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To all who live, work, play, and attend school in the City of Greenfield:

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases are increasing throughout the United States and Wisconsin. Earlier today, Governor Evers declared a public health emergency which provides additional resources for the state to address this situation. While Greenfield does not have a case at this moment, we are aware of several laboratory tests that have been conducted and continue to monitor the situation. Greenfield anticipates cases of COVID-19, and the disease will likely spread through our community over the coming weeks. Below are two important updates related to COVID-19.

Community Events & Large Gatherings. We are recommending suspension of large community events. We understand this is frustrating and inconvenient, but we must carefully weigh the risk of disease transmission in our community to protect our vulnerable populations, including older adults and individuals with underlying health conditions. While the Wisconsin Department of Health Services considers a threshold of 250 attendees, we are addressing these events on a case-by-case basis in consultation with city departments, schools, and other community agencies.

Domestic and International Travel. We encourage all residents to avoid all nonessential travel to high risk countries (including China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea). Additionally, residents should avoid travel to domestic destinations with high risk for COVID-19 transmission, including the states of California, New York, and Washington. The CDC has an excellent website that addresses domestic and international areas of travel risk (see (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers>)). It is advised that all residents, particularly those with underlying health conditions, avoid cruise ship travel worldwide. Lastly, older adults and those with underlying health conditions should avoid situations that place them at increased risk for illness, including non-essential travel and long plane trips.

We continue to meet with community partners to address the needs of their specific populations, including schools, long-term care facilities, and others. For individuals, we support every day preventive measures that will significantly limit the spread of germs and help to avoid illness:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick. Do not drop off your sick child at school.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.

The COVID-19 situation continues to change, and we understand that creates uncertainty. We will keep you informed through various communication methods, including our website and social media. We encourage you to contact us with questions or concerns. Additional information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

Yours in Health,



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