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SAWYER COUNTY SEASONAL/SECOND HOME AND RENTAL PROPERTY ADVISORY

Pursuant to the obligations and powers set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes, including but not limited to those in Wis. Stat. § 252.03(1) and Wis. Stat. § 252.06, the Sawyer County Public Health Officer is providing the following advisory. This advisory is consistent with previous steps taken by the State of Wisconsin, other states, and Sawyer County to control the spread of COVID-19 and the continued need to protect the health, welfare and safety of the people and property in Sawyer County. The Sawyer County Public Health Officer's travel advisory is summarized below:

1. People must continue to comply with Wisconsin Governor's Executive "Safer at Home" Order #12, as well as Michigan, Minnesota, and Illinois Governor's "**Stay at Home**" Orders issued for those states, and any other applicable state or federal orders. "**Safer/Stay at Home**" Orders effectively limits individuals from non-essential travel, which includes travel for leisure activities. Minnesota's "**Stay at Home**" Order will go in effect at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March, 27th.
2. These travel restrictions were put in place due to high community transmission in certain areas of the State and other states. Therefore, the Sawyer County Public Health Officer recommends that you stay in your permanent home and not travel to your seasonal or second home in Sawyer County while these restrictions are in place. Restricting travel helps ensure the very limited healthcare infrastructure does not get overwhelmed and can continue to treat those in need.
3. If your travel to Sawyer County is essential, please observe the following guidance:
 - a. Immediately participate in a fourteen (14) day voluntary self-quarantine.
 - b. To promote immediate self-quarantine, bring all groceries and essentials with you.
 - c. Self-monitor for symptoms. If you develop fever, cough, or shortness of breath call 715-934-4518 for screening for COVID-19.
4. Owners of lodging facilities within Sawyer County, including tourist rooming houses, should discourage non-essential travel to these facilities until the State and Local Health Officials have rescinded all travel advisories due to COVID-19. **We do not promote any non-essential travel at this time.**

Thank you,

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Health Officer