

Lisa Tollefson

From: Ellen Joyce <eejoyce66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:15 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Fwd: Beloit needs to be Safer at Home

Dear City and County Representatives,

In light of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the statewide "Safer at Home" measures enacted by Governor Evers, I ask that you implement local legislation similar to that enacted by, for example, the City of Racine [<https://drive.google.com/.../1shumFiomWhdwdhnhfSA9DsZ18.../view...>] or Dane County and the City of Madison [<https://publichealthmdc.com/.../2020-05 Adopting Safer at Hom...>].

With the recent surge of cases in Rock County and Beloit, it is urgent that local authorities act to protect public health and restrict public activities. The Supreme Court's decision has put me and my family's health--and lives--at risk. As public officials, I beg you to do what you can to protect those who have entrusted you with civic responsibility.

Finally, I write because of my particular concern for our immigrant community, our African American community, and our low-income citizens; all of these populations have proven to be especially at risk because of the high-risk "essential" jobs they often have and the fact that they often have less access to good health care. The leaders of Beloit and Rock County need to put their needs FIRST in these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,
Ellen Joyce
Beloit, WI

Lisa Tollefson

From: Joseph Zipperer <joe.zipperer@boucher.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:14 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safer at home orders

I would just like to say that I feel you are putting many businesses at a disadvantage by allowing large corporations and businesses to funnel hundreds of people through hourly while not allowing a simple business to cut three or four people's hair or be able to get a massage these are license businesses with practices of keeping clean and staying under code. The ramifications from this will be long past the virus you are going to close many family businesses and lose the ability to recover if you want a world of corporate entities this is how you do it

Thank you
JOSEPH ZIPPERER

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Lisa Tollefson

From: Bob Vigneault <maxdetail@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:20 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Open up the county!

"We must open up the state but not until we can be sure that everyone will be safe." THIS ARGUMENT IS KILLING JOBS AND PEOPLE!!! Safety cannot be the ultimate goal! Balancing risk and reward is how we live every moment of our lives. People are losing hope, people are losing jobs, people are dying because they can't get into a hospital that is waiting for a covid-19 surge. This is not logical, this is not wise, this is not working. If you are in a target group then take care to protect yourself but if you are not, then it's past time to start resisting the soft tyranny that is based on fear without facts. Open Rock County, open Wisconsin!

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Lisa Tollefson

From: Jessie Carpenter <carpje3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:01 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Re: Board Meeting

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611 Porter Rd, Evansville, WI 53536

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM Jessie Carpenter <carpje3@gmail.com> wrote:

I know that you may never read this and that my single voice may not matter but I need to at least try to make it heard anyways. I am an American and as such, a huge part of my identity involves the freedoms that all Americans are supposed to have. I believe in The Constitution, wholeheartedly. I do not consent to giving up those freedoms. Period.

This is not because I don't believe we should be taking precautions surrounding this virus but rather because I believe we all have the freedom and the right to choose what those precautions are for ourselves and how to best keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe.

It is my understanding that there is a board meeting this evening. Please keep this in mind as you hold our freedoms in your hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Carpenter
Rock County Resident and Homeowner

Lisa Tollefson

From: Karrie Laws <kalaws63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:26 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Comments for the Board Meeting 5/14/2029

Dear Members of the Board. I am a small Tavern in a rural community of Rock County. I understand the dangers of this virus. I am asking that we are mindful that Rock County isn't just Janesville and Beloit. Business circumstances are very different in small rural communities vs the larger communities. This virus has affected the communities differently also. After being hit with first quarter taxes, ZERO income, along with the usual utilities and monthly bills, this has turned into a different kind of survival along with fears of the virus. The decisions forced on us need some sort of balance for mental and financial stability. I feel this has gone on long enough. Please let me make a living.

Thank You for your time.

Karrie Laws
Toe Town Tap Footville, Wi

Lisa Tollefson

From: Bobbi Thompson <guardianangelmomma@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:28 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: In consideration of COVID guidelines

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has thrust our community into unknown territory. We recognize this is a frightening time and that many in our community have faced both health and economic impacts. We must admit though that most of the impact has been collateral damage due to the shut down and mass panic.

Many of which includes but not limited to: Domestic and child abuse is on the rise. Medical conditions not related to COVID that are not being addressed and treated. Mental illness due to isolation, panic and fear. Small businesses are being destroyed and our economy is suffering. Families are going bankrupt. Families are not allowed to see their loved who are dying and or suffering, attend funerals etc.

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We already have guidelines in place to care for elderly etc and Immune compromised people already know how to protect themselves, myself included.

Enforcing unconstitutional guidelines and laws goes against everything we stand for in America. We the Citizens of Rock County, plead with you to open up and allow us to build our economy back up and bring our community together again! Every business is essential because every business provides income for the employees.

Opening up our county is for the greater good!

Sincerely a very proactive citizen,

Bobbi Thompson

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Guardianangelbirths.webs.com

Lisa Tollefson

From: Kristen Bongard <kristen.bongard@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:32 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: I Support Stay At Home

Thank you for rapidly putting in place a Safer At Home order when the Supreme Court threw the rest of the state into chaos with their ruling yesterday. I support science and the science-backed approach to opening back up as we reach certain milestones. No one wants this economic pain but we agree that we can only recover if we are alive to do so. You are saving lives and preventing chaos. You might be saving my life. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sincerely,
Kristen Zorbini Bongard
Janesville, WI

Lisa Tollefson

From: j.hefty@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:38 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Public Comment for Board Meeting...

Hello,

I want to take this time to email my support for Rock County Health Department continuing the "Safer at Home" order.

As a school nurse with a background in public health, I understand the importance of these measures at this time to keep Wisconsinites safe. This should NOT be a political issue-- it should be an issue lead by public health and science as Governor Evers "Bounce Back" plan had done. We MUST let science lead at this time or our community will suffer dire consequences (whether the lay person understands this or not). People come before businesses and our economy. Evers plan was beginning to roll back some non-essential businesses in a measured and careful way and that is how we must proceed.

Thank you for all of your work during this time.

Jessica Hefty, BSN, RN
School Nurse and resident of Rock County

Lisa Tollefson

From: L L <laceyloolund@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:38 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you!!!

Thank you to the board for keeping our county safe. I support your decision to keep us safer at home.
Lacey Lund Worley

Lisa Tollefson

From: Raechel <raech25@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:40 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: I support your decision!

Hello,

I just wanted to send you an email to let you know that I am in support of your decision to continue to follow the Safer at Home guidelines in our county. I know you have probably heard a lot of negativity around the decision and I just wanted to let you know that there are many like myself who appreciate you looking at the big picture (and science) and doing what you can to try to keep us safe.

Thank you and please know you are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Raechel Stewart
Janesville, WI

Lisa Tollefson

From: COUNTY CLERK
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:40 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: FW: Email from Rock County Website

From: Rock County Website [mailto:noreply@co.rock.wi.us]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:30 AM
To: COUNTY CLERK
Subject: Email from Rock County Website

Name : Peter Turner
Phone : 6088766014
Email Address : pturner@uwalumni.com
How would you like us to contact you? : Email
Question or Concern : I wanted to submit a comment for tonight's Supervisors Board meeting. I'm a resident of Footville, I live with 5 children and my wife and I've been lucky enough to be able to work from home for the last two months. I work as a computer programmer in Fitchburg and our office won't be opening any time soon. So I anticipate being home for a while longer. That being said, I've been tracking the cases and learning about microbiology along with many other citizen-scientists. The state DHS claims that the Safer At Home order is successful. Is there any actual evidence to support that? I've been tracking week-over-week percentage of positive cases and starting April 21st, we started to see a continual drop in positive cases, but prior to that daily positive cases fluctuated between 8% and 12%. This would suggest to me that the virus has just run its course and is naturally going away. Increased testing doesn't help a virus go away. Complete quarantine should have made the virus go away in 2 weeks.

Lisa Tollefson

From: Abby Englert <jaenglert30@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:43 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Public Comment for tonight's board meeting

Dear County Supervisors,

I would like to voice my opposition to the Rock County Health Department reissuing the Safer at Home order.

Many of our businesses and families are suffering from these harmful measures. Please, leave the decision to open or remain closed to the individuals. Businesses and restaurants do not want to cause harm to their customers. I'm sure they will take safety precautions seriously! We can also continue to encourage our more vulnerable peoples to stay home. We need to trust individuals to do what is best for themselves and their families, and not be dictated by a nanny state.

Please, stand with the WI Supreme Court to reopen WI and allow people to conduct their business and personal life in accordance to their beliefs. The intent of the SC ruling was so that the WI legislator, the Governor, and DHS could collaborate together in deciding on how to best reopen our state. This way the people of WI have representation in the decision making process. For Rock Co. Health Dept. to reissue that order circumvents people's rights to have representation in the decision.

Sincerely,
Abby Englert
10040 S. Gustafson Road
Clinton, WI. 53525

Lisa Tollefson

From: nwimmer2025@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:45 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: covid19 stay at home public comment

Let me start by saying that I openly dissent the opinion that the current stay at home order needed to put in place until the 26th of May. I have dissented the first order as well. No government entity should have the power to keep a majority of its constituents home. In my opinion, the extension of these orders borders on a violation of civil rights.

We have flattened the curve in such a way that according to John Hopkins University our county is sitting at 13 overall deaths out of 380 cases in the county (<https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/55105.html>). Based on the data that I have been able to find on seasonal flu, which I will admit I could be wrong, it is lower than flu deaths during the given time frame. I personally believe that omitting the stay at home order is the best course in favor of a system that allows commerce to open back up within the county and would then allow people to get back to work and our local economy to go back to normal.

Thank you for reading,
Nicholas Wimmer

Lisa Tollefson

From: Kimber E <kimbere1975@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:45 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Public comment

I would like my comments and view taken into consideration.

I am a medical professional. I live and grew up in Rock County. I have many friends and family here. I feel we have done our due diligence to obey the original orders by the Governor.

Many services during this time have been tossed to the wayside. This includes therapies for various disabilities (children with autism included), surgeries patients need but not done due to not being an emergent situation. Dental and orthodontic appointments needed to maintain expensive and necessary orthodontic and dental issues.

Mental health care visits, extremely important in times of isolation.

Along with small business, that our citizens worked hard and some their entire lives building, just to see it disintegrate into nearly nothing, taking their livelihood and possibly the things they've worked so hard to attain. Not to mention the employees that have gone without work. Much of whom do not qualify for help or even possibly unemployment. Missing tips also that they count on.

Businesses that do not qualify for the "help" set out by the government also missing out or needing to close. The State Supreme court heard and read arguments that millions of us agree were serious concerns in the application and route of said orders. The county should follow this instead of adding to the angst and divide caused since the inception of the orders deemed unconstitutional and a clear overreach.

There is no reason to not honor the state supreme courts findings. It is not the governments job nor the city or county to monitor my personal health care, that is each person's responsibility.

Those who want to do certain things to feel "safe" are more than welcome to. They are no more at risk doing that, then they are now going to those places already open that they've gone to all this time.

It is time the rest of us get back to LIVING and making our own choices about our activities. It is time for businesses to do just that, BUSINESS. It is time for those missing medical, dental and other care and therapies to get to have those.

Doing anything else is causing more upheaval, more divide, more confusion and just adding to the already building discord and distaste towards others and the government

Kimberly Engel, Beloit resident

Lisa Tollefson

From: 1lmichele.a <1lmichele.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:47 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: I support "Safer At Home "

My name is Michele Ianni and I live at 17 South Randall Avenue in Janesville Wisconsin.

Please let sanity and science prevail. I 100% support the safer at home guidelines outlined by Governor Evers. This is a Global Health Emergency and must be taken seriously.

Too many in our County have already become infected and too many have died. Our cases are on a concerning upward spiral. We are not far behind Dane County in the number of cases even though we have a fraction of the population. When I venture out of my house for our once a week grocery stocking, I am horrified by the number of people not taking precautions, including the use of masks. Clearly it is not enough to count on good sense in others to protect themselves and those around them. We unfortunately must have Rock County issue clear guidelines enforcing safer at home policies.

Personally, I hate wearing a mask. However, it won't kill me to do so and it's hardly tyranny being asked to follow precautionary steps. This virus can and does kill.

Thank you for protecting us by keeping safer at home in place.

Michele Ianni

Lisa Tollefson

From: Berta Whittier <chefbertacatering@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:57 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safe stay

I believe small business bar & restaurant owners should be allowed to open with limited capacity. Some small community restaurants and bars don't have more than 10 people in their establishment at one time anyway. We have sanitation stations set up etc.

Please let us open up.

Berta Whittier

Cainville Catering

Lisa Tollefson

From: frank worley <bigpoppafrank53536@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:58 AM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: SUPPORT

I would like to voice my support for the "safer at home" order! I am a husband and father who is extremely concerned about the well being of my wife and children as well as my community. I firmly believe that the current guidelines are making a difference in the spread of this virus and do not wish to see our community's case numbers skyrocket. Please take the health and safety of our community into consideration when making your decision! Thank you Sincerely Charles F Worley

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Missy Joy <missyajoy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:00 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Supporting safer at home

Hello. My name is Melissa Joy. I reside at 6428 N. Newville Rd in Milton Township with my husband and 3 sons ages 4, 6, and 14. My eldest son has a genetic connective tissue disorder called Marfan syndrome. Among his secondary issues are an enlarged aortic root, mitral valve prolapse, and reduced lung function. I am happy to tell you my youngest children, as well as my husband and I, are well in health.

I want to voice my agreement with continuation of the stay at home order in our home county of Rock. I support science and our Governor Evers. I believe the evidence shows (as supported by Dr. Fauci), there is much to be known, even at this time. In hopes of keeping our number of active cases low, I encourage you to support this order.

Respectfully and appreciatively,
Melissa Joy

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Crystal Fox <foxcrystal99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:01 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: I support EVERS!!

I support Governor Evers and his original plan to open on May 26th!

sincerely ,

Crystal Fox

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Jillian Dorn <jilliandorn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:02 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safer At Home

Hello.

I just wanted to say that I very much support Governor Evers with Safer at Home. I'm concerned for the safety of my families and the community.

Thank you,
Jillian Grady

Lisa Tollefson

From: Ruth Luden <ruth.krafcheck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:11 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Please Do Not Issue A New Stay At Home Order

Our state is suffering in so many ways because of the stay at home order. Now that the supreme court has ruled against it, we saw hope again. We are hoping all of you on the board will continue this time of hope. The increase in suicide, domestic abuse and deaths, alone is enough to make me see that we do not need to push this any further. It is literally costing healthy lives.

Small businesses are going out of business, depression is on an uphill climb (I know this from personal experience).

I pray that all of you will vote against issuing a new stay at home order. Those of us who are against it plan to continue to practice good hygiene (as all should on a regular basis), and keep the 6 feet apart, and I'm sure quite a lot will continue to wear masks. We need our state to open for so many reasons, and I hope you can be a huge part of that step.

God bless!

Lisa Tollefson

From: Kath Magee <kath.magee2448@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:13 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: county

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has thrust our community into unknown territory. We recognize this is a frightening time and that many in our community have faced both health and economic impacts. We must admit though that most of the impact has been collateral damage due to the shut down and mass panic.

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Sincerely,

A very concerned citizen and small business owner, Kath Magee
4030 Fall Harvest Dr.
Janesville, WI 53546

Lisa Tollefson

From: Randy Kersten <randy.kersten@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:28 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Response to Recent Rock County Order

This knee-jerk reaction by Rock County to issue a similar order that was already found to be UNLAWFUL & UNENFORCEABLE by the supreme court is an act of insanity. Is Rock Country now somehow above the law? Get a grip, let's find a better solution given the facts about Rock County.

Lisa Tollefson

From: Jessica Fox <fox.jessica@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:53 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank You for Keeping Rock County Safe!

Dear Rock County Administrators,

When the WI Supreme Court struck down Gov. Evers orders, my family was devastated. We didn't know if we should go to work, how we would keep our family safe, our how to explain to our 8 year old that we still need to stay home, even if her friends were out and about. My family's first priority is to keep ourselves and our community safe and the WI Supreme Court decision endangered that.

When I woke up this morning and saw that Rock County will still enforce the guidelines of Evers' order, I was relieved. I'm relieved that I don't have to navigate public spaces in fear of infecting others or infecting myself. I'm relieved that I can remain staying at home.

Thank you for being responsible and for protecting your residents. I imagine that you're fielding a lot of complaints. But I am so grateful that you're prioritizing our county's health and safety.

Best wishes,
Jessica Fox-Wilson
Beloit, WI

Lisa Tollefson

From: Barb Seguin <seguin.murphy2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:55 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Stay Strong

Please extend all the existing virus precautions. Do not open wide up. Regards, Dennis Murphy

Lisa Tollefson

From: James Foss <jnfoss0213@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:55 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Support for the County's Stay at Home Order

My name is James Foss. I reside at 1817 West State Street Apartment 2 in Janesville, Wisconsin. I am totally in support of the County's Stay at Home Order that was instituted last night as a result of the Supreme Court's decision to strike down Governor Tony Evers' Stay at Home Order. This pandemic is serious, and I am appalled that people are not treating it as such. Janesville is not on the back-end of the wave of this virus - in fact, the cases are still increasing daily in number. Since the Supreme Court won't help protect us and the Legislature won't protect us, it is now up to each individual county to do what is right to help protect their citizens. Attacking the Rock County Board of Supervisors for "taking away your rights" and "making life difficult" is uncivilized and doesn't help in the midst of this pandemic. We all need to come together and work together as best we can to get through this pandemic. Kudos to the Rock County Board of Supervisors and all those associated with this decision - it was a tough decision, I'm sure, but one that needed to be made to protect the people of Rock County.

Lisa Tollefson

From: yusuf10adama <yusuf10adama@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:56 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you

As the oldest brother of 7 kids, multiple of which are toddlers, and the friend of multiple people who have now contracted and are recovering from Covid-19 I, I truly appreciate Rock Countys county board making the tough, but right, decision to inact a county wide stay at home order. I hope people come to realize how crucial this time period is, especially in the wake of other states that opened previously reporting jumps in new cases. Thank you again County Board

1762 poole ct, Beloit, WI, 53511

Lisa Tollefson

From: nancy toubl <nancytoubl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:56 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you

Thank you for maintaining the stay at home order! Thank you for keeping Rock County safe.

Nancy Toubl
2120 s. Riverside #2
Beloit

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Philip Gorman <philip.a.gorman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:01 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Support for Safer at Home Extension

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the order by Rock County Public Health to continue the statewide Safer at Home order for our county following Wednesday's decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Beloit is still experiencing a concentration of cases and it is simply too early to end this order and lose all the valuable progress we have made through the often painful process of social distancing and closing aspects of our economy. I would urge the county administrator and board of supervisors to take no actions to rescind this order in any way that would pose a health risk to the people of Rock County. In these difficult times I value your leadership and hope you will remain strong in the face of opposition to these safety measures.

Wishing the best for you and your loved ones,
Philip Gorman
1718 Henderson Ave.
Beloit, WI 53511

Lisa Tollefson

From: Joe Fanella <joefanella@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:03 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Opening Small Businesses

It is time to allow all businesses to open in the county. The vast majority of the population should not continue to suffer economically or mentally because of a huge minority of cases within the county. I won't do the math or statistical comparisons on the affect of this "pandemic" versus other forms of death; however, I will say it is not the worse thing happening to Americans on any given day.

Opening business does not mean everyone should or will immediately go out. It means it gives business owners and consumers the option to open and shop locally. Anyone who has been out the past 4 weeks cannot help but notice the big box store parking lots are full. Why should locally owned businesses suffer while they continue to operate? Restaurants and bars should also open. They should not be excluded or ostracized because of the nature of their business.

People do not need big brother telling them what to do. They understand if they are at risk, they should remain home. People going out in public also understand they should not be in contact with at risk people. In general, people are smarter than the politicians think or assume. Most also have an innate survival instinct that will not allow them to put themselves into a dangerous situation.

Let Americans use their Constitutional Rights to move on with their lives. It is time!

Thank You and God Bless America!

Joe Fanella
608-359-3554

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Joe Fanella <joefanella@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:36 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Opening The County

This is a second email that will address issues not sent in the first.

When you are debating the decision to open the county or not, please think long and hard about the economic affect of keeping it closed.

How many different income sources (taxes) for the county will be negatively affected? Sales tax, income tax, property tax, usage fees, etc will all continue to decline. I do not know off the top of my head what other tax money the county receives that will decline, however I assume there's quite a few more. Also, other counties and states are opening. They will get the money that would normally be spent in Rock County.

On top of declining revenue coming into the county, the longer the county stays closed, the more county resources will be needed by its citizens. I learned very early in business 101 that declining revenue and increased expenses is a recipe for disaster.

The usual solution - raising taxes - will not work as increasing the tax burden on a population just trying to get by at present, then recover from the county enforced restrictions in the future can lead to a county wide economic catastrophe.

This is just a quick thumb nail outlining what should be obvious economic issues surrounding your decision. Time does not allow me to delve into this issue deeper, but I hope you begin to see the path keeping the county closed takes.

Make some smart decisions for your citizens and get this heading in the correct direction. Allow all businesses to open and let supply and demand / open market work it's course. If people are not ready, they won't shop or open. Let those who who decide they are ready to do what they need to do to get through and on with their lives.

Thank You

Joe Fanella
608-359-3554

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Aaron Wilson <aaronwilson01@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:04 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you! - Continue Safer-at-Home

Dear Rock County,

Thank you for continuing the Safter-at-Home order. As a resident of Beloit, WI, I am glad that you have had the courage to locally extend the order. Beloit is very hard hit because many of our residents are classified as essential workers. I am very proud of your actions to help keep Rock County safe and to flatten the curve.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Aaron Wilson
421 Central Ave, Beloit, WI 53511

Lisa Tollefson

From: Rebecca Weber-Johnson <wjbecky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:06 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you

I'd like to express my gratitude for your non-partisan decision to keep the residence of Rock County out of harms way by honoring the Safer at Home order. Trust me, I am dying to see my granddaughter, who has learned how to walk since I saw her last way back in March. I owned a business and understand the terror of the possibility of losing your life's work.

Lives come first. Responsibility to protect us, even if it's from ourselves, falls on our government.

Thank you for keeping us safe.

Becky Weber-Johnson

Lisa Tollefson

From: Beatrice McKenzie <beatricemckenzie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:07 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: keep safer at home in place in Rock County

Thank you for extending the Safer at Home order for Rock County! It is important to the health of each and every one of us that we continue to follow **best scientific practices** to lessen the impact of coronavirus. When there are protocols in place to test frequently, trace contacts, and house people in hospital beds if needed, we can then open (cautiously).

Beatrice McKenzie
2415 Lookout Dr
Beloit, WI 53511

Lisa Tollefson

From: Sandra Gold <dagolds63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:09 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you

To the Rock County Public Health Decision Makers:

THANK YOU for extending the emergency stay at home order. This is a proven Public Health procedure that has worked in the past and is all we have available to prevent further transmission of the virus into our vulnerable community.

Please stay safe, stay strong through planned, science based, re-opening, Sandra Gold, MS RN

Lisa Tollefson

From: Melissa Dix <melissadix@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:12 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you

Thank you for doing the right thing and maintaining the safer at home order.

Melissa Dix
438 Linda Ave
Beloit WI
53511

Lisa Tollefson

From: jeanbean2550 <jeanbean2550@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:28 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Stay at Home Order

Thank you for helping us remember the importance of safety in this extremely challenging time. Our well being is a top priority and I think in your right mind that is definitely so. The most difficult thing to try to incorporate at this time is a positive mindset...personally I don't know what the future holds...yet I can take one day at a time to strive for the best not only for me but for others...whether right or wrong...my dad God rest his soul said....."I may not always be right, but I'm never wrong. I want good instinct to prevail soooo HERE'S hope that it will!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Christine Nelson <benelsoncn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:33 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you for extending the Safer at Home order

I want to thank officials for extending the Safer at Home order in Rock County. It is the right thing to do to protect our health, and to reopen in a way that is well informed and orderly. Once again, my sincere thanks.

Christine Nelson
907 Brewster Ave.
Beloit, WI 53511

Lisa Tollefson

From: luvmyewe@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:35 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT

I believe we should open up the county, small business is suffering while Walmart and Menards and all other essential business stay open and we all know the social distance doesn't happen as it should. And on top of that it's unconstitutional to keep them closed so basically if the governor has no power neither do counties. Do the right thing, thanks for your time. Todd Radtke Clinton Wi.

Lisa Tollefson

From: Kathy Schmidt <buddogbel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:37 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Continue the safe at home

Please continue the regulations that our governor had for us in our county. We cannot just rush into reopening everything without seriously risking many people's health and even lives.

Thank you,

Kathleen C Schmidt
Beloit

Lisa Tollefson

From: penny rabuck <plrabuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:44 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Reinstatement of restrictions

THAN YOU! Thank you for thinking about our health first. Thank you for your common sense. Thank you for your quick response. Thank you for not buckling under to the political bullying.
Penny Rabuck

Lisa Tollefson

From: John Blohm <jblohm@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:50 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Open now!

From:
John Blohm of Beloit.

During the first week of January my oldest daughter was so sick with what she thought was a bad influenza virus that she went to the ER. She was given cough suppressant for her dry cough and sent home to sleep it off. Two weeks later I had what I thought was the strangest flu I had ever had. Particularly the dry cough. I am in my later 50s, I have type 2 diabetes and am at least 30 pounds overweight. According to the narrative being pushed I should be dead but I'm not. Other relatives, young and old scattered all around the state all had similar illnesses. We had no fatalities. It wasn't until 6 weeks or so later that I even heard of covid19 for the first time and realized that based on a clinical diagnosis I had already had it along with almost everybody else I know. The point is that far more people have already been exposed to this virus and survived either knowingly or not than the bureaucrats will admit. Nobody will deny that this illness can be devastating for the elderly and those with underlying health problems. Nobody wants anybody to die from this or any other disease. But, sadly people have died and will continue to do so. Your bureaucratic policies cannot stop that. I don't believe that they can even slow it.

This disease was already well beyond containment months before we ever even heard about it. More and more new data emerges to confirm this.

States that did not participate in lockdowns have had no real appreciable differences in their numbers of cases or fatalities . This is clear evidence that with the possible exception of a few very densely populated areas such as New York city that these insane guidelines have had almost no effect whatsoever. Again, people have been passing this virus around much longer than the so called experts claim. I have personally witnessed people wearing masks and gloves believing they are protected when they clearly are not. Covering your mouth but not your nose does nothing. Wearing a mask hanging loose under your chin does nothing. And I could cite many many more examples I see daily. Unless you are highly trained in the use of a full biohazard suit and have one at your disposal along with a decontamination station and protocol that you exercise everytime you remove it you are still exposing yourself to the virus. What good does it do to stand in a line 6 feet away from someone with with the virus and you are down wind of them? 30 feet would not improve the odds much of not being exposed. Even indoors HAVAC systems are constantly moving contaminated air all around you. This virus does not say to itself " I am now 6 feet from my human host, I guess I better just die now." Even if you were breathing your own self contained air supply, what's to keep the virus out of your eyes? It doesn't care how it enters your body!

The weather is currently improving and summer will be here soon. The time of the year when people's immune systems are at their strongest from fresh air and sunshine along with being outdoors and attending farmers markets and all the things Wisconsinites wait for all winter such as being around other people at cookouts and brat stands all in close quarters. The time of the year that seasonal viruses burn themselves out because people's immune systems are strengthening and there's no place for them to go and replicate.

My point is this, continue to isolate and protect the most vulnerable. We the people are informed and most of us want to open the county, state and the whole country NOW. Build herd immunity BEFORE FALL when everyone's immune system starts to weaken as we settle into yet another winter cold and flu season. If we don't open and build herd immunity we will have the exact calamity in the fall you claim to be trying to protect us from now. And we will hold YOU responsible!

Lisa Tollefson

From: Britt Scharringhausen <scharr@beloit.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:51 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you for the Safer at Home order.

Thank you for extending the Safer at Home order for Rock County. I'm proud and relieved that my county is following the best advice from experts in public health AND economics to ensure the safety and prosperity of my community.

Britt Scharringhausen
744 Wisconsin Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511

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[Sign up for an appointment](#) (Be sure your Google Calendar is set to Central Time!)

Lisa Tollefson

From: Santo Carfora <scarfora@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:55 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safe at Home

A huge thank you from Jeanne and me for extending the Safe at Home decision. The way we see it, this is the only way we're going to gain on this virus without a vaccine in place. To social distance, wear masks, and stay at home has proven effective in slowing down the spread of this virus.

Regardless of the State Supreme Court's decision, our local agencies have the right to protect its citizens. With that said, thank you Rock County Board for extending the Safe at Home decision.

This should not be a political decision. It should be a decision base on what is right, just, and fact based. A decision that takes the health of the people into consideration.

You did that Rock County Board. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

Santo & Jeanne Carfora
531 Greendale Dr
Janesville, Wi 53546

Lisa Tollefson

From: Jayne Hebert <jaynehebert0@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:59 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safer at home

I support the safer at home rules.

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Mirjam melin <mirjammelin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:05 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safer at Home

To: Rock County Board Members
Re: continuation of Gov. Evers Orders re. Covid-19

Our sincere thank you for continuing Gov. Evers' stay at home orders.

We were deeply disappointed when the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck those orders down , effective immediately. We do recognize the strain these orders have posed on individuals, families and particular small businesses but we believe in the science behind these orders and are in favor of following them.

We much appreciate that our county board stepped up when the Supreme Court and our Republican legislators let us down.

Sincerely,

Mark and Mirjam Melin
8608 E Rye Drive
Clinton, WI 53525

Sent from my iPad

Lisa Tollefson

From: Gena Pfeiffer <22crln@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:07 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safer at home

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for continuing the safer at home order for our county. Our family will be continuing physical distancing for the good of the whole community, not just ourselves.

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Sara Johnson <saradavidjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:08 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank You Re: Stay at Home Order

Good Afternoon,

My name is Sara Johnson and I live at 2357 Lathers Road in Beloit.

I am writing to you today to extend my deepest thanks for making the decision to extend the Safer at Home guidelines by declaring a local health emergency. I understand this must have been a difficult decision and I applaud you for putting people's safety and lives ahead of partisan decisions.

I sincerely appreciate your decision.

With gratitude,
Sara Johnson

Lisa Tollefson

From: Val Timmcke <vtimmcke@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:13 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Stay at Home Order

Rock County Board ;

Thank You for extending the Stay At Home Order. I think it's important for us to continue to stay at home. Rushing to open business is certainly NOT a good idea at this time. Opening businesses should be a slow process. As the number of people with the virus goes way down the businesses could maybe start to open but not until then. Again Thanks for your commitment to keep the citizens of Rock County healthy.

Sincerely,
Val Timmcke

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Valerie A. Timmcke
vtimmcke@gmail.com

Lisa Tollefson

From: Kathy <kmah@litewire.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:16 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you!

Rock County Board,

I would like to thank you for extending the safer at home order that the State Supreme Court foolishly ended yesterday. I appreciate your concern for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Rock County. We can't just reopen without a plan in place without suffering serious consequences. Our governor was working on a way to open by following the guidance of scientist and medical personnel. I do not want the legislature making these decisions, they make too many of them based on what their donors want and not the citizens they represent.

Thank you for stepping up to look out for all residents in Rock County. It is much appreciated,

Kathy Heider
9013 W. Townsend Rd.
Janesville, WI 53548

Lisa Tollefson

From: rwitkins . <rwitkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:17 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Safer at Home

Just a quick note to say thank you for extending the Safer at Home order for Rock County. I'm so disappointed in the state Supreme Court, and so grateful for your common sense and compassion.

Romelle Witkins

Lisa Tollefson

From: kiyamng <dejavudame@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:26 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Stay at home order

Thank you so Very much for extending the stay at home order. I truly appreciate it so much. It's important for us to all stay safe and work at this together! ❤️☐

Paula McGuire
3731 Labrador dr
Janesville, WI 53546

Lisa Tollefson

From: Bill Mathis <billmathis64@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:40 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you for keeping the standards for dealing with Covid 19 in place. We must let science lead the way for our area.
Best Wishes!

Bill Mathis
Beloit, WI

Lisa Tollefson

From: Susan Engler <soozengler@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:46 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: safer-at-home—I AGREE

To whom it may concern,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for having the intelligence to continue safer-at-home. We've worked hard at it and I know it's a sacrifice, but we are fighting for our lives. I hope you will continue to monitor it in the coming months.

Susan Engler
Beloit, WI

Lisa Tollefson

From: judith robson <judyrobson1939@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:48 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: stay at home safety order THANK YOU!

Thank you rock county supervisors and rock co health department. This situation has no leadership at the top so glad the little guys at the county level provide leadership to keep us safe. this virus is ugly deadly and we don't have a medicine to cure it nor a vaccine to prevent it.. so the best option for now is social distance masks trace and isolate.
Judy Robson

Lisa Tollefson

From: Carol T <jazzytay@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:50 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: support

We support the decision to continue Rock County's "Safer at Home" decision. We all need to consider the scientific evidence of how easily and quickly this virus can be spread, even by asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic people.

Thank you for your work for our citizens!

Martin Taylor
Pastor Carol Taylor

Lisa Tollefson

From: Paula Colling <paulacolling3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:56 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Stay at Home Order - support!

Supervisors,

I can't believe I am even having to type this, but kudos for common sense. -----

Thank you all for taking the health, well-being, and the very lives of all of us into consideration and not buckling under the pressure exerted by the \$-focused, or loudest, or most rude among us.

I know that this is not an easy move, but it is the right thing to do and I applaud you for taking this step. 3 generations of my family live here (ages 8 to 83) and we depend on folks like you to make decisions based on the data, not the hyperbole.

Thank you.

Paula Colling
Grateful Rock Co Resident

Lisa Tollefson

From: Bonnie Weeden <4forestbj@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:56 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT

To: Rock County Board of Supervisors
From: Bonnie Weeden
RE: COVID-19
Date: 5/14/2020

I called the Rock County administrative office this afternoon to ask about the continuance of the "Safer at Home" guidelines. I thought the decision to keep these guidelines would remain in place for Rock County even after the statewide shutdown was defeated by the ruling of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as I had received an email from my state representative indicating such.

It is my understanding from the data I was able to locate at 3:00 P.M. this afternoon, that in Rock County there are currently 393 cases of COVID-19 per the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website data. And according to the most recent population data I found for Rock County online it's population is 163,129. Given those statistics, the COVID-19 percentage rate for Rock County is 0.24091363. And it is really less than that if the population is in fact larger than my number. It is also less because the COVID-19 cases listed on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services does not report how many of those cases are current and how many are recovered. It does indicate how many deaths which is 14, and I didn't even subtract the deaths before calculating the percentage. If you use the cases number minus the deaths you get a percentage of 0.23233146.

In my opinion, that is a very small fraction of the population of Rock County, Wisconsin. And I am very pleased that it is small. Of course we need to keep it small, but I do NOT believe we should remain at the "Safer at Home" guidelines level. There should still be some restrictions and guidelines, but many more businesses should be allowed to reopen with precautions.

I am certain there have been many times in the past when an illness or outbreak of the flu for example would have had a much higher percentage rate, but no "shutdown" measures were taken.

I am absolutely convinced that there is way too much political reasoning behind some decisions being made. That should be completely ignored. Common sense and necessary precautions that don't wrongfully limit freedoms are acceptable. Extreme limits on freedom and promoting fear or only providing statistics that give a negative slant are NOT acceptable.

I have communicated my concerns to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services that the by county COVID-19 data table needs to have a column indicating number of recovered cases. How else are we to determine our progress against this virus? It is deceptive to show the number of confirmed cases without showing the number of recovered cases.

I ask you to do what is only fair and right for Rock County. Do not continue the "Safer at Home" guidelines, but proceed to reopen businesses with precautions as needed.

Thank you,

Bonnie Weeden

Lisa Tollefson

From: wiersgalla <wiersgalla@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:57 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: Thank you, thank you, thank you

Thank you for upholding Governor Evers's Stay At Home ruling. Never has such sound judgment leading to a good decision meant more to the citizens of Rock County, WI, and America.

It is quite tragic that this pandemic has become so political. As Daniel Patrick Moynihan once said, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts."

Again, thank you for keeping Rock County safe.

Kedron and Harry W.

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

Lisa Tollefson

From: Max Yount <maxyount@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:57 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: sincere thank to you

I want to thank you for nobly maintaining concern for our communal health and urging us to make sensible efforts to limit the spread of Covid-19. I know it is difficult for you to counter the fierce opposition, official and otherwise, and I sincerely thank you.

Max H. Yount
Professor emeritus
Beloit College

Lisa Tollefson

From: Shannon Fie <fies@beloit.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:58 PM
To: PUBLIC COMMENT
Subject: extending protection--thank you!

Thank you for extending the stay at home protection for Rock Co. in response to the recent Wisconsin Supreme Court decision. Such precautions are critical to minimizing the public health and economic consequences of Covid.

Respectfully,
Shannon M. Fie
735 Harrison Ave
Beloit, WI 53511

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