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*We're going outside.*

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On April 16th, 2020 Governor Tony Evers issued a new Emergency Order #28 extending the original Safer at Home Order #12. **Governor Tony Evers Emergency Order #12 remains in effect until April 24th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. when Emergency Order #28 begins.** We continue to thank our business community and citizens for complying with these emergency orders. Jefferson residents and businesses continue to do an outstanding job during these very challenging times.

The City of Jefferson Police Department continues conducting business as usual.

We continue to strive limiting contact and possible exposure of police officers and citizens. The Jefferson Police Department continues to conduct 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 that 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.

Please remember, the new Safer at Home Order #28 begins on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the emergency contacts listed above.

***From WWTP Superintendent Todd Clark:***

Wastewater Superintendent Clark reported a sewer back up into a residence this past week attributable to baby wipes being flushed down a toilet. As a reminder Superintendent Clark wants to again remind citizens of Jefferson:

The issue of flushable baby wipes, personal hygiene wipes, or disinfectant wipes now has create a problem. **Many of these products have the wording “flushable” on their packaging which is misleading. These items do not break down and cause plugging issues in our sewer mains and pump stations.** They can also cause backups inside your home’s plumbing system. For your safety and the safety of Wastewater Utility personnel, we ask you to NOT flush the products down the toilet but dispose of these wipes in your garbage. This is one more step we can take to minimize everyone’s risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

**Closures still in effect until further notice:**

\*Senior Center

\*Park & Rec Programming suspended - All City of Jefferson parks playgrounds and apparatus remain closed.

\*Library - Virtual programs are now being offered but the physical facilities are closed.

\*Museum

\*Utilities Office Window - The drive-thru window remains open and citizens can also use the drop box for payments or other business.

\*Municipal Court - Citizens can still use the drop box for payments or pay online or at the Police Department. All releases of license suspensions will be sent to the DMV on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, after receipt of payment or receipt of verification of payment through the State Debt Collection. Please check the DMV website to see when you are eligible to reinstate. Any questions can be directed to the Municipal Court Clerk at (920)674-0444. Municipal Court will be scheduled when the Safer at Home Order is lifted and defendants will be notified of those dates.

Senior Center, Library and Park/Recreation Staff and Municipal Court Clerk Staff are still reporting to work. Some of the City Department employees have limited office hours and are working from home. Please feel free to reach out to these departments **via email and/or phone**. Thank you for your understanding.

***\*City Hall still remains open to foot traffic.***

1) If you are ill, please do not visit the office, please contact us via phone or email so we may assist you.

2) Please use other methods to contact us before physically visiting our office. Please use phone,

email or USPS when possible. We are thankful to citizens who have been utilizing these methods of contact with us! It is very much appreciated.

3) Pet licenses were due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Please feel free to use the drop box outside our door, mail or email (with online payment). We are still open to serve you in person, but our goal is also to keep everyone healthy!

### **Safer At Home Emergency Order #28 Extension Information Excerpts**

- This order goes in effect April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
- This order is to remain in effect until May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
- Schools have been ordered closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Schools are facilitating distance learning or virtual learning.
- Golf courses may open however club houses and pro-shops must remain closed. **The use of golf carts is prohibited.**
- People are strongly encouraged to stay close to home, not to travel to second homes and cabins, and not to travel out of state if it is not necessary.

Governor Ever's Emergency Order #28 and a Safer at Home Frequently asked Questions Document been posted at the City of Jefferson website along with this updated news release:

<https://jeffersonwis.com/>

It has also been posted at the City of Jefferson Police Department website:

<http://jeffersonpd.com/>

Social distancing is very challenging for many of us but keeping the most vulnerable in our community healthy is our goal! With the warmer weather coming we continue to ask our residents to be vigilant in their social distancing practices.

We are extremely thankful to our Jefferson residents and businesses who have all stepped up in how we interact with each other and conduct business in one of the most difficult times any of us have ever experienced.

On behalf of the City of Jefferson we wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our citizens and businesses who have been affected by this virus and helping prevent the spread of the COVID 19 (Coronavirus). We are especially appreciative of all of the businesses, industries and our local service clubs who have provided us with personal protective equipment and also the great correspondences and words of encouragement we have received.

This truly ignites the community Spirit of Jefferson! We have proven we are stronger together.