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BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER STATEMENT

(Brown County, Wis.) – Earlier today, I was advised by our Corporation Counsel that my May 13, 2020 Order needs to be rescinded. Initially it was believed by Brown County Public Health in consultation with the Brown County Corporation Counsel’s Office that the order would be consistent with applicable Wisconsin State Statutes. Based on research conducted during the last 24 hours, and on consultations with outside legal counsel, Brown County Corporation Counsel is now of the opinion that the legal basis for the Order is likely not strong enough to withstand legal challenge. Therefore, effective immediately, I hereby rescind my May 13, 2020 Order, and I make the following recommendations to the Brown County Community in order to ensure our health and well-being.

1. All county residents, especially those in high-risk categories, should continue to follow prior ‘Safer-at-Home’ guidelines.
2. All businesses and other entities in Brown County should follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) guidelines prior to and after they reopen to the public.

Brown County Public Health, and I as your local Public Health Officer, will continue to focus on the health and safety of the community, and continue the efforts to support testing, isolation and quarantine guidance and support, coordinated response efforts, and community education to control the spread of COVID 19. Even without an order in place, the public can, and should, continue the individual efforts that have made controlling the spread of COVID 19 successful. This includes:

- Staying home if you are sick
- Covering your cough and your sneezes
- Washing your hands often
- Wearing a mask or face covering when out in public

We don’t want to lose sight of the goal which is to stop the spread of COVID 19 in Brown County. Stay safe out there.

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