March 23, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

Governor Evers has issued a stay-at-home order effective tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23. All non-essential businesses are to close, and he is requesting that people stay at home as much as possible.

Calling it a “Safer at Home” order, Evers wrote,

You can still get out and walk the dogs—it’s good exercise and it’s good for everyone’s mental health—but please don’t take any other unnecessary trips, and limit your travel to essential needs like going to the doctor, grabbing groceries, or getting medication. Workers providing essential care or services in our communities will be allowed to continue to travel to and from work. That includes folks like healthcare professionals, grocers, family caregivers, among other people whose work is critical for folks across our state. If it’s essential for you to go outside, please stay 6 feet away from others and shared spaces such as park shelters and visitor centers.

It’s important to note that essential university employees are also exempt from the Safer at Home order. While there are many aspects to our university that are deemed essential, we need to continue to have a very minimal employee presence on campus and do our part to flatten the curve. Each supervisor has compiled a list of essential employees—those who need to be physically present on campus.

Employees – your supervisor should have communicated with you about your need to be physically present on campus. If you truly do need to be on campus for any amount of time, please heed the CDC’s guidelines about personal health protection such as washing your hands, covering your cough, avoiding close contact and more. If you can work from home and haven’t completed the telecommuting agreement yet, please complete this and send it to your supervisor ASAP.

Special Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Webinar on COVID-19. Our EAP vendor will be hosting a special webinar next week, Coping with the Uncertainty and Disruption of COVID-19. I encourage you to register if you’re interested and your schedule allows. Links to register are below. Also, please feel free to share this webinar with employees.

EAP Webinar, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
EAP Webinar, Thursday, March 26, 2020, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Students – please continue with your plans to move from residence halls (Please see previous emails outlining this process). For residents who have had their exception granted and are staying
on campus, please follow the guidelines of the governor and limit your travel to and within our community. If you have questions, please contact reslife@uwsuper.edu.

Please be safe. I know that this order may cause yet more anxiety, but please remember that these increased restrictions are meant to help everyone maintain minimal contact points by which to be infected. It’s important that we all do our part. There have been severe outbreaks in the southern part of our state, and we are looking to avoid such a situation up here. We will remain alert and responsive to make sure that our campus is safe.

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