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COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions

A lot has changed since my last column regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19. It is my hope to continue to update you so that you and your family will be more at ease.

As many of you know, on March 24th Governor Evers and the Department of Health Services executed a Stay at Home Order. This order has many exemptions and can be difficult to read through. I want you to know that my office is available to help understand if you or your businesses is deemed “essential” or is exempt from the order.

During this Executive order, which goes until April 24th,

Many people have contacted my office about the stimulus package that would help provide for their families. Please realize that this is a federal package and it is important to voice your concerns to your U.S. Senators and Representatives. This package has passed the U.S. Senate and is waiting to be voted on in the House of Representatives. For information on the package that passed in the Senate please visit: <https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx>

On the state level, unemployment claims continue to rise. I can say that through listening to many constituents concerns, Senator Jacque and I have introduced a bill to help waive the one week waiting period to receive these benefits. If you have been laid off or need help through unemployment, you can call: (414) 435-7069 or go online to: my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov

The most asked question I have received in the last couple of days has been about the April 7th election. While I understand the concerns of many of you, we have looked into the situation and according to a memo from the Legislative Reference Bureau, “the dates on which regular elections are held are specified by statute. Under Wis. Stat. § 5.02 (21), the spring election is always the first Tuesday in April.” The best advice at this moment is to continue to promote absentee ballots and early voting as much as possible.

The easiest way to get an absentee ballot is to go online to request one at www.myvote.wi.gov and click on “Vote Absentee”. You will need to upload your photo ID if you have not voted absentee before.



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Voters can also use the US mail to request an absentee ballot. Go to <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english> and print off the absentee ballot request form, fill it out, and mail it in. You will need to attach a copy of your photo ID and know your local clerks contact information to use this method.

Also, voters can e-mail (or fax) their local clerk and request a ballot.

All absentee ballot requests must be made by Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00PM for the April 7th election.

As I'm sure you are aware, updates are coming in daily, and things are subject to change at any minute.

When it comes to safety, the best practice is still to continually wash your hands, try not to touch your face and to continue to socially limit yourself from others at this time.

For more information on COVID-19 at the State level please visit:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/wi-covid-19>

For more information on COVID-19 at the Federal level please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <https://www.coronavirus.gov>

As always, please feel free to contact my office with any further questions, comments or concerns.

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