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Council members to send strong message on stay-at-home order

Members of the Common Council will hold a **virtual joint news conference TODAY – Friday, March 27** – to strongly remind Milwaukee residents of the consequences of not obeying the coronavirus (COVID-19) city and state Stay-at-Home order in effect until further notice.

The news conference will be held via Go To Meeting and will begin at 1:30 p.m. today. The Go To Meeting **access code** will be shared with media outlets in a separate email to come from the Public Information Division.

Milwaukee Health Department Commissioner **Dr. Jeanette Kowalik** and a representative of the Milwaukee Police Department are also expected to take part in the news conference. The news conference will be carried live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee and can also be viewed via streaming video on the City website at milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton said the word needs to be shared with residents in every city neighborhood that congregating in public spaces is prohibited during the Stay-at-Home order.

“It seems that it’s possible that the Stay-at-Home order wasn’t adequately laid out for some in the community, and we want to make sure the message is made loud and clear: Stay home and only go out for essential needs, or you could end up under arrest,” President Hamilton said.

“The coronavirus pandemic has proven to be deadly, and Milwaukee is unfortunately one of the top five places in the U.S. where the virus is spreading the fastest. We need to stop the spread of this highly transmissible virus in our community ASAP and the only way that can be accomplished is with broad cooperation from citizens in obeying the Stay-at-Home order,” he said.

“We are saying ‘Be a Hero – Stay Home,’” the president said.

Milwaukee Police will be in the community, working to educate everyone and reduce confusion about the order. However, violators of the order put all first responders and the community at risk of spreading COVID-19. Repeat offenders could face arrest and possible criminal penalties.