

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2020
TO: Acting Chief Wahl, MPD
FROM: Janel Heinrich, Director, PHMDC
SUBJECT: **Mifflin Street During COVID-19**

Acting Chief Wahl,

As you are aware Governor's Evers Emergency Order #12 Safer at Home Order is currently in effect until April 24th, unless the Governor issues further Orders. If the Governor does not issue further Orders and the current Order is allowed to expire on April 24th, I will immediately issue a public health order as authorized under Wis. Stats. Sec. 252.03. Under this statute I am authorized to "take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress, and control communicable diseases".

Based on how the COVID-19 virus is continuing to spread throughout Dane County and we do not know when we will see the peak of this spread, my intention would be to issue an Order in an attempt to slow the pandemic. This Order would at a minimum mirror the limitations found within the current Governor's Order and would restrict any public or private gathering of individuals who are not part of a single household or living unit.

It is my understanding that individuals residing on Mifflin Street may be planning to hold parties on April 25th, this would be in violation of the Order. I have consulted with the City Attorney who has informed me that if anyone holds a gathering involving individuals that are not part of their living unit all individuals present would be considered to be in violation of the Order. These individuals can either be issued a misdemeanor citation, a municipal citation or be referred to the City Attorney's Office for a long form prosecution action which would carry a maximum penalty of \$1321 per violation. The City Attorney further indicated that if an individual hosts such a gathering that each individual that is present would be considered a separate violation of the Order.

For the health and safety of our community, I hope that all individuals continue to follow the Governor's Order and any future Orders and help reduce the spread of this virus. Thank you for all your efforts to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

April 10, 2020

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janel Heinrich".

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Cc: Mayor Rhodes-Conway
City Attorney Michael May

