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STATEMENT FROM CITY OF BROOKFIELD MAYOR STEVEN V. PONTO ON STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The City of Brookfield's top priority is the health and safety of its residents and the general public. Although the Wisconsin Supreme Court invalidated the Governor's "Safer at Home" extension order on May 13, 2020, the risk of COVID-19 is still present in our community. The City encourages Governor Evers and the State Legislature to work cooperatively to institute a plan for Wisconsin that preserves the health and safety of the public while allowing for a gradual, safe reopening of the economy.

The City of Brookfield is under the jurisdiction of the Waukesha County Health Department and, therefore, the City cannot issue health-related orders for businesses. Nevertheless, the City is encouraging businesses that are re-opening or expanding operations to take appropriate measures to earn the confidence of their employees and customers by following Waukesha County Health Department orders, utilizing the guidelines set forth in the Badger Bounce Back Plan, as well as following guidance issued by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, the Centers for Disease Control, and various trade associations for social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting. Additionally, the City has created an information page on the City's website devoted to the reopening of businesses at <http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us/995/Reopening-Brookfield> to answer questions businesses may have. City staff, including our Police and Fire Departments, are fully operational and are able to respond to needs as they arise.

On the City's behalf, I am proud of the unselfish efforts our residents and businesses have made to manage the spread of COVID-19. I encourage everyone to continue staying safe and using good hygienic practices so we can avoid a spike in COVID-19 cases, thereby allowing us to continue the good progress we have made thus far in fighting the COVID-19 virus and its effects.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Together we are working to minimize the impact of COVID-19, and together we will get through this. My fervent hope is that all City of Brookfield residents will remain healthy and safe during this unprecedented time.