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To all that live, work, and play in the City of Franklin:

As we continue to work our way back toward a safe re-opening of all businesses and recreational opportunities in our city, I want to thank all of you for your dedication to the Franklin community by doing your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

This week, you will see changes in how the Milwaukee County Suburban Health Departments implement the phased local plan. We will be shifting from orders and enforcement to best practice guidance and personal responsibility. While the implementation may have changed, the data and the nature of the virus have not. Continuing to follow this guidance is the surest way to keep our community safe.

The current order, Order #1, issued by the Suburban Milwaukee Health Officers last week expires at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020. No further orders will be issued after its expiration. This means all businesses will be allowed to re-open if they choose to, utilizing the CDC's Safe Business Practices and Physical Distancing and Protective Measures for staff and patron safety.

To assist in determining their path to re-opening safely, business owners may reference the Safe Opening Capacity Guideline found on the City of Franklin website. Businesses should only move through the phases of this guideline when they feel confident they can protect the health and safety of their staff and customers at each particular level. Additional information for businesses can be found on the [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation](#) and [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) websites or you can call the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101.

It is strongly recommended that individuals continue to follow the Physical Distancing and Protective Measures listed on the following page to reduce your risk of contracting and/or transmitting COVID-19. All individuals, especially those in vulnerable populations, are discouraged from unnecessary travel and gatherings at this time due to the likelihood of an increase in COVID-19 cases.

We will continue to monitor local data and communicate with you as we work closely with business colleagues and community members to adhere to safe practices and to spot and contain any new cases and/or outbreaks of COVID-19. The data or key indicators (found on the Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management website [dashboard](#) on the Key Indicators tab) will continue to update for the duration of the pandemic to represent the burden of virus in the County.

The threat of COVID-19 is still very much alive in Franklin, and throughout Southeast Wisconsin. It is up to each of us to play our part in protecting ourselves, our families, our customers, and our community moving forward. I am confident Franklin is up to the challenge.

Sincerely,

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Physical Distancing and Protective Measures

- Maintaining physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household.
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer.
- Covering coughs or sneezes. (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands)
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces.
- Not shaking hands.
- Use of mask or cloth face covering. (*Note: the use of masks or cloth face coverings is strongly recommended but shall not be required due to equity concerns regarding the challenges that either may cause for individuals because of disabilities and/or shortages of PPE*)
- Following all other public health recommendations issued by State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.