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Statement and Order from City of Racine Public Health Director Dottie-Kay Bowersox

City Public Health Department extends "Safer at Home" with the "Turn the Dial" amendments within jurisdiction

City of Racine – In response to the State Supreme Court ruling this evening, the City of Racine Public Health Department has locally extended the "Safer at Home" order with the "Turn the Dial" amendments within its jurisdiction until May 26th. This order takes effect immediately.

Public Health Administrator Dottie-Kay Bowersox released the following statement with the official order:

"I know these are very difficult and highly unusual times, but Public Health's responsibility is to mediate and maintain the safety and welfare of our residents. I am therefore adopting the provisions of Safer At Home locally and ordering that it be extended until May 26th. Before that date, additional guidance will be released for how we can safely move forward. I do not issue this order lightly, but we must protect ourselves, our families, and the other members of our community. A full and immediate lifting of the Safer At Home order would put all of us in danger of contracting the virus. We have to be concerned about surges in cases overwhelming our local hospitals, as well as our first responders, public health professionals, and workers employed at our community's grocery stores, pharmacies, and other essential businesses at risk."

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY OF RACINE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Safer at Home—Racine

May 13, 2020

Pursuant to Section 252.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes

Whereas, the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin have been affected by the worldwide pandemic of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which is a dangerous respiratory illness that can spread from person to person; and

Whereas, the City of Racine on March 18, 2020, and April 9, 2020, issued proclamations declaring a state of emergency to exist in the City of Racine; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic and its prevalence in the City of Racine, the southeastern Wisconsin region, and throughout the United States continues to constitute a public health emergency; and

Now therefore, I hereby adopt the provisions contained within Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Order #28, Safer at Home Order, a copy of which is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as if issued by me, except for the following:

Section 13 h, entitled "Wedding, funerals and religious entities" is amended to remove religious entities from the subsection.

Section 13 aa is created entitled "Religious entities." Religious entities within the City of Racine must follow section 2.b.

Further, I hereby adopt the provisions contained within Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Orders #34 and #36, Interim Orders to Turn the Dial, copies of which are attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as if issued by me.

In accordance with my authority pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 252.03, I declare that the provisions contained in Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Orders #28, #34, and #36, except as modified herein, are reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of COVID-19 in the City of Racine, and are hereby adopted as an Order of the Racine Public Health Department. This order is effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a Wisconsin Statutes section 252.25 as adopted by City of Racine Municipal Code of Ordinances section 22-424, punishable by forfeiture.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 13 day of May, 2020.

By: 

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