



CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

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**City of Port Washington Statement on Wisconsin State Supreme Court Striking
Down Emergency Order No. 28**

(PORT WASHINGTON, WI) – On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a 4-3 decision striking down various portions of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Order No. 28, which closed non-essential businesses, restricted other business operations, and limited social interactions and activities in an effort to stop the spread of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19). In response to this action, the Washington-Ozaukee Public Health Department officers have advised that no similar countywide orders are contemplated at this time, but that they will respond to future COVID-19 outbreaks on a case-by-case basis.

With COVID-19 still present and communicable, the Mayor and City officials strongly encourage citizens and business operators to voluntarily practice social distancing, limit the number of people gathering together in one place, continue hand-washing protocols, use of face-masks, avoid face-touching, and provide as safe a place as possible for customers, patrons, employees, guests and visitors. Business owners and operators are also encouraged to check with their insurance representatives to determine the best practices to follow to avoid or minimize potential liability exposure relating to COVID-19.

City officials further recommend that citizens and other interested persons review and follow the guidelines and public health tips available through the Washington-Ozaukee Public Health Department (Blueprint for Reopening) at http://www.washozwi.gov/Portals/WashOzHealthDept/BlueprintFAQ_v_11_514_1.pdf, the State Department of Health Services (Badger Bounce Back Plan) at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02653a.pdf>, and the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>.

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