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For Immediate Release: Marathon County Issues COVID-19 Order #1

On Wednesday May 13, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court issued a decision invalidating the Safer at Home Order. In response to the Court's ruling, Marathon County has worked to develop a plan to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The attached order is the first step in that plan.

"This order demonstrates our trust in residents and businesses to continue to practice the behaviors that have been so successful thus far. We all have a part in fighting the spread of COVID-19 and as the situation evolves, I am confident that our community can continue to adapt to confront the challenge." said Joan Theurer, Health Officer for Marathon County Health Department.

We can all recognize the important steps we have taken to control the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The order embodies our continued common goal of minimizing harm. Theurer explains that "In drafting the order, I am guided by the principles of protecting public health and safety, trusting residents and businesses to contribute to the wellbeing of all, and a collective responsibility to protect each other."

The practices of physical distancing and preventative measures have been effective tools in controlling the spread of disease. We will need to continue to use these strategies to ensure we are protecting the public health and the prosperity of our community.

"Our businesses recognize the need to reopen in a way that is safe and responsible. We appreciate that the Health Department has confidence in their commitment to the health and safety of our community." David Eckmann, President/CEO, Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce.

This situation continues to evolve rapidly. For the latest information, visit the CDC's coronavirus website, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, or the Marathon County Health Department webpage *or follow us on Facebook.*

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