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ASHLAND COUNTY TRAVEL 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 Ashland County Public Health Officer has the authority to set forth certain recommendations and directives to protect the health, welfare and safety of people and property in Ashland County. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the national spread of the COVID-19 virus in the United States and in Wisconsin, the Ashland County Public Health Officer has issued a Travel Advisor Order until further notice. This decision is consistent with the previous steps taken by Ashland County to control the spread of COVID-19 and the continued need to protect the health, welfare and safety of the people and property of Ashland County. The Ashland County Public Health Officer's travel advisory is summarized below:

1. Due to high community transmission in certain areas of the state, Ashland County is recommending that you stay in your permanent home area and do not travel to your seasonal or second home in Ashland County. Due to our very limited healthcare infrastructure, please do not visit us now.
2. People who have seasonal homes in Ashland County, please stay at your winter home at this time. If you are already back in Ashland County, you must immediately self-quarantine for fourteen days in order to stop potential community spread.
3. Ashland County has a high population of older adults and vulnerable populations. This population is at the highest risk of COVID-19; it is our priority to keep these individuals healthy and safe.
4. People must continue to comply with other applicable restrictions, such as the Wisconsin Governor's various Executive Orders and the Illinois Governor's "Stay at Home" Order issued to Illinois residents. Illinois' "Stay at Home" Order effectively restricts Illinois residents from coming to their second or seasonal home in Ashland County.

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