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Hartford citizens and businesses,

I've heard personally from many of you in the community; concerned citizens and business owners alike. I know this is a stressful and uneasy time for so many people across our country, state, region and right here at home. I would like to take a moment to let all of you know that we are actively working to make sure that Hartford is taking all the necessary steps to ensure your safety and livelihood in these unprecedented times. We are tuned in to every possible source of advice and we consider your safety and the situation of our city on an ongoing basis.

We are tasked with showing leadership and guidance through times like this so that our community can remain healthy, safe and continue to thrive.

I encourage everyone to take heed of the advice given via Executive Order from Governor Kristi Noem. This order succinctly states;

- * Review and practice the recommended CDC hygiene practices designed to stop the spread of the disease COVID-19 and encourage others to do so as well.
- * Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, call a health care provider if suffering symptoms in advance of a visit to a provider, and stay at home if sick.
- * Understand that those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, including those over age 60 and those suffering from respiratory or cardiac conditions, should take extra precautions and remain home if possible.
- * Implement social distancing measures and support businesses who are adjusting their business model to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- * Assist those who work in essential jobs such as emergency personnel, medical professionals, and law enforcement.
- * Employers should create a limited social environment for eight weeks or more and encourage staff to telework if possible.
- * This order encourages all bars, restaurants, breweries, cafes, casinos, coffee shops, recreational or athletic facilities, health clubs, or entertainment venues to limit to less than 10 people in one place.
- * This order encourages restaurants to offer takeout, delivery or drive-thru.
- * This order also encourages businesses to be innovative in the way they conduct business so that they can stay open and still limit undue exposure.

I would like to personally add to this list that we as a community do everything we can to patronize these businesses (in a safe and reasonable way) that have taken it upon themselves to self-regulate and keep all of us safe.

For the full Executive order, please follow this link... <https://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=26560>

We will all get through this together by supporting one another in our community, as a community. Hartford is great because the people make it great! Keep your head up, support those around you, and STAY HEALTHY! Hartford is a leader in this region, let's continue to push forward in a healthy, safe and tenacious way!

Respectfully,

Mayor Jeremy Menning