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We're going outside.

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Governor Tony Evers Emergency Order #12 remains in effect. We cannot thank our business community and citizens enough for complying with this emergency order. Jefferson residents and businesses have done an outstanding job during this very difficult time.

The City of Jefferson Police Department continues conducting business as usual.

We continue to strive limiting contact and possible exposure of police officers and citizens. The Jefferson Police Department continues to conduct business as follows:

- 1. Officers will not enter homes on EMS calls that are not life threatening. EMS personnel will enter the home to treat the patient. Officers will remain outside unless absolutely necessary to enter a home pursuant to life saving measures or an EMS staff person's request.
- 2. We encourage citizens to conduct business with the Police Department via the telephone. If you need to file a report not requiring evidence collection or a written statement we will take your complaint over the phone to file that report. A dispatcher will be able to advise you as to whether an officer response is required. DO NOT hesitate to dial 9-1-1 in any emergency. Officers shall respond to ALL emergency situations in emergency fashion.
- 3. If officer presence is required we would ask you to meet the officer outside in a fresh air environment unless an officer needs to enter your home as part of an investigation he/she is conducting.

The duration of the Safer at Home Order continues through Friday, April 24th, 2020. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the emergency contacts listed above.

From WWTP Superintendent Todd Clark:

We are asking for our residents help in dealing with the issue of flushable baby wipes, personal hygiene wipes, or disinfectant wipes. Many of these products have the wording "Flushable" on their packaging which is misleading. These items do not break down and cause plugging issues in our sewer mains and pump stations. They can also cause backups inside your home's plumbing system. For your safety and the safety of Wastewater Utility personnel, we ask you to NOT flush the products down the toilet but dispose of these wipes in your garbage. This is one more step we can take to minimize everyone's risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Closures still in effect until further notice:

- *Senior Center.
- *Park & Rec Programming suspended. All City of Jefferson parks playgrounds are also closed.
- *Library.
- *Museum.
- *Utilities Office Window. The drive-thru window remains open and citizens can also use the drop box for payments or other business.
- *Municipal Court. Citizens can still use the drop box for payments or pay online or at the Police Department. All releases of license suspensions will be sent to the DMV on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, after receipt of payment or receipt of verification of payment through the State Debt Collection. Please check the DMV website to see when you are eligible to reinstate. Any questions can be directed to the Municipal Court Clerk at (920)674-0444.

Senior Center, Library and Park/Recreation Staff and Municipal Court Clerk staff are still reporting to work. Please feel free to reach out to these departments **via email and/or phone**. Thank you for your understanding.

*City Hall still remains open to foot traffic.

- 1) If you are ill, please do not visit the office, please contact us via phone or email so we may assist you.
- 2) Please use other methods to contact us before physically visiting our office. Please use phone, email or USPS when possible.
- 3) Absentee ballots can be obtained by using the Statewide website. www.myvote.wi.gov
- 4) Pet licenses are due April 1, please feel free to use the drop box outside our door, mail or email (with online payment). We are still open to serve you in person, but our goal is also to keep everyone healthy!

Social distancing is difficult for many of us but keeping the most vulnerable in our community healthy is our goal! On behalf of the City of Jefferson we sincerely want to thank all of our citizens and businesses who have been affected by this virus and helping prevent the spread of the COVID 19 (Coronavirus).