

**Declaration of Emergency
Jefferson County**

WHEREAS, on this day, pursuant to the authority vested in my office under chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Jefferson County Emergency Management Ordinance 2011-16, it is hereby declared that a county state of emergency exists in Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease, and

WHEREAS, the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public, and

WHEREAS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a State of Emergency; President Trump, today, has issued a Declaration of a National Emergency; and the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, with the need to be proactive and prepare, I find that the potential for disaster exists which requires extraordinary measures to protect the health and well-being of the people. Declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining continuity of operations for the Jefferson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, FURTHER, the Jefferson County Administrator serving as the Chief Administrative Officer of Jefferson County shall exercise all of the powers conferred upon the governing body of Jefferson County under all applicable statutes and ordinances, which within the discretion of the officer appear necessary and expedient during said state of emergency.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

Done at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, Wisconsin this 13th day of March, 2020.



Jim Schroeder, Chairperson
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

(To be filed with County Clerk on next regular business day, for presentation to Board of Supervisors at next meeting.)