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Commissioner of Health Statement Concerning Active TB Case at Milwaukee County Jail

Today, Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Charles F. Kahn Jr. ruled that a Milwaukee citizen with active tuberculosis (TB) should not be released from jail because he represents a public health risk to the community. I applaud his decision.

The City of Milwaukee Health Department will continue to work closely with Milwaukee County Detention Center officials to ensure that this individual completes the required course of antibiotics needed to successfully treat the disease and that he is routinely tested to monitor his health status and efficacy of treatment.

The individual will remain at the County jail for a period of three (3) months at which time the Circuit Court will revisit the case and consider any additional recommendations by the Milwaukee Health Department.

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