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COVID-19 Public Health Rules, Enforcement and Update

Today Fond du Lac County Health Officer Kim Mueller announced Fond du Lac County Public Health Order #1, which places restrictions on barber/barbering and cosmetology, nail salons, massage parlors, tattoo and body art studios, and clarifies restaurant/bar rules and religious and funeral service rules. Public Health Officer Muller, in conjunction with Fond du Lac County law enforcement, announced that local law enforcement will uphold and enforce any violations of the Department of Health Services Emergency Orders and Fond du Lac County Public Health Orders in response to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency declared by Governor Tony Evers in order to ensure the safety of those within Fond du Lac County and the State of Wisconsin.

Health Officer Kim Mueller stated "Our Health Department team and local law enforcement fully appreciate the magnitude of these orders. We are all heartbroken over the death of one of our community members that was diagnosed with Covid-19 and we extend thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences to their family and friends. We are committed to keeping our community safe during this Public Health Emergency and I understand that the daily lives of so many in our community have been turned upside down. The orders of State and local officials have been made for the safety and best interests of the public in order to minimize the spread of Covid-19. We hope everyone in our community voluntarily follows these Public Health Orders and enforcement will not be required."

Fond du Lac County Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt stated "I have communicated with all local law enforcement agencies in Fond du Lac County and we are united in our commitment to uphold these Public Health Orders. We ask that if you engage in any group activities, you do so in a responsible manner consistent with the Public Health Orders so that enforcement isn't required. In these unprecedented times, we need to come together as a community and take care of one another by following these practices aimed at minimizing the spread of this virus."

District Attorney Eric Toney stated "The Fond du Lac County District Attorney's Office is committed to working with our Health Department, local law enforcement and the Department of Health Services to ensure that all Public Health Orders are enforced for the safety of our community. The goal is to ensure that no violations make their way to the District Attorney's Office and that all public health orders are voluntarily complied with in our community."

Wisconsin Statute § 252.25 provides that any person who willfully violates or obstructs the execution of any state statute or rule, county, city or village ordinance or department order under this chapter and relating to the public health, for which no other penalty is prescribed, shall be imprisoned for not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$500 or both.

Fond du lac County has received one additional positive test result from the lab. This case has known exposure to international travel. This brings the total number of positive cases to 15. Health department staff are actively working on contacting anyone with exposure to this new positive case.

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Today Fond du Lac County Public Health Officer Kim Mueller, acting in accordance with Wisconsin Statute § 252.03(2) issues the following orders supplementing the Department of Health Service Emergency Orders in response to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency:

- 1) Barber/barbering and cosmetology, nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo and body art studios are closed because of the high likelihood that patrons and employees will be within arm's length for more than 10 minutes.
- 2) Restaurants may only remain open for "take out," drive through, and delivery. Dining rooms must close and "take out" orders must be taken over the phone or online prior to the customer arriving to pick up their order. Customers cannot order in-person or congregate inside the establishment while their order is being prepared. Customers also cannot self-dispense condiments.
- 3) Grocery stores and gas stations may remain open, but it is ordered that they must close all seating intended for consuming food, cease self-service operations of salad bars, beverage dispensers, coffee dispensers, buffets, or any self-dispensing of unpackaged food or condiments.
- 4) Religious and funeral services may continue but they shall abide by the Department of Health Service (DHS) Emergency Order #5 limiting mass gatherings to no more than 10 people at any time.
- 5) All bars are ordered closed, effectively immediately, under this order and the DHS Emergency Order #5
- 6) Orders one through four are effective at 5 p.m. on March 20, 2020 and Order five is effective immediately.

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