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Dear Delegated Municipalities:

Yesterday, Governor Evers issued a “Safer at Home” order. This order contained broad exemptions for contractors. I know many of you are receiving calls from contractors trying to determine if they are exempt from this order. These contractors should be directed to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) website at <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>. If they have additional questions after reviewing this information they should work with their legal counsel.

Here at the Department of Safety and Professional Services all but our essential staff are working from home. This means the department is open for business. We are issuing licenses, reviewing plans and inspecting buildings.

The Department recently issued a letter which was provided to all delegated municipalities that the Department continues conducting video/photo-based inspection. We are encouraging all inspectors where they are comfortable to make video/photo-based inspection available. Attached is additional information on how to conduct video inspections. If in person inspections are necessary inspectors should work with site managers to limit face to face contact.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services encourages all municipalities to continue working to review plans, inspect buildings, and issue building permits as well as building occupancy permits. While doing so you and your employees should continue adhering to the executive order and staying within the guidance issued by the Department of Health Services (DHS).

For those of you who have distributed Personal Protective Equipment to your inspectors, attached is Department guidance on how to use PPE.

As you prioritize your work, emergency response facilities and facilities that support emergency response should go to the top of the list. Thank you for your continued work on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Dawn B. Crim  
Secretary-designee