Manitowoc County Public Health Order #5

THE MANITOWOC COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER FINDS:

1. An easily transmittable communicable disease known as COVID-19 is currently present in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, has achieved Pandemic status in a bordering county, and continues to spread throughout the County, State and Nation.
2. As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Manitowoc County Executive issued a proclamation declaring a public health emergency in Manitowoc County on March 16, 2020, which was ratified by the County Board on March 17, 2020.
3. The COVID-19 pandemic has not fully abated and continues to pose an imminent threat that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public and could impair critical systems of Manitowoc County.
4. It is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within Manitowoc County, to continue taking reasonable and prudent steps to prevent, limit, and contain the high potential of community spread of COVID-19.
5. After investigation, I find that it is necessary to immediately take measures to prevent, suppress and control this disease in order to protect the health and well-being of individuals in Manitowoc County.
6. This virus knows no boundaries, including county lines, and the most effective way to prevent, control and suppress COVID-19 is for State Officials and the State Legislature to work together and implement a State-Wide approach. That has not occurred, and therefore the below reasonable and necessary local actions must be taken pursuant to the authority vested in me per Wis. Stat. §. 252.03 and 252.25. It would be irresponsible to do otherwise given the high number of positive cases found in the bordering county.

THE MANITOWOC COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

1. I hereby Order that any and all provisions of the following Orders that were previously issued by Andrea Palm, WI DHS Secretary, attached to and incorporated into this Order by reference and attachment, shall temporarily apply to individuals and entities within Manitowoc County:
   a) Emergency Order #28, aka the Safer at Home Order
   b) Emergency Order #34, aka Interim Order to Turn the Dial; and
   c) Emergency Order #36, aka Interim Order to Turn the Dial.
2. This Order takes effect immediately upon signing, and shall remain in effect until Wednesday, 05-20-2020 at 11:59pm.
3. All other orders previously issued regarding COVID-19 are hereby rescinded and superseded by this Order.
4. Violation of, and/or failure to comply with, this Order is punishable by a civil forfeiture of up to $500.00, and by any other applicable penalty found in Manitowoc County Code.

Mary Nalada, Manitowoc County Health Officer

5/14/2020