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AGENCY NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - ONEIDA COUNTY

ADDRESS: 111 EAST DAVENPORT STREET SUITE 101 RHINELANDER WI 54501

WEBSITE: www.ascensionathome.com

SERVICE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - HOME HEALTH SERVICES - RHINELANDER

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 715-301-7210

Office - Wendy Freese

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1: 715-301-7244

Alternate - Jennifer Marshall

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-643-4663

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Vilas (county), Price (county), Oneida (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Forest (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Interdisciplinary staff offer services in the patient's home, nursing home, or CBRF to provide services as prescribed by the patient's personal physician. SERVICES INCLUDE: Skilled nursing care by Registered Nurses; Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology; Medical social work support; Assistance by home health aides.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to those with physician's orders for home health services.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for details.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Health care coverage information, current medications.

FEES: Fees may vary by care provided and insurance coverage.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Private pay, private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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AGENCY NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

ADDRESS: 520 N 32ND AVE WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.aspirus.org/ourservices

SERVICE NAME: ASPIRUS HELP AT HOME

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Homemaker Assistance

MAIN NUMBER: 715-847-2600

Office

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-600-8296

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Clark (county), Iron (county), Langlade (county), Lincoln (county), Marathon (county), Oneida (county), Portage (county), Price (county), Shawano (county), Taylor (county), Vilas (county), Wood (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides long-term or temporary help at home and supportive services that allow a person of any age to remain at home. Care is provided by trained supportive home care and personal care workers. THIS INCLUDES: Meal planning and preparation; Assistance with personal care/daily living (bathing, toileting); Housekeeping/home management services; Personal laundry/linens; Respite; Shopping/errands; Home safety assessment; Transportation to physician office appointments for those who can ride in a car. Service is door-through-door; In-home beautician services; Massage therapy and cosmetology; Companionship.

ELIGIBILITY: Serves adults and children, based on need.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call to arrange for a no-charge, no obligation in-home assessment or consultation to assess personal needs. No physician referral is needed.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: No documentation required.

FEES: Please call for free assessment; fees are negotiated based on services needed.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Accepts COP and CIP contracts. Accepts M.A. for transportation if client is pre-approved for a county program.

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PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm; 24-hour on call staffing.

AGENCY NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

ADDRESS: 520 N 32ND AVE WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.aspirus.org/ourservices

SERVICE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 715-847-2600

Office

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-600-8296

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Clark (county), Florence (county), Iron (county), Langlade (county), Lincoln (county), Marathon (county), Oneida (county), Portage (county), Price (county), Shawano (county), Taylor (county), Vilas (county), Wood (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: NOTE: Aspirus At Home no longer providers flu shots. Provides short-term skilled home care services that allow a person to remain at home. CARE INCLUDES: Registered nurses; Certified nursing assistants; Personal care workers; Physical, occupational, and speech therapists; IV therapy; Medication management; Medical social worker; Wound care; Geriatrics; Falls Prevention; Transition to independence.

ELIGIBILITY: Varies by payer. Please call for details.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call for information.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: No documentation required.

FEES: Please call for details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Medicare, Medicaid, insurance payments, and private payments.

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PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm; 24-hour on call staffing.

AGENCY NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME RHINELANDER

ADDRESS: 1860 NORTH STEVENS STREET RHINELANDER WI 54501

WEBSITE: www.aspirus.org/ourservices

SERVICE NAME: ASPIRUS VNA HOME HEALTH

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 715-847-2600

Ext. 52479

Service Contact

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-600-8296

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Vilas (county), Oneida (county), Lincoln (county), Forest (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides skilled home care services for short and long term, that allow a person to remain at home. CARE INCLUDES: Registered nurses; Certified nursing assistants; Personal care workers; Physical, occupational, and speech therapists; Medication management; Medical social worker.

ELIGIBILITY: Varies by payor. Please call for details.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call to arrange a no obligation in-home assessment to discuss personal needs with a registered nurse.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Please call for details.

FEES: Please call fro details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Accepts Medicare, Medical Assistance, insurance payments and private payments.

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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AGENCY NAME: CAMPAIGN FOR AGING RESEARCH

SITE NAME: CAMPAIGN FOR AGING RESEARCH

ADDRESS:

WEBSITE: http://elderhelpers.org/

SERVICE NAME: ERRAND RUNNING/SHOPPING ASSISTANCE - ELDER HELPERS

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Homemaker Assistance

MAIN NUMBER: 734-330-2730

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: US (country)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides a web-based program that matches people in need of help (elders or family) with volunteers in their own communities. Personal care Errand running/shopping assistance Gardening and chores Homemaker assistance In home meal preparation Background checks are conducted on all volunteers listed (use IntelliCorp for this service)

ELIGIBILITY: General public with a focus on people who are elderly

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Apply online or email for information; phone is for active members only

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

FEES: None

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

PROGRAM HOURS: 24-hour access via the Web site

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AGENCY NAME: INTERIM HEALTHCARE

SITE NAME: INTERIM HEALTHCARE

ADDRESS: 510 N 17TH AVE A WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.interimhealthcare.com/wausauwi

SERVICE NAME: INTERIM HEALTHCARE

REQUESTED SERVICE:
In Home Meal Preparation

MAIN NUMBER: 715-842-7707

Ext. 113

Main Office - Sandi Kaminski

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Portage (county), Oneida (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Clark (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Home health and supportive care for short-term or long-term needs, including: Nursing Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies Respite care Hospice care Palliative care Companionship Grocery shopping Meal preparation Home health aides Personal care workers Services are provided by NP's, RN's, LPN's, PT's, OT's, Speech & Language Pathologists, Certified Nursing Assistants, and homemakers, depending the level of care required. Also offers occupational health services to business and industry, and staffing to facilities and clinics.

ELIGIBILITY: Open. Please call for details.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call to arrange a free assessment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Demographic and insurance information. Please call for more details. If for a skilled services such as therapy, a physician order is needed. If for a supportive service such as caregivers, demographic information is needed.

FEES: Base rate including amount of services needed. Please call for more details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Medicare and Medicaid certified. Accepts insurance and private payments.

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PROGRAM HOURS: Available 24 hour on call. Phone hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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AGENCY NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

SITE NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

ADDRESS: 3262 CHURCH ST STEVENS POINT WI 54481

WEBSITE:

SERVICE NAME: PERSONAL ASSISTANT SERVICES

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Homemaker Assistance

MAIN NUMBER: 715-344-4210

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Office - Barb Haggen, Director of In-Home Services

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Vilas (county), Taylor (county), Portage (county), Oneida (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Forest (county), Florence (county), Adams (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: In-home services ranging from individual's personal needs to simple household tasks, supportive home care services, and/or respite services.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to Individuals with disabilities of any age.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for information.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Please call for information.

FEES: Please call for fee information.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Please call for information.

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

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AGENCY NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

SITE NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

ADDRESS: 3262 CHURCH ST STEVENS POINT WI 54481

WEBSITE:

SERVICE NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Daily Living Aids

MAIN NUMBER: 715-344-4210

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Office - Eric Riskus, IL Program Director

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Vilas (county), Taylor (county), Portage (county), Oneida (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Forest (county), Florence (county), Adams (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: A publicly supported, non-profit agency serving persons with disabilities of all ages. SERVICE INCLUDE: Information & referral, Advocacy for individuals or system, Independent living skills training, Peer support, Transition services, Employment services, Assistive technology, Architectural accessibility, Benefits counseling, Community education, Recreation, Certified home buyer educational counseling, Personal assistant services program, Consults clients on long term care options, through partnership with IRIS.

ELIGIBILITY: A person with a disability residing within the geographic area served.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Contact office.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Please contact office for more information.

FEES: None.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: NA

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

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AGENCY NAME: TONGXENG PERSONAL HOME CARE

SITE NAME: TONGXENG PERSONAL HOME CARE

ADDRESS: 1821 Rosecrans Street Suite B Wausau WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.tongxenghomecare.com

SERVICE NAME: TONGXENG PERSONAL HOME CARE

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Personal Care

MAIN NUMBER: 715-298-9130

Office - Yong Thao, Office Manager

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-549-8545

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Shawano (county), Portage (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Personal care workers provide in-home supportive care. SERVICES INCLUDE: Bathing; Washing face, hands, private area; Brushing teeth and/or dentures; Looking for sores on body; Helping with clothing; Helping up and down or walking; Helping to the bathroom; Feeding; Cleaning up after done.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals who receive medical assistance.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for details.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Forward Health card and doctor's name, address, and phone number

FEES: Please call for details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Medicaid

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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Please contact us again if you have additional questions or needs.

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:50 AM
To: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Here is what Krista sent me yesterday. I'm sure she is so sick of our office's involvement. Ultimately, we are going to take the same tactic as you guys.

Hi Liz,

The information has been communicated to Dan both in conversation with his team as well as in writing. All of the areas he lists have been addressed with Dan in one way or another. The team is finding it more and more difficult to effectively communicate with Dan due to his tendency to reach out to others rather than communicate with them directly.

Though I appreciate what you're doing in providing Dan an outlet and a listening ear, directing him back to his IDT would be the best course of action. They are working with Dan to identify his needs and outcomes. I can assure you there are no lack of attempts for them in trying to communicate with Dan.

Dan may also have other options as Family Care is a voluntary program. If Dan continues to be dissatisfied with the feedback provided by his team, he is able to seek out other options that may be available to him via the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center).

Many thanks,

Krista Love
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From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Honestly at this point I have received a couple different emails from him that include Inclusa staff recently, so I think our office will remain fairly quiet on things unless there is evidence that he is, in fact,

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being abused and ignored as he says. There is no evidence at this point that such a thing is happening, and everyone we have worked with seems to be trying to help Dan as best they can.

Chris Seitz

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Seitz, Christopher
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Christy responded to him yesterday that we don't handle SS, so he would need to call them on the federal level. He's not including me in emails, so at this point I'm really not sure what to do. Do you think you guys will respond?

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
35th Assembly District
Office: (608) 266-7694
Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:17 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: United Way's 211 - Referrals

From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:04 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <Christy.Daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Say what...
Is this person ok ? ? ?
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From: Daniella Edens <daniella.edens@inclusa.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:55 PM
To: Dan Lee
Cc: Carolyn Nielsen
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

The social security administration number is 1-800-772-1213 please call them to further discuss. I am unsure if you can fire social security, doing so may end your benefits entirely.

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Daniella Edens
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1200 Lakeview Drive Suite 100
Wausau WI 54403
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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>
Cc: Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>
Subject: Re: United Way's 211 - Referrals

I need to have SOMEONE GET INVOLVED..
I NEED HELP..
even to get social security kicked in the ass, to have them constantly adding overpayments..
It started at $1,000 now it's almost $7,000...
They are massively f r

On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 9:55 AM -0500, "Daniella Edens" <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org> wrote:

> Hello Dan,
> Your email with several home health (skilled nursing agencies) attached below, those are for people who have recently been discharged from a hospital and need skilled care……like wound care, dialysis at home, etc.
>
> I also see that you now have the number to the CDC also.
>
> These are good resources to have. Thank you for this information,

Daniella Edens
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From: Aileena Patterson <Aileena.Patterson@inclusa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>; Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hope Golisch <Hope.Golisch@inclusa.org>

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Cc: Daniella Edens <Daniella.Edens@inclusa.org>; Carolyn Nielsen <Carolyn.Nielsen@inclusa.org>
Subject: RE: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Hi Dan,

I would like to remind you that Hope and I are no longer assigned to your case. I have included your new team, Carolyn and Daniella, in this email. Please contact them with any questions or concerns. I have included them in this email.

Thank you,

Aileena Patterson RN, BSN
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From: Dan Lee <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Daley, Christy - BOALTC <christy.daley@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hope Golisch <Hope.Golisch@inclusa.org>; Aileena Patterson <Aileena.Patterson@inclusa.org>; onlyonmonday@yahoo com <onlyonmonday@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: United Way's 211 - Referrals

From: <askus@unitedwaymc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 3:35 PM
To: onlyonmonday@yahoo.com
Subject: United Way's 211 - Referrals

Thank you for contacting United Way's 211. The information you requested is included below, in no particular order. Please look closely at the eligibility on the programs as well.

The CDC Phone number from their website is 1-800-232-4636.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us by dialing 211 or 715-848-2255. Phones are answered 24/7. Information specialists are also available via text or online chat. Text your zip code to 898211 Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Standard data and messaging rates apply. Or visit www.unitedwaymc.org/get-help/ to chat with us Monday-Friday 8am-12 Noon.

You can also view publications or search our database online at www.unitedwaymc.org/get-help/.

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United Way's 211

AGENCY NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - MARATHON COUNTY

ADDRESS: 2600 STEWART AVENUE SUITE 160 WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.ascensionathome.com

SERVICE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - HOME HEALTH SERVICES - MARATHON COUNTY

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 800-397-0270

Office - Anna Kania

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-397-0270

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Waupaca (county), Shawano (county), Portage (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Interdisciplinary staff offer services in the patient's home, nursing home, or CBRF to provide services as prescribed by the patient's personal physician. SERVICES INCLUDE: Skilled nursing care by Registered Nurses; Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology; Medical social work support; Assistance by home health aides.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to those with physician's orders for home health services.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for details.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Health care coverage information, current medications.

FEES: Fees may vary by care provided and insurance coverage.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Private pay, private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.

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AGENCY NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - ONEIDA COUNTY

ADDRESS: 111 EAST DAVENPORT STREET SUITE 101 RHINELANDER WI 54501

WEBSITE: www.ascensionathome.com

SERVICE NAME: ASCENSION AT HOME - HOME HEALTH SERVICES - RHINELANDER

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 715-301-7210

Office - Wendy Freese

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1: 715-301-7244

Alternate - Jennifer Marshall

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-643-4663

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Vilas (county), Price (county), Oneida (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Forest (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Interdisciplinary staff offer services in the patient's home, nursing home, or CBRF to provide services as prescribed by the patient's personal physician. SERVICES INCLUDE: Skilled nursing care by Registered Nurses; Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology; Medical social work support; Assistance by home health aides.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to those with physician's orders for home health services.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for details.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Health care coverage information, current medications.

FEES: Fees may vary by care provided and insurance coverage.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Private pay, private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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AGENCY NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

ADDRESS: 520 N 32ND AVE WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.aspirus.org/ourservices

SERVICE NAME: ASPIRUS HELP AT HOME

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Homemaker Assistance

MAIN NUMBER: 715-847-2600

Office

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-600-8296

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Clark (county), Iron (county), Langlade (county), Lincoln (county), Marathon (county), Oneida (county), Portage (county), Price (county), Shawano (county), Taylor (county), Vilas (county), Wood (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides long-term or temporary help at home and supportive services that allow a person of any age to remain at home. Care is provided by trained supportive home care and personal care workers. THIS INCLUDES: Meal planning and preparation; Assistance with personal care/daily living (bathing, toileting); Housekeeping/home management services; Personal laundry/linens; Respite; Shopping/errands; Home safety assessment; Transportation to physician office appointments for those who can ride in a car. Service is door-through-door; In-home beautician services; Massage therapy and cosmetology; Companionship.

ELIGIBILITY: Serves adults and children, based on need.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call to arrange for a no-charge, no obligation in-home assessment or consultation to assess personal needs. No physician referral is needed.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: No documentation required.

FEES: Please call for free assessment; fees are negotiated based on services needed.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Accepts COP and CIP contracts. Accepts M.A. for transportation if client is pre-approved for a county program.

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PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm; 24-hour on call staffing.

AGENCY NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

ADDRESS: 520 N 32ND AVE WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.aspirus.org/ourservices

SERVICE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 715-847-2600

Office

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-600-8296

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Clark (county), Florence (county), Iron (county), Langlade (county), Lincoln (county), Marathon (county), Oneida (county), Portage (county), Price (county), Shawano (county), Taylor (county), Vilas (county), Wood (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: NOTE: Aspirus At Home no longer providers flu shots. Provides short-term skilled home care services that allow a person to remain at home. CARE INCLUDES: Registered nurses; Certified nursing assistants; Personal care workers; Physical, occupational, and speech therapists; IV therapy; Medication management; Medical social worker; Wound care; Geriatrics; Falls Prevention; Transition to independence.

ELIGIBILITY: Varies by payer. Please call for details.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call for information.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: No documentation required.

FEES: Please call for details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Medicare, Medicaid, insurance payments, and private payments.

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PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm; 24-hour on call staffing.

AGENCY NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME

SITE NAME: ASPIRUS AT HOME RHINELANDER

ADDRESS: 1860 NORTH STEVENS STREET RHINELANDER WI 54501

WEBSITE: www.aspirus.org/ourservices

SERVICE NAME: ASPIRUS VNA HOME HEALTH

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Home Health Aide Services

MAIN NUMBER: 715-847-2600

Ext. 52479

Service Contact

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-600-8296

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Vilas (county), Oneida (county), Lincoln (county), Forest (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides skilled home care services for short and long term, that allow a person to remain at home. CARE INCLUDES: Registered nurses; Certified nursing assistants; Personal care workers; Physical, occupational, and speech therapists; Medication management; Medical social worker.

ELIGIBILITY: Varies by payor. Please call for details.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call to arrange a no obligation in-home assessment to discuss personal needs with a registered nurse.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Please call for details.

FEES: Please call fro details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Accepts Medicare, Medical Assistance, insurance payments and private payments.

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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AGENCY NAME: CAMPAIGN FOR AGING RESEARCH

SITE NAME: CAMPAIGN FOR AGING RESEARCH

ADDRESS:

WEBSITE: http://elderhelpers.org/

SERVICE NAME: ERRAND RUNNING/SHOPPING ASSISTANCE - ELDER HELPERS

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Homemaker Assistance

MAIN NUMBER: 734-330-2730

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: US (country)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides a web-based program that matches people in need of help (elders or family) with volunteers in their own communities. Personal care Errand running/shopping assistance Gardening and chores Homemaker assistance In home meal preparation Background checks are conducted on all volunteers listed (use IntelliCorp for this service)

ELIGIBILITY: General public with a focus on people who are elderly

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Apply online or email for information; phone is for active members only

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

FEES: None

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

PROGRAM HOURS: 24-hour access via the Web site

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AGENCY NAME: INTERIM HEALTHCARE

SITE NAME: INTERIM HEALTHCARE

ADDRESS: 510 N 17TH AVE A WAUSAU WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.interimhealthcare.com/wausauwi

SERVICE NAME: INTERIM HEALTHCARE

REQUESTED SERVICE:
In Home Meal Preparation

MAIN NUMBER: 715-842-7707

Ext. 113

Main Office - Sandi Kaminski

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Portage (county), Oneida (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Clark (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Home health and supportive care for short-term or long-term needs, including: Nursing Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies Respite care Hospice care Palliative care Companionship Grocery shopping Meal preparation Home health aides Personal care workers Services are provided by NP's, RN's, LPN's, PT's, OT's, Speech & Language Pathologists, Certified Nursing Assistants, and homemakers, depending the level of care required. Also offers occupational health services to business and industry, and staffing to facilities and clinics.

ELIGIBILITY: Open. Please call for details.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Call to arrange a free assessment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Demographic and insurance information. Please call for more details. If for a skilled services such as therapy, a physician order is needed. If for a supportive service such as caregivers, demographic information is needed.

FEES: Base rate including amount of services needed. Please call for more details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Medicare and Medicaid certified. Accepts insurance and private payments.

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PROGRAM HOURS: Available 24 hour on call. Phone hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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AGENCY NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

SITE NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

ADDRESS: 3262 CHURCH ST STEVENS POINT WI 54481

WEBSITE:

SERVICE NAME: PERSONAL ASSISTANT SERVICES

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Homemaker Assistance

MAIN NUMBER: 715-344-4210

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Office - Barb Haggen, Director of In-Home Services

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

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ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Vilas (county), Taylor (county), Portage (county), Oneida (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Forest (county), Florence (county), Adams (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: In-home services ranging from individual's personal needs to simple household tasks, supportive home care services, and/or respite services.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to Individuals with disabilities of any age.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for information.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Please call for information.

FEES: Please call for fee information.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Please call for information.

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

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AGENCY NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

SITE NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

ADDRESS: 3262 CHURCH ST STEVENS POINT WI 54481

WEBSITE:

SERVICE NAME: MIDSTATE INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Daily Living Aids

MAIN NUMBER: 715-344-4210

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Office - Eric Riskus, IL Program Director

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

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TOLL FREE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Vilas (county), Taylor (county), Portage (county), Oneida (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county), Forest (county), Florence (county), Adams (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: A publicly supported, non-profit agency serving persons with disabilities of all ages. SERVICE INCLUDE: Information & referral, Advocacy for individuals or system, Independent living skills training, Peer support, Transition services, Employment services, Assistive technology, Architectural accessibility, Benefits counseling, Community education, Recreation, Certified home buyer educational counseling, Personal assistant services program, Consults clients on long term care options, through partnership with IRIS.

ELIGIBILITY: A person with a disability residing within the geographic area served.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Contact office.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Please contact office for more information.

FEES: None.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: NA

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

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AGENCY NAME: TONGXENG PERSONAL HOME CARE

SITE NAME: TONGXENG PERSONAL HOME CARE

ADDRESS: 1821 Rosecrans Street Suite B Wausau WI 54401

WEBSITE: www.tongxenghomecare.com

SERVICE NAME: TONGXENG PERSONAL HOME CARE

REQUESTED SERVICE:
Personal Care

MAIN NUMBER: 715-298-9130

Office - Yong Thao, Office Manager

ALTERNATE NUMBER 1:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 2:

ALTERNATE NUMBER 3:

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-549-8545

EMERGENCY/CRISIS NUMBER:

AREA SERVED: Wood (county), Shawano (county), Portage (county), Marathon (county), Lincoln (county), Langlade (county)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Personal care workers provide in-home supportive care. SERVICES INCLUDE: Bathing; Washing face, hands, private area; Brushing teeth and/or dentures; Looking for sores on body; Helping with clothing; Helping up and down or walking; Helping to the bathroom; Feeding; Cleaning up after done.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals who receive medical assistance.

INTAKE PROCEDURE: Please call for details.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Forward Health card and doctor's name, address, and phone number

FEES: Please call for details.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Medicaid

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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Please contact us again if you have additional questions or needs.

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 1:41 PM
To: 'Carol Holz' <caholz@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Up coming elections

Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I totally understand where you are coming from, especially because in our area, there is a much larger elderly population, and our polling places already have fewer people to run the polls. You are right that Governor Evers refuses to move that date, has said so repeatedly, and has encouraged everyone to vote absentee when at all possible, and there's really nothing I can do to force his hand. The fact of the matter is that the law/his emergency powers do not actually allow for him to change or postpone that date on his own. This, at least, does give me some comfort, because it means that one politician cannot take away our constitutional rights to vote just on a whim. These are certainly extraordinary circumstances, for sure. One big concern with moving this election so close to the date is that there are already 100,000 absentee ballots out there that have been returned to the clerks to be counted. On those ballots are votes for local positions all over the state. If Governor Evers were to move the election date, many, many local positions would remain vacant during that time, sometimes crippling a local government's ability to make moves to respond to the public health emergency we are currently in. It's also difficult to say when that date should be postponed to because we do not yet know how long the public health emergency will be in place.

The federal government is close to passing a federal stimulus package that will have some funds available to aid local governments. This will allow more flexibility for clerks to be able to do what they need to to make sure this election is as safe as possible for all, including for poll workers. It is the Election Commission's job to work with all municipal clerks to ensure that this happens, and that all clerks have the resources they need to make that possible. In reference to the change you suggested, I have heard that some locations are looking at purchasing pens so that every voter can use their own pen to sign the book and vote with it, and then take it with them. Your suggestion is interesting, and would be something I'd bring up with your municipal clerk to see if they've talked to the elections commission about flexibility there. It may be that state law prohibits anyone but the voter from signing.

Coronavirus and the fall out has created some really impossible situations, and this is one of them. If you are uncomfortable going to the polls to work or to vote, I think you have every right to stay home, and to vote absentee. I know some clerks (and the elections commission) are working on recruiting college students and non-essential employees out of work to work the polls in place of those who don't feel comfortable. If you're wanting to avoid getting sick, I'd talk to your municipal clerk about it and see what parameters they are putting into place to make the day as safe as possible.

As we've seen over the last two weeks, this situation can change drastically from day to day, so I will continue to keep you in the loop if anything changes. Thank you again for your time and sharing your thoughts with me,

Mary

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

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From: Carol Holz <caholz@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Up coming elections

Mary, this is a cry for help. It is NOT political As you know, WI has an election scheduled for April 7. Our Governor is refusing to change that date. Banks, churches, restaurants,beauty and tattoo parlors are closed. Funerals and weddings are postponed. And yet, elections must go on all while using "best practices" .
Absentee ballots are encouraged. Wonderful! However, those absentee ballots still need to be processed by poll workers. The majority of poll workers are retirees. And I'm one of them. How can we do our work while practicing "social distancing" and keeping people out of our face?
Please, please let's just make one change. Allow me to simply check off the voter in the poll book. Waive the requirement that he sign the book. This simple change would keep the voter away from my face. A relative small best practice change!
Please don't force me to choose between my health and what I feel is my civic duty and something I enjoy.
Thanks for listening and anything you can do.
Carol Holz

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:44 PM
To: "'kellysoczka@netscape.net'" <kellysoczka@netscape.net>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law: Pass now or people will be infected/die as a result

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Kelly,

Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.

1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.

2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.

5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.

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Mary Felzkowski

From: Kelly Steidinger <kellysoczka@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:56 PM

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law: Pass now or people will be infected/die as a result

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

Dear Representatives,

People will be UNNECESSARILY harmed or die because you don't want to pass this bill. This is not ok. Care about your constituents, whether they are Democrats or Republicans. You are being selfish by caring more about suppressing the vote in your favor by not passing this bill. For once, do the right thing!

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Kelly Steidinger
kellysoczka@netscape.net
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Marathon, Wisconsin 54448

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:44 PM
To: "'pjkunta@frontier.com'" <pjkunta@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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From: Paul Kuntz <pjkunta@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:53 PM

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:16 PM
To: 'Patrick Zimick' <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Patrick,

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From: Patrick Zimick <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Its not feasible because you Republicans didn't work with Governor Evers when he first requested. You don't want people to have the freedom to vote without false barriers. Like Drivers License at voting poles, You should be ashamed of yourself.

I am a Vietnam Veteran , served my country and saw many a young man die for the freedom and right to vote. The Republicans have spent all their time trying to restrict that right.

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:30 AM
To: upnorthzimick@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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From: Patrick Zimick <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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Gleason, Wisconsin 54435

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:31 AM
To: "'webbrl@uwec.edu'" <webbrl@uwec.edu>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Rita,

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If you are worried about your safety at the polls, I would encourage you to request your ballot and vote absentee. That deadline ends April 2nd. You have until the end of the day today to register online if needed. Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Rita Webb <webbrl@uwec.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:21 PM

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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Rita Webb
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:29 AM
To: "'lindafleischman2@gmail.com'" <lindafleischman2@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Linda,

Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.

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From: Linda Fleischman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:24 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:29 AM
To: "'upnorthzimick@yahoo.com'" <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:29 AM
To: "'tbabonas@hotmail.com'" <tbabonas@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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From: Terese Babonas <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:46 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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Terese Babonas
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Deerbrook, Wisconsin 54424

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:28 AM
To: "'jfbenishek@yahoo.com'" <jfbenishek@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Jennifer,

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From: Jennifer Benishek <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:27 AM
To: "'susan.grafton@wicourts.gov'" <susan.grafton@wicourts.gov>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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From: Susan Grafton <susan.grafton@wicourts.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 9:16 AM
To: "'geneanddawn@outlook.com'" <geneanddawn@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Dawn,

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From: Dawn Horwath <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:16 AM
To: 'Patrick Zimick' <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Pat,

You are certainly entitled to your own opinion, Pat. I do appreciate you taking the time to reach out, even if we disagree.

Please let me know if you hear from anyone needing help during this stretch.

Mary

From: Patrick Zimick <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Mary

Like I told Tom Tiffany. You Republicans try and take away Health Care from those who need it. Support a President in your Party who Lies and is in competent.

Like I said 50,000 young men and women of all walks of life and nationality gave there lives so people like you could take away their rights. You are the Party of Lies and deceit.

I will do everything I can to make sure no one votes for you or Tom Tiffany. I do recall when Scott Walker and you Republicans supported a budget that attempted to eliminate Freedom of Information in the state. That way you could hide what you are doing. Also, you passed legislation that eliminated your requirement to disclose who you political contributors are.

Your Republican Hero from Wisconsin, Ron Johnson, Who believes that the Cure is worse than the problem. Meaning Money and Economy over Lives of the citizens who pay the bills. That is what Republicans stand for. Money over Liberty and Freedom.

Pat Zimick

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Patrick Zimick <upnorthzimick@yahoo.com>
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I am a Vietnam Veteran , served my country and saw many a young man die for the freedom and right to vote. The Republicans have spent all their time trying to restrict that right.

From: Rep.Felzkowski [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:30 AM
To: upnorthzimick@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Patrick,

Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain why a total mail-in ballot election at this point is not a feasible option.

1. There is no way to secure the vote. Mail in ballots would require eliminating voter ID.

2. It would eliminate same day registration as only registered voters as of the time the ballots went out would be allowed to vote.

3. The current registered voter list includes 200,000 voters who the Elections Commission suspects have moved. If those ballots are sent, anyone at those addresses could fill them out and return them.

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4. The Elections Commission themselves say they don't have the infrastructure necessary to conduct an election this way.

5. Washington state, who does handle elections this way, has warned against trying to move to this system in haste.

6. I have already heard from several clerks just in my district who have said they simply do not have the time or resources before April 7th to mail ballots to all registered voters. Most of them are already spending their nights and weekends as it is trying to send out ballots to those that have already requested them.

I wish the Governor had consulted with the Elections Commission before asking the legislature to move in this direction. They could have provided him with valuable information on why this isn't feasible right now, with the election less than a week and a half away. I totally understand where you are coming from and also want to make sure that our election is as safe as possible for everyone involved. We need to do everything we can to protect voters and also protect the integrity of the election itself. I will be sending out information later today encouraging low risk, healthy adults (like college students currently back at home) to become poll workers, so that those who don't feel comfortable going to the polls can stay home and vote absentee. The Elections Commission is also offering COVID-19 specific online training for clerks on how to keep their polling places safe.

Thank you again for your email,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Patrick Zimick <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Mary Felzkowski (Czaja),

We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:

• Automatically mail every registered voter an absentee ballot

• Count all absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day

• Give local election clerks more time to count absentee ballots

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In this unusual election, Wisconsin voters and local election officials need to ensure every single voter can safely participate in our democracy.

We need the state legislature to act now.

Patrick Zimick
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Gleason, Wisconsin 54435

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:22 PM
To: "De Haan, Paulina C - DOC" <paulina.dehaan@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on our Constituent Case

Thank you so much Paulina, I really appreciate the quick response!

-----Original Message-----
From: De Haan, Paulina C - DOC <paulina.dehaan@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on our Constituent Case

Hi,

I would refer her to the our website: www.doc.wi.gov/covid19 that goes into detail about what we are doing to reduce the spread of COVID19, it also references release mechanisms. The DOC does not have authority to release people before their mandatory release date.

Sincerely,

Paulina de Haan
Legislative Advisor
Office of the Secretary
Department of Corrections|State of Wisconsin

paulina.dehaan@wisconsin.gov
608-240-5056

-----Original Message-----
From: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS [mailto:Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:13 PM
To: De Haan, Paulina C - DOC <paulina.dehaan@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Update on our Constituent Case

Hey Paulina,

Here is another email with more details from our constituent.

Thanks,
Stamena

-----Original Message-----
From: karen goulee <karengoulee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski

I am going to. retain a attorney to sue the state of Wisconsin and the doc they are breaking the law that was put in place on social distancing my son is at Chippewa falls treatment and they are ten to a dorm in no way can the system keep these people safe from the virus they eat 30 at a time and 40 people share the bathroom and shower now again tell me how they are doing

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everything they can to protect these inmates also these inmates are all within short time to release dates for doing the program I feel anyone that is within two years of release should be sent out free up space and lower the number that can and will be infected we all know it is going to happen just when is the question

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 1, 2020, at 9:43 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Karen,
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> I have reached out to the Department to find out more specifics for you. I will let you know when they get back to me.
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> Thank you,
> Mary
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: karen goulee <karengoulee@yahoo.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:06 PM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski
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> I want to thank you for responding but sorry to say not one word was true they are not doing anything for the inmates or the staff and let’s get honest in no way can they handle a out break in the wisconsin prison system and we all know it’s going to happen let those that are a year or less out go home to their families thank you but please help do something
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 11:55 AM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi Karen,
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>> Thank you for reaching our my office on this issue. Last Monday, under Executive Order #72, the Department of Corrections suspended all admissions to the state's prisons and juvenile facilities. Additionally, the agency has suspended visits and says they are doing all they can to protect the inmate population. As of last Wednesday, the Department of Corrections put out a statement saying that there are no known positive cases for any adults in their custody. The Department has not put out any new updates over the weekend. I appreciate your compassion during this time and please let me know if you have any further questions.
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>> Thank you,
>> Mary Felzkowski
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: karen goulee <karengoulee@yahoo.com>
>> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:44 AM
>> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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>> Subject: Note from Karen Goulee to your Facebook Page Wisconsin State Representative Mary Felzkowski
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>> Sent fwhat is the state doing about the state prison system the over crowding and how can they even think about keeping them safe let alone treat the inmates not only is a problem for the inmates who by the way are human and do have families that are stressed out knowing they are at a very high risk of getting this virus but the community these prison are in the hospital will be the only place they can be treated which in turn will then not be able to help the people in those communities for the love of god send some of them home rom my iPhone
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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:03 AM
To: 'MORGAN CLARE BLOCH' <mcbloch@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Update

Hey Morgan!

I am so sorry it's taken so long for me to get back to you. I was the only one working in our office for almost two weeks, so I was SWAMPED trying to respond and do everything from home. I'm so sad we won't get to work with you anymore. How are you handling the stay at home order? I hope you are all doing alright! We really enjoyed our time with you as well. Once we get back into the office, we'll get you a recommendation letter from Mary that you can use for whatever you need it for!

Thanks, stay sane!

Liz

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From: MORGAN CLARE BLOCH <mcbloch@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update

Hi Liz,

Today Chancellor Blank announced that classes will remain online for the rest of the semester. Because of that, I have made the decision to not return to Madison this semester. That being said, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity this semester to work alongside you and Stamena. I really enjoyed my time in the office and wish you all the best. Please thank Mary for me as well.

Thank you for everything,
Morgan

From: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 3:05 PM
To: MORGAN CLARE BLOCH <mcbloch@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Update

That is totally fine! Just keep us in the loop! Thank you!!

Elisabeth Portz

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From: MORGAN CLARE BLOCH <mcbloch@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update

Hi Liz!

I honestly have no idea what my plans are yet when it comes to returning to campus. It's going to depend on how they are going to structure the classes online and if my middle of nowhere WI internet will be able to handle it. If I'm in Madison, then I would definitely like to continue to come in

I should know more before the end of spring break when they tell us how this is going to work. If it's okay with you, I will keep the office updated about if I'll be back right after spring break or not.

-Morgan

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:32:49 PM
To: MORGAN CLARE BLOCH <mcbloch@wisc.edu>
Subject: Update

Hey!

With the news coming from UW Madison about the extension of spring break and moving to virtual classes, Stamena and I just wanted to check in with you to see what your plans are for the rest of the semester. If you need to stay at home, or would prefer not to come into the building, we certainly understand! Just planning out the rest the session/semester.

Hope your assignments are going well!

Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:09 PM
To: "'bach2chc@milwpc.com'" <bach2chc@milwpc.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Thank you for the email. On the extension of absentee ballot return, it was and is still extended. Under current law, absentee ballots need to be received and counted by the local clerk by the end of Election night. Under the current situation, people were able to have their ballot counted as long as it was postmarked on election day. This extends when you can turn your ballot in by several days because, under normal circumstances, most people have to mail their ballots in the week before to make sure they arrive by election day. In addition to that, clerks have until April 13th to receive and count absentee ballots.

Thanks,

Mary

From: bach2chc@milwpc.com <bach2chc@milwpc.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

Republicans showed their true colors again by putting politics over PEOPLE.....we need to delay the vote count so people can vote absentee.....WHAT IS THE GOP SO DESPERATELY AFRAID OF....LOSING?

----- Original Message -----
From: Rep.Felzkowski
To: Peter Bach
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:37:54 PM
Subject: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update



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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:58 PM
To: 'Patti Baacke' <pattibaacke@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Hey Patti,

Thank you for your email and I apologize that it has taken me so long to get back to you. I have heard this concern from a few others in our area and I understand where you are coming from this. What is difficult about this situation is that preventing that kind of travel would be preventing people from being able to go to their own property. I did reach out to the Governor's office just to see what they are saying and what IL is saying on this.

I confirmed with IL State Police that their enforcement mirrors ours:

- Individuals do not need credentials to travel
- Law enforcement is not stopping motorists to inspect credentials
- Our state borders remain open for essential travel, but trips should be minimized
- Interstate travel between states is permissible, so long as individuals abide by respective state orders
- As always, law enforcement agencies ask for voluntary compliance with Safer at Home orders

Because the borders are open for essential travel between the two states, it would be very difficult to limit travel. It's something we are going to have to continue to monitor as this the situation evolves in Wisconsin. Thankfully we still do not have any confirmed cases in Lincoln and Langlade County, which is really encouraging.

Have a great night,

Mary

From: Patti Baacke <pattibaacke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

Please review and address what is being done to restrict Illinois residents from traveling north to cabins and summer homes and transporting this virus. Thank you

Sent from my iPad

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To: 'Dave & Rita Kuhr' <cozycompanionsfarm@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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I apologize that it took so long for me to respond! We have gotten a lot of calls and emails over the last couple of days, so we weren't able to be as quick as we would have liked.

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Liz

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Thanks for the update. As a possible idea, what if the feds allowed you to take a amount out of your IRA without penalty to help pay bills until the economy comes back?
Thanks, Dave Kuhr

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> [redacted]

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:16 PM
To: "'ntrosenmeier@yahoo.com'" <ntrosenmeier@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Hey Tami,

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Thank you,

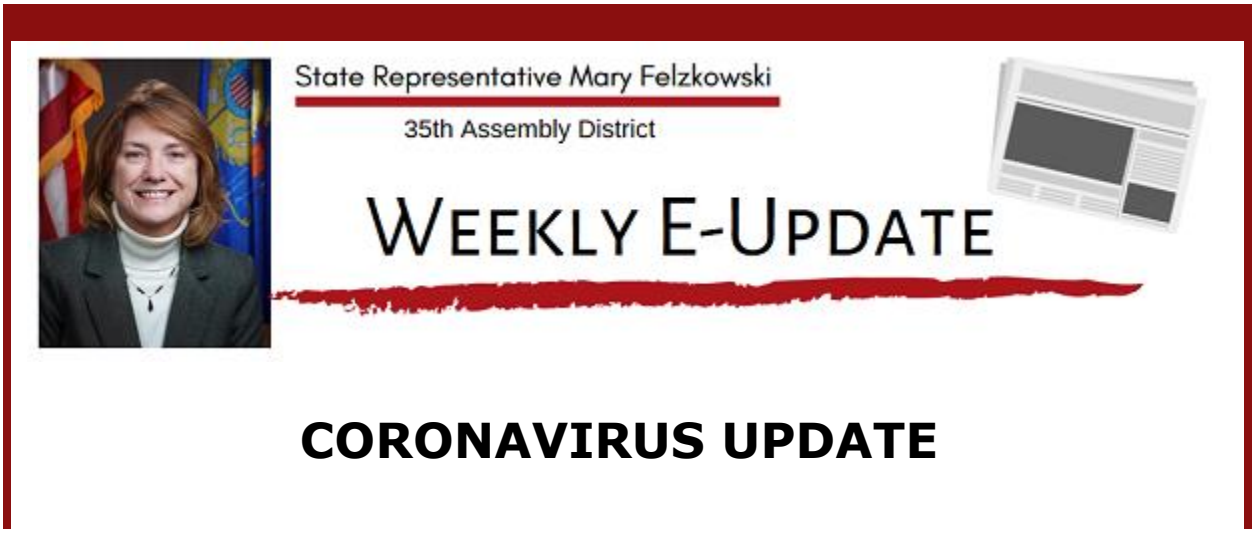
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From: Tami rosenmeier <ntrosenmeier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 10:11 AM
To: 'Walter Schultz' <donandmarie1@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Marie,

People don't need to choose to vote or not, absentee ballots were readily available from local clerks for weeks. We have be pushing people in that direction from the beginning, and thankfully, so many people have chosen to go that route. We may see more voting in this election via absentee then we have seen in TOTAL voting for a primary in the past. I agree with you that no one should go to the polls if they don't want to. What I think many don't understand is that there are people who want to. I get calls from people who really don't want to vote absentee, they want to go to the polls on Tuesday and cast their ballot, so that is their choice.

I am really happy to hear you were able to vote and do so safely.

Mary

From: Walter Schultz <donandmarie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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It is commendable, but foolish in my view, for you and your husband to expose yourselves. And people should not have to choose to vote or not because of this pandemic. I admire the guy from Potosi who quit and wants the polls shut until later. Why the rush? We are all in this waiting game together.Marie

Ps We voted absentee. It was handled very cautiously by ourtown of Bradley people.

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 7:09 PM Walter Schultz <donandmarie1@gmail.com> wrote:

> Move the time forward as other states have. All are at risk. Not worth it to endanger and, potentially, spread this illness! I am 79 and would love to work at the polls. Young people don't Want to expose themselves; no one does. Healthy health care workers are dying because we aren't Observing the protocols. Please be the leader you were elected and move the primaries forward or do absentee by mail this election. Sincerely, Marie Schultz
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Thank you Dave! Have a great day,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:10 AM
To: "'jillschmunk@gmail.com'" <jillschmunk@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Good point, thank you Jill. I think some are paid, some are not, so I didn't want to cause confusion, but that is a good incentive. I will be sure to mention it in other correspondence.

Mary

From: jillschmunk@gmail.com <jillschmunk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

If you said "paid" I think people will reply---I thought all of the people sitting at the tables are paid. That is what they claim anyway.

From: Rep.Felzkowski
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Jill Schmunk
Subject: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update



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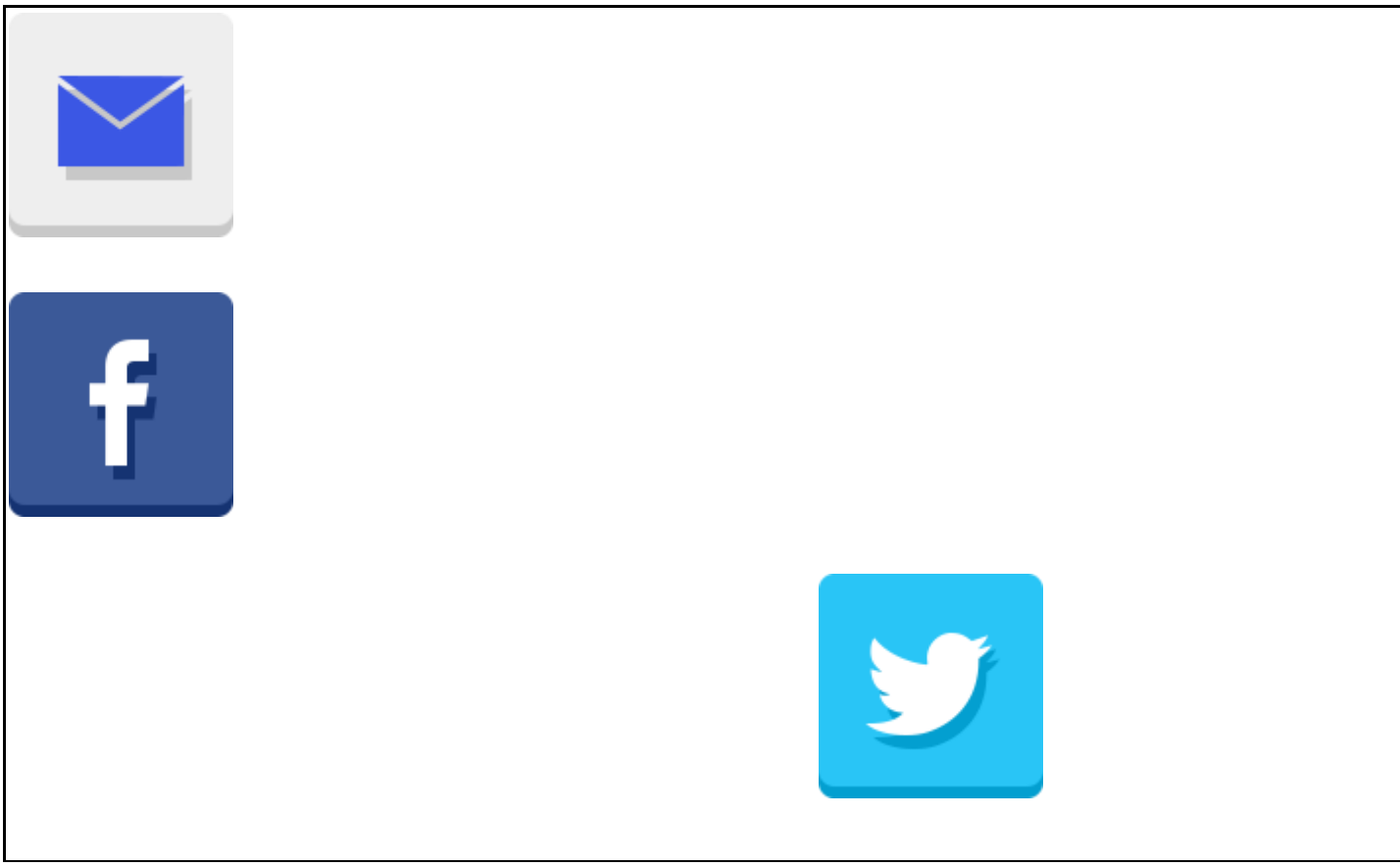
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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:09 AM
To: 'Jan Schmidt' <tnjs@copper.net>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Have a great day,

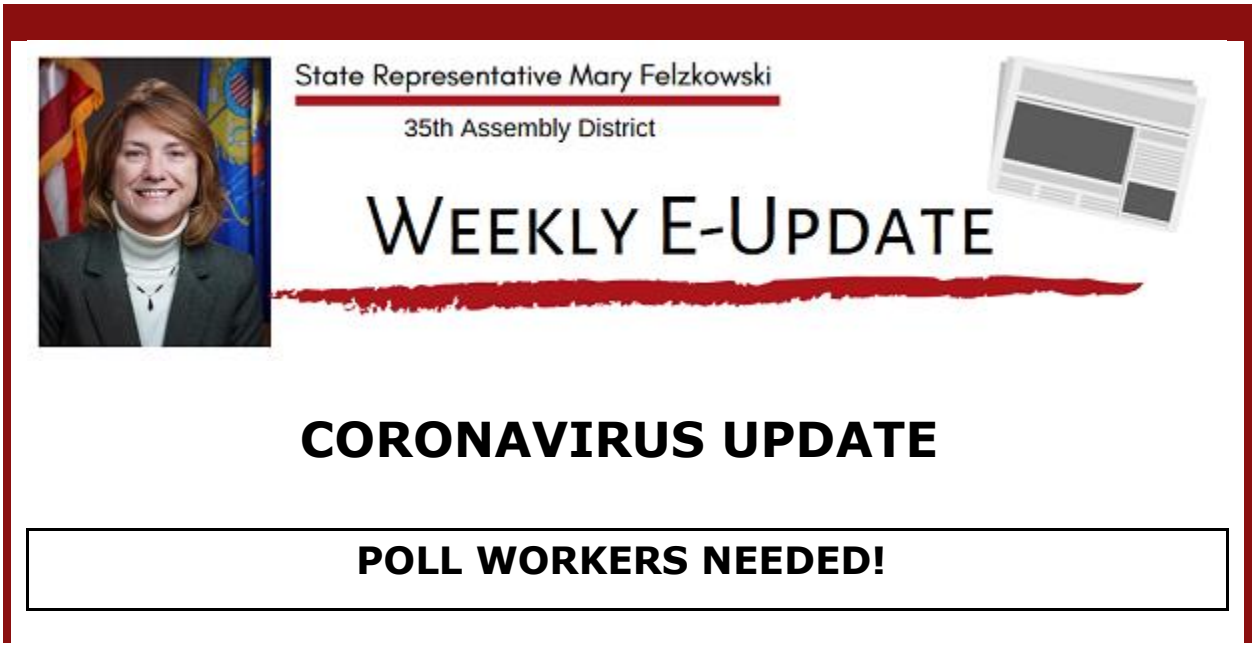
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From: Jan Schmidt <tnjs@copper.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

Thank you! The poll worker Training Webinar was needed and reassuring.

Jan-Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:09 PM
To: "'bach2chc@milwpc.com'" <bach2chc@milwpc.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

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Thank you for the email. On the extension of absentee ballot return, it was and is still extended. Under current law, absentee ballots need to be received and counted by the local clerk by the end of Election night. Under the current situation, people were able to have their ballot counted as long as it was postmarked on election day. This extends when you can turn your ballot in by several days because, under normal circumstances, most people have to mail their ballots in the week before to make sure they arrive by election day. In addition to that, clerks have until April 13th to receive and count absentee ballots.

Thanks,

Mary

From: bach2chc@milwpc.com <bach2chc@milwpc.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent: We need poll workers! - Coronavirus Update

Republicans showed their true colors again by putting politics over PEOPLE.....we need to delay the vote count so people can vote absentee.....WHAT IS THE GOP SO DESPERATELY AFRAID OF....LOSING?

----- Original Message -----
From: Rep.Felzkowski
To: Peter Bach
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:37:54 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:41 PM
To: 'Pam Schultz' <pschultz8904@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent request - Mental Health crisis

Hey Pam,

I reached out to the Department of Health Services with your concerns. I've also heard other concerns about telehealth, so I am certain DHS is looking into where flexibility can happen without a law change.

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Pam Schultz <pschultz8904@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Rep.Emerson <Rep.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.McGuire <Rep.McGuire@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Meyers <Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Myers <Rep.Myers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petersen <Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Spiros <Rep.Spiros@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stubbs <Rep.Stubbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stuck <Rep.Stuck@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Taylor <Rep.Taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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PLEASE do what it takes to temporarily change the laws to allow therapists to hold counseling sessions over the phone and for them to be billed to insurance.

Mental health crises are already at an all time high - people need to be to able to continue their services to avoid relapses in substance abuse, worsening depression, suicidal thoughts - I urge you for the safety of our therapists and their families to allow counselors to hold sessions over the phone or via Skype. Other medical professionals have masks and gowns that they can wear - therapists do not have that and are in a closed room with individuals who may be sick and yet still need mental health care.

Please be proactive and do whatever is necessary for people to continue to get the help they desperately need. Our legislators and insurance companies need to make this happen - it is not only everyone's physical health that is at stake, but also their mental health.

Thank you for your time,
Pam Schultz

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:00 PM
To: "Steine, Bradford - DATCP" <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Okay thank you Bradford! I will do that.

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Steine, Bradford - DATCP <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Liz:

Yes, you can direct the constituent to the link below:
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FileConsumerComplaint.aspx

I hope this is helpful. Let me know if you need anything else on this.

Best,

Bradford

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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Steine, Bradford - DATCP <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>; Seitz, Christopher X - LEGIS <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Hey Bradford,

We had another constituent reach out to us on the same thing. Should I send you his information, or should I provide him with the complaint form given to Lin?

Thanks!

Liz

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Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Chris:

Our staff talked with Lin yesterday. She stated that she continues to have issues with her phone line (business) regarding incoming calls. Lin had stated she thought that her business had Frontier years ago but is receiving all billing from Verizon. She was unclear when change took place or what happened to Frontier as her husband had taken care of everything before he passed away in 2016. After discussing the issues it sounds like she may have landline service as well as cellular. Staff emailed her a complaint form and fact sheet regarding telecommunications so that she can file the complaint and we can address her concerns with Verizon.

I hope you find this helpful. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

Bradford

Bradford Steine
Legislative Liaison
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Phone: (608) 224-5024

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Cell: (608) 405-0370
Fax: (608) 224-5034
Bradford.Steine1@Wisconsin.gov

Please complete this brief survey to help us improve our customer service. Thank you for your feedback!

From: Seitz, Christopher X - LEGIS <christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Steine, Bradford - DATCP <bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Felzkowski - LEGIS <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Hi Brad,

Hope everything is going well for you!

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Thank you very much,

Christopher Seitz
Office of Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District
Christopher.seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-266-2509

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 2:12 PM
To: "Seitz, Christopher" <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

FYI, Ron heard from Verizon directly on this, and while his service doesn't seem to be able to be improved, he is happy with the response time and attention.

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From: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Hi Liz,

We haven't received anything from Ron since last June. I have had pretty good luck in the past when it comes to working with DATCP on these issues, but if you have a contact specifically with Verizon, then it probably wouldn't hurt to run both tracks. It does seem like Verizon's service has been going downhill a bit lately…

And yeah, I tried calling your office about Lin's issue before I sent the email to DATCP.

Thank you,

Chris

From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Seitz, Christopher <Christopher.Seitz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Verizon Consumer Protection Issue

Hey Chris,

Did you also get the email from Ron Zalewski with a similar issue? I was going to reach out to Matt Phillips, who represents Verizon, to see if there is someone specific from Verizon we can talk to on this. I was waiting on Ron to send me all of his contact information so Verizon can locate his account. Do you think DATCP is a better route or should we run both tracks?

I am working from home today, but I did see that someone from your office called. Was that you?

Thanks!

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Liz

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:25 PM
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Subject: RE: voicemails

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Paulette carelson
glacialgardens@gmail.com

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Give him a call
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Bretta Osborne
715 219 5253

her dad has called to help her get unemployment

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Out of work since march 9th
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She has to pay rent and bills and take care of her dog
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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:40 AM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: voicemails

Can you take Louis and enter the first two into Forward, and I'll take the last one?

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemails

715 219 6022
Louis rell
Repeal tony's executive powers in a crisis
Governor should not have power to tell people what to do

715 564 2538
Sam heikkinen from brantwood
People are travelling from mke and madison to the northwoods
They want their cabins opened and they are quarantining there since they are working remotely
She wants us to help tony to let them know they cant be driving anywhere
Wish you good luck for senate
Do not need a call back know how busy you are working for us and how crazy this time must be

715 623 3892
Craig osborne
Help for his daughter to get unemployment
She went to the website which told her she needs to talk to a person but no one is available when she calls the line
Could we help expedite that

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 9:12 AM
To: 'Earl Hanson' <sehanson1@frontier.com>
Subject: RE: vote

Good morning Earl,

Thank you for reaching out! I can certainly help you access an absentee ballot for sure. I apologize about you not being able to get ahold of anyone, it's been a crazy time for a lot of places as staff transition from the office to working at home. Here is the information I provided in my e-update that went out yesterday. Please look it over and let me know how I can help you with any of the steps. The easiest way to get your ballots is to go with #1.

Governor Evers has continued to signal that there will be no change to the April 7th Election Date. I wanted to provide you with more information about absentee voting. Social distancing recommendations will be harder to follow on election day – so absentee voting is a great way to slow the spread and keep ourselves and poll workers safe.

For those of you that have not have voted absentee before, **absentee voting is easy and you can do it without leaving their home.** There are 3 ways voters can request an absentee ballot. You can:

1. 1. Go online to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. This is the easiest method. Attached is a graphic you are welcome to use that outlines the step-by-step process for requesting an absentee ballot online – all you need is a photo of your ID to complete the request.

2. 2. Use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. Voters will need to know their local clerk contact information as well as enclose a copy of their photo ID with the mail in request.

3. 3. Request an absentee ballot by emailing or faxing their local clerk.

For mail, email, and fax requests (options 2 and 3 above), voters will need to find their municipal clerk contact information. A directory of municipal clerks can be found here.
All absentee ballot requests must be made by **Thursday, April 2nd** at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.

Please note that, as of right now, online voter registration remains open until March 30th. You can also register by contacting your local municipal clerk. They can use this form to find their local clerk's contact information.

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If you would like to be added to my e-update list, please let me know! Also, which library do you go to? I can reach out to them to see what their plans are so you have more information. I think everyone is just trying to figure things out as this is a really unpredecented situation for all of us.

Thank you!

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: Earl Hanson <sehanson1@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: vote

Hi Mary!

My wife and I would like to vote on April 7th, but we do not know how to access the voter registration form and any other necessary information. I'm 83 and my wife is 79 and our children do not live close by to help us. Ron Johnson's office is difficult to access,too. We called Madison, but no return call has been placed to our address. We'll vote absentee if we can or will vote on site if that is possible. Can you help? Our number is715-453-4311

Also, we visit our library often and they do not even have a message that explains how we can access books or papers. At least they could have a message to let us know how they are handling this crisis. Thank you .....Earl and Sandra Hanson

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:22 PM
To: 'Cathy Krupinski' <cathy.krupinski@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Vote by Mail

Mark and Cathy,

I just wanted to thank you for your time today. I really appreciate it.

Thank you again,

Mary

From: Cathy Krupinski <cathy.krupinski@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Vote by Mail

Good Afternoon,

We are requesting that you both vote to allow Voting by Mail for this election. It makes not sense to ask folks to go to the polls amidst this pandemic. We think we need to vote now, because the northern part of the state has not been represented in Congress in Washington DC since September.

We have already voted by Mail and it is quite easy to do so. Return envelopes should be postage free.

Special times rely on special policies and new ideas.

thank you,
Mark and Cathy Krupinski
W551 Grouse Road
Gleason WI 54435

715-362-7737

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 4:03 PM

To: 'David Henry' <dhenry91@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: Vote

David,

Thank you for your email. Regarding why Governor Evers' order was challenged, the answer is that, regardless of whether or not the election should be moved, and I totally understand why people were hoping for that, the Governor circumvented state law and the constitution with his order. I do not believe that any elected leader should be able to break the law, regardless of the circumstances. I don't believe that there is any good reason for one person to have the power to temporarily suspend our rights. The constitution is what our society is built on, even more important during a global pandemic, not less. Elections are our constitutionally protected way of holding our governments accountable. Allowing for those in that government to mess with that, even in a time of crisis, is so dangerous. I can understand if you disagree, but it's how I feel, and it wouldn't change based on who is serving in an given position.

I hope you have a great weekend,

Mary

From: David Henry <dhenry91@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@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.

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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

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 2:44 PM
To: 'Judy Shepherd' <tnjshepherd@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Voting

Judy,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for your time on the phone and for your willingness to speak with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: Judy Shepherd <tnjshepherd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Voting

Judith Shepherd 2774 Germond Road. Rhinelander Wi. 54501
715-367-1987
Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 6, 2020, at 4:31 PM, Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> From: Judy Shepherd <tnjshepherd@yahoo.com>
> Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:10 PM
> To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Voting
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Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:49 PM
To: 'John' <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Subject: RE: Voting

John,

Thank you for your email. Everyone is already allowed to absentee vote, they just need to contact their municipal clerk to do it before April 2nd. If you know of anyone that needs help taking care of that, send them my way and I can help them go through the process.

Confirmations are not done by the Assembly, but by the Senate, so I do not have jurisdiction over her confirmation.

Have a good weekend,

Mary Felzkowski

-----Original Message-----
From: John <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:05 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

Dear Representative Felzkowski,
In this uncharted time please go to bat for all of us and allow absentee voting for everyone.
And why is Secretary Palm a designee? What's with the Republican Party? Get to work and confirm her!
Sincerely,
John O'Dell

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 1:02 PM
To: 'Richardson' <ehhjar@charter.net>
Subject: RE: voting

Jim,

I certainly understand your frustration, I know a lot of people are feeling it. I am happy to hear you and your wife were able to vote absentee. I guess I'd have to disagree with you that the only options were to go in person and contract COVID, or to stay home and not vote. Everyone I know and work with has been imploring people to vote absentee for weeks now. There are people who genuinely want to vote in person, and I can't make those people stay home, but I provided information over and over again on how to apply for absentee ballots. We helped people do so over the phone and via email. I reached out to my district to try to help low risk people who wanted to volunteer get connected with their polling places so they could get trained, hopefully relieving someone who was at greater risk. I tried to volunteer at the polls myself, but was told they were adequately staffed and weren't needed. My husband and I checked with several locations and we always got the same answer. I even called this morning to see if any of them needed anything. This has never been about voter suppression, there are few things more sacred than the right to vote. Thankfully, we are already on track to see turnout that is as high or higher than recent years. There were no easy decisions here, and none of them were made lightly, or with disregard, or with malice. Everyone I work with is doing everything they can to help their districts with the information that they have. There simply was not enough time to move the election safely. You can disagree with that if you want, or I would be happy to elaborate more, but it was not an easy decision. Nothing about any of this has been easy.

I think everyone wishes that COVID-19 was not something that was impacting our lives. Everyone is stuck, many people are unemployed or laid off, and I know pretty much all of us are worried or scared during this unprecedented situation. Understandably, everyone is a little or a lot pissed off about things out of their control, and I can certainly identify. All we can do is the best thing with the information we have at the time. And I 100% agree with you that knowing what we know now should impact how we handle the future.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Richardson <ehhjar@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voting

Representative Felzkowski,

Fortunately, both my wife and I used the absentee ballot system to vote. Many other Wisconsinites today are faced with what was an avoidable situation, a life and death situation at that. Vote and risk becoming infected with the virus or stay home and don't vote. Watching this terrible situation unfold as it did, one can plainly see another attempt to suppress the right to vote in this once proud state. We

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To: 'David Waldum' <dwaldum@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Voting

David,

I appreciate you saying that. You are right that I am your Rep. from Tomahawk. I just want to say that this has never been political for me. I really care about everyone in my district, and the at risk individuals especially. We don't have a confirmed case in Lincoln and Langlade Counties yet, and I really hope we can make that last as long as possible. I know the media likes to spin a certain narrative, and I can totally understand your frustration with the story being told. I hope you can at least trust that I have no interest in voter suppression and have been doing everything I can to try to help the polls run safely and efficiently. I have been telling people to vote absentee for weeks if they don't feel safe.

It has been a learning curve for everyone, and I hope we can all come together as we work through this. Thank you for responding, I can certainly understand the need to vent.

Stay safe tomorrow, I will be heading to my local polling place to see if there is anything I can do to help. Thanks again,

Mary

From: David Waldum <dwaldum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Voting

I appreciate getting a reply and yes it is to late. I think the phone number you have is for Tomahawk High School. I have retired and we moved to the Manitowish Waters area last August. I was upset earlier and was not sure who our representatives are now . I remembered you from our years in Tomahawk and I sent you an email to vent. Sorry about that. Anyway we will find our polling place tomorrow and vote. This whole thing is political folie and right or wrong sure seems like an attempt at voter suppression . It just seems wrong to make people decide to risk health in order to exercise our right to vote. Just so petty and political. No excuse and no blame game.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020, 10:40 PM Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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To: 'Rob Rietveld' <allgandp@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Voting

Rob,

Thank you for reaching out. Would you mind providing your contact information. Our first priority is always to 1. Make sure you receive a response and 2. To make sure you actually reach your representative, so we want to make sure that happens!

Thank you,

Liz

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From: Rob Rietveld <allgandp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

I would like to have an explanation as to why you think endangering our poll workers is OK. I have elderly friends of mine who Volunteer to run the polls Who are afraid to show up at the polls tomorrow. I'm just wondering what kind of sick twisted person you are that in this environment it is OK to endanger people. And on a sidenote I'm wondering if you had to wait a week for unemployment or is the state still paying your salary? Hope you stay safe in your quarantine while other people sacrifice themselves. I would think that your job would be essential. I hope you have a great day.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 10:07 AM
To: 'John' <cowstandem@dwave.net>
Subject: RE: Voting

Great news from the Elections Commission on another option for having the ballots signed!

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-03/Absentee%20Witness%20Guidance_0.pdf

Thanks,

Mary

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To: 'Thayer Davis' <thayercdavis@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Voting

Good afternoon Thayer,

Mary wanted me to thank you for your time on the phone and provide you with articles you must have talked about on the call. Because I wasn't on the call, I'm not exactly sure which I'm supposed to send, so I'm sending two:

1. https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/04/10/coronavirus-milwaukee-aldermen-want-answers-polling-places-primary-election/5127577002/
2. https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/madison-has-66-polling-sites-on-election-day-milwaukee-has-five-whats-the-deal/article_8868bacf-6697-5cf4-aa4f-d85fb37cf846.html

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend,

Liz

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From: Thayer Davis <thayercdavis@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

Mary,

Can’t believe that you would participate in putting voters in harms way when there were several clear and safe solutions to this problem. (absentee mail in ballets and postponing election)

We have been working hard to keep our communities free of this highly communicable disease. This was a very irresponsible act that you and your fellow republicans have forced upon us.

The city of Milwaukee because of the high infection rate and lack of poll workers only has 5 voting sites. In a country where everyone should have the opportunity to vote you have by your actions limited that right!
I believe that is called voter suppression! Not disenfranchisement!

Thayer and Judie Davis

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 1:02 PM
To: 'Richardson' <ehhjar@charter.net>
Subject: RE: voting

Jim,

I certainly understand your frustration, I know a lot of people are feeling it. I am happy to hear you and your wife were able to vote absentee. I guess I'd have to disagree with you that the only options were to go in person and contract COVID, or to stay home and not vote. Everyone I know and work with has been imploring people to vote absentee for weeks now. There are people who genuinely want to vote in person, and I can't make those people stay home, but I provided information over and over again on how to apply for absentee ballots. We helped people do so over the phone and via email. I reached out to my district to try to help low risk people who wanted to volunteer get connected with their polling places so they could get trained, hopefully relieving someone who was at greater risk. I tried to volunteer at the polls myself, but was told they were adequately staffed and weren't needed. My husband and I checked with several locations and we always got the same answer. I even called this morning to see if any of them needed anything. This has never been about voter suppression, there are few things more sacred than the right to vote. Thankfully, we are already on track to see turnout that is as high or higher than recent years. There were no easy decisions here, and none of them were made lightly, or with disregard, or with malice. Everyone I work with is doing everything they can to help their districts with the information that they have. There simply was not enough time to move the election safely. You can disagree with that if you want, or I would be happy to elaborate more, but it was not an easy decision. Nothing about any of this has been easy.

I think everyone wishes that COVID-19 was not something that was impacting our lives. Everyone is stuck, many people are unemployed or laid off, and I know pretty much all of us are worried or scared during this unprecedented situation. Understandably, everyone is a little or a lot pissed off about things out of their control, and I can certainly identify. All we can do is the best thing with the information we have at the time. And I 100% agree with you that knowing what we know now should impact how we handle the future.

Thank you,

Mary

From: Richardson <ehhjar@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voting

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 5:15 PM
To: "Beyer, Kit" <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: weekly radio address

I can't think of anything specifically we've heard about but we'll let you know if we hear any differently!

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From: Beyer, Kit <Kit.Beyer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Dernbach, BJ <BJ.Dernbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emmert, Alesha <Alesha.Emmert@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schultz, Rusty <Rusty.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zimmerman, Danielle <Danielle.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: weekly radio address

Hi all,
Speaker Vos wants to compliment county, town and municipal officials for their help during the crisis in the weekly radio address. If you have a local story or reference that you think would be good to include, let me know!
Thanks,

Kit Beyer
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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 4:39 PM

To: "'O'Brien, Kyle'" <kobrien@wha.org>

Subject: RE: WHA Creates New COVID-19 Dashboard

This is amazing! NICE WORK!

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From: O'Brien, Kyle <kobrien@wha.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:38 PM
To: O'Brien, Kyle <kobrien@wha.org>
Cc: Borgerding, Eric <EBorgerding@wha.org>; Hoelter, Jon <jhoelter@wha.org>
Subject: WHA Creates New COVID-19 Dashboard

Good afternoon,

Please see the message below from WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding regarding the creation of a new WHA COVID-19 dashboard.

Thanks,
Kyle

Good afternoon lawmakers,

Earlier today, the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) released a new dashboard illustrating statewide and regional data related to daily COVID-19 hospitalizations and equipment capacity. As mentioned in WHA's April 7 memo, March 31 memo and an interview this week in Wisconsin Health News, WHA has consistently supported expanding the collection and reporting of COVID-19 data. This includes daily updated information related to COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals and other important, daily update information.

Since this is state, not WHAIC, collected data, WHAIC has been working collaboratively with DHS for the past several days to stand up and offer this daily and relevant COVID-19 data. COVID-19 hospitalization and capacity information continue to be funneled through existing reporting structures at DHS but is now being made available to the WHAIC for publication. This would not be possible without

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commitment from Wisconsin hospitals to provide and learn from information and the support of and collaboration with DHS.

The WHAIC has served as a public source for health care data for 16 years, receiving commendations for its performance from DHS leadership during both Democratic and Republican Administrations. Its work was furthered by the Legislature in 2016, when WHA worked closely with a bipartisan group of lawmakers (Senator Howard Marklein, then-Representative Dale Kooyenga, Representative Joe Sanfelippo and Representative Daniel Riemer) to enact significant improvements to the hospital discharge data program operated by WHAIC. The legislation was signed into law during WHA's Advocacy Day in 2016, in front of 1,100 of Wisconsin's hospital advocates, many of who are now on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Collecting and disseminating health care data and public information transparency is WHAIC's role. WHA and WHAIC have created and operated the PricePoint and Checkpoint web sites, which have provided cost and quality data directly to health care consumers since 2004 and 2005, respectively. These groundbreaking transparency efforts have been frequently cited and lauded by WI lawmakers, and WHAIC's PricePoint website is so well regarded that 10 other states use it to provide price transparency information for their own citizens. Through partnership and collaboration, Wisconsin remains a national leader in hospital and health care transparency, of which today's information is another example.

Again, we encourage you to visit the new dashboard to see this information for yourself. If you have questions about this dashboard or how the state collects COVID-19 related data and the process that has been used to report COVID-19 data, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Eric Borgerding

President/CEO

Wisconsin Hospital Association

From: O'Brien, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:58 PM
To: O'Brien, Kyle <kobrien@wha.org>
Cc: Borgerding, Eric <EBorgerding@wha.org>
Subject: WHA Supports Publication of COVID Hospitalization Tracking Data

Good afternoon,

Please see the message below from WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding.

Thanks,
Kyle

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Dear Wisconsin Lawmaker,

As I wrote to you yesterday, WHA has been focused on gathering and sharing data to inform decisions responding to the global COVID 19 outbreak in Wisconsin. Yesterday, we shared this infographic, describing actions hospitals are taking to assure citizens are cared for during this time. ***Your hospitals are taking all necessary steps to be there for your constituents and their families.***

Many have been calling for more complete information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and so has WHA. In addition to the information we've been providing, we are pleased to see the state today begin posting information related to hospitalizations for COVID 19 positive patients. WHA has been encouraging the State Emergency Operations Command (SEOC) to collect and disseminate this information, today is a positive step. The data and analytics need to expand and improve, and we expect to happen very soon. We all need more relevant, daily updated information, the sooner the better.

As I noted yesterday, statewide and regional data is critical to gauge the spread of COVID-19 infection, its impacts and efficacy of mitigation strategies. The more we can do to collect and disseminate daily updated information on infection rate and growth, impact on the health care system, PPE supply and other key indicators of preparedness and impact, the better positioned Wisconsin hospitals, caregivers and policymakers will be to make prudent decisions and choices going forward.

Many of you have taken the time to reach out to us directly and ask good questions. We are grateful for the Q & A, dialogue, and the expressions of support for our state's hospitals and the women and men serving on their front lines – its greatly appreciated!

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:40 PM
To: 'Don Dunphy' <dondunphy@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: What We Must Do to Contain COVID-19

Don,

Thank you for passing this along, and for your other emails this week. Regarding Dr. Kraig's email, I'm confused because this seems to be a conflicting report from what we are hearing. I just did a quick google search, but based on the articles I'm seeing, insurance companies are covering the cost of testing for free, and some are even covering the treatment for free.

https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/10/21173970/insurance-coronavirus-treatment-testing-coverage-cigna-aetna-humana-pence

I have not heard any concerns about coverage for this in my district, or in Wisconsin in general. Please let me know if you have further thoughts,

Mary

From: Don Dunphy <dondunphy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Senator Tammy Baldwin <Baldwin_enews@baldwin.senate.gov>; tiffanyaddison@gmail.com; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: What We Must Do to Contain COVID-19

Dear Senators Baldwin and Tiffany and Representative Felzkowski:
Please read this letter sent to me by Dr. Robert Kraig. Tom and Mary I know we are on opposite ends of the political spectrum but it is time to put partisan concerns aside. I urge all of you to do everything in your power to ensure that universal free testing and treatment is available.

From: Robert Kraig <robert.kraig@citizenactionwi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:02 AM
To: Donald Dunphy <dondunphy@hotmail.com>
Subject: What We Must Do to Contain COVID-19

Dear Donald,

I want to thank you for all the changes you have made in your life to help protect the whole community during this deadly pandemic. This unprecedented crisis reinforces our shared value that we are all in this together.

As the leading Wisconsin advocates for making health care a right, our team has been working intensively to determine what our federal and state governments must do to contain this coronavirus.

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Our research finds that **a critical thing our elected leaders must do is guaranteed universal free COVID-19 testing and treatment**. This is the only way to identify everyone who has been infected, and interrupt the deadly chains of disease transmission. We need to start by testing and treating everyone with symptoms, and then test community-wide to identify seemingly healthy people spreading the virus.

Here's why we must have free testing and treatment. In a pandemic, **the fear of financially crippling health care bills is a grave risk** to the entire community **because it discourages people from seeking medical care**.

A survey of over 1,000 Wisconsinites by Citizen Action and the Healthcare Value Hub found that nearly **half of Wisconsinites have gone without needed medical care because of fear of the cost** in the last year. A national study found that 68% of Americans consider copays and deductibles important in determining whether or not they will seek COVID 19 treatment.

Congress is now considering an additional Coronavirus relief plan - and we need them to do much more to guarantee free COVID-19 testing and treatment!

The last relief plan passed by Congress included some free testing, but left huge gaps.

The 28 million uninsured Americans are not included in Congress' last bill - and that number is rising rapidly during this crisis. We estimate based on numbers from the Economic Policy Institute that including mass layoffs, there are now nearly 400,000 uninsured Wisconsinites.

Many private health care plans are excluded from free testing. Moreover, all private coverage is still allowed to charge surprise medical bills!

The situation is even worse for COVID-19 treatment. All **treatment is still subject to the unaffordable deductibles and copays** of private insurance plans. Even under Medicare, which covers the most at risk population, many seniors will face unaffordable copays. The uninsured are left completely on their own.

Congress can solve this problem in its next coronavirus relief plan by guaranteeing free testing and treatment, including all the costs of COVID-19 hospitalization. Congress should:

1. Mandate free testing and treatment in all private health coverage plans.

2. Expand Medicaid (BadgerCare in Wisconsin) to cover every uninsured person in the United States, and guarantee free testing and treatment.

3. Include testing and treatment as a free service for all Medicare beneficiaries, and mandate that all Medicare Advantage plans do so.

4. Prevent price gouging on medications by not giving pharmaceutical companies exclusive patents and manufacturing rights for COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments.

5. To assure adequate supplies of COVID-19 medications, use the Defense Production Act, and, if that is not enough, build publicly-owned drug manufacturing capacity.

We need your immediate help to urge your members of Congress to move and swiftly guarantee free COVID-19 testing and treatment. We have a goal of sending 400 emails to Wisconsin's members of Congress before they reconvene on April 20th to take up this issue.

Will you email your members of Congress?

This also will help us begin to address the horrendous racial disparities in who is dying from COVID-19. This disparity is a moral abomination, and in a pandemic allowing the virus to spread in any community is a threat to all of us.

This unprecedented public health emergency focuses us on the truth that we are all interconnected, and that leaving people out of our healthcare system risks the lives of everyone in our community.

If we pull together and act on this value, we can save tens of thousands of lives!

Sincerely,

Robert Kraig,

Executive Director

P.S. If you want more information, my column in the Wisconsin Examiner makes the full case that free testing and treatment is the missing link in our COVID-19 response.

P.P.S. I know some of you are in financial stress and need to focus on supporting your own family. If you are still in a position to help, Citizen Action will use any donation you can spare to fight for free testing and treatment.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:09 PM
To: 'Michael Zupon' <mike.zupon@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Whats your take on nonessential jobs forcing their employees to work

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Michael,

You are right that they were considered non-essential, but may be considered essential if they sell essential goods like hardware and pet food. Do you know if this is the case?

Thank you!

Mary

From: Michael Zupon <mike.zupon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:20 AM
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Michael,

I understand. Will look into this.

Thank you,

Mary

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Whats your take on nonessential jobs forcing their employees to work

Hi Marry,
They don't make hardware or pet food they only make fishing lures for fishing. But when talking to my mom they are only making inventory because they're isn't too much for fishing lure orders either. They were shut down on March 25th, 26th and 27th and don't work weekends and also shutdown Monday the 30th. But on Mach 30th he left a message on the phone for my mom to call him back. He told her they we're going to be starting back up at work on March 31th and that he supposedly was told by Governor Evers that they are being considered essential. I think he's just telling a fib myself as I'm even seeing businesses that we're being considered essential businesses close temporary and grocery stores limited people and taking things seriously. One of my mom's coworkers asked if she could do unemployment to care for her 90+ year old mom and he said no. I guess since he said they could work that no-one could do unemployment and would need to use vacation days instead. The problem is my mom said is that roughly 4 different people are touching the same fishing lure and one of the workers and one of the workers has been coughing for over 3 weeks now. The boss's father used to walk through the building regularly but I guess he told him to stay home because it's too dangerous since he's in his 70s about 4 weeks ago. Now all the bosses are also working from home as well to stay away, or possible child care but have all the assembly workers basically forced to work because unemployment isn't allowed and they have no sick leave so if they get sick they are suppose to take vacation. One worker is 70 and is too scared to work and is using all her vacation and another is 84 but still working. My dad called the Antigo Police and they don't really even know how to enforce anything and the chief of police of Antigo is on vacation until April 16th so when the local police is suppose to enforce this they don't even know what to do. I'm may even consider OSHA next as they are suppose to look out to safety and health. It's really just a bad situation all around. I thought small businesses we're to get help to pay workers but perhaps some businesses may say they paid their workers to stay home when in fact in some cases they are basically forcing nonessential workers to work and may pocket any stimulas releif money that may be coming their way which is my fear.

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I don't want my mom to be in trouble or anything so if possible please don't mention my last name. I'm just trying to represent all the workers whos health is being put in jeopardy for low wages ($12.05hr) is what my mom makes dispite spending her whole career there to make what I consider non-essential fishing lures.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:24 PM
To: 'Darlene Eckerman' <eckermantax@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: WI Emergency Response Program

Hey Darlene,

Thank you for the question regarding self-employed ability to collect unemployment. We have asked the Legislative Fiscal Bureau for a detailed memo on the federal stimulus bill. I believe this is covered under that, but I don't want to provide you with false information until we know exactly. Once we get that memo, I will be able to follow up with you to get you the information you are looking for. In the meantime, here is a link to a summary of the bill from the NCSL website: https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx.

Thank you and I hope you have a great day,

Mary Felzkowski

From: Darlene Eckerman <eckermantax@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Darlene Eckerman <deckermantax@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: WI Emergency Response Program

you may want to listen in to this - particularly Tues and Wed...

question - lay off for unemployment or keep on payroll - for payroll forgiveness?
Can S corp owners collect unemployment?
How do self employed collect unemployment?
Does this apply to rentals and how?

Subject: Fwd: WI Emergency Response Program
To: Darlene Eckerman <eckermantax@gmail.com>

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Lauren Usher** <lauren@gener8tor.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 8:01 PM
Subject: WI Emergency Response Program
To: <deckermantax@gmail.com>

Hi Darlene,

Thank you for joining us for gener8tor's Emergency Response Program! We hope this program will help you navigate this time of uncertainty and help you make some of the incredibly difficult decisions small

business owners are being asked to make right now. The program will consist of daily webinars designed to help you secure resources to withstand the current crisis. Additionally, gener8tor will hold office hours for you to virtually meet with the gener8tor team for 1:1 coaching. Our goal with office hours is to help you identify, understand and engage with the resources available.

Here is some introductory information, please feel free to let us know if you have any questions!

1. Here is the schedule for the Emergency Response Program. It is also laid out at the bottom of this email.
2. **Each participant is invited to a daily webinar 12:00pm - 1:00pm CT from Monday March 30 through Friday April 3** (links below and in the schedule)**.** Topics covered include:
    a. Step-by-step Process To Apply for SBA Programs
    b. Navigating the New Employment Laws
    c. Human Resource Management
    d. Civic, Philanthropic and State Emergency Relief Resources
    e. Mental Health for Small Business Owners

THE PASSWORD FOR ALL WEBINARS IS gener8tor

1. **We have office hours available every day starting Monday, March 30.** Please use the link below to sign up to meet with us 1:1. Due to the extremely high demand for this program, please only sign up for one office hour slot. If you need additional help or coaching after your 1:1 meeting, we will do our best to schedule additional time.

Office Hours Sign Up

4. **Here is a link to additional resources that we will reference as part of our program:**

Additional resources

5. You will receive calendar invites for each event.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. We are truly honored to have this opportunity to support you and the small business community at large.

Sincerely,

Lauren/Charmyse/Joe

Wisconsin COVID-19 Emergency Response Program
Schedule

Please remember to sign up for only one office hour slot during the course of the program so that every business has the opportunity to meet with us. If you need additional coaching after your session, we will do our best to schedule additional time.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:29 PM
To: 'Linda Peterson' <lindasempt@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Legislature

Linda,

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Thank you for your time,

Mary

From: Linda Peterson <lindasempt@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:10 AM
To: Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Legislature

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Merrill, WI

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Linda,

As a grandma, I totally understand where you are coming from, and have been encouraging those who do not feel comfortable to stay home and vote absentee for weeks. It is terrible that you did not receive your ballot in time, and I know the Elections Commission launched an investigation yesterday in what the reasons for that would be. I've heard from a lot of clerks that they sent ballots out to all that requested, so that only leaves the post office. I honestly have no idea why this was such a widespread issue, and I think we absolutely need the answers to that question from the investigation.

Please thank your daughter for everything she is doing on the front lines. She is a hero.

Mary

From: Linda Peterson <lindasempt@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Wisconsin Legislature

Thank you for your response. I did not receive my absentee ballot and I did not go and vote in person. I have stayed at home except for limited trips to the grocery store, to the post office (to mail my request for an absentee ballot), and to provide child care for my grandchildren, ages 4 months and 7 years. My daughter works at Ascension St. Clare's in Wausau, and my son-in-law works at Lincoln Hills. I did not want to risk any other exposure that might affect my grandchildren.

I did send emails to Representative Vos and Senator Fitzgerald - expressing my extreme disappointment at having my right to vote taken away from me. I, and many other people, are fed up with the politics that continues to adversely affect our lives. We really need all branches of our Wisconsin Government to work together. Please do your part to change the current climate in Madison and work for the good of Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Linda Semling Peterson

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Merrill, WI

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 12:36 PM
To: 'Angel Armstrong' <angel.r.armstrong.98@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Renters Are Worried

Hi Angel,

Thank you so much for reaching out to our office. As we start looking into this issue for you, could you provide your address for our records?

Thank you,

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

From: Angel Armstrong <angel.r.armstrong.98@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Renters Are Worried

Hello!
I was recently added to a Facebook group discussing the recent freeze on evictions and foreclosures. There is a lot of anxiety surrounding what will happen to people who were unable to pay the bills when the freeze is over. Many are worried that the stimulus check will not be enough to cover their basic needs and housing costs if they are forced to come up with backpay.
Many people are calling to "cancel rent" and "give the houses to the tenants". Even as a renter myself, I find this unfeasible and see the potential to create a second blow to the economy as property managers are unable to pay their employees or hire anyone for needed maintenance, property owners unable to pay their property taxes, and so on down the line. I was wondering if you had anything related to this problem in the works, and would like to offer the solution that those of us not prone to socialist delusions and far-left rhetoric had come up with.
Perhaps the state government could work with property owners to cover up to a certain percentage of the backpay if they allow the tenants time to come up with the backpay without a late charge; also, perhaps we could negotiate with banks to tack missed monthly payments onto then expected end of the mortgage.
We know this solution isn't perfect, but we don't want to cripple our local and state economies. We hope this suggestion is the very least helpful in getting a discussion going and a brainstorming started.
Thank you for your time,
Angelica Sack

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 1:46 PM
To: "'a22tcom@aol.com'" <a22tcom@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin State Referendum on Victim rights on April 7 ballot

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Hey Gordy,

Because this is a ballot initiative, I'm not able to tell you how to vote on this because that would be considered campaigning, but I can provide you with more information on it! Here is the legislative website on the measure. It is referred to as Marsy's Law. https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/sjr2. A nice aspect of the legislative website is that you can read through materials that were presented at the public hearing, which is at this link: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/lcbillhearingtestimonyandmaterials/2019/REG/SJR2.

I hope this helps!

Mary

From: a22tcom@aol.com <a22tcom@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Wisconsin State Referendum on Victim rights on April 7 ballot

Mary,

What is your take on this. I have received two view points on this and am not sure if it is a good thing or not. I normally don't have a lot of respect for the ACLU but they have some points that make me wonder about the change.

Gordy Lovsletten

'Victims' Rights' Proposals Like Marsy's Law Undermine Due Process



By Jeanne Hruska, Political Director, ACLU of New Hampshire
MAY 3, 2018 | 10:00 AM
Since 2008, a national campaign entitled "Marsy's Law" has sought to enshrine in state constitutions a specific and lengthy set of victims' rights. **Funded by California billionaire Henry Nicholas**, the **campaign's goal is to lock its formula into every state constitution and then to amend the U.S. Constitution** to

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include similar victims' rights. Though well intended, the Marsy's Law formula is **poorly drafted and is a threat to existing constitutional rights**.

Marsy's Law has hit resistance in states in which legislatures must approve a constitutional amendment before it goes to the voters. **The New Hampshire House of Representatives recently voted down Marsy's Law by a vote of 284 to 51. The Idaho Legislature voted down similar legislation for the second time this year.** However, Marsy's Law will be on the ballot in a handful of states wherein only signatures are needed to put an issue before the voters in November. The potential impact of Marsy's Law, both at the state and national level, warrants national attention and alarm.

Marsy's Law is premised on the notion that victims should have "equal rights" to defendants. This opening salvo is a seductive appeal to one's sense of fairness. However, the notion that victims' rights can be equated to the rights of the accused is a fallacy. It ignores the very different purposes these two sets of rights serve.

The U.S. Constitution and all 50 state constitution's guarantee defendants' rights because they are rights against the state, not because they are valued more by society than victims' rights. Defendants' rights only apply when the state is attempting to deprive the accused – not the victim – of life, liberty, or property. They serve as essential checks against government abuse, preventing the government from arresting and imprisoning anyone, for any reason, at any time. Victims' rights are not rights against the state. Instead, they are rights against another individual. The Marsy's Law formula includes the rights to restitution, to reasonable protection, and to refuse depositions and discovery requests, all of which are enforced against the defendant. Such rights do nothing to check the power of the government. In fact, many of the provisions in Marsy's Law could actually strengthen the state's hand against a defendant, undermining a bedrock principle of our legal system — the presumption of innocence.

This risk further underscores one of the overarching concerns about Marsy's Law: It pits victims' rights against defendants' rights. Creating such a conflict means that defendants' rights may lose in certain circumstances. This result accepts that defendants' rights against the state will be weakened or unenforced in some cases, potentially at a significant cost to constitutional due process. **In other words, the chances that an innocent person could be convicted of a crime they did not commit could potentially increase.** The proponents of Marsy's Law may not intend for this outcome, but nothing in their formula prevents it.

There are ways of guaranteeing victim's rights without making constitutional mistakes. For instance, in New Hampshire, our comprehensive victims' rights

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statute preempts conflict between rights by stating that victims' rights shall be enforced "to the extent . . . they are not inconsistent with the constitutional or statutory rights of the accused." This language recognizes that victims' rights may come into conflict with defendants' rights and that our justice system works only if defendants' rights against the state are upheld.

Marsy's Law has no comparable language.

Thirty-five states include some version of victims' rights in their constitutions, but only five states—California, Illinois, Ohio, North Dakota, and South Dakota — currently do so using the problematic Marsy's Law formula. Many states have enshrined language that is unique to their state and that works with their statutes. By contrast, Marsy's Law is in no way tailored to any one state's existing laws. Put simply, the Marsy's Law formula amounts to a constitutional experiment for any state that adopts it.

This experimental "model law" is so expansive and ambiguous, it is impossible to know how courts would interpret it or what its impact would be in any one state. For instance, Marsy's Law includes a constitutional right to privacy for victims, yet it is impossible to know what that right would encompass in practice.

Would it prevent the release of names or crime reports? Would it reduce the amount of information that press outlets are allowed to provide to the public regarding crimes? Could it give a victim and their attorney control over the limits of a victim's testimony at trial?

Too much of the **Marsy's Law narrative is abstract, obscuring what the implications would be for our legal system**. The multi-million dollar campaign that comes with Marsy's Law focuses on the intent of the law. But, well-meaning intent does not cure bad language. The concern over ambiguous language and unintended consequences are particularly acute because, unlike a statute, if problems arise with a constitutional experiment, legislators' hands are effectively tied. To change even a few words requires another constitutional amendment.

For example, **South Dakota passed Marsy's Law** as a constitutional amendment in 2016. Now state legislators are going through the cumbersome process of passing another constitutional amendment in order to fix problems with the original language.

To oppose Marsy's Law is not to oppose victims' rights. Rather, **it is to oppose the highly problematic formula that is Marsy's Law**. There are many ways that states could better support crime victims: additional resources for services, more education about existing victims' rights, and improvements to statutory rights. It

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is false advertising to suggest that the only or best option is through a one-size-fits-all constitutional amendment.
We should set the highest of bars for constitutional amendments. Once language is added to a state constitution, it is etched in stone. This is all the more so when talking about the U.S. Constitution. Constitutions are not science labs, and states should be leery of experimenting with Marsy's Law.

For the law

Wisconsin State Referendum on Victim rights on April 7 ballot

As most of know the wording of state referendums sometimes don't make sense. Below is the wording of the WI State referendum changing the Wisconsin Constitution known as *Marsy's Law* which is on the April 7th ballot along with an explanation of what this law would change.

At the bottom are listed some cases in which some states felt this referendum/Marsy's Law is vague on defining of the word "victim"
Approximately 11 states have passed this referendum so far.
Also below is a link to the full document describing the history and reasoning behind the referendum.

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lrb/reading_the_constitution/crime_victims_rights_amendment_5_1.pdf

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Introduction

The 2019 Wisconsin Legislature adopted on second consideration a proposal to amend the Wisconsin Constitution. The proposal would amend article I, section 9m, to further distinguish rights of victims of crime, authorize victims to assert those rights in court, and afford remedies to violations of those rights. The proposal was introduced as 2019 Senate Joint Resolution 2, which became 2019 Enrolled Joint Resolution 3, and will be considered by Wisconsin voters on April 7, 2020.[1]

Legislative passage of a constitutional amendment on second consideration is the second step in the multiyear process of amending the constitution. Under article XII, section 1, of the Wisconsin Constitution, amendments to the constitution must be adopted by two successive legislatures and then ratified by the electorate in a statewide election.[2] On first consideration, a proposed change to the constitution is offered as a joint resolution in either the assembly or the senate. A joint resolution, unlike a bill, need not be submitted to the governor for approval, but must pass both houses in identical form. The proposal to provide additional rights to crime victims was introduced on first consideration by the 2017 Wisconsin Legislature as 2017 Senate Joint Resolution 53 and published as 2017 Enrolled Joint Resolution 13.[3]

To proceed with second consideration of the proposal, per the requirements of article XII, section 1, of the Wisconsin Constitution, the 2019 legislature adopted a joint resolution containing the identical proposed changes to the constitution that were approved by the 2017 legislature. A joint resolution offered on second consideration also specifies the wording of the ballot question that will be presented to voters and sets the statewide election date on which the ballot question will be submitted to the people for ratification. The ballot question established under 2019 Enrolled Joint Resolution 3 reads:

> **Question 1: Additional rights of crime victims.** Shall section 9m of article I of the constitution, which gives certain rights to crime victims, be amended to give crime victims additional rights, to require that the rights of crime victims be protected with equal force to the protections afforded the accused while leaving the federal constitutional rights of the accused intact, and to allow crime victims to enforce their rights in court?

The statewide election date on which the referendum will be presented to the electorate is the first Tuesday in April 2020, or April 7, 2020. If a majority of the electorate votes to ratify the proposal, the constitution will be amended.

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1. Both the senate and assembly adopted the proposal on May 15, 2019.

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Wisconsin's proposed constitutional amendment

As passed by the Wisconsin Legislature, the current proposed constitutional amendment would amend article I, section 9m, to entitle crime victims to the following rights in Wisconsin:

- To be treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, sensitivity, and fairness.
- To privacy.
- To proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
- To timely disposition of the case, free from unreasonable delay.
- Upon request, to attend all proceedings involving the case.
- To reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process.
- Upon request, to reasonable and timely notification of proceedings.
- Upon request, to confer with the attorney for the government.
- Upon request, to be heard in any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated, including release, plea, sentencing, disposition, parole, revocation, expungement, or pardon.
- To have information pertaining to the economic, physical, and psychological effect upon the victim of the offense submitted to the authority with jurisdiction over the case and to have that information considered by that authority.
- Upon request, to timely notice of any release or escape of the accused or death of the accused if the accused is in custody or on supervision at the time of death.
- To refuse an interview, deposition, or other discovery request made by the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused.
- To full restitution from any person who has been ordered to pay restitution to the victim and to be provided with assistance collecting restitution.
- To compensation as provided by law.
- Upon request, to reasonable and timely information about the status of the investigation and the outcome of the case.
- To timely notice about all rights granted under this constitutional amendment and all other rights, privileges, or protections of the victim provided by law, including how such rights, privileges, or protections are enforced.

13. For more information, see "About Marsy's Law," Marsy's Law for All, accessed May 16, 2019, https://marsyslaw.us.

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Additionally, the amendment would define "victim,"[14] authorize such a person to enforce his or her rights in any circuit court or before any other authority of competent jurisdiction, and direct the courts to act promptly with respect to such an action and to afford a remedy for the violation of any right of the victim.[15]

At a public hearing in June 2017, groups and individuals who supported the proposed constitutional amendment argued that it provides a better balance between the rights of victims and the rights of defendants. Those opposed to the amendment raised concerns about implementation of victims' rights and possible conflicts with defendants' constitutional rights.[16] Lawmakers revived this debate on the floor of their respective houses on May 15, 2019. For example, Senator Van Wanggaard argued that the amendment would "protect equal, legal rights [of] victims in the criminal justice process." By contrast, Senator Fred Risser remarked that the proposed amendment would be less substantive in practice than statutory changes.[17]

Following the Wisconsin Legislature's adoption of the proposal on second consideration, the Wisconsin Justice Initiative joined others, including Senator Risser, in filing a lawsuit in December 2019 to block the question from appearing on ballots, or, barring that, to prevent votes from being tabulated.[18] However, Circuit Judge Frank Remington denied the plaintiffs' motion in February 2020.[19]

Comparison with other states

Every state enumerates victims' rights in its constitution, statutes, or both. Most states ratified amendments to provide constitutional rights for crime victims during the 1980s and 1990s.[20] Several states moved to ratify additional constitutional amendments relating to victims' rights, or Marsy's Law, in recent years. Prior to 2018, voters approved versions

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of Marsy's Law in six states: California (2008), Illinois (2014), North Dakota (2016), South Dakota (2016), Montana (2016), and Ohio (2017). In 2018, six additional states approved similar ballot measures: Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina, and Oklahoma.[21]

Generally, partisan politics have not raised barriers to these constitutional amendments; however, court challenges have renewed debates about the amendments' scope and enforcement. In Montana, the state supreme court struck down Marsy's Law as unconstitutional, concluding that it "made substantive and unrelated changes to the Montana Constitution that required the issues to be voted on separately, instead of . . . as a whole."[22] On similar grounds, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirmed a lower court decision against the proposed amendment just days before voters cast ballots on the measure in November 2019. (Those ballots remain uncertified as of February 19, 2020, pending further court decisions on the measure's constitutionality.[23]) In Kentucky, plaintiffs challenging Marsy's Law argued that the ballot question was vaguely worded to prompt yes votes from uninformed voters.[24] The state supreme court ruled in their favor and struck down the amendment in June 2019.[25] Elsewhere, courts have faced challenges relating to the definition of victimhood.[26] The North Dakota Supreme Court, for example, heard arguments in a conflict over which party could appropriately claim itself as a victim before the law—a man injured during an assault or the health insurer that covered the injured man's medical costs.[27] In May 2019, the court decided in favor of the health insurer, ordering the man convicted of assault to pay restitution to Blue Cross Blue Shield. That said, the justices did not clarify how future courts should interpret the word "victim."[28]

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21. For a summary of ballot measures, see "Marsy's Law crime victim rights," *Ballotpedia*, accessed May 21, 2019, https://ballotpedia.org. Although press reports indicate that Pennsylvania voters approved a victims' rights amendment in November 2019, those votes remain uncertified as of February 19, 2020. Patricia Madej and Anna Orso, "Marsy's Law got wide support in Pa., even though it won't count yet, and Philly voters approved borrowing $185M for buildings," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 6, 2019, https://inquirer.com.

22. Whitney Bermes, "Montana Supreme Court strikes down Marsy's Law," *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, November 1, 2017, https://bozemandailychronicle.com. See also, Edward O'Brien, "Montana Supreme Court Declares 'Marsy's Law' Unconstitutional," *Montana Public Radio*, November 1, 2017, https://mtpr.org.

23. Elizabeth Hardison, "Judge blocks Pennsylvania elections officials from tallying Nov. 5 votes on Marsy's Law," *Pennsylvania Capital-Star*, October 30, 2019, https://penncapital-star.com; Madej and Orso, "Marsy's Law got wide support in Pa."

24. Ryland Barton, "Kentucky Supreme Court Hears Arguments Over Marsy's Law Ballot Language," *Kentucky Public Radio*, February 8, 2019, https://wfpl.org.

25. Andrew Wolfson, "Kentucky Supreme Court says Marsy's Law, the crime victim's amendment, is invalid," *Louisville Courier Journal*, June 13, 2019, https://courier-journal.com.

26. For a discussion of the term "victim" and its supposed ambiguities within the context of Marsy's Law generally, see Geoffrey Sant, "'Victimless Crime' Takes on a New Meaning: Did California's Victims' Rights Amendment Eliminate the Right to Be Recognized as a Victim?" *Journal of Legislation* 39 (2012): 43–68.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:24 AM
To: 'Lonnie Strauss' <lonnie@sunriseamfm.com>
Subject: RE: WJMT

Hi Lonnie,

We absolutely understand, thank you so much for the email. Mary will miss chatting with you and Steve.

Thank you and I hope you're staying safe!

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

-----Original Message-----
From: Lonnie Strauss <lonnie@sunriseamfm.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Ivanov, Stamena <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WJMT

Stamena:

I've just informed by my Manager Steve Resnick with Mary campaigning, we can no longer do the monthly calls, do to equal time laws. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thanks,

Lonnie Scott

Blue Jay 963 WJMT

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 12:35 PM
To: 'Chris Reader' <creader@wmc.org>
Cc: 'Nick Novak' <nnovak@wmc.org>
Subject: RE: WMC COVID-19 Update: March 18, 2020

Thank you to you both!

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

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From: Chris Reader <creader@wmc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Nick Novak <nnovak@wmc.org>
Subject: Fwd: WMC COVID-19 Update: March 18, 2020

Liz, everything From today is included in this email.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce <newsletters@wmc.org>
Date: March 18, 2020 at 4:55:35 PM CDT
To: Chris Reader <creader@wmc.org>
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WMC is continuing to monitor the evolving situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help spread awareness at your business, WMC has put together a series of infographics for you to distribute and print. To view these, please click here:

* Infographic #1: Keeping the Workplace Safe<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlfKL7Xq2NYJRgUmQMyaqRqXuYeyF1eyND3g6xGDu_35AmwwtJxlcERtV9AiqBG8v-J9naWxBzXpQOE0MKPz5ySEmXhnNNb3TNvuf5X8OKsgCX9IBrxugnqG1MIACAbfAWFoU59dq2o14he_2AN_017w==&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>
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Earlier today WMC hosted two webinars:

* WMC COVID-19 Update Webinar: This webinar provided critical business updates relating to COVID-19, including HR policies, employment law, Congressional action relating to the pandemic and an economic update.
* Click here to listen to the webinar<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlY5MHwSDHqpJ2eQJ5zVw07ztJDl7AEewhfQCqqxatZkUMMVd77BHSWhWlI77A9D5SlItApTw69GmWenpqlj1jl8bKBcvfPZd3XqP70OcQS29RPXIRbCaECg==&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>
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* WMC COVID-19 Webinar - Gov. Evers Addresses Business Community: WMC, its trade association partners and local chambers hosted an update call with Gov. Tony Evers and members of his cabinet. The call detailed state government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and updated how the business community is being impacted.
* Click here to listen to the webinar<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_h

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WMC will be hosting a webinar featuring Senator Ron Johnson on Friday, March 20 at 10:00AM CST. Click the link below to register:

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WMC continues to work with federal and state governments, national partners and others to ensure you have the most up to date and accurate information.

* Gov. Tony Evers today submitted a request to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance for small Wisconsin businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Gov. Evers request to SBA can be found here<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakj
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* The Trump administration on Tuesday called on U.S. construction companies to donate their respirator masks to hospitals and other health care providers combating the coronavirus outbreak amid a nationwide shortage. The administration recently allowed healthcare workers to use so-called N95 face masks not specifically approved for medical use to treat patients amid the outbreak.

* WMC has partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to survey businesses to gauge the economic effects on businesses across the Ninth District, a region that includes Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, parts

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of Wisconsin, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They are partnering with state Chambers of Commerce and other business groups to collect your feedback. Please provide feedback and take this short survey by clicking here.<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHW9DTGLIjtlAwrS4jVpZZk41jf2Ud2-zXqXA03hOczz_s3bkUiuqZrIvsm_FVMWvTFpahw--_pRp4ziO7OaH-_4Om0P-ZMiKxF4pmeEGF1DfL3qFn4fHSnerg0xpJz-BCHryuOswuyt&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>

As the April 7th Spring Election approaches, we urge voters to plan ahead. State officials are recommending voters avoid unnecessary social interaction including gatherings of ten people or more. You can still vote in Wisconsin without having to go to your local polling place.

Included below are some important deadlines and instructions to help you plan ahead and cast your vote while continuing to be safe and responsible.

March 18, 2020 – Deadline to Register by Mail<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bhF4FGvqICT7NXjQw7BE3rSAMt2iHIBwpOQoDMijmopK73vHLi1_n5j37DC2TiJwZMeL16QVCwfI1-6lbQaCak7AOvmfti0VeInb_xGNPeNE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> and to Register to Vote Online<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bhF4FGvqICT7NXjQw7BE3rSAMt2iHIBwpOQoDMijmopK73vHLi1_n5j37DC2TiJwZMeL16QVCwfI1-6lbQaCak7AOvmfti0VeInb_xGNPeNE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>

  * Your Voter Registration form, along with proof of residence<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3b_m5_6O85RyY8KOEZJKOws6ndEq_vfId8JEV-hn2WlikTwhD-3_ohItDek7T0RgugNd0TuoHtpf2ht_vlgvTWT1UC8WNT_2tVZgRdxpuB8hI=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> must be postmarked to your municipal clerk<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bZSvMkIxsvAKxlr7KaeL_zeS9H9krhcXRPpDw1iOOeBs0rCGzlla1BU9wi1Sq7WBjyfZo9JI9gzgOqaSjMn42-4Dza88zgoPOMHi2qtZL5kE=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==> no later than March 18, 2020.
  * Voters who are able to match their name, date of birth, Wisconsin Drivers License or State ID number, and address with the Wisconsin DMV can register to vote online through March 18, 2020.
  * Voters who miss the deadline to register by mail or online can still register in-person at a municipal clerk’s office<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592G

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All Wisconsin voters can request an absentee ballot be mailed to them for any reason. In order to request an absentee ballot, voters must be registered.

April 3, 2020 - Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bnRu3iNJn3EQlvOvG3ls8o9jeMqqcpz6KJr-bgWDCODH9Yn59o2UaCjHrAMG5WsHJH2Cw-pohdABRcMQO8w4YDKAVaDtos4jH8OpR_n89wuk=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>

* You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request. More information on acceptable IDs here.<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bYneLN6XjB_cBJgJ0Ao-pUAigz2M9HFn7TyPRNCg0Gf48_n2BwKpAiKalqPl26l_waB01zqXFXhTPzyZPK-0EM7i8Hb2xc2_i2DG1-AUPLLc=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>

For more information on important deadlines and instructions for voting in the 2020 Spring Election visit, https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoterDeadlines<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001olbHqHGnraZs4QD6K4xOcwWI62Ex0WCzVvv592Gx83GYLYHRMbom1dWwgzJrxO3bMlWnBpgis37MgyvCekvNmwSWDBakhhLaoB_oBU1L4RK_wEZB7UXwqQ-39l4ZYzVDJyDSYz_tUU9fm64xNnpoo86CX0WOr8r1cEBAOL22kd4=&c=KieEvHTWlKRrCMYUavNjvzk1MG_L82xEbb9hui5VTgMGY6KC1tuI4Q==&ch=UKcYGqy3hC17ortOVy4q8kMRUGQOu0HRYcospPstc3b8Wo4NG-wXhw==>.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. As a reminder, please practice proper social distancing as recommended by DHS and the CDC. Also, continue to wash your hands regularly with soap and water, avoid touching your face and please stay home if you feel ill.

For the latest updates, please visit www.wmc.org/coronavirus<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RyoPCdomv86WNFufRrb1JKHFghmrR500erEN_hakjyKCi7fAi-ZDSHb5_MfQP9ByAK3lqgMRQG6j9M0oEtqN5ojuUg4piLcoFzJmI4s-qoBUbyWY2rhv2FTkM9RRtoc-0CAJeTXDv0YwR3YBmYF4vPqmm7C47Bb_pIbfBVe37FgDGZJcbaKPiFr5piFEXK9jpddE9RglVeEpdakqMdMNEA==&c=wA4qmVNlQ-7lhLWi3v09VTfwwQ2W_ki3-HVC8zriYKdTHseSmE0cww==&ch=9Owe97NIfRZ2k8cRqxPEu5DhCpPYZ0VlbavDo0tr6ZSUdysGXdQOGA==>.

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Thank you,

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Kurt R. Bauer
WMC President and CEO

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 4:17 PM
To: 'Chris Reader' <creader@wmc.org>
Subject: RE: WMC Webinar

Yes! Absolutely!

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From: Chris Reader <creader@wmc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: WMC Webinar

Hey Liz - I'm not sure we have anything except the recordings of the call, would that be helpful?

Actually, we had 2 calls today. This morning was one with Michael Best and the US Chamber. That one should have ppts from the presenters. The one this afternoon was with the Gov, Missy Hughes, Sec. Frostman, and the deputy sec. of DHS. That one was a call only. Would the audio files or those ppts be helpful?

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From: Portz, Elisabeth <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Chris Reader <creader@wmc.org>
Subject: WMC Webinar

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Hey Chris!

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I was going to jump on the webinar and didn't find out about it until after it was over! I wanted to reach out to see if there were any materials or anything I could review after the fact.

Thanks!

Liz

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:13 PM
To: 'Jane Spencer' <jspencer@ncwwdb.org>
Subject: RE: Workforce Development Resources during COVID-19

Jane,

This is remarkably helpful. Thank you for putting this together. We have been directing everyone who reaches out to us to the correct resources. We appreciate your partnership on the ground. I know this is a very difficult and likely overwhelming time. Thank you and your team for all you are doing. Please let me know if there is anything my office can assist you with.

I hope you are staying safe,
Mary

From: Jane Spencer <jspencer@ncwwdb.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:16 PM
To: David.Johnson@ci.merrill.wi.us; Bob Lee <Bob.Lee@co.lincoln.wi.us>; Lori Weyers <Weyers@ntc.edu>; Drake, Tyler J - DWD <Tyler.Drake@dwd.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Derek.Woellner@ci.merrill.wi.us; jim.rosenberg@wedc.org; Debbie Kinsey <director@merrillchamber.org>
Cc: Cynthia Kiesling <cynkiesling@yahoo.com>; Nicole Rice <nrice@ncwwdb.org>
Subject: Workforce Development Resources during COVID-19

Dear Community Response Team,
The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is aware that many businesses are being forced to temporarily lay off workers during this time. We want you to know that NCWWDB and its contracted provider, LETC, is doing its best to respond to layoff notices. At this time, all Rapid Response services are being provided by telephone and/or through email contacts.
The most important message is to get Unemployment Insurance information out to the workers. The attached document has the instructions for anyone needing to file a claim.

NCWWDB is working with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to seek National Emergency Grants to

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provide Disaster Recovery services. Once these grants become available, we will be providing additional information to the public.
If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.
Thank you,
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 9:24 AM
To: 'Kimothy Ehster' <kimothy@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: You

Kimothy,

I appreciate that you are frustrated. Could I ask where your polling location was and if you felt unsafe? I spoke with many of my clerks and constituents around our district yesterday, and by all accounts, polling places in our district did a fantastic job of putting in place safety precautions and social distancing measures. Some even had drive through options.

Thank you,
Mary

From: Kimothy Ehster <kimothy@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 7:38 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: You

I stood in line and voted yesterday, you pathetic piece of shit! You republican pukes are an embarrassment to the State Of Wisconsin!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:13 PM
To: 'John' <lcasper9598@charter.net>
Subject: RE: You Are Responsible

John,

Thank you to your wife for her service tomorrow. It's really late now, but I was wondering if you'd be willing to talk with me over the phone tomorrow?

Thank you,

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: John <lcasper9598@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: You Are Responsible

Rep. Felzkowski,

My wife, Lisa Casper is a custodian at Merrill City Hall. She will be working during the vote tomorrow to keep things as safe as possible for the voters. Then she will come home and have to quarantine for at least 14 days away from me and kids. You apparently don’t understand the stress and anxiety you put on the people you are supposed to be protecting! I am a life long resident of Merrill and I pray to God the decisions that the Wisconsin Republican Party has made regarding elections during this pandemic does not have disastrous results and you can smugly say “I told you so” after the fact. Hopefully the political calculations made by the Republican Party is worth all the risk to the citizens of our great state. Right to Life rings pretty hollow.

John Casper and Family
Merrill Wisconsin

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:57 AM
To: 'dennis patrick' <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: You have failed.

Dennis,

Thank you for your email, I appreciate your time. You and I emailed about this on Tuesday. I understand your frustration, but my office is doing everything we can to help those impacted by the pandemic. While it was not my decision to shut down businesses, I'm trying to help direct people to businesses that are still open, and make sure that everyone has the information they need to make it through the pandemic. If you know of someone that is in need of assistance, please send them my way and we will do everything we can to help.

Thank you,

Mary

From: dennis patrick <pflambeau5996@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Senator Tammy Baldwin <do_not_reply@baldwin.senate.gov>; EversInfo@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: You have failed.

Your response to the epidemic is political. Your only interested in your own political gain. People have lost there income but you have no problem collecting your pay. Get real! Government by the government for the government is your belief. Screw you. Show leadership and give up your pay and send those funds to the American people. But you won't because your only interested in your power grab. I'm sure you will not respond because your interested in your own financial gain.
Dennis J Patrick
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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 12:44 PM
To: 'Kimothy Ehster' <kimothy@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: You

Kimothy,

That is incorrect. The April 13th date still stands. Clerks have until that date to receive ballots postmarked by April 7th. You are right that I didn't stand in line to vote. I voted absentee, and you are right, everyone across the state, including Governor Evers, had been encouraging everyone to do so. But, I did receive several calls from those who wanted to vote in-person, so they did. My goal was to make sure that everyone who wanted to vote, either in person or via absentee, was able to do so. I also tried to volunteer at the polls, but the polling places in my area told me they were adequately staffed and didn't need me or my husband. Regarding Rep. Vos, he was required by his polling place to wear what he wore, as was everyone else at that polling place. He would have been prevented from volunteering if he did not agree to wear it. Objectively, a poll worker working for 15+ hours at a polling place is at more risk of contracting COVID than someone who is at that polling place to vote for a couple of minutes. That is why all poll workers were encouraged or required to were encouraged to wear protective gear, just in an abundance of caution.

I appreciate that you seem like someone who keeps an open mind. If you want to blame Republicans, I can't stop you. All I can do is tell you the truth. Some have only been interested in expressing their anger, and they have found their outlet in screaming at people like me and my staff. I'm going to keep working as hard as I can for my constituents, as I have been doing throughout the pandemic.

Thanks for your email,

Mary

From: Kimothy Ehster <kimothy@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: You

I voted in Oshkosh. I am 67 years old and have been staying in as much as is possible. I requested an absentee ballot and as of Monday April 6 it hadn't shown up. I called city hall and was told there was a back up of mail, but not to worry because I would have until April 13 to return it. Then Governor Evers postponed it until June, and you and the rest of the republicans went to the supreme (oxymoron) court. And to add insult to injury, you cancelled the April 13 mail in date. So what recourse did I have? Stay home and not vote?, which is what most of you were hoping for. I went and waited in line with a pair of disposable gloves on. No mask, as you can't find one. I'll bet a dog turd to a doughnut that you didn't stand in line to vote. And that dipstick Vos with all his surgical garb on was ever so reassuring. I consider myself an Independent, as I have voted for both Democratic and Republican candidates in the state elections. I read news on a wide cross section of news outlets, and watch ALL the televised news programs. I make my mind up by the person and not the party. I can assure you that I will never ever waste a vote on a republican candidate in Wisconsin again! I hope to god that any of the other voters, or myself don't come down with this virus, but should they, or I, it will be on your hands!

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Kimothy

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 4:27 PM
To: 'Mindy Y' <mindybela@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Young, N. PLEASE HELP!!!!! We need help!!!!

Hey Mindy,

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately, the VA loans are a federal program offered by a federal department, which isn't my area. Here is the website: https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/. It would probably be the most efficient and helpful for you to reach out to your federal representative in the Senate, Ron Johnson, who will have contacts he can reach out to at the department. Here is his website: https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator. At the bottom are his offices in Wisconsin. It would probably make the most sense for you to reach out to his Oshkosh office, but they can all help you.

Please let me know if you have any other needs!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Mindy Y <mindybela@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Young, N. PLEASE HELP!!!!! We need help!!!!

Hello,
My name is Mindy Young, my husband Nick is a U.S. Army Combat Veteran. He has served his country and was deployed overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009/2010. I am so proud of him for being so brave and honorable, and to risk sacrificing his life to keep our country safe!
A little background information about us, we got married exactly a year ago, April 5, 2019. We met a little over a year before we were married. One thing we had in common, we each had full placement of a child with autism, so we understood the struggles of that daily and bonded over that, plus my husband had an amazing personality and the most handsome man I had ever seen, I can honestly say I am the luckiest woman in the world to have found Nick to be part of my life.
Nick and I started the VA loan in April 2019 to buy our first home together. With the housing market sales going so quickly we had some ups and downs with our house offers on multiple homes, but we FINALLY found our house just last month! We were so excited, a year later and we were finally getting our house for our family! We had all of our paperwork signed, I had our home insurance options narrowed down to 2 different choices to pick from, we had an inspection of the house, all we needed was the appraisal done and our closing was set for May 1,2020, we were so excited!!!
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Mindy Young

Mindy Young 715-316-7107
Nick Young 715-612-2877

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:39 PM
To: 'Mindy Y' <mindybela@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Young, N. PLEASE HELP!!!!! We need help!!!!

Hey Mindy,

We don't have an email for him, but on that website there is a way for you to send what you sent me to him, through their website. It's at the link I provided you.

Thank you!

Mary

From: Mindy Y <mindybela@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Young, N. PLEASE HELP!!!!! We need help!!!!

Thank you. Do you have Ron Johnson's email? Or could you forward my email to him? Thank you

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:27:53 PM
To: Mindy Y <mindybela@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Young, N. PLEASE HELP!!!!! We need help!!!!

Hey Mindy,

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately, the VA loans are a federal program offered by a federal department, which isn't my area. Here is the website: https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/. It would probably be the most efficient and helpful for you to reach out to your federal representative in the Senate, Ron Johnson, who will have contacts he can reach out to at the department. Here is his website: https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator. At the bottom are his offices in Wisconsin. It would probably make the most sense for you to reach out to his Oshkosh office, but they can all help you.

Please let me know if you have any other needs!

Mary Felzkowski

From: Mindy Y <mindybela@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Young, N. PLEASE HELP!!!!! We need help!!!!

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Hello,
My name is Mindy Young, my husband Nick is a U.S. Army Combat Veteran. He has served his country and was deployed overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009/2010. I am so proud of him for being so brave and honorable, and to risk sacrificing his life to keep our country safe!
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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:28 PM
To: "'geetings@frontiernet.net'" <geetings@frontiernet.net>
Subject: RE: Your email updates

Hey Roxie,

Thank you for giving me a heads up! I just checked our files, and you are still subscribed! I'm not sure why they wouldn't be going to you anymore, but I've tried to add one thing to your file that may fix it. I plan to be sending out e-updates this week so if you don't receive those and your husband does, please reach back out to me again and let me know!

I apologize for the inconvenience! Have a great week,

Mary

From: geetings@frontiernet.net <geetings@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Your email updates

I've appreciated your communication with us in the Northwoods. . . Up until the last couple weeks or so, that is. For some weird reason, I stopped getting them and my husband started getting them! Which is fine for him, but I'd also like to be re-placed back on your email updates list, please.

Thank you for what you do for us and for your help in this matter.

Roxie Geeting
geetings@frontiernet.net
Bowler, WI

Sent from Frontier Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:57 PM

To: "Rep.Felzkowski" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: Your invited to join a small business call Wednesday

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Yes

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From: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:32:54 PM
To: Felzkowski, Mary <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Your invited to join a small business call Wednesday

Do you want to do this?

Elisabeth Portz
Office of Mary Felzkowski, 309N
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Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wi.gov

From: Sara Meaney <TWN@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Your invited to join a small business call Wednesday

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Forward together,



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Sara Meaney

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:59 PM
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Okay it is on your schedule. You have to view it from a computer, or maybe a tablet would work.

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To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:25 PM
To: "'svanthiel@new.rr.com'" <svanthiel@new.rr.com>
Subject: RE:

Steve and Margie,

Thank you for your email. I agree with your points, and I think that even though the situation is far from ideal, the election today is open to electors, and has been for weeks through the absentee process. I have done everything I can over the last weeks to help people vote, get connected with their polling places, and connect volunteers with their clerks so that today would as safe and efficient as possible. I can understand that people are scared, people are frustrated. My number one goal has been to help my constituents make it through the unprecedented time to the other side. I in no way have dismissed health risks. I have told everyone I have talked to that if they do not feel comfortable being at the polls, whether as a poll worker or as a voter, then they should absolutely stay home and vote absentee.

It was simply not possible to move the election. I know it's what a lot of people wanted, and I can totally understand why people wanted that, but it just was not possible. I am more than willing to talk with you about why if you want. If you only emailed me to vent, that's okay too.

Have a good day,

Mary

From: van thiel <outlook_22362BCA2BB74A0A@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Rep.Felzkowski <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Thank you for your update regarding today's election.

The Republican party has completely failed to conduct this this election in a manner that supports the democratic process.
You have failed the citizens of Wisconsin, and you have failed democracy in action.

Your role as a legislator is to make the voting process as open to the electors as possible – not to place stumbling blocks in their path to the polls. You are listed as being a member of the Committee on Health, yet you have completely disregarded the health of Wisconsin citizens. You have chosen to stand by party lines rather than place the health and safety of our citizens as a top priority. You have placed all of Wisconsin in jeopardy.

It is time to return the job you were elected to do. NOW. It is your job to support the election process, not hinder it. It is your job to place the safety of Wisconsin's citizens as a top priority, not to dismiss the health risks you are fully aware of that exist at this time.

The time is NOW.

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Steve & Margie Van Thiel
920-809-2682

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020, 5:14 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: resource guide update

The compiled list of grocery stores, chains, pharmacies, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, gas stations, truck stops and restaurants is in the COVID-19 folder (in ASM 35) as an excel document and I additionally shared it as a Google Doc.

*The duplicates on there I intentionally left on (ex. Walmart Superstore and Walmart Pharmacy) because I figure it won't hurt for us to send them two copies so they can post separately at different bulletins. If you want to remove those, go ahead.

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NEWS RELEASE

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

datcp.wi.gov

DATCP Issues RVP Variance Waiver, Providing Flexibility for Fuel Retailers

Release Date: March 25, 2020

Media Contact: Ti Gauger, Public Information Officer, (608) 224-5007, Ti.Gauger@Wisconsin.gov

MADISON – Governor Tony Evers is allowing the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to grant a waiver providing gasoline sellers extra time before they must shift to selling gasoline with low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP).

RVP measures the volatility of gasoline. High-RVP gasoline is desirable for winter starting and operation, while lower RVP levels are helpful in avoiding vapor lock during summer heat. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates the vapor pressure of gasoline sold at retail stations during the summer ozone season to reduce emissions and reduce the effects of ozone-related health problems.

Normally, high-RVP gas (15 psi) cannot be sold after April 1st, when retailers are required to shift to selling low-RVP fuel (13.5 psi). Efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 have led to fewer vehicles on Wisconsin roads, and less gasoline being purchased to power Wisconsin cars. As a result, the state's fuel infrastructure still contains high-RVP gasoline. The waiver issued today allows fuel up to 15 psi to be sold in the month of April.

The April 1st reduction date is a state requirement of American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) fuel quality specification adopted by Chapter ATCP 94 of DATCP's Administrative Code. Any waiver beyond April 30th will need to be requested separately and include a request to the EPA, as the EPA has a mandated RVP reduction effective May 1st. Both conventional automotive gasoline and reformulated (RFG) gasoline are included in the variance. Applicable federal fuel specification requirements continue to apply.

For additional information or to file a weights and measures complaint, visit datcp.wi.gov, send an e-mail to datcpweightsandmeasures@wi.gov or call 608-224-4942.

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December 10, 2019

LINDA WALTER
W6155 PICKEREL LAKE RD
PEARSON WI 54462-8218

ETF ID: 10800182

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Dear Ms. Walter,

This letter is regarding the Wisconsin Retirement System Benefit Application you recently submitted.

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If you need assistance to complete the forms or have questions, please contact the Department toll free at 1-877-533-5020 or (608) 266-3285 local Madison.

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Sincerely,

Kris Keeley

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Benefit Initiation Section

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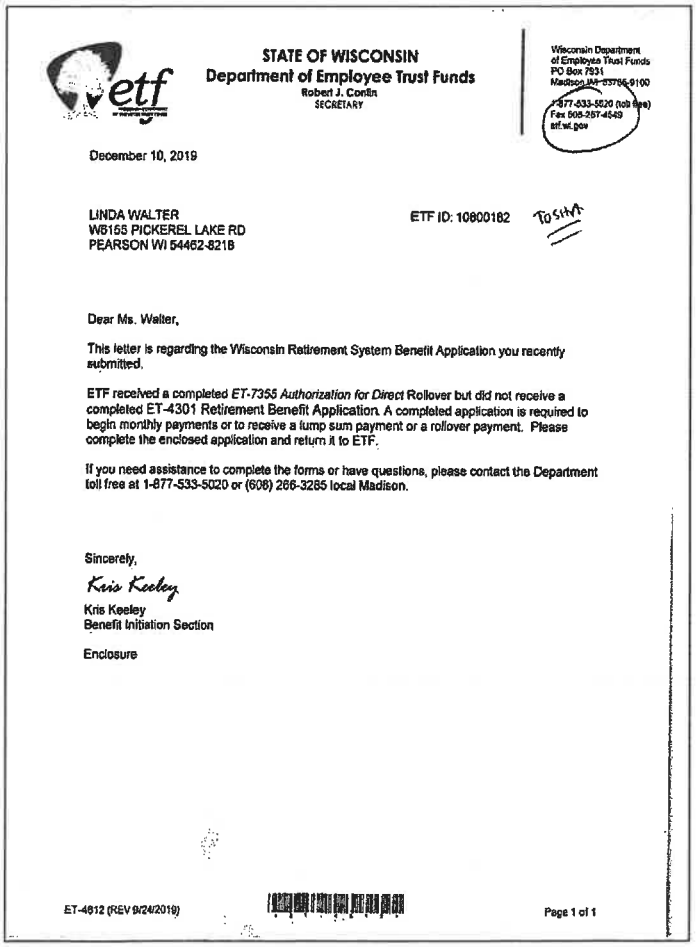
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Authorization for Direct Rollover

Wis. Stat. § 40.08 (14)

Complete and return this form ***with*** your Wisconsin Retirement System benefit application.

- After-tax contributions in the WRS can be rolled over only if you submit a letter from the receiving plan stating it is willing to account for these contributions separately.
- If the IRS requires a minimum distribution from this account, that portion of the benefit will not be rolled over.
- Your rollover check will be mailed to your home address. It is your responsibility to deliver your rollover check to your receiving plan within 60 days from the date you receive the payment.
- Lump-sum taxable distributions of less than $200 cannot be rolled over.
- The WRS is a qualified governmental retirement plan that is not subject to the ERISA fee disclosure requirements.
- Checks will be issued according to this form or the attached documents. If rejected by the rollover company, checks will not be re-issued as a rollover. Contact your plan/financial institution for the most accurate information.

1. Applicant Information

Name (first, middle, last)	ETF Member ID or SSN
LINDA WALTER	391 84 6155
Street address or P.O. Box	**Birth date**
W6155 PICKEREL LAKE ROAD	8-12-63
City, state, ZIP code	**For a death benefit only:** Original participant's SSN or ETF ID
Pearson, WI 54462-8218	

2. Direct Rollover Amount

Check one:

- ☒ The entire taxable amount
- ☐ _____% of the taxable amount
- ☐ $_____ of the taxable amount. If the amount entered exceeds the total taxable benefit, the total taxable amount will be rolled over.

3. Authorization

I authorize the Department of Employee Trust Funds to roll over the payment from my Sec. 401(a) and/or 403(b), Internal Revenue Code, account under the WRS to the financial institution named below. I certify that the account in which these funds will be deposited is in a plan qualified under Sec. 401(a), 401(k), 403(a), 403(b), 408 or 457(b) of the Code.

Date	Signature	Daytime telephone
12-6-2019	Linda J. Walter	(414) 303 3532

4. Receiving Plan/Financial Institution Information – This section needs to be completed either by the receiving plan/financial institution and signed, or by you with attached documentation that verifies how the check should be made payable. If rejected by the rollover company, checks will not be re-issued as a rollover.

Name of receiving plan/financial institution and if needed, the account number.

Make check payable to (***50-character limit***):

PERSHING LLC
FBO LINDA WALTER

The receiving plan type is:

- ☒ Traditional IRA [Sec. 408(a) or 408(b)]
- ☐ Inherited IRA [Sec. 408(d)(3)(c)]
- ☐ Qualified Employer Plan [Sec. 401(a) or 401(k)]
- ☐ Roth IRA – Withhold _____% federal taxes
- ☐ Sec. 403(a) Annuity Plan
- ☐ Sec. 403(b) Tax-Sheltered Annuity
- ☐ Governmental 457 Plan [Sec. 457(b)]

Signature of Plan Administrator or Financial Institution representative	Date	Telephone
Donnie A Jack	12-6-19	(715)6274336 EXT 2269

Make a copy for your records.

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Wisconsin Retirement System
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RETIREMENT BENEFIT ESTIMATES AND APPLICATION

Wis. Stat. §§ 40.23, 40.24, 40.25; 42.49, 42.242 (7), 1979 Stats.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

Name	Birthdate	Social Security Number
LINDA WALTER	08/12/1963	391-84-6155 P01 002

Address: W6155 PICKEREL LAKE RD PEARSON WI 54462-8218

Date of Estimate	Effective Date of Annuity	Your Age on Effective Date
11/15/2019	09/01/2019	56 1
Normal Retirement Age	**Benefit Calculation Type**	**Formula Factor(s) Used in Your Estimates**
65	MONEY PURCHASE	.01600 .01765 .01600

If information above is incorrect, please make corrections.

SERVICE AND EARNINGS

SERVICE YEARS BY CATEGORY, INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE				MILITARY SERVICE ONLY		
Employment Category	Before 2000	After 1999	Total Years for Category	Before 2000	After 1999	Total Years of Military Service

Three Highest Years of Earnings			Final Average Monthly Earnings
Year	Earnings	Years of Service	
			SERVICE AND EARNINGS DO NOT APPLY TO MONEY PURCHASE CALCULATIONS

BENEFIT PAYMENT OPTIONS (based on above data)

Check only one box for your Monthly Retirement Benefit. **Check only one box** under Employee Additional Contributions Benefit if you want to apply for your employee additional contributions at this time.

	MONTHLY RETIREMENT BENEFIT					EMPLOYEE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BENEFIT		
	Regular		Accelerated Payments Until Age 62		After Age 62			
Life Annuity Options:								
• For Annuitant's Life Only	☐	$416	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	01
• Life with 60 Payments Guaranteed	☐	$415	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	02
• Life with 180 Payments Guaranteed	☐	$407	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	04
Joint and Survivor Annuity Options: Named survivor, birthdate and relationship used in estimate: KEEN, JEFFREY 02/05/1960 NON-SPOUSE								
• 75% Continued to Named Survivor*	☐	$392*	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	07
• 100% Continued to Named Survivor	☐	$384	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	11
• Reduced 25% on Death of Annuitant or Named Survivor*	☐	$405*	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	09
• 100% Continued to Named Survivor with 180 Payments Guaranteed	☐	$383	OR	☐	NOT ELIG	☐	N/A	12
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* The amount shown is prior to 25% reduction upon death.

Lump Sum Payment Option:	Required Contributions	Additional Contributions	
	☒ $74,275	☐ N/A	50

2019 FIX PRO 3.333%

JOINT AND SURVIVOR INFORMATION (This is not a Beneficiary Designation.)
Complete this information **only** if you select a Joint and Survivor Annuity option above, even if that person's name is shown above. Do **not** complete this section if you have selected a Life Annuity or Lump Sum option above.

Named Survivor Name: Last, First, Middle		Named Survivor Social Security Number
Named Survivor Birthdate	Named Survivor Sex	Relationship to Applicant

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DIRECT DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION To have your payment(s) deposited into your bank or brokerage account, enter all of the information below. It can take up to 30 days to validate your banking information through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

Name of Financial Institution	City	State	☐ Checking Account ☐ Savings Account

Transit Routing Number	Account Number

If you select to have your payment sent to your:
- Checking account - Attach a voided check to this form.
- Savings account - Contact your financial institution to obtain their transit routing number.
- Financial brokerage firm - Attach a copy of the firm's direct deposit instructions/application information to this form.

TAXABILITY

Approximately $0 of your monthly benefit from required contributions will NOT be subject to federal income tax. If applicable, approximately _____ of your monthly annuity from additional contributions will NOT be subject to federal income tax. Tax-deferred additional benefits are fully taxable when paid.

INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING ELECTION See enclosed IRS W-4P Worksheet to help you calculate your federal withholding

If not completed, we are required to withhold federal income taxes assuming that you are married with three (3) exemptions.
Wisconsin law does not require state income taxes to be withheld from your monthly annuity.

MONTHLY ANNUITY

1) Do you want FEDERAL taxes withheld?

☐ No ☐ Yes (If yes, see below)

REQUIRED
a) Indicate filing status AND number of exemptions.

☐ Single ☐ Married [ ] Number of Exemptions

OPTIONAL
b) Additional amount, if any. $

2) Do you want WISCONSIN taxes withheld?

☐ No ☐ Yes (If yes, see below)

REQUIRED
a) Indicate filing status AND number of exemptions.

☐ Single ☐ Married [ ] Number of Exemptions

OPTIONAL
Additional amount, if any. $

OR

REQUIRED
b) Enter specific monthly withholding. $

LUMP SUM PAYMENT

If you have selected a lump sum payment or annuity certain of less than 120 months (from your additional contributions), we are required to withhold 20% of the taxable portion of your payment for federal income tax unless you roll over your payment. Will you be making a direct rollover of your payment?

☐ No ☒ Yes. If yes, complete and submit the enclosed *Authorization for Direct Rollover* (ET-7355) with this benefit application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Termination Date of All WRS Employment: 6 / 08 / 2018 (MM / DD / CCYY)

Benefit Effective Date: You must select a benefit effective date. This is the date your benefit is effective for calculation purposes, not the date you will receive your payment. If you do not select a date, your benefit will be effective on the earliest possible date, as described in the instructions under SPECIFY A BENEFIT EFFECTIVE DATE.

☒ Earliest possible date OR ☐ Specify a later date: ___ / 01 / ____ (MM / DD / CCYY)

RELATIONSHIP STATUS (*Check one box only*)

☒ I am single or have not been married to or in a domestic partnership with the same person for the full year before my benefit application date.

☐ I am married, and have been married to the same spouse for the full year immediately preceding my benefit application date.

☐ I have been in a domestic partnership for the full year immediately preceding my benefit application date.

(Complete the spousal or domestic partner information and have your spouse or domestic partner sign the consent at the bottom.)

Spouse/Domestic Partner Name: Last, First, Middle	Spouse/Domestic Partner Social Security No.	Spouse/Domestic Partner Birthdate	Sex	Date of Marriage or Domestic Partner

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for the benefit option I have selected, and request that my eligibility for, and the amount of, my benefit, be determined in accordance with the Wisconsin laws that will provide the highest benefit to which I am entitled.

I understand that Wis. Stat. § 943.395 provides criminal penalties for knowingly making false or fraudulent claims, and hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true and correct.

I authorize the Department of Employee Trust Funds and the Financial Institution, if named above, to automatically deposit my entitled funds to my account. I authorize the Financial Institution to return any funds deposited to my account which I am not eligible to receive, including any deposits made after my death. I authorize the financial institution to disclose information regarding my account to ETF to resolve transfer problems upon ETF's request. This authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing.

Date Signed (MM/DD/CCYY)	Signature of Applicant	Telephone Number (Area Code / Number)
12-27-19	[signature]	4143033532

I hereby waive my rights under Wis. Stat. § 40.24 (7)(a) or § 40.25 (3m) if my spouse or domestic partner selected a benefit payment option other than a joint and survivor annuity option naming me as the survivor.

Date Signed (MM/DD/CCYY)	Signature of Spouse/Domestic Partner

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Election to Waive Wisconsin Retirement System Benefit Payments

Wis. Stat § 40.08 (3)

Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds
PO Box 7931
Madison WI 53707-7931
1-877-533-5020 (toll free)
Fax 608-267-4549
etf.wi.gov

Member name: Walter, Linda
ETF ID: 1080-0182

I am waiving the amount of my retirement benefit that exceeds the limit of Wis. Stat. § 40.25 (1) (b), to receive a lump-sum retirement benefit.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Prepared by	Telephone
2/21/2020	Benefit Initiation Section	1-877-533-5020 (toll free)

Member: Please complete and sign below. Keep a copy for your records.

☒ I understand that the figures above are subject to audit and may change.

☒ **I hereby waive, absolutely and without right of reconsideration or recovery, my right to the total benefit or portion shown above.**

- I understand this waiver is final once it is effective.
- I understand this waiver will be effective 30 days after ETF receives it *or* the date requested below, ***if*** earlier.
- I understand that I may cancel this election in writing if ETF receives my ***written*** request ***before*** the effective date of the waiver.

Waiver effective date requested (check *one* box):

☒ Upon receipt by ETF.
☐ 30 days after receipt by ETF.
☐ Other: _____ (Must be **between** ETF receipt date and 30 days after receipt date.)

Relationship status (check *one* box):

☒ I am single or have *not* been married to or in a WRS Chapter 40 domestic partnership with the same person for the full year before my benefit application date.
☐ I have been married to my current spouse for the full year before my benefit application date. (Complete the spouse/domestic partner information and have him/her sign below.)
☐ I have been in a WRS Chapter 40 domestic partnership for the full year before my benefit application date. (Complete the spouse/domestic partner information and have him/her sign below.)

Spouse/Domestic partner name (First, MI, Last)	Spouse/Domestic partner SSN

Spouse/Domestic partner birth date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Marriage or domestic partnership date

Member Authorization

I understand that Wis. Stat. § 943.395 provides criminal penalties for knowingly making false or fraudulent claims on this form and hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information completed by me is true and correct.

Signature of member	Date signed (MM/DD/YYYY)
x Linda J. Walter	2-28-2020

Daytime telephone	Email
(414) 303 3532	gardengirl5593@gmail.com

Spouse/Domestic Partner Authorization

I consent to this waiver of benefits by my spouse/domestic partner. I understand that I am waiving my rights under Wis. Stat. § 40.24 (7) (a) to a lifetime benefit if my spouse/domestic partner selected a payment option other than a joint and survivor annuity option with me as the survivor.

Signature of spouse or domestic partner	Date signed (MM/DD/YYYY)

ETF Use Only: Processed by: _____ on _____ Effective date of waiver: _____

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 5:01 PM
To: "'ritarenn87@yahoo.com'" <ritarenn87@yahoo.com>
Subject: Small Businesses and unemployment

Good afternoon Rita,

Rep. Felzkowski asked me to send you information on small businesses and unemployment. I'm not quite sure exactly what you are looking for, so I am providing some things, and you can let me know if they don't cover your questions.

1. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm: Here is the DWD website on unemployment. It goes into a lot of different FAQs, so if you can look through this and let me know if you have additional questions, that'd be great!
2. Here is more information on Wisconsin Workers Compensation Rate Relief for Employers Who Pay Furloughed Employees: http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001X1nb6n-pbmSXNnFpa4GuVr4laMFCiUrNTUNumWrtSQY1etywXwAGD9xUyZeNB2FvC7VaskEFYKT0sEB8gkunxPcAFpC6QS_89z24rWFGYHDq0df72yw7ZBbClPjm1D2BhhnV4aKFqaewupNCUkZX1jAfztetPIW8XSSK00xUpr8=&c=E8D0K7yDtYkk2J8IoB6wwDYTQOdTk6cuD624LmTCVbUW61YlAOWaSw==&ch=Cm03bj0fVhpiv8hW_LrZaN34AanYo18R5Yujjt9IVkFZVhfBnE7t-w==
3. https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/: Here is the Wisconsin Economic Development Corps (WEDC)'s website which goes into greater detail on Small business loans spearheaded by the Small Business Administration. You can apply for disaster assistance from SBA here: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

Please let me know if you have any questions at all that I can help you find the answers to!

Thank you,

Liz

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4:30 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stamena's edits

I really want thank you to each one of you for the feedback. I understand everyone has concerns surrounding COVID-19, and I'm hoping I can help explain why people are hesitant to move the election.

- Moving the date in the middle of voting and especially so close to the election date creates unmanageable chaos.
- Over 1 million absentee ballots have already been sent out, and the deadline to request one is not until tomorrow, so I am sure we will see that number grow even more. The question becomes, what do we do with all of the absentee ballots that have already been sent and already turned in?
- Here are just some of the other questions that come up when discussing moving the election:
    - How long do we extend the election? Some people have mentioned the May 12th special election date and I totally understand wanting to use that date. What if we are still under social distancing, and have to consider moving the date again?
    - What if something happens between now and then and voters demand they be given the chance to change or re-cast their vote?
    - What do we do for the local government positions that are going to be vacant while we wait for the new election date? What if local governments can't respond to this or another crisis because decision makers aren't in place to make those decisions?

Voting in elections is a fundamental right for all our citizens. I totally understand everyone's frustrations that our elections have been impacted by this crisis. Our reality is this**: Governor Evers has said the date is not going to move and the legislature cannot move it without him.** The Elections Commission has said the date is not going to move, and now the court is signaling today that they are not going to order the date to move.

Knowing this information, my number one goal and my job right now is to help our amazing clerks run their polling places safely and efficiently, so that everyone can get in to vote, and get out quickly.

We have been encouraging anyone and everyone who does not feel safe going out to vote absentee and thankfully so many people are choosing to do that. This means that all of those people are going to stay home on Election Day, making it so much easier to social distance and avoid the spread.

The National Guard will be helping man the polls that day, and the Elections Commission is providing extra supplies to clerks, as well as extra COVID specific training. There is also funding included in the federal stimulus package to help with the increase costs of administering the election. If we all continue to work together, we can make sure that voting on April 7th is done safely.

If you have questions about anything in particular, please continue to reach out. I really appreciate the continued feedback.

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March 18, 2020

Dear Secretary Crim, Deputy Secretary Trammell, and Assistant Deputy Secretary Hereth, Members of the Cosmetology Board, Credential and Licensing team and others,

Subject: Emergency request to approve distance learning for clock hour program

On behalf of the students of The State college of Beauty Culture, we write to urge The Department of Safety and Professional Services approve the use of distance education for cosmetology, esthetics, and nail technology licensure in Wisconsin. State board approval now is critical to ensure students can continue their studies now that school closures are required.

Without Board approval, students will have to stop attending school because they cannot count clock hours learned in a distance modality towards licensure. This will lead to disruption of their education and will set them back in their careers. Additionally, many of our students rely on Federal Student Aid ("FSA") programs to pay tuition and living expenses while they are in school. If the school closes temporarily, then the students will lose access to those funds, including funds used to pay for living expenses. This will create a hardship for students and their families.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), U.S. Department of Education ("USDE"), the school accreditors--National Accrediting Commission for Career Arts and Sciences ("NACCAS") and the Commission on Occupational Education ("COE")—have all taken steps to encourage flexibility in the delivery of online education, including for clock hour programs. However, all require that the state licensing board accept the hours towards licensure.

We understand that many states have taken action already. For example, Maryland's Board of Cosmetologists acted on March 11, within 24 hours of a request from that state's schools.

We urge the DSPS to act on this request quickly for the protection of our students and their families.

Sincerely,

Andi Burns

School Administrator

The State College of Beauty Culture, Inc.

715-581-3200

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:53 AM
To: "Madden, Zach A - GOV" <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: State Patrol

Hey Zach!

This email is going to seem like déjà vu, but people in Mary's district are asking her if people are being stopped at the IL border. I haven't been able to find anything to support that this is actually happening, and I know the stance from Governor Evers is they are not stopping anyone, so I'm just double checking. I know we are allowing travel over borders for essential work travel. IL is not stopping Wisconsinites at their border, are they?

Sorry for the redundancy, Rep. Felzkowski just wanted me to double check.

Thanks!

Liz

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 1:42 PM
To: "'glacialgardens@gmail.com'" <glacialgardens@gmail.com>
Subject: Stories we talked about on the phone

Paulette,

First and foremost, I am sorry for my tone on our phone call. I was up until midnight helping Rep. Felzkowski respond to constituents, I'm pregnant, and grumpy today. That is no excuse for not being able to explain these things calmly. I think everyone is at a more heightened state right now, so hopefully we can all continue to be kind to each other today and moving forward. I apologize again.

Here are some of the stories I was referencing on the phone. The way the information is presented is starting with Tuesday, March 17th, going on chronological order all the way to last Thursday. Thank you again for your time, and your advocacy for what you believe is right. That's all any of us can do.

Liz

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020 — Tony Evers is sticking with Wisconsin's April 7 presidential primary but others push for postponement — Journal Sentinel

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.

https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/03/17/tony-evers-sticking-wisconsins-april-7-presidential-primary/5073696002/

Tuesday, March 17 2020 — EVers/DHS Press Briefing

"I want to make sure that people understand the complexity of our spring general election. It's not a primary. It's only a primary election for the presidential candidates. Lots of other, nonpartisan [and you know this] we have lots of other nonpartisan officials at the county level, at the state level, at the local level, so we have to weigh all that…. How long do we potentially

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leave the offices not filled cause we're into July or August and we haven't held a general election." 57:31

"I encourage people not to compare us to Ohio. I obviously would not wait until the night to make an historic decision like that…" 58:54

"People should be able get out and provide their input into our democracy by voting absentee as much as people can." 59:18
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv9lwwZdtTk&feature=youtu.be&t=3534
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv9lwwZdtTk&feature=youtu.be&t=3534

Friday, March 20, 2020 — Gov. Evers Speaking on a Press Call Briefing w DHS Sec.-designee Andrea Palm

I again want to remind folks that we have an important election coming up.

We have a democracy to participate in. Local and state races are really important.

We can't afford to have any of those positions vacant for any period of time. If we remove the date, that's exactly what would happen.

Moving this date is not going to solve the problem. We could move it to June. It could be worse in June. It could be worse in May.

The bottom line: it is going to be on April 7th.

"The bottom line is it's going to be on April 7th," said Governor Tony Evers Friday afternoon of the Spring Election in response to a question on safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We could move it to June and it could be worse in June, it could be worse in May," said Evers. "I understand that it's a difficult situation."

https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/03/20/governor-evers-doesnt-want-election-rescheduled/

Monday, March 23, 2020 — Gov. Evers in a Teleconference as reported by CBS 58 - Milwaukee

"The message still is and will be, stay at home, vote by mail," Gov. Tony Evers said in a teleconference.

https://www.cbs58.com/news/evers-on-spring-election-stay-at-home-vote-by-mail

Gov. Evers in a Media Briefing:

(https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0?list=PLrVDlKoVyjBRHeqq9sVg_YGSiovQlj5nk&t=423)

Evers: “Another important date that we want you to know about is voting on april 7th election. I continue to urge all eligible voters to get an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov. I encourage that, my wife and I just did that the other day, it’s very easy. If we can do it, you can do it. This will make things safer for all of us, and will give our county clerk’s room and assistance to safely carry out this important privilege that is voting.”

(https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0?list=PLrVDlKoVyjBRHeqq9sVg_YGSiovQlj5nk&t=1112
)
Q: I know that the plan right now is to continue with the election on the 7th. We’ve heard concerns from some poll workers about they’re not being able to have enough to staff those. If that does become the case, or even if an election day shortage like Illinois saw, is there any sort of plan in place for addressing that?
Legal Counsel for Evers: “At the Emergency Operations Center one of the task groups that’s set up is to provide logistical and supply support for the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the clerks around the state. So their task is to make sure there are adequate supplies, including cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer, ballots, envelopes for ballots, and other materials that they need. We’re also looking at everything we can do to make sure that the election can be held in a fair and safe manner. And that’s why, as the governor has mentioned numerous times before, and a record number of people have done this, it’s very important that people today request an absentee ballot. Anyone can do that by going to myvote.wi.gov. It’s the safest way to vote and participate in our democracy.”

(https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0?list=PLrVDlKoVyjBRHeqq9sVg_YGSiovQlj5nk&t=1843
)
Q: Are you going to deem polling sites “essential services”?
Evers: “Certainly the issue of having as many absentee ballots and mail ballots as possible is a top priority. Always has been. Understanding this is an emergency that we’re in. What we’re doing now is to make sure that we understand at the state level what needs the local election folks have as it relates to facilities, number of people, and all that, so we’re constantly evaluating that .we’re going to be working with them and WEC to answer your question, we’re in the process of evaluating that. The message still is stay at home, vote by mail.”

(https://youtu.be/XmXeGrPuyu0?list=PLrVDlKoVyjBRHeqq9sVg_YGSiovQlj5nk&t=1924
)
Q: As we’ve talked about concerns for the election, what about the concerns for safety of poll workers. Is there any coordination to supply any PPE to these poll workers and municipalities and the large number of people in person on election day?
Evers: “The answer is yes, we have in fact just today i talked to mayors about this issue as far as protection devices, whether it’s masks or other things, for our poll workers. Many of them already have that and that’s part of the analysis we’re doing with all municipalities and the Election Commission to make that A) the polling places are safe and B) we feel comfortable that the health needs of the people of that state of Wisconsin are met.”

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 — Gov. Evers during DHS briefing on “Safer At Home” Order

“I can’t say this often enough so I’ll say it one more time. You can early vote right now. You can certainly do an absentee ballot. It’s easy.”

https://youtu.be/mB7YZJ50RVo?t=51m00s

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Thursday, March 26, 2020
As I mentioned on the phone, legislative leaders publically supported the Governor in his efforts and continued to work with the Elections Commission and local clerks in their area to make sure everything could run smoothly and safely.
https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/republican-leaders-agree-with-gov-tony-evers-plans-to-proceed-with-april-7-election-amid/article_b65c124f-872e-552b-8adc-87cd37a81518.html

Friday, March 27, 2020
Gov Evers in Media Briefing:
(https://youtu.be/rHZfvmu-TN0?list=PLrVDlKoVyjBRHeqq9sVg_YGSiovQlj5nk&t=3629)
Q: Heard from county clerk that the county does not have enough ballots on hand or envelopes to send to all the voters in the county, what makes you think you can pull this off?
Evers: "...the last thing we need is to have all those positions vacant because we didn't have a vote. We need that leadership in place so we can continue to do the good work...and i've had a chance to talk to local officials all across the state. Some of them have the concerns that you mentioned, but there are more than a handful that feel that the election is going to go fine in their area of the state."

Monday, March 30, 2020 — Interview with Matt Smith of WISN-TV (contributor to UpFront)

After likening heading to the polls to being no worse than taking a trip to a grocery store, less than a week ago, Gov. Tony Evers said at the end of the day the election must proceed because, "Democracy must move forward."
:35 seconds to :55
"We will have an election on April 7th." -Evers

https://www.wisn.com/article/gov-evers-we-will-have-an-election-on-april-7/31984928

Gov Evers at media Briefing:
(https://youtu.be/lsLuv8_5nJs?t=3203)
Q: Do we expect the election to happen as planned?
Evers: "Nothing has changed from my vantage point...It's part of state law. The date is set. We're encouraging people to vote absentee."

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 — Gov. Tony Evers on a Radio Interview on National Public Radio

Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, defended the state's decision [not to move the April 7 election date] on Wednesday in an interview on NPR and WBUR's Here & Now.

"I have spent literally days encouraging people to vote absentee and we have had significant successes. This is the largest absentee ballot we've had for a primary in the history of Wisconsin," said Evers.

https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/01/825226988/sanders-calls-on-wisconsin-to-delay-election-as-governor-calls-up-national-guard

Thursday, April 2, 2020

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“Our democracy is essential, it must go on. Keeping people safe is the governor’s top priority but we want people to participate in this election. We want as many people as possible to vote from home,” Evers spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff told POLITICO.

She dismissed the possibility of the governor attempting to halt the election like DeWine did. “It’s not going to happen," Baldauff said. "He doesn’t want to do it and he also doesn’t have the authority to do it.”

https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/02/tony-evers-wisconsin-democrats-primary-election-161423

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 3:49 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Cc: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Summary of DNR Briefing on COVID

Secretary Cole:
They expect hunting and fishing seasons to continue as planned
They have worked to loosen regulations if it is reasonable and follow in EPA footsteps during the crisis
Manure spills and toxic spills to the rivers are still tier 1 alerts and the system for those has not changed.
It is important people remember there is an economy that relies on outdoor recreation and we can't let that die
You can stay safe and enjoy WI nature- please encourage hunters and fishermen to carry out from local establishments where they hunt and fish and continue to buy equipment

Answers to Questions from Legislators:
Risser's Question: They are not concerned about crowding and chokepoints at the parks. In more populated areas like the parks near Milwaukee, there is staff on hand to tell people to social distance if they're gathering in large groups. Wardens are still on duty statewide.
Shankland: No, he is not entertaining waiving the fishing license fee for the season. No other state has done this. The parks are already free- MN and MI are still charging people for their parks. My guess is Secretary Cole won't let this proposal move because with the parks gone as a revenue source, they need the license fees coming in more than ever.

I think it was what I was expecting, if not better. Preston performed well.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 5:33 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Summary of Work Done While Telecommuting 4/6

Sorry I've been forgetting to email these summaries!

-calling back constituents- very lengthy conversations- largely election based
-constituent responses, many people are very confused and upset
-review of GLTPA legislative asks for COVID Response Assistance
-constituent casework
-watched Gov. Evers briefing
-NCSL CARES Package briefing (was not able to watch the whole thing/ glitch)
-compiling crisis media plan for the remainder of the month

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:09 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Summary of Work Done While Telecommuting 4/7

-constituents- anger and hurt over election
-social media posting and monitoring
-personalizing, preparing and sending out resource guides to essential businesses
-office budget review and planning

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6:12 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Summary of Work Done While Telecommuting 4/8

-constituent cases
-social media
-more constituent cases
-processing mail from last 3 weeks
-data entry
-reviewing our local governments' updates and responses
-FYI: langlade county board passes resolution asking legislature to repeal Act 134, regarding permitting mining by the Wolf River Watershed

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 5:08 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Summary of Work Done While Telecommuting on 3/26

-Set up remote access with LTSB
-Scheduling follow ups and communications with people/organizations with upcoming appointments
-Following up with constituents who left voicemails
-Casework on CenturyLink in Gleason case
-Work on school transparency bill (exec was noticed today, then cancelled, assisting Jerry from the Darling office with the situation)
-Review of 2 recent DNR Stewardship Requests

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020, 5:06 PM
To: "'mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov'" <mary.felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>
Subject: Summary of Work Done While Telecommuting on 3/30

-Looked into Ben Niehaus- rural childcare centers issue
-Reached out to local radio stations regarding absentee voting PSA and request for poll workers
-watched gov evers/ sec. palm press conference
-Proactive reaching out to local businesses
-Proactive reaching out to first responder units (our fire and police depts.) to see if we can provide any assistance
-Responding to incoming constituent questions
-Social media
-Initial review of forestry clearinghouse rule

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:10 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Summary of Work Done While Telecommuting on 3/31

-responding to incoming constituent issues
-creating resource guide to post in local grocery stores, gas stations, etc.
-research and prep of census social media materials
-data entry

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To: Wisconsin Legislators
From: Badger State Sheriffs' Association
Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
Date: April 7, 2020
RE: Support for Public Safety Retirees to Return to Work

Our organizations collectively represent all 72 Sheriffs and over 1,100 deputies and jailers across the state of Wisconsin. Everyday law enforcement officers across the state work to serve and protect the public's safety. Our members are on front lines of this public health emergency and understand the risks associated with this virus. To do our job, we not only need adequate personal protection equipment (PPE), but also the experienced officers – on the street and in the jails – ready to step in and work.

Therefore, we urge the legislature to pass legislation to allow retired protective occupation participants (including law enforcement officers) and county correctional officers (also called county jailers) to return to WRS-covered employment and continue to collect a retirement annuity. Legislation to permit this allowance is critical and retirees are ready and able to provide the workforce support that currently is and will continue to be required across the state.

We ask the legislation include provisions to significantly reduce (or entirely waive) the current 75-day wait period between the termination of a retiree's employment and the start date of the new position. This will allow newly retired, highly trained officers to rapidly return to work during the public health emergency.

In addition, any provisions to provide staffing relief should also apply to retired officers who are currently working and encountering hourly restrictions. Allowing these individuals to stay on the job, without any suspension of their pensions, will permit them to continue to serve during this critical time.

This important policy change is an essential step to ensure there is back-up, highly trained front line public safety workers. Our organizations urge the legislature to consider this immediate relief and reevaluate the ongoing need for this policy change in the long term.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:31 PM
To: "DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR" <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tax Returns

Hey Ann,

Sorry for the déjà vu issue but it's come up again. We have a couple CPAs who have reached out saying that their clients are not getting their refunds like they have in the past. Normally, after submitting it takes about a week, maybe two. Now they are getting messages that it will take 6-12 weeks. I know the tagline is that any refund can take up to 12 weeks, but they wanted me to reach out to see if COVID is causing delays.

Thanks!

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To: Legislative Colleagues

From: Representative Amy Loudenbeck
Senator Dale Kooyenga

Date: February 18, 2020

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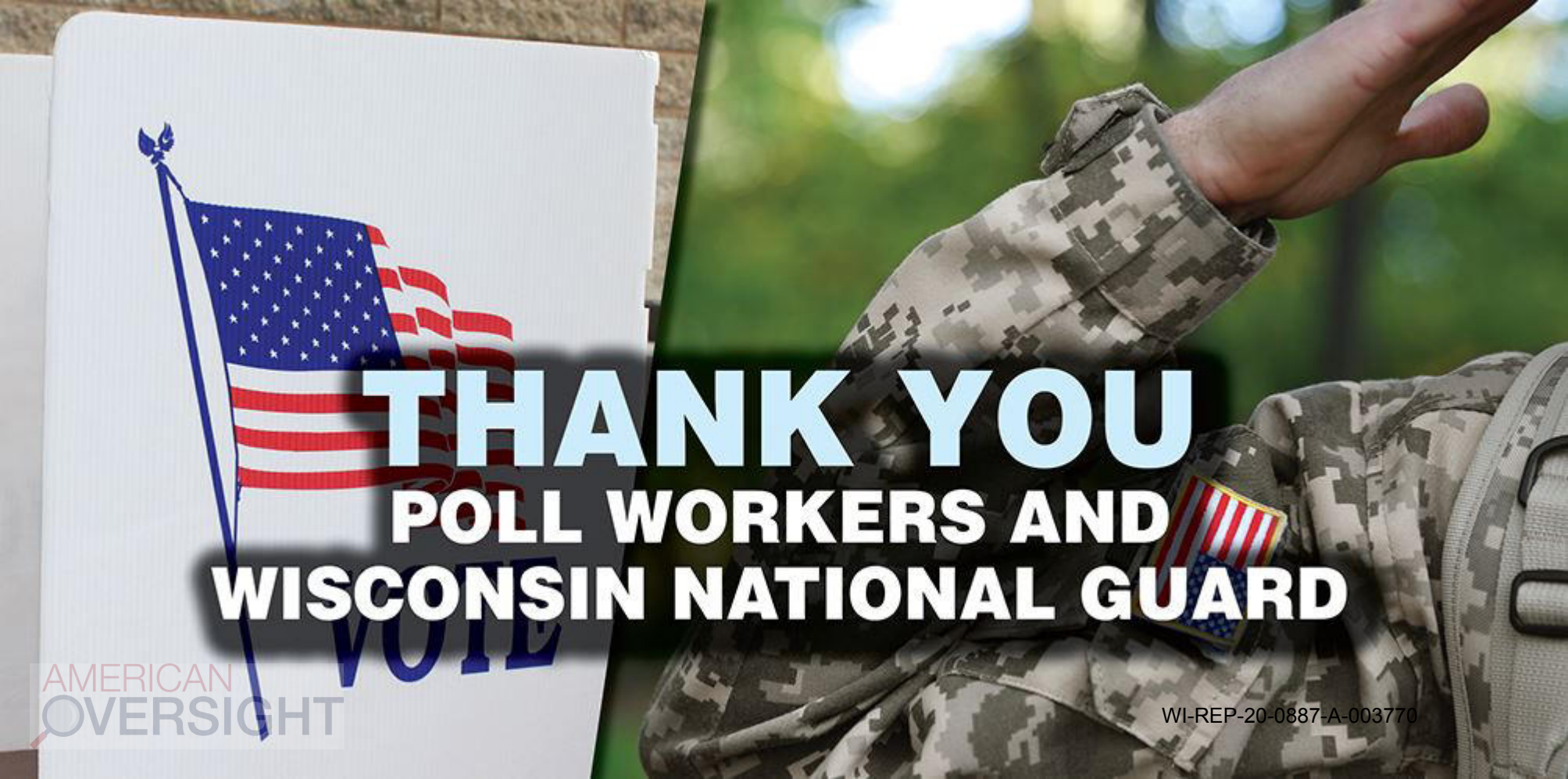
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U.S. Department
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**Federal Motor Carrier
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Waiver for States Concerning Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency

April 9, 2020

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Grant of waiver.

SUMMARY: FMCSA grants a waiver from certain regulations applicable only to States as defined in 49 CFR 383.5. FMCSA has initiated this action in response to the President's Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) (Declaration of National Emergency) concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

DATES: This waiver is effective April 9, 2020 and expires either on June 30, 2020, or upon the revocation of the President's Declaration of National Emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) concerning the COVID-19 public health emergency, whichever is sooner.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikki McDavid, Chief of the Commercial Driver's License Division, Office of Safety Programs, 202-366-0831, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Legal Basis

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, June 9, 1998) provides the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) authority to grant waivers from any of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations issued under Chapter 313 of Title 49 of the United States Code or 49 U.S.C. § 31136, to a person(s) seeking regulatory relief (49 U.S.C. §§ 31136(e), 31315(a)). The Secretary must make a determination that the waiver is in the public interest and that it is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the waiver. Individual waivers may be granted for unique events for a period up to three months. TEA-21 authorizes the Secretary to grant waivers without requesting public comment, and without providing public notice.

The FMCSA Administrator has been delegated authority under 49 CFR 1.87(e) and (f) to carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. chapter 313, relating to commercial motor vehicle operators, and 49 U.S.C. chapter 311, subchapter I and III, relating to commercial motor vehicle programs and safety regulations.

Background

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) related to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19. This waiver is in response to

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COVID-19 outbreaks and the immediate risk they present to public health, safety, and welfare. A number of States are experiencing greater than normal employee absences or have closed offices of their State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLA) in response to the guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to use social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a result, some SDLAs may be unable to administer the knowledge tests to commercial learner's permit (CLP) applicants. Given the public health emergency, there is a public need for immediate transportation of essential supplies, equipment, and persons, which requires an adequate and sustained supply of drivers trained to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). This waiver provides needed relief from the specified Federal motor carrier safety regulations (FMCSRs) for States and SDLAs.

FMCSA's Determination and Regulatory Provisions Waived

Consistent with the statutory requirements for waivers, FMCSA has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a waiver, until June 30, 2020, limited in scope and circumstances, that is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the waiver.

The regulation at 49 CFR 384.228(b) sets forth the requirement that CDL knowledge and skills test examiners satisfy specific training requirements. The regulation at 49 CFR 384.228(c) requires that all CDL knowledge testers complete a training course covering three specified units of instruction: Introduction to the CDL Licensing System, Overview of CDL Tests, and Knowledge tests. In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, FMCSA is waiving the requirements in 49 CFR 384.228(b)-(c), for third party CDL test examiners who previously completed a CDL skills test examiners training course that meets the requirements of 49 CFR 384.228(d) and have maintained a valid CDL test examiner certification. This waiver allows third party CDL test examiners previously authorized by the State to administer the CDL skills test to also administer the CDL knowledge test without completing a CDL knowledge test training course.

States and SDLAs are covered under this waiver without further action.[1] FMCSA will not issue a finding or a determination of substantial noncompliance under 49 CFR part 384 against States for action or inaction consistent with this waiver.

Public Interest

FMCSA finds that granting this waiver is in the public interest because CDL and CLP holders play a critical role in delivering necessary passengers and property, including shipments of essential supplies, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This waiver is in the public interest because it would allow States and SDLAs to use third party CDL test examiners to continue administering CDL knowledge tests while SDLAs remain closed, are unable to

[1] FMCSA Guidance Q1 to 49 CFR 383.75 states that a third party may not administer the CDL knowledge test unless an SDLA employee is present. That guidance assumes normal SDLA operating conditions, however, and does not apply under this waiver.

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administer CDL knowledge tests, or are operating at a diminished capacity due to the COVID-19 national emergency. The continued availability of CDL knowledge testing will help maintain an adequate and sustained supply of trained CMV drivers to deliver essential supplies and persons across State lines to address the public health emergency and help prevent a possible shortage of CMV drivers. This waiver will also reduce the administrative burden on States and SDLAs during this public health emergency.

Safety Equivalency

Due to the limited scope of this waiver and the ample precautions that remain in place, FMCSA has determined that the waiver is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to the level of safety that would be obtained absent the waiver. The waiver of a particular regulation should not be viewed in isolation but rather as part of the whole of all regulations governing the safety of drivers. Waiver determinations are made holistically, taking all relevant factors into account. *See International Bhd of Teamsters v. DOT*, 724 F.3d 206 (D.C. Cir. 2013).

FMCSA has determined that waiving the CDL knowledge test examiner training requirements for third party CDL skills test examiners who previously completed a CDL skills test examiners training course will not negatively impact safety. Due to an overlap in training topics, such examiners would have already taken a CDL skills test examiner training course that complies with 49 CFR 384.228(d) and would have already received training on two of the three required units of instruction for the CDL knowledge test examiner training. The only unit required under 49 CFR 384.228(c) not covered by that training is the knowledge test unit. To ensure that third party CDL test examiners will receive all the necessary information and training required by 49 CFR 384.228(c) prior to administering a knowledge test, the State must provide them with access to the written training/instructional materials for the knowledge test unit referenced in 49 CFR 384.228(c)(3). States may provide these materials electronically or through other means. Under this waiver, the State is not required to provide third party CDL test examiners with formal in person or online training.

In addition, this waiver will not negatively impact safety because the CDL knowledge tests are easier to administer than the skills tests. The CDL knowledge test examiner has minimal direct involvement in administering the tests. The knowledge tests require the administration of written multiple- choice tests and approximately four hours of CDL test examiner training. In contrast, the CDL skills test examiner has substantial direct involvement in the administration of the tests. The skills tests require the observation and scoring of demonstrated driving maneuvers and several days of examiner training. For these reasons, trained skills test examiners would be capable of administering the knowledge tests without first taking a CDL knowledge test training course.

The measures listed below under Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions, taken collectively, provide the assurance needed to meet the legal standard that granting the waiver is likely to achieve an "equivalent level of safety." Therefore, FMCSA has determined that a waiver from the regulations noted above during the period of the waiver is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the waiver. The remaining requirements for CDL test examiners continue to apply.

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Unique Circumstances
COVID-19 outbreaks have led to widespread closures of State and Federal government offices, reduction of government services, and disruption of transportation systems, including possible driver shortages and related interruption of supply chains, which are heavily dependent on continued CMV operations. FMCSA finds that the circumstances surrounding this waiver are unique because such government operations are not providing their usual level of service.

For the reasons above, FMCSA grants a waiver as provided above, subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions below.

Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Waiver
This waiver covers States and qualifying third party CDL skills testers for the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. (ET) on April 9, 2020, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2020, or the revocation of the President's Declaration of National Emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) concerning the COVID-19 public health emergency, whichever is sooner.

(1) Under this waiver, the State is not required to provide third party CDL skills test examiners with formal in person or online training in administering the CDL knowledge tests. However, the State must provide these examiners with access to written training/instructional materials for the knowledge test training referenced in 49 CFR 384.228(c)(3) regarding the general and specialized knowledge tests, administration of the knowledge test, and the selection of the appropriate tests and test forms. States may provide these materials electronically or through other means.

(2) This waiver does not apply to third party CDL test examiners who have not maintained their CDL test examiner certification.

(3) This waiver does not apply to third party CDL test examiners who had not completed a CDL skills test examiners training course that meets the requirements of 49 CFR 384.228(d) prior to the date of this waiver.

Jim Mullen
Acting Administrator

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Tips for Parents Using Child Care During COVID-19

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) understands that certain families need continued child care during the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure the safety of families and child care setting staff, DCF has developed a list of tips for parents to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.



Drop Off and Pick Up
Parents should limit pick up and drop off to one person to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Additionally, if you meet one of the below criteria you should not visit a child care center:

- Are older than 60 years old
- Are pregnant
- Have underlying health conditions, including those with compromised immune systems or respiratory conditions like severe asthma
- Are showing symptoms of COVID-19
- Have been in contact with someone confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Have returned from travel to areas with community spread of COVID-19 in the last 14 days (updated information on travel restrictions can be found on the CDC website).

Upon entering the facility, parents and children should immediately wash or sanitize their hands before entering the classroom or signing their child in.

Some centers may establish a drop off zone or staggered drop off times. Parents should check with their center for any additional guidance.

Health Screenings
Some child care settings may implement a health screening at entry for both parents and children. This may include a temperature reading and symptom check. It is important that you answer questions honestly and ask for assistance if you do not understand the question or need it translated to another language.

Illnesses
Most child care centers have an illness policy in place; however, guidance may be more stringent to ensure the safety and wellness of children and program staff. Parents are encouraged to check with the provider on any new guidance and keep their children home who have a fever of 100.4 or higher; have had a fever of 100.4 or higher or other potential symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath or persistent dry cough, within the last 72 hours; or have come in contact with others who have COVID-19.

Contact Information
If your child becomes ill or there is a positive COVID-19 case in the facility, your center may ask that you pick he/she up within one hour. Review your enrollment information to ensure they have your current contact information as well as emergency contact information.

Alternate Care
If there is a case of COVID-19 among children or staff, programs may consider a short-term (less than 1 week) or long-term (two weeks or more) closure to allow for sufficient cleaning and disinfection. Parents are encouraged to find an alternate care option, such as another local child care center or relative, in case this occurs.

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- To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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- Pretty full day of still fielding calls. Lots of individual constituent cases that required extra research and attention.
- Updating open restaurant list and updating the website.
- Adding a April 7th Election page to the website.
- Watched Fitz/Robin Press Conference
- FB post and comment monitoring on election
- Tried to catch up on Forward data entry. Got the calls entered, now need to focus on email contacts.

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- Today, we saw a huge influx of emails and calls with people wanting to know the following:
    - Are their businesses essential?
    - Are we moving the April 7th election?
    - What travel restrictions will impact every day people?
    - Does the order prevent people from just visiting their immediate family members?
    - How is unemployment insurance going to be handled in a variety of cases?
    - Some questions on absentee voting
    - How can Evers do what he is doing?
- This was a large majority of the day. I spent a lot of time talking on the phone, conversing with people who just wanted to vent, getting people copies of the order, reaching out to departments on specific questions, and helping businesses read the order.
- Updated post to Facebook
- Updated E-Update on the Stay-At-Home Order
- Trying to enter things into Forward as they come in so we can get you a Constituent Report by Friday with everything that's come in on COVID-19 and others since this began. We are getting so many emails and calls that it's impossible to keep up with as they come in, but I'm hoping Stamena can help me enter all of this stuff on Thursday and Friday before we send it to you.
- Stamena compiled a list of businesses you can reach out to over the rest of the week. I will send that to you tomorrow morning.

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- Fielding lots of office calls and emails regarding Evers Stay at Home Measure (this honestly took a majority of the day)
- Response to inquiries from Friday's COVID E-Update
- Updated open restaurants list with entries people emailed in and updated the website
- FB posts and monitoring comments
- Staff conference call
- Evers/DHS press conference

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- I finished contacting all of the restaurants in the district to see if they are doing delivery or carry out and finished the excel sheet
- Created a website to house COVID information on your website, including a link to the restaurants
- Posted necessary info on Facebook
- Created an e-update on COVID, including link to list of businesses
- Participated in 3 hours of conference calls (Governor's office and Assembly Caucus)
- Communicated with a few constituents on the phone and via email

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- Another big data entry day getting things into forward
- Still working on some constituent cases and email responses that came in today
- Working with the caucus to put together materials for poll worker encouragement
- Had a zoom meeting with the Comms team to talk about different ways we can be helping get the caucus staff helpful tools
- Gov Evers and DHS held another press conference today that I watched

Stamena should be sending you the report tonight. If not, tomorrow morning.

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Subject: Today's Wisconsin Health News: Officials fear shortage of protective equipment for healthcare workers

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Thursday, March 19, 2020

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Officials fear shortage of protective equipment for healthcare workers

As the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state continues to rise, officials are growing more concerned about the state's supply of masks, gloves and other protective equipment for healthcare workers.

"There are real shortages and it's not focused on one type of supply," Dr. Ryan Westergaard, chief medical officer for communicable diseases at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, said at a press briefing Tuesday.

At a Wisconsin Medical Society executive committee meeting Tuesday night, members from around the state expressed "significant concern" over the lack of masks and other personal protective equipment, according to CEO Dr. Bud Chumbley.

"This shortage threatens the ability of the healthcare workforce to care for the people of Wisconsin as COVID-19 cases surge," Chumbley said. "A significant reduction in the number of physicians,

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nurses and allied health professionals available to treat those with COVID-19 would be a catastrophic event."

"Given the anticipated surge in COVID-19 cases we can never have enough equipment or physicians and nurses available to meet our needs," Marshfield Clinic Health System CEO Dr. Sue Turney said. "While we have supplies at the moment there is a statewide and broader concern around [personal protective equipment] and testing supplies in the future."

Dr. Alicia Arnold, an independent physician from Eau Claire, said she's heard of some physicians who are thinking of quitting the workforce, out of fear they will get sick.

"If doctors and nurses are unable to protect themselves, not only are they going to get the virus and spread it to others, but they also, if they are sick, will not be available to care for patients, which is particularly a big deal in rural areas," Arnold said.

Kristin Mueller, a spokeswoman for North Shore Healthcare, which runs more than 60 nursing homes and assisted living centers in Wisconsin, said that supply levels of protective equipment are "absolutely an issue of great concern for all acute and long-term care providers."

"This must be one of the top priorities for state and federal officials to assure that the distribution chain can meet this critical need," she said.

Wisconsin Health Care Association CEO John Vander Meer said his group is working with providers, suppliers and state officials to see what supplies can be flown into Wisconsin.

They are also, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, considering innovative ways to preserve the supply, including re-using certain masks and substituting other clothing for gowns, Vander Meer said.

Wisconsin Hospital Association Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mark Kaufman said the greatest concern, at this point, is the supply of N95 respirator masks. He said DHS is conducting a weekly survey of all protective





equipment and sharing the results with hospitals and WHA.

Kaufman said WHA has reached out to the state's construction community for help with masks.

The Department of Workforce Development is also talking with labor unions. Among the responses they have received is from the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council, which is donating 100 masks from their training center.

DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm said the department requested supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile, but have received notice they will only receive "a small allotment of a variety of pieces of equipment."

According to a **letter** from U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., and several members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation, the state has been notified that it's eligible to receive: 54,709 N95 respirators; 130,326 surgical masks; 24,816 face shields; 20,233 surgical gowns; 104 coveralls and 72,044 gloves.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services did not return a request for comment confirming how much the state is slated to get, or when it can expect the shipment.

On Wednesday, President Trump **announced** he will invoke the Defense Production Act, paving the way for the administration to force American manufacturers to boost production of needed medical supplies.

"It can do a lot of good things if we need it," Trump said Wednesday at a briefing with reporters.

Palm stressed that other states are having similar issues.

"We are currently working through how we prioritize, how we work through the deployment of what we are receiving from the stockpile," she said on a press call this week. "We and states all across the country continue to press the CDC and the federal government for whatever supplies we can get."

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“This is going to be a problem for the country,” she added.

Evers, state agencies take steps toward economic relief, announce child care restrictions

Gov. Tony Evers and his administration took steps Wednesday toward economic relief in response to the new coronavirus outbreak.

Late Wednesday, Evers issued an emergency **order** waiving work search requirements for unemployment insurance benefits. Evers said the order follows federal guidance.

“Many Wisconsin workers are facing financial burden and stress due to the COVID-19 outbreak and this order will help them access some additional support,” Evers said in a statement. “My administration plans to continue to work with state legislators and our federal partners on initiatives to help impacted workers.”

Evers on Tuesday **called** for legislative action, including repealing a one-week waiting period for the benefits. He talked with state legislative leaders Wednesday.

Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, called it a "productive discussion" and the "first of many in the coming weeks."

"During the call, we agreed to commence daily conversations," the two GOP leaders said in a joint statement. "It’s clear we all want to do what’s best for our citizens and businesses during these unprecedented and demanding times.”

Evers spoke at a **webinar** hosted by the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, asking the business community for “ongoing dialogue.”

“This is not the time for one-upmanship or political games,” he said. “We just have to get done what the people in Wisconsin need. And so as we move forward, we’ll need your help to have good

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conversations so that we get good legislation, so we have good outcomes."

On Wednesday, Evers submitted a **request** to the U.S. Small Business Administration for assistance for small businesses and nonprofits in the state to help with the economic impacts of the outbreak.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation CEO Missy Hughes said on the webinar that the long-term loans typically are $2 million or less, have low interest and are available to employers of 500 workers or less. She expects the federal agency to be "inundated" with applications.

At the state level, WEDC created a **program** to provide grants to small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Its board of directors approved $5 million for the program Tuesday.

The grants will provide a maximum of $20,000 for two months of fixed expenses, like payroll or rent. They'll head to business with no more than 20 employees. Hughes said they hope to provide additional resources.

"We're starting to look to the long-term," she said. "Whether or not the recovery is two weeks or two months or three months, we will have a recovery. We will be working through that. And as a state, we'll come together and work together."

Evers on Wednesday also **directed** the Department of Health Services to restrict the size of child care settings.

Under the order, centers can't operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time, starting at 8 a.m. Thursday. The order will remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency.

"Child care is an essential service for many of the folks working on the front lines to provide healthcare and vital services to our communities during the COVID-19 outbreak," Evers said in a statement. "This is another step forward to ensure that service continues, while protecting our child care providers who are going above and beyond their regular duties to support our families, communities and state."

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The state asked child care providers to prioritize the families of healthcare and essential service providers. Families that can keep their children at home are encouraged to do so.

The Department of Children and Families and DHS updated **guidance** to providers.

Evers' administration is also working with healthcare providers, child care providers and the National Guard to explore options to serve healthcare workers through on-site care. More information will be available in the coming days on that effort, his office noted.

The Department of Health Services **reported** 106 people have tested positive for COVID-19 as of Wednesday afternoon. There have been 1,577 negative tests.

DHS Deputy Secretary Julie Willems Van Dijk said at the WMC webinar that they've documented community spread in Dane, Kenosha and Milwaukee counties. She said that it's likely spreading elsewhere in the state.

"I would encourage you all to consider your community as one that has COVID-19 circulating," she said.

In response to a question about whether the state would move to a shelter-in-place order, Evers said that he believes what is in place now will help.

But he said that such an order is an "option" if current policies don't stop the virus from expanding at a significant level.

He said officials would reach out to the business community before taking such a step, adding that he doesn't believe the state will get to that point.

"At the end of the day, it would be our goal to have economic activity be part of the solution and not part of the problem," he said.

Baldwin backs coronavirus bill Johnson opposes

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Wisconsin's two U.S. senators split their votes on a bipartisan plan targeted at the spreading new coronavirus that President Donald Trump signed into law Wednesday.

The Senate **approved** the plan Wednesday on a 90-8 vote. Democrat Tammy Baldwin backed the bill, which provides free COVID-19 testing.

The bill provides small businesses with financial help to provide workers with emergency paid family leave, including paid sick leave. And it provides more federal resources to expand unemployment benefits, support Medicaid programs and increase funding for food security and nutritional programs.

"This coronavirus response legislation is a strong step forward," Baldwin said. "The Senate is going to have to work together across party lines to take additional steps, including an economic stimulus response that is targeted toward helping workers and small businesses get through this crisis."

Ron Johnson joined seven other Republicans in opposing the measure. Johnson said he couldn't back the bill since it required paid leave mandates. He proposed an amendment expanding eligibility for unemployment insurance instead.

"Laid-off workers will get far less from state benefits, and many employers will be forced to shoulder a financial burden they cannot afford," Johnson said in a statement.

Children's Wisconsin reports doctor with COVID-19

A doctor at Children's Wisconsin has tested positive for COVID-19, the provider said Wednesday. The provider has mild symptoms, is quarantined at home and recovering.

The doctor was exposed to a person who tested positive for the virus in connection with travel outside the state before restrictions were in effect.

Children's is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health

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Services and the Wauwatosa Health Department to identify and contact all staff and patient families with exposure.

Children's are giving patient families individualized instructions and support for their needs, as well as instructing staff on next steps, ranging from monitoring symptoms, self-quarantine or testing.

"We have seen this happen at healthcare organizations across the nation, and we knew it was only a matter of time before we had a confirmed case on our team," a statement from the provider noted. "Every COVID-19 case underscores the need for all of us to stay vigilant in the face of the virus, while offering support and care to all those who need it in our community."

Democrats sue to expand access to voting

The Democratic National Committee and Democratic Party of Wisconsin filed suit Wednesday to expand access to voting in response to the spread of new coronavirus.

The lawsuit seeks to extend the electronic and by-mail registration to April 3 and suspend requirements that copies of photo ID and residency documents accompany absentee ballots during the outbreak.

They also want to extend the deadline of when ballots have to be received by local election officials so they can accept ballots postmarked on or before election day if they arrive within 10 days of the election.

The electronic and by-mail registration deadline for Wisconsinites to participate in the April 7 election was Wednesday.

“It's more important than ever that we expand access to voting, and increasing these necessary measures will help protect both public health and Wisconsinites' right to participate in our democracy,” Democratic National Committee Chair Tom Perez said in a statement.

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Republican Party of Wisconsin Executive Director Mark Jefferson accused Democrats of “trying to hijack a national health crisis to rig an election in their favor.”

"If they cared about accessibility at the polls, they’d join us in urging clerks across Wisconsin to allow early voting immediately, not just those in their communities of support,” he said in a statement.

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Judges are freezing evictions in Milwaukee and Dane counties to prevent homelessness and COVID-19 spread, **reports the Journal Sentinel.**

The rapidly evolving new coronavirus outbreak is leaving physicians tough choices in who to treat in person and who to turn away, **reports Wisconsin Public Radio.**

Officials are considering University of Wisconsin-Madison dorms for emergency patient housing, **reports the Journal Sentinel.**

In wake of coronavirus, the grocery business is **booming**, paper manufacturers in the state are **hustling** as consumers buy up toilet paper and gun sales are **rising**, reports the Journal Sentinel.

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., **tells the Journal Sentinel** that people should keep the coronavirus in perspective.

President Donald Trump signed bipartisan legislation Wednesday that would provide billions of dollars to limit the damage from the coronavirus pandemic through free testing, paid sick leave and expanded safety-net spending, **reports Reuters.**

The Trump administration on Wednesday asked Congress for an infusion of $500 billion for direct payments to taxpayers and $500 billion in loans for businesses to help those impacted by the new coronavirus, **reports the New York Times.**

Hospitals are struggling to find enough doctors, nurses and other health care workers to care for mounting numbers of critically ill COVID-19 patients, **reports Politico.**

The World Health Organization said Wednesday that it will launch a multi-arm, multi-country clinical trial for potential coronavirus therapies, part of an aggressive effort to jumpstart the global search for drugs to treat COVID-19, **reports STAT.**

A new study on the nearly 2,500 first recorded cases of new coronavirus in the United States finds American adults of all ages are being seriously sickened by the virus, **reports the New York Times.**

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The Association of Wisconsin Tourist Attractions
Skiing Wisconsin

RE: Request for Assistance for Wisconsin's Hospitality Industry

As you are well aware, the current COVID-19 pandemic has decimated Wisconsin's restaurants, hotels, other lodging and other tourism industries around the state as one of the first industries to be quickly impacted and universally devastated as travel and tourism ground to almost a complete halt.

The cash flow stoppage has forced the vast majority of hotels & other lodging businesses and restaurants to lay off a significant portion of Wisconsin's treasured hospitality employees, stopping their ability to meet basic costs of doing business.

Recent COVID-19 legislation passed by Congress offer some options for relief, but will not suffice to keep tourism businesses viable, and will take time to implement effectively.

Unfortunately, Business Interruption Insurance, invested in by many businesses assuming they would be protected, does not cover their economic damages from the pandemic, meaning their options for reducing their debt during this crisis have disappeared.

As we do our best to address the overwhelming challenges, we are today asking for your assistance in implementing the following state actions to meet us partway in enabling our industry to someday gradually come back:

1. **Waive the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Compensation** to help our valued employees to survive. We suggest that this waiver would end when the pandemic recedes.
2. **Waive the current minimum of 20 employees for a business to be eligible for the Work-Share program**. Small businesses with less than 20 employees face the same, if not worse, hardships during this crisis, and this eligibility would help.

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3. Provide **additional new WEDC interest-free loans** to businesses needing help to bridge the time until revenue can once again allow them to meet payroll and pay bills.
4. Provide a **90-day extension for ALL state tax payments along with local property tax payments**, and **provide for installment payment schedules** so that businesses eventually beginning to regain income can meet deadlines for tax payments.
5. Ensure that **reimbursements owed by the state for overpayments of estimated taxes are issued immediately**.
6. **Impose a freeze on Unemployment Rates**, so that businesses hardest hit with lay-offs do not face insurmountable rate increases for a crisis beyond their control.
7. **Allow packaged alcohol to be delivered when food is delivered**. The sale of alcohol is a profit center for hospitality, whereas food sales have much narrower margins. In addition to helping all hospitality businesses with alcohol licenses to survive, this would also meet consumer demand and encourage consumers to stay home. To ensure legal compliance, face-to-face ID checking would be required upon delivery and drivers would need to be at least 21 years old.

We ask for your help in helping to make a way for Wisconsin's valued tourism industry to come back when the crisis subsides.

Thank you.

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As we do our best to address the overwhelming challenges, we are today asking for your assistance in implementing the following state actions to meet us partway in enabling our industry to someday gradually come back:

1. **Waive the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Compensation** to help our valued employees to survive. We suggest that this waiver would end when the pandemic recedes.
2. **Waive the current minimum of 20 employees for a business to be eligible for the Work-Share program**. Small businesses with less than 20 employees face the same, if not worse, hardships during this crisis, and this eligibility would help.

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3. Provide **additional new WEDC interest-free loans** to businesses needing help to bridge the time until revenue can once again allow them to meet payroll and pay bills.
4. Provide a **90-day extension for ALL state tax payments along with local property tax payments**, and **provide for installment payment schedules** so that businesses eventually beginning to regain income can meet deadlines for tax payments.
5. Ensure that **reimbursements owed by the state for overpayments of estimated taxes are issued immediately**.
6. **Impose a freeze on Unemployment Rates**, so that businesses hardest hit with lay-offs do not face insurmountable rate increases for a crisis beyond their control.
7. **Allow packaged alcohol to be delivered when food is delivered**. The sale of alcohol is a profit center for hospitality, whereas food sales have much narrower margins. In addition to helping all hospitality businesses with alcohol licenses to survive, this would also meet consumer demand and encourage consumers to stay home. To ensure legal compliance, face-to-face ID checking would be required upon delivery and drivers would need to be at least 21 years old.

We ask for your help in helping to make a way for Wisconsin's valued tourism industry to come back when the crisis subsides.

Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 11:27 AM
To: "Schweitzer, Alicia" <Alicia.Schweitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Transportation issue

Hey!

I just got the following info from a constituent:

*** Written by Sean, a local trucker ***

In all this craziness I want you take a minute and think about the American truck driver and pray for them as well in all this chaos! Hours of service rules have been lifted to let truck drivers run longer if hauling supplies directly impacted by covid-19. Yet the government is shutting down rest areas, truck stops are closing there bathrooms and showers. These truckers have no where to pull off to get rest, use a bathroom, or shower. Yet they are expected to do their best to deliver these products on time to make sure we have what we need and have our supplies for our bathrooms, showers, refrigerators etc. A truck drivers life on the road has always been hard, but now it is extremely harder! But as long as they're allowed, you can bet that they will still get the job done and keep America running! Please pray! Better yet call your representatives and demand some help for our truckers.

I've reached out to WisDOT to see if the rest areas are closed. If it is, I've asked them what they would recommend truckers do in the meantime. It would seem to make sense to at least keep them open for truckers to park to sleep. I could see closing the actual buildings because of the exposure issue, but to at least let them sleep? I guess I don't know then what they would do for bathrooms. Just wanted to pass this along in case it's something we can "fix."

Thanks!

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 5:59 PM
To: "'skallerud83@gmail.com'" <skallerud83@gmail.com>
Subject: Umemployment information

Hey Sara,

Rep. Felzkowski asked me to send you information on small businesses and unemployment. I'm not quite sure exactly what you are looking for, so I am providing some things, and you can let me know if they don't cover your questions.

1. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm: Here is the DWD website on unemployment. It goes into a lot of different FAQs, so if you can look through this and let me know if you have additional questions, that'd be great!
2. https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/caresact/: Here are FAQs specific to the federal stimulus, which includes the ability for self-employed people to collect unemployment.
3. Here is more information on Wisconsin Workers Compensation Rate Relief for Employers Who Pay Furloughed
   Employees: http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001X1nb6npbmSXNnFpa4GuVr4laMFCiUrNTUNumWrtSQY1etywXwAGD9xUyZeNB2FvC7VaskEFYKT0sEB8gkunxPcAFpC6QS_89z24rWFGYHDq0df72yw7ZBbClPjm1D2BhhnV4aKFqaewupNCUkZX1jAfztetPIW8XSSK00xUpr8=&c=E8D0K7yDtYkk2J8IoB6wwDYTQOdTk6cuD624LmTCVbUW61YlAOWaSw==&ch=Cm03bj0fVhpiv8hW_LrZaN34AanYo18R5Yujjt9IVkFZVhfBnE7t-w==
4. https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/: Here is the Wisconsin Economic Development Corps (WEDC)'s website which goes into greater detail on Small business loans spearheaded by the Small Business Administration. You can apply for disaster assistance from SBA here: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

Please let me know if you have any questions at all that I can help you find the answers to! If there is anything that's not covered here or you need more, I can help.

Thanks!

Liz

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:15 PM
To: "'colynnb17@hotmail.com'" <colynnb17@hotmail.com>
Subject: Unemployment information

Hey Colynn,

Mary asked that I reach out to you with information about the federal stimulus in regard to unemployment insurance. Here is a great website with an FAQ regarding how the federal stimulus impacts new filers. Please look this over and let me know if you have any questions after that!

https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/caresact/

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 3:11 PM
To: "Keckhaver, John E - DWD" <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: unemployment insurance question

Good afternoon John,

I hope you are all hanging in there with the increase load! We received a question from a constituent that I feel like I know the answer to but wanted to get a definitive answer from DWD:

Another question came up regarding unemployment; Do you have clarification on unemployment eligibility after April 2nd? Example; if a company is considered an essential company and stays open but an employee chooses not to come to work due to the COVID-19 executive order and they feel that the company is not an essential company, would they be eligible for unemployment under the bill that was passed?

Thank you for your help on this!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:23 AM
To: "Richter, Alex" <Alex.Richter@legis.wisconsin.gov>; "Mesec, Joe" <Joe.Mesec@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Tom,

Thank you for your email. Today has been a really rough day. I've talked to people all over my district, some mad at the Supreme Court ruled Governor Evers' order unconstitutional, some mad at Governor Evers for putting the order in place in the first place, some just scared, or confused, or looking for reassurance. I think a commonality between everyone is fear. I think most people have never seen anything like COVID-19 in their lifetime and they are really terrified of the unknown. I can totally understand that. Some are afraid of losing their rights, losing their way of life, losing their freedoms. I can also totally understand that. Some just want to go back to life four weeks ago, and I am right there with them.

The truth is that there were no easy decisions here. We, both the Legislature and the Governor, have been operating with ever-changing information from all over the place. I've seen a lot of people say that we should have known weeks ago that this was necessary. I looked back to the data we had three weeks ago, and there were 32 positive cases at the time statewide. We didn't yet know what we were dealing with, and I know I was receiving a lot of negative feedback from my area on how things were being restricted unnecessarily and how the government and the universities were overreacting. And yet, at the same time, the Legislature and the Governor were somehow supposed to come together and move an election date, something I think many would see as a total nuclear option. Over the last three weeks, Governor Evers has said publicly over and over that he would not move the election, and legislative leaders tried to work with him and support his decision, as our leader. Fast forward to last Friday, the governor does a complete 180, and asks the Legislature to come into session, with no notice, and with no time or ability to draft anything, agree to anything, or work anything through the legislative process. The Senate and the Assembly have never had to come into session virtually before, so both houses are frantically working to figure out how to do so safely, efficiently, and so that every member can be present or virtually present, to represent their constituents. That infrastructure was not in place for Saturday, which means we would have been calling everyone back to the Capitol, creating more chaos and risk. I had clerks reach out to me immediately asking me not to support Governor Evers' plan because it was simply not possible.

I don't disagree with you that the information we have right now, today, supports moving the Election date. It has not been along the way, and I don't believe the medical advice has been consistent over the last several weeks. The CDC has changed their rulings on whether COVID lives on surfaces, changed what the symptoms are, changed whether or not people should be wearing masks. As the CDC learns more about the virus, so do we as people. It certainly makes moving forward easier, but it definitely doesn't give us the ability to go back and change decisions already made. None of these situations or decisions are or have been easy, and I have to say that the suggestion I don't care about my own family or my constituents' health and well-being is just wrong. At the end of the day, the Governor changed his mind and asked for something when it was too late to the Legislature give it. Regardless of whether or not someone believes the election should be moved (and I totally understand why people are hoping for that outcome), what Governor Evers issued today was unconstitutional. Republicans did not decide that, the Constitution and the Supreme Court did.

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This situation has been scary for all involved, and we do the best we can with what we have and know at the time. I hope you can understand that, but if not, then I'm happy to talk to you about it further.

Thank you, have a good night.

Mary

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:13 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Good evening everyone,

I know there has been a lot of confusion today so I wanted to provide all of you with information so you are prepared for tomorrow.

The April 7th Spring Election will be happening tomorrow and polling places will be open.
If you need information about where your polling place is located, please go to the following site, or let me know and I can send you the address. https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace.

Municipal and county clerks have been working around the clock to make sure each polling place is safe and adheres to social distancing. I know a lot of polling places are doing drive thru voting, which will allow for you to stay in your car and avoid person-to-person contact. If you feel most comfortable wearing Personal Protective Equipment, like gloves, or a mask, or a scarf, I encourage everyone to do that.

For those of you that received an absentee ballot but have not yet returned them to your clerk, your absentee ballot needs to be postmarked by tomorrow, April 7th.

COVID-19 has been a really trying time for everyone, and I think we can all agree that this is not an optimal situation. Although frustrating, we can all do this. I will be driving around polling places tomorrow in my area just to see if there is any help I can give. If you have thoughts or concerns, I am available tonight, tomorrow, or at any time. Please reach out to me.

Thank you and have a good night,

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:45 PM
To: "Ivanov, Stamena" <Stamena.Ivanov@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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If you need information about where your polling place is located, please go to the following site, or let me know and I can send you the address. https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace.

Municipal and county clerks have been working around the clock to make sure each polling place is safe and adheres to social distancing. I know a lot of polling places are doing drive thru voting, which will allow for you to stay in your car and avoid person-to-person contact. If you feel most comfortable wearing Personal Protective Equipment, like gloves, or a mask, or a scarf, I encourage everyone to do that.

As of right now, for those that voted absentee, your absentee ballot needs to reach your local clerk by Monday, April 13th, which is a week from today. I would encourage all those able to make sure their ballot is postmarked by tomorrow.

COVID-19 has been a really trying time for everyone, and I think we can all agree that this is not an optimal situation. Although frustrating, we can all do this. I will be driving around polling places tomorrow in my area just to see if there is any help I can give. If you have thoughts or concerns, I am available tonight, tomorrow, or at any time. Please reach out to me.

Thank you and have a good night,

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From: mary.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020, 7:57 PM
To: kdebels44@gmail.com
Attachments: FB memo on House bill 3.14.pdf

Kim
This is long and is a breakdown of what passed
Mary

Sent from Samsung tablet.

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From: van thiel <outlook_22362BCA2BB74A0A@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 11:27 AM
To: "Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wi.gov" <Rep.Felzkowski@legis.wi.gov>

Thank you for your update regarding today's election.

The Republican party has completely failed to conduct this this election in a manner that supports the democratic process.
You have failed the citizens of Wisconsin, and you have failed democracy in action.

Your role as a legislator is to make the voting process as open to the electors as possible – not to place stumbling blocks in their path to the polls. You are listed as being a member of the Committee on Health, yet you have completely disregarded the health of Wisconsin citizens. You have chosen to stand by party lines rather than place the health and safety of our citizens as a top priority. You have placed all of Wisconsin in jeopardy.

It is time to return the job you were elected to do. NOW. It is your job to support the election process, not hinder it. It is your job to place the safety of Wisconsin's citizens as a top priority, not to dismiss the health risks you are fully aware of that exist at this time.

The time is NOW.

Steve & Margie Van Thiel
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Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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DATE: March 13, 2020

TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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City of Milwaukee Election Commission
Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Meagan Wolfe
Administrator

SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and Guidance on Procedural Changes for Care Facility Absentee Voting and Polling Place Relocation**

A. Background. Governor Evers issued Executive Order #72 on March 12, 2020 proclaiming that a public health emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The Commission held a special meeting on March 12, 2020 and directed that the Special Voting Deputy process to serve residents in care facilities shall not be used for the upcoming Spring Election/Presidential Preference Primary and the Special Election in the 7th Congressional District, and that clerks should instead transmit absentee ballot to those residents by mail. The Commission also determined that the municipal clerk or the executive director of a municipal election commission may relocate polling places located in care facilities to other facilities as determined by the Department of Health Services or local health officials without obtaining prior approval of the local governing body or municipal elections commission.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional direction to clerks regarding the process changes associated with the Commission's March 12, 2020 directives.

B. Frequently Asked Questions and Commission Staff Guidance

1. **What can clerks tell voters about preparations for the April election related to COVID-19?**

- The Wisconsin Elections Commission members discussed COVID-19 at their meetings on February 27 and March 12, and since then WEC staff has held meetings to discuss contingency planning for COVID-19. We have also joined multiple calls with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Homeland Security to be sure we are up to date on the most current guidance.
- At this point, the WEC is providing clerks with election-specific guidance from the CDC, which considers the risk to the general public to be low and which emphasizes preventive measures. We provided that guidance to local election officials on March 5, 2020 in this memorandum: https://elections.wi.gov/node/6703. We will also provide updated information as it becomes available in the upcoming days.

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Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

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- We are continuing to monitor the situation and will keep local election officials up to date when there are any other developments or recommendations. We are preparing a series of webinars on Monday, March 16 for local election officials focusing on contingency planning for public health issues.
- For the last several years, the WEC has been developing state elections contingency plans for serving clerks and voters in the event of natural disasters or other disruptions in services. We have also been requiring local election officials to develop their own contingency plans. Many of the practices outlined in these contingency plans, such as relocating polling places, shortage of election inspectors, etc., are transferable to a public health situation.
- All voters are encouraged to participate in the Spring Election either at the polls or by voting an absentee ballot in person or via mail. Local clerks are monitoring guidance from federal and state health officials regarding the status of COVID-19 exposure in our communities and developing contingency plans for the election. Voters who are sick should avoid attending public events and consider requesting an absentee ballot from the municipal clerk The public is also encouraged to consider contacting their municipal clerk to offer to serve as an election inspector at the polls in the event that there is a shortage of available inspectors.

2. What should clerks tell the press about the April election and COVID-19?

Clerks should communicate to the media that they are implementing guidance from federal and state health and election officials, and communicate any alterations in their normal procedures that are being implemented due to COVID-19 precautions, such as the elimination of voting in nursing homes and adult-care facilities as well as changes in any polling places. Clerks should monitor WEC communications and its webpage dedicated to COVID-19 information and updates.

3. How will voting be conducted in nursing homes and care facilities normally served by Special Voting Deputies.?

Under the Governor's emergency order and directives of the Department of Health Services, voting with special voting deputies is prohibited for the Spring Election. Clerks should mail absentee ballots to voters in those facilities with an absentee ballot request on file. Special Voting Deputies and observers will not visit care facilities.

At its meeting of March 12, 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission passed the following motion:

In light of Executive Order #72 and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Commission finds that Special Voting Deputies are "non-essential" individuals who are not permitted to enter nursing homes and other care facilities without completing a screening process that is not feasible to implement prior to the Spring Election and Presidential Primary. For that election and the May 12, 2020 Special Election in the 7th Congressional District, the Commission directs that municipalities shall not use the Special Voting Deputy process to serve residents in care facilities and instead shall transmit absentee ballots to those voters by mail.

4. Must absentee ballots sent to care facilities be transmitted by the 21-day deadline of March 17, 2020?

Wisconsin Statutes require that absentee ballots be transmitted to voters with a request on file at least 21 days before an election. Clerks should make their best efforts to comply with this requirement. Given that SVD voting was eliminated less than a week before that deadline, the WEC recognizes that full compliance with this requirement may be impossible.

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5. Can clerks hand deliver absentee ballots to care facilities instead of mailing them?

WEC believes it is permissible for absentee ballots to be hand delivered along with the required certificate envelopes. In that case, the WEC recommends that clerks contact the facility in advance to determine whether the ballots can be delivered in person and confirming the delivery in an email. Absentee ballots must be addressed to individual electors.

6. What, if any, guidance or suggestions do we provide regarding voters at facilities obtaining assistance in completing their ballots? Should clerks proactively request assistance from facility staff?

As with other absentee electors, residents of care facilities may obtain assistance from any individual excluding a candidate, their employer or labor union representative. Due to the directive of the Department of Health Services, there will be a limited pool of potential assistors available to residents of care facilities, including facility staff and family members.

7. How should clerks handle electors in care facilities that need to register or update their registration?

This is an issue which will benefit from greater communication with facility staff to ensure that residents are aware of the deadline for open registration. The open registration deadline remains the same. If a resident has moved from their voting residence within the same municipality, the clerk may update their registration under Wis. Stat. § 6.50(3). The WEC is providing a template letter which clerks can use as a basis for communicating with care facility staff.

8. What about voters in care facilities who do not have an absentee ballot request on file who would have been able to request a ballot from SVD's?

This is another area that would benefit from increased communication with facility staff to ensure residents are aware of the deadline to request an absentee ballot, which is the Thursday before the election. The WEC is providing a template letter which clerks can use as a basis for communicating with care facility staff.

9. How do residents in care facilities, who are not indefinitely confined electors, comply with the photo identification requirement?

Residents who are not indefinitely confined electors may submit a copy of a valid photo identification or may complete the EL-122sp certificate including the signature of facility staff certifying that the voter resides in the facility.

10. How can clerks better prepare for the possible absence of election inspectors?

Consider recruiting extra election inspectors to provide some reserve capacity. Consult with municipal leadership to obtain the assistance of paid staff if available. Consult with your county government to see if it can assist. Consult with local businesses and civic organizations within the municipality or county.

Under Wis. Stat. § 7.33(3) and (6), all non-governmental employers are required to permit employees to serve as an election official without loss of fringe benefits or seniority privileges and may not impose any other penalty on the employee except the employer is not required to pay wages to the employee for the time worked as an election official. The employer must grant any employee who is appointed to

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serve as an election inspector a leave of absence for the entire 24-hour period of election day if the employee provides at least 7 days' notice of the leave.

Clerks also have the statutory authority to make emergency poll worker appointments under Wis. Stat. § 7.30(2)(b) and should do so if they need additional election inspectors. Contact the WEC to let us know if you are experiencing significant poll worker shortages so we can assist with possible recruitment efforts.

11. Could county, municipal or state employees be assigned to work as election inspectors in the event there are shortages?

Yes, this is a great solution in the event there is an election inspector shortage. Election inspectors only need to be residents of the county in which they serve and receive some training prior to election day. A local governmental unit may permit its employees to serve as election officials without loss of fringe benefits or seniority privileges earned for scheduled work hours while they work as an inspector and without loss of pay and without any other penalty. A local government employee who serves as a paid election inspector must certify to their employer the amount of compensation received as an election inspector and that amount is deducted by the employer from their pay. Wis. Stat. § 7.33(4) and (5). Alternatively, the employee may decline to be paid as an election inspector and not have that amount deducted from their regular pay.

12. Could the county serve as a clearinghouse of available election inspectors in case some municipalities have shortages?

Yes, counties can coordinate a reserve pool of election inspectors for their municipalities, if needed.

13. What if polling places are unavailable due to quarantine or other issues? We are past the 30-day deadline for changing polling places.

Based upon the emergency order of the Governor and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Elections Commission determined that, for the Spring Election as well as the May 12th Special Election, municipal clerks may move polling places within 30 days of the election without obtaining approval of the local governing body. Clerks may certainly seek such approval if time permits. Moving a polling place from a facility with vulnerable populations is recommended by both the WEC and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which has issued guidance that only essential personnel are allowed to have access to nursing homes and care facilities. Clerks should consult with their governing bodies regarding these changes, if possible, but in some cases there may not be sufficient time for the governing body to meet to accommodate these changes and notify the public ahead of election day.

Clerks must inform impacted voters regarding any changes to their polling place. Options for contact with these voters include a direct mailing, press release and/or public information campaign.
The WEC recommends that clerks identify and confirm alternate polling places and incorporate them in your Election Day Contingency Plan. Educate election inspectors about the contingency plan and prepare ways to communicate a polling place change in advance. What would you do if a polling place was damaged by a flood, fire or tornado, or unavailable for other reasons?

14. Can a clerk encourage voters with weakened immune systems to request absentee ballots by mail?

A clerk can encourage any voter who may have a weakened immune system to consider voting absentee. Clerks can also encourage all voters to cast an absentee ballot ahead of election day but should also

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consider if they have the capacity to handle a potential increase in the volume of absentee ballots. Various organizations and public officials are encouraging the use of absentee voting.

15. Can we keep election observers at least six feet away from the voting and registration tables as recommended by the CDC?

Yes, under Wis. Stat. § 7.41((2), the observation area must be within 3 to 8 feet of the table where voters are announcing their name and address or where voters are registering on election day, so it is appropriate to designate an observer area or multiple observer areas that adhere to those CDC guidelines.

16. I was thinking about posting a sign outside the entrance of our polling place which says something to the effect of "If you are feeling ill, and have cold or flu like symptoms, please ring the bell or call (town hall / polling place #) to notify an election inspector for assistance. Then they could curbside vote versus entering the polling place. Would this be acceptable?

Yes, the WEC believes the curbside process is applicable and could be used in these situations.

17. Can voters bring their own marking pens with them to vote on election day?

Yes, with some exceptions. Most marking pens will work well with hand-marked paper ballots, with the exception of gel pens and "sharpie"-type felt tip pens. Gel ink can smear if not dry and felt tips can bleed through the ballot.

Ball-point pens are acceptable to use when marking a ballot that will be inserted into the optical scan tabulator. Red ink should be avoided as it is difficult for some older scanners to read votes marked in red, but more modern equipment should not have problems reading votes marked in red.

18. Are there additional concerns for election inspectors opening and processing absentee ballots on election day?

The CDC states that absentee ballots and absentee ballot envelopes are an unlikely source of transmission. Election inspectors may use letter openers to open ballot envelopes which will lessen any potential contact with the adhesive area of the envelope. All election inspectors should frequently wash their hands with soap and water on election day or regularly use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and avoid touching their face when possible.

19. How often should we wipe down touchscreen interfaces on voting equipment and e-poll books?

The EAC has organized responses from major voting equipment manufacturers for recommendations on cleaning specific products that can be found at https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources.

Voting equipment does not need to be cleaned after every voter but should be done once an hour throughout the day. The WEC recommends that every voter use wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after finishing the voting process at the polling place.

20. What about other surfaces used by voters on election day, such as poll book tables, voter registration areas, pens, door handles, etc.?

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These surfaces should also be wiped down once an hour throughout election day with disinfectant wipes. The WEC recommends that every voter use wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after finishing the voting process at the polling place.

21. Should election inspectors be provided with face masks?

According to the CDC, facemasks should only be worn by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.

22. Will the WEC provide cleaning supplies to polling places?

The WEC recommends that clerks contact their county health departments for information about cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE).

23. Is there a health crisis plan in for municipalities the WEC can share?

The WEC Learning Center has an Election Day Contingency Plan template available for use. The WEC will also host multiple contingency planning webinars on March 16 to help clerks prepare or update their contingency plans.

C. Additional Information

The situation concerning COVID-19 and the upcoming elections is fluid and quickly evolving, so guidance changes daily. The WEC is working with federal and state public health officials to determine the most effective guidance to provide to local election officials dealing with this crisis. We will provide additional information to local election officials as it is available.

If you have questions, please contact the WEC Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or elections@wi.gov.

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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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FROM: Meagan Wolfe
Administrator

SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and Guidance on Procedural Changes for Care Facility Absentee Voting and Polling Place Relocation**

A. Background. Governor Evers issued Executive Order #72 on March 12, 2020 proclaiming that a public health emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The Commission held a special meeting on March 12, 2020 and directed that the Special Voting Deputy process to serve residents in care facilities shall not be used for the upcoming Spring Election/Presidential Preference Primary and the Special Election in the 7th Congressional District, and that clerks should instead transmit absentee ballot to those residents by mail. The Commission also determined that the municipal clerk or the executive director of a municipal election commission may relocate polling places located in care facilities to other facilities as determined by the Department of Health Services or local health officials without obtaining prior approval of the local governing body or municipal elections commission.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional direction to clerks regarding the process changes associated with the Commission's March 12, 2020 directives.

B. Frequently Asked Questions and Commission Staff Guidance

1. **What can clerks tell voters about preparations for the April election related to COVID-19?**

- The Wisconsin Elections Commission members discussed COVID-19 at their meetings on February 27 and March 12, and since then WEC staff has held meetings to discuss contingency planning for COVID-19. We have also joined multiple calls with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Homeland Security to be sure we are up to date on the most current guidance.
- At this point, the WEC is providing clerks with election-specific guidance from the CDC, which considers the risk to the general public to be low and which emphasizes preventive measures. We provided that guidance to local election officials on March 5, 2020 in this memorandum: https://elections.wi.gov/node/6703. We will also provide updated information as it becomes available in the upcoming days.

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- We are continuing to monitor the situation and will keep local election officials up to date when there are any other developments or recommendations. We are preparing a series of webinars on Monday, March 16 for local election officials focusing on contingency planning for public health issues.
- For the last several years, the WEC has been developing state elections contingency plans for serving clerks and voters in the event of natural disasters or other disruptions in services. We have also been requiring local election officials to develop their own contingency plans. Many of the practices outlined in these contingency plans, such as relocating polling places, shortage of election inspectors, etc., are transferable to a public health situation.
- All voters are encouraged to participate in the Spring Election either at the polls or by voting an absentee ballot in person or via mail. Local clerks are monitoring guidance from federal and state health officials regarding the status of COVID-19 exposure in our communities and developing contingency plans for the election. Voters who are sick should avoid attending public events and consider requesting an absentee ballot from the municipal clerk The public is also encouraged to consider contacting their municipal clerk to offer to serve as an election inspector at the polls in the event that there is a shortage of available inspectors.

2. What should clerks tell the press about the April election and COVID-19?

Clerks should communicate to the media that they are implementing guidance from federal and state health and election officials, and communicate any alterations in their normal procedures that are being implemented due to COVID-19 precautions, such as the elimination of voting in nursing homes and adult-care facilities as well as changes in any polling places. Clerks should monitor WEC communications and its webpage dedicated to COVID-19 information and updates.

3. How will voting be conducted in nursing homes and care facilities normally served by Special Voting Deputies.?

Under the Governor's emergency order and directives of the Department of Health Services, voting with special voting deputies is prohibited for the Spring Election. Clerks should mail absentee ballots to voters in those facilities with an absentee ballot request on file. Special Voting Deputies and observers will not visit care facilities.

At its meeting of March 12, 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission passed the following motion:

In light of Executive Order #72 and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Commission finds that Special Voting Deputies are "non-essential" individuals who are not permitted to enter nursing homes and other care facilities without completing a screening process that is not feasible to implement prior to the Spring Election and Presidential Primary. For that election and the May 12, 2020 Special Election in the 7th Congressional District, the Commission directs that municipalities shall not use the Special Voting Deputy process to serve residents in care facilities and instead shall transmit absentee ballots to those voters by mail.

4. Must absentee ballots sent to care facilities be transmitted by the 21-day deadline of March 17, 2020?

Wisconsin Statutes require that absentee ballots be transmitted to voters with a request on file at least 21 days before an election. Clerks should make their best efforts to comply with this requirement. Given that SVD voting was eliminated less than a week before that deadline, the WEC recognizes that full compliance with this requirement may be impossible.

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5. Can clerks hand deliver absentee ballots to care facilities instead of mailing them?

WEC believes it is permissible for absentee ballots to be hand delivered along with the required certificate envelopes. In that case, the WEC recommends that clerks contact the facility in advance to determine whether the ballots can be delivered in person and confirming the delivery in an email. Absentee ballots must be addressed to individual electors.

6. What, if any, guidance or suggestions do we provide regarding voters at facilities obtaining assistance in completing their ballots? Should clerks proactively request assistance from facility staff?

As with other absentee electors, residents of care facilities may obtain assistance from any individual excluding a candidate, their employer or labor union representative. Due to the directive of the Department of Health Services, there will be a limited pool of potential assistors available to residents of care facilities, including facility staff and family members.

7. How should clerks handle electors in care facilities that need to register or update their registration?

This is an issue which will benefit from greater communication with facility staff to ensure that residents are aware of the deadline for open registration. The open registration deadline remains the same. If a resident has moved from their voting residence within the same municipality, the clerk may update their registration under Wis. Stat. § 6.50(3). The WEC is providing a template letter which clerks can use as a basis for communicating with care facility staff.

8. What about voters in care facilities who do not have an absentee ballot request on file who would have been able to request a ballot from SVD's?

This is another area that would benefit from increased communication with facility staff to ensure residents are aware of the deadline to request an absentee ballot, which is the Thursday before the election. The WEC is providing a template letter which clerks can use as a basis for communicating with care facility staff.

9. How do residents in care facilities, who are not indefinitely confined electors, comply with the photo identification requirement?

Residents who are not indefinitely confined electors may submit a copy of a valid photo identification or may complete the EL-122sp certificate including the signature of facility staff certifying that the voter resides in the facility.

10. How can clerks better prepare for the possible absence of election inspectors?

Consider recruiting extra election inspectors to provide some reserve capacity. Consult with municipal leadership to obtain the assistance of paid staff if available. Consult with your county government to see if it can assist. Consult with local businesses and civic organizations within the municipality or county.

Under Wis. Stat. § 7.33(3) and (6), all non-governmental employers are required to permit employees to serve as an election official without loss of fringe benefits or seniority privileges and may not impose any other penalty on the employee except the employer is not required to pay wages to the employee for the time worked as an election official. The employer must grant any employee who is appointed to

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serve as an election inspector a leave of absence for the entire 24-hour period of election day if the employee provides at least 7 days' notice of the leave.

Clerks also have the statutory authority to make emergency poll worker appointments under Wis. Stat. § 7.30(2)(b) and should do so if they need additional election inspectors. Contact the WEC to let us know if you are experiencing significant poll worker shortages so we can assist with possible recruitment efforts.

11. Could county, municipal or state employees be assigned to work as election inspectors in the event there are shortages?

Yes, this is a great solution in the event there is an election inspector shortage. Election inspectors only need to be residents of the county in which they serve and receive some training prior to election day. A local governmental unit may permit its employees to serve as election officials without loss of fringe benefits or seniority privileges earned for scheduled work hours while they work as an inspector and without loss of pay and without any other penalty. A local government employee who serves as a paid election inspector must certify to their employer the amount of compensation received as an election inspector and that amount is deducted by the employer from their pay. Wis. Stat. § 7.33(4) and (5). Alternatively, the employee may decline to be paid as an election inspector and not have that amount deducted from their regular pay.

12. Could the county serve as a clearinghouse of available election inspectors in case some municipalities have shortages?

Yes, counties can coordinate a reserve pool of election inspectors for their municipalities, if needed.

13. What if polling places are unavailable due to quarantine or other issues? We are past the 30-day deadline for changing polling places.

Based upon the emergency order of the Governor and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Elections Commission determined that, for the Spring Election as well as the May 12th Special Election, municipal clerks may move polling places within 30 days of the election without obtaining approval of the local governing body. Clerks may certainly seek such approval if time permits. Moving a polling place from a facility with vulnerable populations is recommended by both the WEC and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which has issued guidance that only essential personnel are allowed to have access to nursing homes and care facilities. Clerks should consult with their governing bodies regarding these changes, if possible, but in some cases there may not be sufficient time for the governing body to meet to accommodate these changes and notify the public ahead of election day.

Clerks must inform impacted voters regarding any changes to their polling place. Options for contact with these voters include a direct mailing, press release and/or public information campaign.
The WEC recommends that clerks identify and confirm alternate polling places and incorporate them in your Election Day Contingency Plan. Educate election inspectors about the contingency plan and prepare ways to communicate a polling place change in advance. What would you do if a polling place was damaged by a flood, fire or tornado, or unavailable for other reasons?

14. Can a clerk encourage voters with weakened immune systems to request absentee ballots by mail?

A clerk can encourage any voter who may have a weakened immune system to consider voting absentee. Clerks can also encourage all voters to cast an absentee ballot ahead of election day but should also

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consider if they have the capacity to handle a potential increase in the volume of absentee ballots. Various organizations and public officials are encouraging the use of absentee voting.

15. Can we keep election observers at least six feet away from the voting and registration tables as recommended by the CDC?

Yes, under Wis. Stat. § 7.41((2), the observation area must be within 3 to 8 feet of the table where voters are announcing their name and address or where voters are registering on election day, so it is appropriate to designate an observer area or multiple observer areas that adhere to those CDC guidelines.

16. I was thinking about posting a sign outside the entrance of our polling place which says something to the effect of "If you are feeling ill, and have cold or flu like symptoms, please ring the bell or call (town hall / polling place #) to notify an election inspector for assistance. Then they could curbside vote versus entering the polling place. Would this be acceptable?

Yes, the WEC believes the curbside process is applicable and could be used in these situations.

17. Can voters bring their own marking pens with them to vote on election day?

Yes, with some exceptions. Most marking pens will work well with hand-marked paper ballots, with the exception of gel pens and "sharpie"-type felt tip pens. Gel ink can smear if not dry and felt tips can bleed through the ballot.

Ball-point pens are acceptable to use when marking a ballot that will be inserted into the optical scan tabulator. Red ink should be avoided as it is difficult for some older scanners to read votes marked in red, but more modern equipment should not have problems reading votes marked in red.

18. Are there additional concerns for election inspectors opening and processing absentee ballots on election day?

The CDC states that absentee ballots and absentee ballot envelopes are an unlikely source of transmission. Election inspectors may use letter openers to open ballot envelopes which will lessen any potential contact with the adhesive area of the envelope. All election inspectors should frequently wash their hands with soap and water on election day or regularly use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and avoid touching their face when possible.

19. How often should we wipe down touchscreen interfaces on voting equipment and e-poll books?

The EAC has organized responses from major voting equipment manufacturers for recommendations on cleaning specific products that can be found at https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources.

Voting equipment does not need to be cleaned after every voter but should be done once an hour throughout the day. The WEC recommends that every voter use wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after finishing the voting process at the polling place.

20. What about other surfaces used by voters on election day, such as poll book tables, voter registration areas, pens, door handles, etc.?

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These surfaces should also be wiped down once an hour throughout election day with disinfectant wipes. The WEC recommends that every voter use wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after finishing the voting process at the polling place.

21. Should election inspectors be provided with face masks?

According to the CDC, facemasks should only be worn by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.

22. Will the WEC provide cleaning supplies to polling places?

The WEC recommends that clerks contact their county health departments for information about cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE).

23. Is there a health crisis plan in for municipalities the WEC can share?

The WEC Learning Center has an Election Day Contingency Plan template available for use. The WEC will also host multiple contingency planning webinars on March 16 to help clerks prepare or update their contingency plans.

C. Additional Information

The situation concerning COVID-19 and the upcoming elections is fluid and quickly evolving, so guidance changes daily. The WEC is working with federal and state public health officials to determine the most effective guidance to provide to local election officials dealing with this crisis. We will provide additional information to local election officials as it is available.

If you have questions, please contact the WEC Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or elections@wi.gov.

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:25 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: urgent voicemail

715-453-6648
Marsha Glocke
77 years old
Working the polls tomorrow
They are short handed but are being given masks and gloves but she wants to know how do they eat and drink throughout the day when they have masks on for safety?

Stamena Ivanov
Office of State Representative Mary Felzkowski
35th Assembly District
309 North, State Capitol
608-266-7694

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:38 PM
To: "Glaeser, Sascha" <Sascha.Glaeser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemail from your constituent

Hey Sascha,

We know you guys have Lake Tomahawk so wanted to pass this along

715-614-1397
Darlene newman (name was very unclear, not in forward)
from lake tomahawk
Very concerned about the election
Needs to be my mail only or postponed
Elderly people vote and often work at the polls
This is too important
There is a corona case in vilas
Please postpone it. We will spread it around while voting.

Thanks!
Stamena

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:15 AM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemail

715-722-1155
Dan forss

He has an idea to help disinfect the roads by using an ozone generator
He also called the governor of new York and tammy Baldwin to share this idea because he thinks this might be the solution
Feel free to call or email him back

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 1:37 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemails

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608 274 8326

Comment regarding the election, very digusting that gop went ahead with this solely for lower turnouts and getting their guy elected
Total disregard for safety and well being for Wisconsinites, totally disgusting, winning at all costs, hope you can look at yourself in the mirror
15 other states managed to postpone, so unethical, gop of wi's fault, we took it to the supreme court
Put our own family and friends at risk, just to win, very disgusting
Legal- but not ethical, I hope this is a pr nightmare for you
Voters remember in November
Don't care about our lives
Keep bringing up ethics—because we don't have any
To hell with us
By the way scott fitzgerald's voicemail is full, trying to call repeatedly- he came up with this scheme and didn't have the guts to empty his voicemail and make room
Could have easily postponed
Put wiining over safety
Shame on you
What goes around comes around
Stay safe despite our actions

715 966 0103

Can't hear the name-staticy
From antigo, spoke with you yesterday
-Her son not being able to vote
Can give you her son's number so you can speak with him directly
thanks

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:45 AM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemails

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608 665 1480
Paulette carelson
glacialgardens@gmail.com

Called last week and spoke to a lovely aide
Old poll worker
You implied it was completely tony evers' fault and that is misleading
He is saying he would like to do something but we aren't letting him and it's not his control
She still believes we should move the election
Just called to let us know she didn't appreciate you misleading her

715 612 3771
Jake karl in tomahawk
Give him a call
Duck season changes announced
We already tried the week early opener in the north years ago, all you do is flood northern wi with southern wi people
It was bad, why are we going back to this model
He has already had calls from 10 different people

Bretta Osborne
715 219 5253

her dad has called to help her get unemployment
Out of work since march 9th
She is in tears, knows you're so busy,
She has to pay rent and bills and take care of her dog
She can't file unemployment
She would please love help getting some unemployment
Her parents can't help much they're doing all they can
There is a snag in her application
She is drowning, please help her
Very emotional, but very polite

715 627 7904

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Pat Donaldson case w town of antigo clerk
She tried calling for a ballot, clerk said no
If they say on tv you can do that you should be able to do that

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 9:03 AM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemails

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715 219 6022
Louis rell
Repeal tony's executive powers in a crisis
Governor should not have power to tell people what to do

715 564 2538
Sam heikkinen from brantwood
People are travelling from mke and madison to the northwoods
They want their cabins opened and they are quarantining there since they are working remotely
She wants us to help tony to let them know they cant be driving anywhere
Wish you good luck for senate
Do not need a call back know how busy you are working for us and how crazy this time must be

715 623 3892
Craig osborne
Help for his daughter to get unemployment
She went to the website which told her she needs to talk to a person but no one is available when she calls the line
Could we help expedite that

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 3:10 PM
To: "Portz, Elisabeth" <Elisabeth.Portz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voicemails

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715 536 2655
Mike from Merrill
Used to have number for legislative hotline wondering if you had it
Was going to call people about more people than ever going to Walmart so tony shouldn't worry about voting
He's appreciate a call back but if we can't that's fine too

715 224 2481
Congratulate you and tom on the fine job you did suppressing the vote
Expose themselves when they should be home
BaLLOTS INVALIDATE SLOOK WHAT YOU DID
Hope youre proud of yourself
He wont forget

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 3:48 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Vos/Fitz Press Conference

If you have time to watch this, I think Robin gave some really good answers, particularly around not moving the election.

https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinAssemblyRepublicans/videos/3322961294399802/

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Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Honorable Mary Felzkowski
Assistant Assembly Majority Leader
Room 309 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

RE: Assisted Living Providers and COVID-19

Dear Assistant Majority Leader Felzkowski:

The Wisconsin Assisted Living Association (WALA) during this COVID-19 public health crisis has been in communication with and surveying our 1,500 members that provide services to Wisconsin's elderly and individuals with disabilities. Licensed assisted living facilities are comprised of Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRFs), Residential Care Apartment Complexes (RCACs), and Adult Family Homes (AFHs).

Putting it bluntly, our members are already **reporting severe staffing shortages and insufficient funding** to provide wages at a level to attract caregivers and staff during the COVID-19 crisis -- regardless of whether a facility census is comprised of Medicaid \Family Care and\or private pay.

Further, while there is a potentially large temporarily displaced workforce from which to recruit, leaders in the assisted living sector believe it will be exceptionally difficult to compete with the new unemployment benefits proposed by the federal government. Our membership believes they will need to pay its workers $20 - $30/hour more than what they are currently paying to recruit and retain employees to work at these assisted living facilities. On average, our members that provide services to the frail elderly population typically pay caregivers approximately $13-$15/hour whereas those that serve individuals with cognitive/behavioral disabilities pay approximately $9.50 - $12/hour (these providers are nearly 100% reliant on the Family Care program).

Exacerbating the caregiver shortage, some counties are implementing orders inconsistent and more restrictive than state and federal guidance. Some local orders explicitly state that long-term care employees are restricted to work in only one facility (not multiple). This means that providers may lose existing caregivers who work at multiple facilities because they are

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effectively prohibited from contracting with staffing agencies during a facility caregiver shortage to cover shifts.

In short, unless there is an infusion of significant funding to long-term care providers to recognize these unprecedented times and increased labor costs, coupled with the recent changes in unemployment benefits - as the COVID-19 infections spread, we know **this workforce shortage crisis will worsen and jeopardize the ability of providers to function at delivering basic needs and services.**

The Greatest Challenges Affecting Assisted Living

Based on feedback – WALA leadership has identified what we believe are the three highest-priority issues facing the assisted living profession during this COVID-19 crisis:

1) Caregiver and Staffing Shortages

Attracting Employees \ Caregivers. Provide additional funding to assisted living facilities in the Family Care program by way of increased reimbursement to acknowledge the significant increased labor costs now required to attract and retain individuals to work in assisted living facilities during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Providers Cannot Compete with the recent increased Unemployment Benefits. The profession requests the Governor and Legislature to consider implementing policies to promote unemployment beneficiaries to seek work in sectors experiencing employee shortages during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Further, we are requesting the state of Wisconsin to consider creative flexibilities and solutions that would allow the additional federal unemployment benefit dollars be used instead as temporary wage enhancer incentives for individuals who work at an assisted living facility.

Request Higher Reimbursement and Financial Assistance Regardless of Payor Source. The staffing shortage crisis is affecting all assisted living providers, regardless of whether the population served is comprised of Medicaid \ Family Care or private pay. WALA requests that financial assistance be provided to all assisted living facilities regardless of provider type.

2) Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

It is important in the effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 in assisted living facilities and in the goal of recruiting caregivers and other staff in assisted living that the state ensure sufficient distribution of appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) to assisted living and all providers of long-term care services. Doing so will protect the residents and employees along with preventing the spread of COVID-19.

3) Regulatory Flexibility

The COVID-19 public health crisis has caused our members to make use with less while providing increased care and services to their residents. We understand the Department of

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Health Services (DHS) is currently reviewing waivers to some of the regulations that govern our profession. This includes DHS administrative rules under Chapters 83, 88, and 89. We are requesting waivers where our members are unable to comply with the regulations. For example, we are unable to obtain tuberculosis testing for staff as hospitals and clinics are unable to complete these tests at this time. In addition, many assisted living facilities are facing staffing shortages, additional workloads, and higher staff turnover due to COVID-19. We are requesting a waiver or timeline extensions of rules for required staff training be allowed to acknowledge the situation providers are facing and allow them to focus efforts on providing care and services to their residents as quickly as possible.

Our membership greatly needs assistance in the face of this public health crisis.

Please feel free to contact me at mpochowski@ewala.org or (414) 803-7415.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Pochowski

Michael S. Pochowski
CEO

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To: rep.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov
Subject: WI Manufacturer Changes Production Line to Produce Disposable Face Shields

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Wisconsin Manufacturer Changes Production Line to Produce Disposable Face Shields

We recently heard what a local Wisconsin company is doing to help during the COVID-19 pandemic and we wanted to share with you what they are doing. Continue reading below to learn more.

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Franzen Graphics of Sheboygan, WI has changed over a large portion of their production line to begin producing disposable face shields for Emergency Service or Essential Service personnel helping to fight COVID-19.

About their shields:

- * They are completely disposable
- * Can be made with 10mm or 20mm clear plastic options
- * Can be cleaned
- * Corners are rounded for protection
- * They fit everyone
- * They provide enough clearance for N95 masks and glasses
- * They have an air vent to prevent fogging and for comfort

The WI manufacturer said that they can produce over 10,000 per day (given they have enough material) and they can be shipped within 48 hours.

For more information call Nick or Justin at **1-800-236-2757** or email **FaceShield@franzengraphics.com**.

Here is a link to their YouTube video demonstrating their face shields:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=Vv8cAbekauE

About Wisconsin Dairy Alliance

WDA represents modern regulated dairy farms in Wisconsin and works diligently to preserve Wisconsin's heritage as the Dairy State. Our non-profit organization advocates for the truth by contesting unnecessary regulations that do not protect natural resources. The WDA believes in parity for all dischargers and works to operate under the uniform "zero-discharge" standard applied to WDA members.

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March 26, 2020

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Wisconsin Paper & Converting Industries are Essential Partners in Meeting Our Nation's Health & Safety Needs

Papermakers and Converters are Critical Infrastructure Manufacturers Whose Products are Vital in the Fight Against the COVID 19 Pandemic

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(MADISON, WI) The Wisconsin Paper Council and Converting industries have joined forces to promote and emphasize the unique strengths and importance of Wisconsin's pulp, paper and converting production necessary to meet COVID-19 challenges.

Paper and forestry products are essential for everyday life and are made from renewable and sustainable resources. Wisconsin leads the nation in paper product production. Papermakers manufacture hundreds of specialty paper products that are used for personal hygiene, medical protective equipment and supplies, food packaging and processing, pressure sensitive liners, industrial and technical papers, high-tech manufacturing, clothing and communications, just to name a few.

The state's converting industry – which takes raw paper and processes it into a finished product – is also the largest in the nation, particularly in the "converting corridor" from Green Bay to Milwaukee where many small to mid-sized producers operate, and are often contracted by large national distributors, medical and brand partners.

Many of these crucial products are in high demand and medical necessities. The production of these essential products cannot be done remotely and must continue to operate. Facilities have taken careful steps to protect both their workforce and their customers from the spread of COVID-19.

As the trade association representing Wisconsin's pulp and paper industry since 1968, the Wisconsin Paper Council has teamed up with members of the converting industry to ensure key policymakers are aware of how critical the contributions are to not only the state of Wisconsin but the country and the world. Paper products play an important role in ongoing health and safety efforts and in supporting essential commerce. Any disruptions in the availability of these goods, including any portion of the supply chain, would cause tremendous difficulties.

"The paper and converting sectors in Wisconsin are absolutely critical to our economy and medical community nationwide," commented United States Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).
"I applaud all of those brave workers in these industries who are working around the clock to provide the essential products that we all need during this worldwide medical crisis. Our Made in Wisconsin work ethic is second none and our workers are proving that and making us all proud."

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers said, "Wisconsin's paper and converting industries are the best in the nation. They produce products Wisconsinites, and the rest of the country, depend on during the COVID-19 epidemic. Safely keeping up supply of these essential goods will help everyone overcome the challenges currently facing our state."

"Our paper and converting industries produce critical medical and personal hygiene products which our communities depend on, particularly during this pandemic," stated Rep. Scott Krug (R-Nekoosa). "Wisconsin is the number one paper producing state in the nation and these industries need to continue their operations particularly at this difficult time."

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Wisconsin's producers use "mill rolls" of paper, films, and nonwovens substrates through many processes that result in medical and other products. These mill rolls can weigh up to 13,000 pounds and are 137 inches wide. There are several steps to create finished, packaged products. They include mill production, automated precision cutting, application of antibacterial agents, coatings, and layering of finely "woven" materials. Paper-Converter-manufacturer jobs are often computer and touch-screen production controlled, meeting all necessary FDA requirements and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs).

"Wisconsin's papermakers are key producers and shippers of the products which are critical in the fight against this worldwide pandemic. Our mills are working around the clock to manufacture and distribute personal and medical supplies where needed. We appreciate the Governor exempting our operations from his Safer at Home executive order," stated Scott Suder, President of the Wisconsin Paper Council. "The paper industry, and the converting industries, are working diligently to keep up with consumer demands while keeping our employees and consumers safe."

"The converting industry, which has specialized equipment to target many healthcare products comprises more than 100 companies," according to Masood Akhtar, Founder and President of CleanTech Partners. "Logistics and distribution channels nationwide are longtime strengths of these Midwest companies, many of which have divisions in other states."

Below is a list of essential consumer and medical products produced in Wisconsin by our paper and converting industries:

- Medical Personal Protective Equipment – including the base papers and support materials to produce face masks and gowns
- Patient gowns, lab coats, scrubs, O.R. caps and EMT items
- Disposable bags, sterilizer bags, SWABS and infection control products
- Disposable cleaning wipes and antibacterial wet wipes used for hand and surface cleansing
- Packaging for medication and medical instruments
- Liners used in medical applications
- Medical tapes used to keep IVs in place
- Carryout bags used in fast food facilities
- Food packaging products
- Sterile packaging solutions and packaging fill
- Saturating papers used for residential and commercial building
- Tissue papers, toilet papers, napkins, adult briefs

Note: This list is not comprehensive of the thousands of diverse products produced at both paper manufacturers or paper converting facilities in Wisconsin.

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April 10, 2020

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Public Records Law Request

Dear Senator Steineke:

Pursuant to Wisconsin's public records law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39, American Oversight makes the following request for copies of records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office produce the following records "as soon as practicable and without delay"[1]:

1. All email communications sent by the Senator, the Senator's chief of staff, or anyone serving as a health, elections, or coronavirus advisor to the Senator, 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

[1] Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(a).

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. Isolat*
eee. PPE
fff. Evers
ggg. Milwaukee
hhh. Madison
iii. "at home"
jjj. vulnerable

Please provide all responsive records from March 20, 2020, through April 10, 2020.

In an effort to accommodate your office, to ensure the reasonableness of our request, and to reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited its request to emails sent by the custodians. To be clear, however, American Oversight still requests that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages. This means, for example, that both the Senator's response to an email and the initial received message are responsive to this request and should be produced.

*Please note that American Oversight is using the asterisk (*) to designate the standard use of "wildcards" in the search for responsive records. For example, by searching "infectio," emails that include "infectious," "infection," and "infections" would be returned. American Oversight is requesting emails that contain any of those or other variations of the listed root "infectio."

2. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) sent or received by (a) the Senator, the Senator's chief of staff, or anyone serving as a health, elections, or coronavirus advisor to the Senator and (b) anyone communicating on behalf of the Republican National Committee (RNC), including but not limited to anyone communicating with an email address ending in "gop.com."

Please provide all responsive records from March 18, 2020, through April 10, 2020.

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 19.35(3)(e), American Oversight respectfully requests that the records be produced without charge. Providing American Oversight with a waiver of fees is in the "public interest" because American Oversight will, in accordance with its organizational mission, make the records available to the public without charge. These disclosures will likely contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by the general public.

American Oversight's work is aimed solely at serving the public interest. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, American Oversight does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in American Oversight's financial interest. Rather, American Oversight's mission is to serve the public by promoting transparency in government, educating the public about government activities, and ensuring the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website[2] and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.[3] American Oversight has demonstrated its commitment to the public disclosure of documents and creation of editorial content through numerous substantive analyses posted to its website.[4]

The public has a significant interest in understanding how elected officials planned for and thought about the state's April 7, 2020 election.[5] Records with the potential to shed light on this matter would contribute significantly to public understanding of operations of the government. American Oversight is committed to transparency and makes the responses agencies provide to public records requests publicly available, and the public's

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[2] *Documents*, AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, https://www.americanoversight.org/documents.
[3] American Oversight currently has approximately 15,400 page likes on Facebook and 102,200 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, FACEBOOK, https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/ (last visited April 7, 2020); American Oversight (@weareoversight), TWITTER, https://twitter.com/weareoversight (last visited April 7, 2020).
[4] *News*, AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, https://www.americanoversight.org/blog.
[5] *Wisconsin Primary Recap: Voters Forced to Choose Between Their Health and Their Civic Duty*, N.Y. TIMES, April 7, 2020, https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/us/politics/wisconsin-primary-election.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage.

understanding of the government's activities would be enhanced through American Oversight's analysis and publication of these records.

American Oversight asks that if its request for a fee waiver is denied in whole or in part, that you contact us prior to incurring any costs.

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. **No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.**

Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records regarding official business. **You may not exclude searches of files or emails in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts.** Emails conducting government business sent or received on the personal account of the authority's officer or employee constitutes a record for purposes of Wisconsin's public records laws.[6]

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records.[7] If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

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[6] Wisc. Dep't of J., *Wisconsin Public Records Law Compliance Guide*, Oct. 2019, at 3, https://www.doj.state.wi.us/sites/default/files/office-open-government/Resources/PRL-GUIDE.pdf.

[7] Wis. Stat. § 19.36(6).

Conclusion

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact Megan Field at records@americanoversight.org or 202.897.2465. Also, if American Oversight's request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making such a determination.

Sincerely,

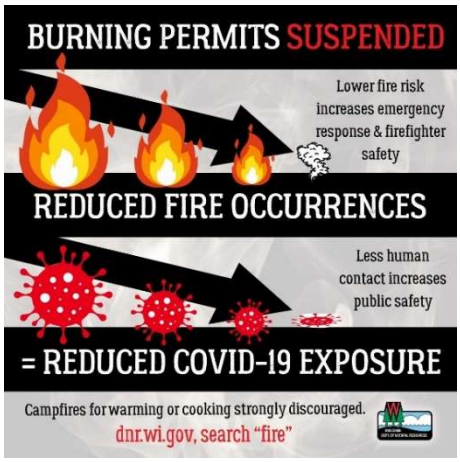


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BURNING PERMIT RESTRICTIONS: WILDFIRES/COVID-19 TALKING POINTS

****Effective March 27, 2020 all DNR burning permits are suspended until further notice****



What does this mean?

- All DNR burn permits suspended and will no longer be issued (written or electronically)
- NO burning debris piles in barrels, on the ground, grass or wooded areas
- Small campfires for warming or cooking are ok but, strongly discouraged; burning debris in a campfire ring is NOT considered a campfire (maple sap boiling ok)
- DNR burn permits are not required if ground is snow-covered; burning is allowed any time if snow is adjacent

How will I know when I get a burn permit and/or burn debris again?

- Check website dnr.wi.gov, keyword "fire" and the DNR social media for the up-to-date status
- DNR will continue to remain in compliance with department leadership mandates and recommendations and will evaluate wildfire and pandemic risks as the situation evolves

Why is this being done?

- Spring in Wisconsin has the highest fire risk; debris burning is the #1 cause
  - After snowmelt and before green-up when vegetation is dry (March-May)
- People are traditionally doing yard clean-up and choose to burn to dispose of yard waste, increasing fire risk
- Increase social distancing/decrease person-to-person contact and decrease geographic travel of emergency responders and firefighters
- Teleworking and reduced number of available staff may result in compromised emergency response and can result in rapid wildfire growth
- Reduce smoke impact to those with compromised respiratory functions and firefighters

Are public services still being provided?

- Fire and emergency response personnel are prepared to respond as usual
  - They are operating on more strict standard operating procedures (e.g., one person per vehicle, sanitizing equipment, precautions when interacting with others, etc.)
  - Response time may be slower (see above)
- Fire detection measures include citizen reporting and patrol aircraft; report fires early, dial 911

What if I have a special situation/need?

- Special burning permits may be allowed for <u>time-sensitive</u> reasons and with a site inspection (e.g., agricultural site prep or land clearing development)
  - Contact your local forester to discuss; please allow extra response time
  - You may be asked to video or photo the site and email or text images

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RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Wisconsin State Senate that the State of Wisconsin will continue to support China in its effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Whereas the outbreak of the coronavirus, known as "COVID-19", was first detected in Wuhan of Hubei Province, China, and was reported by China to the World Health Organization (WHO) on December 31, 2019; and

Whereas China's action has been critical to the global fight against the epidemic, and China has adopted unprecedented and rigorous measures for disease control and prevention, including locking down Wuhan, a metropolis of 11 million people, house-to-house temperature checks, postponing the return to work after the Lunar New Year break of hundreds of millions of travelers, construction of hospitals of more than two thousand beds on green fields within days, bringing in medical teams from across the country to Hubei Province. These measures have been effective in curbing the virus from spreading to other parts of China and the world. As a result, the daily number of newly confirmed cases in China has dropped sharply to double digits, over 60,000 (to be updated) people have been cured and discharged from hospital, and the case fatality rate has remained lower than SARS, EBOLA and MERS; and

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Whereas China has been transparent and quick in sharing key information of the virus with the WHO and the international community, thus creating a window of opportunity for other countries to make timely response; and

Whereas the state and local public health authorities are closely monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19, and the risk of this novel coronavirus to the general public in the U.S. remains low, there is no need to overreact. Most importantly, the novel coronavirus is a threat to all human beings, not just the people in regions where the virus broke out. It shall not become an excuse for discrimination against epidemic-struck regions and people from Asian communities in the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas ending the spread of the virus is in the best interest of people at home in the U.S., and our cities and communities have acted to provide assistance to China; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Wisconsin State Senate that

(1) it is the sense of the Wisconsin State Senate that...

(A) the State of Wisconsin stands in solidarity with the people of China who are hard hit by the novel coronavirus; and

(B) the State of Wisconsin will continue to support China in its effort to stop the spread of the epidemic; and

(2) the Wisconsin State Senate encourages the United States government to continue to follow the WHO recommendations and work together with the WHO and other countries toward the goal of preventing the virus from taking more lives.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 3:12 PM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: workload today

Some of the things I worked on today:

- Took some calls and answered emails on COVID. Several were looking for specific answers so I coordinated to help facilitate communication with the relevant departments.
- After we talked, I was going to jump on the WMC webinar, but it had already occurred earlier in the morning. I've reached out to Chris Reader to see if there is anything they have I can look at or watch.
- Watched President Trump's latest info briefing.
- Participated in the DHS Information briefing from 1:30pm-2:30pm.
- I reached out to all of the superintendents to get an update on how they are doing, and what specifically they have planned for school meals for students. With the 10 person gathering ruling, their plans may have changed, so just trying to fact find at this point to figure out if we need to be helping families find alternatives.
- I reached out to all of the Chambers of Commerce in your district to get a list of restaurants so we can start a database of those offering delivery and take out. Waiting on that feedback and hope to compile the full list tomorrow so we can push that out to the district, maybe via a special e-update. Also planning to add a new COVID page to your website where we can include helpful links, as well as the restaurant database.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 30, 2020

The Wisconsin Paper Council Thanks ND Paper For Generous Donations to Fight COVID-19 in Wisconsin

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Madison, WI -- The Wisconsin Paper Council is applauding ND Paper for making a generous donation to the State of Wisconsin to aid in the fight against the COVID 19 virus. ND Paper which operates a mill in Biron, Wisconsin has donated **1,500 Tyvek suits and 20,000 surgical masks** to the State of Wisconsin for distribution to health care providers who are on the front lines of testing and treating citizens for the COVID-19 virus.

"ND Paper is answering the call to help provide much-needed assistance to our state's medical community as they fight the coronavirus pandemic," stated WPC President Scott Suder. "ND Paper's generous donation will help protect Wisconsin medical workers who are working around the clock to keep our communities safe from this devastating virus."

The company's mills in Biron, Wisconsin, and Rumford, Maine, are integrated pulp and paper facilities, and their mill in Biron supports more than 350 working families. The company has 1,200 employees who together produce more than 1.2 million short tons of pulp and paper annually.

Suder stated that papermakers and converters throughout the state are working diligently to produce and often donate critical medical and personal hygiene products for Wisconsinites during this time of international crisis. The Wisconsin Paper Council continues to work with the federal government, Governor Evers Administration and Legislative and local leaders to coordinate logistical manufacturing, supply and donation efforts.

Wisconsinites can go to https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations to either donate or sell large quantities of PPE to the State of Wisconsin. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) will then work with distribute the PPE to communities that need it the most. 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.

The Wisconsin Paper Council (WPC) is the premier trade association which advocates for the papermaking industry before regulatory bodies, state and federal legislatures to achieve positive policy outcomes. WPC also works to educate the general public about the social, environmental, and economic importance of paper, pulp, and forestry production in Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest. Learn more at www.wipaper.org

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9:01 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: yesterday's recap

Lots of emails and constituent cases, per usual. We sent the e-update Monday, so there was a good amount of response to that Tuesday that needed response. People are continuing to have a lot of questions about unemployment. I think the response to your poll worker ask has largely been positive. There are still those who wish we would postpone the election, but we have a good response for why that is not going to happen.

Stamena and I are working on sending COVID letters to all high foot traffic places in your district, so we are currently reaching out to organizations they may have lists for our district, compiling that list, and finalizing the letter. Stamena also put together an ad for newspapers to include that she will approach them with today or tomorrow once finalized. Once all of that is finished, I will go in, print everything, and send it.

Continuing to monitor facebook traffic as well. Lots of conversations about the election.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:44 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: yesterday's recap

Sorry! Forgot to send a recap for yesterday.

- Calls and emails, per usual. Most these days are election related, either asking to postpone, or asking about mail-in ballots. We have gotten a good handful of emails from clerks in and around your district expressing how impossible mail-in ballots would be, so everyone received responses.

- Created a webpage for poll worker training information.

- Sent out an e-update asking for poll workers, mentioning the federal stimulus briefly, and reminding people yesterday was the last day to vote absentee.

- Monitoring FB comments on elections.

- Trying to stay on top of data entry.

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- Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 9:53 AM
- To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
- Subject: yesterday's recap
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- Yesterday was a big data entry day, trying to catch up on entering into forward
- Still got several calls and emails that needed response. Except for the emails we choose not to answer the same day, we are getting back to people almost immediately, so our response time has been A+
- Spoke to the Elections Commission at length last night about some things we're hearing from clerks and poll workers. Will update you on this after the 11am comms meeting I have today
- Lots of people having trouble getting through to DWD still for unemployment insurance, so helped a handful of constituents get a call back

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:07 AM
To: "Felzkowski, Mary" <Mary.Felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Yesterday's recap

Lot of the same. Lots of Facebook interaction and responses on elections specifically. Had some calls come into the office that are already in Forward so you'll see those on the weekly report tomorrow. Working with Stamena to finish the business list so we can get that mailing finished tomorrow. I think moving forward, the days are largely going to be filled with responses and connecting people with agencies.

DHS Conference Zoom

Fitz and Robin Press Conference

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