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Press Announcement

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For Immediate Release: Spiritual Health and Religious Services

Wisconsin's Safer at Home Order protects our communities by making sure no gatherings of 10 or more people take place, and that physical distancing is practiced during all gatherings of less than 10 people. The intent of the order is to limit gatherings of people and person-to-person contact in an effort to protect the health and safety of all Wisconsinites. Everyone to stay at home because we know that it is the one thing we can all do together to keep our loved ones safe.

Faith-based organizations play a critical role in slowing the spread of COVID-19, especially among high-risk populations. These organizations often nobly serve those who are most vulnerable, such as older people and those with serious underlying health conditions like heart disease, asthma and COPD breathing difficulties, and diabetes. Community members with underlying conditions are at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 illness and death. The virus can spread before people show any symptoms, which means many people do not even know that they are spreading the virus when doing so.

We do have the ability to work together within our County to increase the chances that our friends, family members, neighbors, and greater community stay safe, healthy, and alive. People can safely view or listen to almost any form of religious services through television, radio, online video recordings, live streams, or podcasts. Speak to your religious or spiritual leaders to learn about other ways you can practice from your home.

We look forward to the day when we can resume in-person worship and gatherings to take place. In the meantime, please stay connected with one another through phone calls, video chats, text messages, and other ways.

For more information regarding the official guidance from the State of Wisconsin, please visit [WI Department of Health Services](#) Marathon County information regarding COVID-19 is updated frequently, and can be found [here](#). Follow us on Facebook at [Marathon County Facebook page](#).

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