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Safer At Home Order

Since Governor Evers published Emergency Order #12: SAFER AT HOME, the police department has received a number of calls from concerned business owners asking what this means for their business and employees. We have attached a link to the governor's order that will provide you with more information.

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>

We have also included a link that lists the DHS Guidelines defining Essential Businesses and Operations. Within that link, you will find what are considered essential businesses.

For all businesses deemed Non-Essential, Governor Evers' order is specific. The order reads, in part:

"Non-essential business and operations must cease. All for-profit and non-profit businesses with a facility in Wisconsin, except Essential Businesses and Operations as defined below, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within Wisconsin, except:

- a. Minimum Basic Operations, as defined below, and
- b. Any operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own home or residences (i.e., working from home)."

"Minimum Basic Operations. For the purposes of this Order, Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

- a. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities.
- b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences."

Here is the link to the DHS guidelines that all Essential Businesses and Operations, and all businesses performing Minimum Basic Operations shall comply with:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>.

If you are still not sure if your business qualifies as an Essential Business, or believe you should be included, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has provided the additional information here:

<http://www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness> . If after reviewing these documents, you still don't

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think your business qualifies within the meaning of Essential Business, WEDC provides a form on their link for you to request inclusion.

All of this is new and a little bit scary for all of us. The goal of the police department has been, and will continue to be, to maintain the health and safety of our citizens. Toward that end, we ask everyone to comply with the governor's order and stay safe at home. Those in essential roles should continue to practice social distancing and wash hands often. In addition, if you don't feel well, stay home. Together, we will get through this.