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We're going outside.

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This news release has been created to let citizens know what the City of Jefferson will be doing in conjunction with Governor Tony Evers Emergency Order #12 released today.

Attached please find a copy of the Safer at Home Order for your review. While it contains new more restrictive provisions for business and nonprofit operations, the new emergency order has a very broad list of exemptions for Essential Services and Businesses. Under the order, those businesses that are deemed essential are encouraged to remain operational during this crisis. It also has exemptions for non-essential businesses and services to take certain activities to maintain basic business operations.

The City of Jefferson business and industries have been deemed as Essential Services and Businesses. We would strongly urge our business community to review this order and continue doing the great job regarding cleaning, social distancing, and doing as much work remotely as possible to limit the spread of this virus.

If you are unsure of whether your business meets the Essential Services and Business classification criteria please review the information page of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) at: www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness. If you do not believe your business is listed as an Essential Service or Business classification you can contact the WEDC to apply to be classified as an Essential Business. They have a fillable form at the website you can complete.

Of note in this order, weddings and funerals can now proceed with good social distancing and a limit of ten persons in a confined room or space. We have fielded calls regarding these types of events and this order clarifies those.

Some employers have provided their employees letters on their letterhead designating their businesses as Essential Services or Businesses. They have required their employees to carry this

letter along with their employee identification card with them as they traverse to and from work. This is not required but we have been notified by some of our employers they have implemented this practice and wanted to share this information with our business community who may want to do this as well.

We want citizens to know that the City of Jefferson Police Department will NOT be conducting traffic stops on any persons unless reasonable suspicion or probable cause exists. What does this mean? This means that officers on the street will be conducting business as usual pursuant to the laws of the State of Wisconsin and ordinances of the City of Jefferson.

No person will be arbitrarily stopped to check on employment status with any business or industry by a Jefferson Police Officer. We encourage you to stay at home as much as possible but do not want you to worry about your freedom to travel for appointments, supplies, or to go to and from work.

In order to limit contact and possible exposure of police officers and citizens, the Jefferson Police Department will be conducting business as follows:

1. Officers will not enter homes on EMS calls that are not life threatening. EMS personnel will enter the home to treat the patient. Officers will remain outside unless absolutely necessary to enter a home pursuant to life saving measures or an EMS staff person's request.
2. We encourage citizens to conduct business with the police department via the telephone. If you need to file a report not requiring evidence collection or a written statement we will take your complaint over the phone to file a report. A dispatcher will be able to advise you as to whether an officer response is required. DO NOT hesitate to dial 9-1-1 in any emergency. Officers shall respond to ALL emergency situations in emergency fashion.
3. If officer presence is required we would ask you to meet the officer outside in a fresh air environment unless an officer needs to enter your home as part of an investigation he/she is conducting.

The duration of the Safer at Home Order begins tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and ends Friday, April 24th, 2020. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the emergency contacts listed above.

On behalf of the City of Jefferson we sincerely want to thank all of our citizens and businesses who have been affected by this virus and helping prevent the spread of the COVID 19 (Coronavirus).