



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Vernon Koch
Chairman of the Board

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County Administrator

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Date: May 15, 2020
To: County Board Supervisors
From: Chairman Vernon Koch *Vernon Koch*
Re: Resolution No. 1, Extending State of Emergency in Sheboygan County

On January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern. In response to the growing number of cases in the region, on March 12, 2020 Governor Evers declared a public health emergency for Wisconsin, and the next day, President Trump declared a national emergency. The Sheboygan County Board subsequently declared a State of Emergency in Sheboygan County on March 17, 2020 for a period of 60 days or until modified by further action.

The COVID-19 health crisis continues to evolve and has changed our lives. To date, Wisconsin has a confirmed case count of 11,275 individuals who contracted the virus. In Sheboygan County, we have 70 confirmed cases, with 10 currently active. No doubt as more businesses open up, and testing becomes more readily available, we will see an increase in active cases.

As you know, with all the uncertainty at the State level, Sheboygan County took the lead to prepare guidance to help our community reopen, called "Sheboygan County Safe Restart Recommendations". These guidelines require all Sheboygan County residents and businesses owners to take responsibility, work together and support best practices in order to keep their employees and our community safe. If this does not occur, and we experience a surge in COVID-19 cases, Sheboygan County will need to order stronger restrictions, and work in collaboration with our municipalities and law enforcement to take necessary steps to control the spread of this deadly virus.

As a result of the continuing pandemic, I signed a proclamation today extending the declaration of our state of emergency through July 21, 2020 and respectfully ask for your support, and to pull for immediate action Resolution No. 1, Extending State of Emergency within Sheboygan County. This will affirm the County State of Emergency and allow us to respond more effectively as needed.

Finally, in order to provide for ample social distancing and keep everyone safe, our meeting next week will once again be held at the UW-Sheboygan Theatre. We will be taking everyone's temperatures and I ask that everyone wear a mask. If you don't bring a mask, one will be provided.

Thank you again for your support and being mindful of others during these extraordinary and difficult times. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 459-3143.