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Dane County Community Members,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. In these extraordinary and uncertain times, please know that law enforcement agencies across Dane County are still in operation providing 24/7 coverage and we continue to do all we can to keep our communities safe.

Over the last few days, we've received many questions and concerns about Governor Evers' "Safer at Home" order. First and foremost, as law enforcement leaders we support the governor's order and believe it to be a critical step in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

Under the governor's order, individuals are expected to stay at home as much as possible. The full order [can be read here](#). As you may know, the order includes exemptions for essential services, grocery store and pharmacy trips, doctor visits, taking care of sick or elderly loved ones, etc. The order does not require individuals to obtain a special letter, permit, or permission to leave your home.

While law enforcement has the legal authority to enforce this order, our primary focus is in keeping our community safe. Under the "Safer at Home" order, we will continue to operate under the same principles as we did prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. This means that it will not be our practice under this order to randomly stop people who are traveling to and from their residence or who are out and about in their communities within the exempted parameters. However, if we receive information about large outdoor gatherings or become aware of someone or a group of individuals blatantly ignoring the order, we will take appropriate action to encourage compliance. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your local law enforcement agency.

On behalf of the Dane County Chiefs of Police Association, I wish you all good health and continued patience. This is uncharted territory for all of us, and it's important that we lean on each other – at a proper social distance, of course 😊 – during this difficult time.

Be safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen Roman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Kristen Roman
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